

PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear Friends

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the licensing of women as Lay Readers in the Church of England. It has probably passed you by unnoticed! There have been no flags flying or balloons waving but 50 years ago a very significant step was taken both for women and lay, that is 'non ordained' people in the church.

For women there was a recognition that they too had the opportunity to preach and teach in the same way as men and it affirmed lay ministry in the church. Lay people were seen to be doing things that supposedly only clergy could do.

Early women Readers tell humorous stories of that time. One was presented with her certificate of Admission beautifully embossed but which addressed her as 'Mr'. Her diocese had bulk-bought the printed Admission form, never imagining that women could ever become Readers!

Another woman told an elderly man she was a Reader. He replied, 'Good gracious,' with a note of incredulity in his voice, 'the Church of England will be having women curates next!' It took a while but they got there in the end!

Paul writes in Galatians 'There is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus'. God does not have a gender issue (or any sort of prejudice issue for that matter). Jesus himself was obviously very comfortable in his relationships with women and was even supported financially by a group of women. He overturned the 'norms' of his day by chatting to a Samaritan woman at the well. Many would have been appalled by that. For Jesus, leading a woman into faith and wholeness was much more important than the attitudes of those around him.

I was licensed as a Lay Reader 35 years ago. I choose not to wear the robes and blue Reader scarf, when at the front, simply because I want to show

that I am a lay person and not a cleric (another reason is that Nigel said I looked like a tube of toothpaste when I wore the scarf!) Clergy are not the only ones with a vocation. All of us, who are followers of Christ, are not simply called to be pew fillers but are called to use and celebrate the diversity of gifts that God has given us. Perhaps that is worth waving a few balloons for!!

Yours in Christ,

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COLTON CHRONICLES

Thank You: As a nation, we are used to expecting and accepting services such as the internet, our utilities etc, with little thought or thanks as to how it all happens and it is the same in workings of our church. We attend week after week but give little reflection on the amount of work put in by our clergy. In our Benefice, it is only right that we should express our deep and grateful thanks to our *Vicar, the Revd. Brian Streeter*, who is wonderfully supported by his wife Anne. Not only does he take care of our spiritual needs but he is there when we need help and support; added to which he has to manage the red tape associated with a large organisation and attend and chair ALL the meetings across the Benefice.

THANK YOU



Magazine: Despite the fact that it is uncertain as to whether people want a Benefice magazine there is a determination to go ahead with a possible date of January 2020. The Colton Parish News will continue, although for how long is a matter of doubt, considering your editor will be ‘celebrating’ his 93rd. Birthday this December.

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Fête: Profit this year was a handsome £1457.45.

P C C: All appears to be well apart from the fact that we are in need of a Treasurer. If anyone is interested please get in touch with secretary Rachel Tarr **E:** Rachel Tarr <colton.secretary@conistonandcrakechurches.co.uk.

If anyone who is not already on the Electoral Roll and would like to be, contact Sue Dean **T:** 01229 861 435 ASAP.

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Harvest Supper: Will be held this year on **Friday 11 October, 8:00pm Church Hall**, preceded by a **Farmers Harvest Service, 7:00pm**. Cost £8 and for children under 11 £5. If you want to attend please contact Mrs. S Dean **T:** 01229 861 435 **no later than Sunday 6 October**.

The inevitable raffle will be in aid of the Charity “Open the Book” in Ghana. Items i.e. Food, Tins etc (luxuries very acceptable) would be welcome to Susan King, 2 Colton Cottages **NO LATER than Friday 11 October**.

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Baptism: On Sunday 7 September Emily Grace Tarr and her mother Rebecca were baptised at a delightful Service beautifully led by the Revd. David Bickerstaff and both were well behaved. Congratulations to mother and daughter.

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PARISH NEWS

Rusland Horizon Trust - On Track: Is a special get-together to celebrate the completion of the eight ‘**Greenwood Trails**’. We hope you have seen the publicity for this event which takes place on **Friday 27 September at Grizedale**. The details are - Join us at **4:30pm** for a guided walk around our latest Greenwood Trail, followed at **6:30pm** by an informal evening of fun and food with the Rusland Horizons Trust team. “*Kindred Spirit Cocktails*” will also be there to welcome you with a special Rusland Horizons cocktail (or mocktail). The event is free but you need to register. Come for the walk, or just the evening, or both! Click here for more info and booking <http://bit.ly/GrizedaleEvent> where more details can be found. We hope to see you there.

Plant Life Rapid Woodland Assessment: Help us understand the condition of woods and identify those which have potential to support rare lichens, mosses and liverworts. Come and join us at Rusland Reading Rooms (LA12 8JZ) before heading out to undertake a lovely

walk in the woods at Thwaite Moss. Once in the woods we will help to complete a valuable Rapid Woodland Assessment to support the Plant Life temperate rain forest mapping.

As we will be outdoors please wear sturdy footwear and bring waterproofs in case of rain. Please bring a packed lunch and drink.

Rusland Reading Rooms, Thursday 21 October, 9:45am-2:00pm

Booking is essential via www.ruslandhorizons.org/whats-on.

