

PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear Friends

Over the last few weeks we have been looking at the book of Nehemiah in the Benefice and how he dealt with the problems of rebuilding the walls in Jerusalem. We are talking about 445BC.

Jerusalem had been ransacked in 587 BC and a lot of the residents were either killed or taken to Babylon in exile.

When the book starts Nehemiah is cup bearer to the king in Babylon which seems like a cushy life but we have to remember that one way of killing the king was to poison him and as a cup bearer Nehemiah was first in line.

He hears from some people who came back from Jerusalem that the walls were broken down and the gate burnt and he was heartbroken.

Nehemiah obtained permission from the king to go back to Jerusalem, with letters to give him safe passage, building materials and an escort of armed men.

Nehemiah was a risk taker and took on an immense task but he was a man of vision and of prayer. When problems arose which they surely did he took everything to God. He had lots of opposition from all side but overcame it all.

We are approaching next month the time of remembrance for those who made the ultimate sacrifice not only in two world wars but in the conflicts since.

They took risks and in many cases the risk was too great, they gave their all so that we could be free.

There were many Christians amongst them who felt it right to go to war. Many became Christians because of what they went through.

Over the next few weeks we need to pray and ask God to be close to those who the Remembrance Day will be very traumatic.

Just recently my Granddaughter started at Oxford University to read Geography, she had worked hard for many years and had to overcome some quite severe difficulties but she persevered and made us proud when she got the right grades and started at Oxford. We have been praying for her for many years and seen her grow up and become a credit to her parents.

At funerals I often use the poem Footprints A person is going across the sands in a dream and when the going is good she sees two sets of footprints when the going gets tough she sees only one.

She challenges God with the words “when things got difficult you left me” God replied, “no my child I did not that was when I carried you”

We need to remember God is there all the time and what we have to do is to reach out and let him take control.

Yours in Christ

Peter Fox LLM(Reader)



COLTON CHRONICLES

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

I thought it was important to let the parishes and the parishioners know that, due to sickness and stress, I have been granted a sabbatical of three months beginning on 11th November 2019.

I do hope to be back some time in February 2020, but I will make sure that people are kept informed and an update is given if there are further changes.

Rev. Brian Streeter



All Souls: Will be a **Remembering Service, Holy Trinity, Colton, Sunday, 3 November, 2:00pm.** Which will provide a time of reflection in which to remember and celebrate the lives of those we have loved and lost. There will be an opportunity to light candles, listen to music and liturgy and sit quietly. It will be followed by refreshments in the church hall. All are welcome.

Harvest: Due to a misunderstanding our Farmer's Harvest Service was bereft of Service sheets but after a short delay the service went ahead with an 'off the cuff' format and, with the help of the congregation, all went well. The atmosphere, which was one of joy, continued at the supper and could not have happened without the understanding and tolerance of those who attended and the efforts of those who decorated the church and all the willing workers. Thank you!



PARISH NEWS

A sad but gentle farewell service, beautifully led by the Revd. Joanna Henson, for Jean Pricket who died on 1 October. Jean was born in June 1921 in Aberdeen and being Scottish her birth name was Jeannie. At the beginning of WWII, she joined the WRENS where she met a sailor from HMS Aurora, George Pricket. After the war they married and shortly after came to live in Bouth and both worked in Ulverston

Jean was a lovely kindly lady who adored walking other people's dogs and would do good turns to whoever in need; in the early evening share a tot or two of 'Scottish Broth' with her neighbour Lynda Perkins. We all have memories and this editor's is sitting outside her cottage on a balmy summer's afternoon drinking tea and eating her amazing cakes. Farewell!

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Events: Sunday 10 November, Coronation Hall, 2:30pm. – It is the Dorian Players Anniversary Concert celebrating their 40 years with songs, music and readings from the 12th. – 17th. century. Booking advisable, tickets £8, school age children, free. **T:** 01229 587 887 **W:** corohall.co.uk

Saturday 30 November. Ulverston Parish Church, 7:30pm. – The Furness Bach Choir are performing 'Handel's Solomon' which will be repeated on **Sunday 8 December at Manchester Cathedral also 7:30pm.** Tickets Ulverston £14 & Manchester £15.

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Oxen Park Reading Room: Our winter series of "Local History and History of Locals" gets started on **1 November** with Mandy Lane giving us the inside story of "What's