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NHS: The Bay Health & Care Partners are developing their ‘Bay Strategy’ for the next five years and are asking for views on their step for local long-term Health & Social Care Service within the Morecambe Bay Area (that includes South Cumbria).

To find out more go to www.bettercaretogether.co.uk/assembly

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Cinema Club: There was a full house for our first film which augurs well for the season. On **Saturday 19 October, 7:00pm** we are showing ‘*Faces Places*’ (sub titles) a delightful French film, at **Finsthwaite Village Hall** which will be a ‘Supper Special (+£8).

On **Saturday 5 November, Cart House, 7:30pm** we are showing a film depicting the glories and horrors of WWI, ‘*They Shall Not Grow Old*’. Note: that in the original poem it read ‘They shall grow not old’.

Admission Fees: Members £3, Non-members £5, Supper Special +£8.

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Local Orienteering Event: To be held on Bethacar Moor, Sunday 24 November. Parking will be down the forest track from the top of Bessy Bank. **Contact** Carol McNeill **E:** crlmcneill@gmail.com **T:** 01229 861 507

If you would like to join in - Coursed for all abilities – then check it out on www.lakeland-orienteeing.org.uk

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Sadly, we have report the death of David Minton aged 72 from Motor Neuron disease on 27 August at his home at New Hall Bouth. David was born on 7 February 1947 in Bouth and spent the whole of his career, together with his brother, as a woodsman. He married his devoted wife Elizabeth in 1996. David leaves his wife, adopted step son James and his family. Our prayers and condolences go out to Elizabeth and all the family



On a happier note, congratulations to our dedicated Organist Judy Redhead and husband Bryan who celebrated their 50th. Wedding Anniversary on 16 August.



Jacob's Join: This event took place on Bouth Village Green on Saturday 3 August on a warm humid evening. The attendance, despite a minor communication glitch, was excellent seeing many Villagers that we see rarely and even foreigners from Haverthwaite. It was a fitting tribute to Janet & Gordon Pickles who were celebrating their 60TH. Wedding Anniversary (27 July).

There was plenty of good 'crack' (the original northern word not the imported 'craic' so beloved in the South) and much good humour, partly disrupted by some unwanted raucous music, which thankfully, was brief. We understand that there were a number 'reprobates' still there at midnight.

Note: does anybody know the origin of the phrase 'Jacob's Join'?



Bouth Village Hall: We had such a positive response from all attendees at our **Coffee Mornings** and unexpected offers of donations that we will in future ask for a donation of 50p towards Bouth Village Hall funds. They will be used to improve the environment of this vital village meeting place so that villagers and local people have a venue that will continue to provide a focal point for all members of the community.

Diary dates (all 11:00am-1:00pm) are: 22 October and 17 December

We are looking for suggestions for other activities for Village Hall use and also suggestions for what “entertainment” can be provided at the coffee morning. Please let any member of the Village Hall committee know via email bouthvillagehall@btinternet.com or in person (Roger Perry is chair and Alison Gruber is secretary)! Suggestions include a book/magazine stall, board games, bingo or a quiz though there will be plenty of other ideas out there, some might even just appreciate the coffee and a chat only!



BOUTH WOMENS INSTITUTE

Regrettably we have not had any response from the ladies of the Bouth W I with regards to their September meeting and what follows has been gleaned from gossip in the White Hart.

The speaker (unnamed) gave an interesting and instructive talk on ‘Fraud Protection & Scam awareness’ concentrating on the internet and strangely the HRMC. It is sad that those who have lost thousands of pounds have done so through their naivety and lack of common sense. **Do not ever give your personal or financial details either online or over the phone!** For more detailed advice simply Google ‘Scams’

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 9 October, 7:15pm, Village Hall** when the meeting will be royally entertained by one Giles Wyngate-Saul presenting the ‘Quirks of Law’. The competition is ‘An Old Document’



COLTON PARISH COUNCIL

Unfortunately we have not received the usual information from the Parish Council for not only has there been an absence of a meeting but the secretary has been unavailable, but then everybody has to have a holiday.

However, Mr. David Hoyle has come to the rescue and we thank him for the following.

The Parish Council were sad to receive the resignation, from John Watson at a recent Parish Council meeting. John has served, for at least, seventeen years and his retirement will be much felt as his knowledge of local and

particularly farming issues around oxen Park and in the wider Parish was legendary. We would like to thank John for all his work and commitment over the years which have contributed so much to the Local Community.

John's retirement leaves a vacancy on the Council and if you would like more information on being a councillor, which can be very rewarding, please contact David Hoyle (vice chairman) **T:** 01229 861 390.

Ed. Note: Isn't it strange, the use of the word 'vice', considering its other meanings?



CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

FLIGHT PROBLEMS

(How to reduce the stress.)

Flight problems are less stressful if you know your rights, book ATOL-protected flights, and take out comprehensive travel insurance. If a problem does happen, check the Citizens Advice website for detailed help.

Delays - Airlines should provide you with assistance depending on how long your flight is delayed. Contact the Civil Aviation Authority to see if you are entitled to compensation under EU rules.

Cancellations - if your flight gets cancelled you have the legal right to a full refund paid within seven days or a replacement or alternative flight. The airline may also have to help you with other things like food or accommodation.

Strikes - your rights are the same as with other cancellations or delays.

Luggage - If your luggage is delayed, lost or damaged and the airline is at fault, you have the legal right to claim compensation from the airline. But act quickly and check deadlines. If you have insurance that covers luggage, you might be better off making an insurance claim instead.

Airline goes under - If your flight is ATOL protected it means that you are guaranteed a refund if a company collapses (and a return flight home if you are stranded). If not, but you used a credit card, you could try claiming against your credit card company. Or your travel insurance may cover

‘scheduled airline failure’. You can get consumer advice from the Citizens Advice consumer service on 03454 04 05 06

Free, confidential advice and help is available from South Lakes Citizens Advice on any aspect of debt, consumer problems, benefits, housing, employment or any other problems. We have various outlets across South Lakeland and can also give advice over the phone – telephone 03444 111 444 for an appointment and help, 015394 46464 for debt and on-going enquiries. Please note the opening hours at Windermere have been reduced, but contact details remain the same.



This month the Church, well, this is a church magazine, remembers King Alfred the Great as a scholar. He was King of Wessex from 871 to c. 886 and King of the Anglo-Saxons from c. 886 to 899. He was the youngest son of King Æthelwulf of Wessex

Alfred had a reputation as a learned and merciful man of a gracious and level-headed nature who encouraged education, proposing that primary education be conducted in English rather than Latin and improving the legal system, military structure and his people's quality of life. He was given the epithet "the Great" during and after the Reformation in the sixteenth century.



SOUTH LAKELAND ORCHARD GROUP

Apple Juicing: Ever thought of making juice from your own apples or having a community apple pressing day to get together and make fabulous free apple juice? South Lakeland Orchard Group has all the equipment you will need for hire. There are large and smaller presses available

You will get about 2/3 - 3/4 of a litre of juice per kg of apples you press. For more details have a look at the South Lakeland Orchard Group website, and if you are interested please contact Andy at andygilchrist@hotmail.co.uk



“He multiplieth words without knowledge” Proverbs

DIARY DATES

- 6 October **Morning Worship, 9:30am** followed by Coffee.
Decorating the Church, 10:00am.
Last date to book for Harvest Supper
- 11 October **Farmers Harvest Service 7:00pm** followed by Harvest Supper
- 13 October **Combined Holy Communion, St. Luke's, Lowick, 10:30am**
- 18 October **Luke, Evangelist.**
- 19 October Cinema Club, Supper Special, Finsthwaite Village Hall, 7:00pm.
- 20 October **Holy Communion, 9:30am.**
- 21 October Rusland Horizons, Plant Life Event, Rusland Reading Rooms, 9:45am.
- 22 October Bouth Village Hall, Coffee Morning, 11:00am – 1:00pm.
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- 27 October **Holy Communion, 9:30am.**
- 28 October **Simon and Jude, Apostles**
- 31 October Martin Luther, 1546
- HALLOWEEN.



Harvest: The Church to be decorated on **Friday 11 October, 10:00am.** Please turn up and help and contributions, fruit & vegetables etc are welcome.



HALLOWEEN

To most people Halloween is a time for trick-or-treating not realising its religious significance. It is All Saints Eve and in Christian observances church services are held with the lighting of candles in remembrance of those close to them that have died. A tradition for some on All Hallows' Eve is to eat only vegetarian foods which include apples and potato pancakes.



Colton Church Readers & Prayer Leaders
Month October 2019

Date / Service	Readers Names	Lessons	Prayer Leaders
6 October	Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity		
Morning Worship	Margaret Sanders	Nehemiah 4: 1-22	Susan King
9:30pm. <i>Donald</i>	Graham Wallace	Luke 10:17-20	

11 October	Farmers Harvest		
Farmers Harvest	To be arranged	Deuteronomy 26: 1-11	Rachel Tarr
7:00pm <i>Donald</i>	To be arranged	John 6:25-35	

13 October	Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity		
Holy Communion	Combined Holy Communion		
10:30am <i>David B</i>	St. Luke's, Lowick		

20 October	Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity		
Holy Communion	Susan Smith	Nehemiah 6: 1-16	Judy Redhead
9:30am <i>Joanna</i>	John Tarr	John 11:38-44	

27 October	Last Sunday of Trinity		
Holy Communion	Sue Lydon	Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22	Pam Priestley
9:30am <i>Vicar</i>	Rachel Tarr	Luke 18: 9-14	



SIDEPERSONS ROTA

6 October Mrs. Susan King
 11 October Mrs. Susan dean & Mrs. Susan Smith
 20 October Mrs. Margaret Sanders
 27 October Mr. Roderick Smith



FLOWER ROTA

Friday 11 October, Harvest Festival
Church Decorated, 10:00am



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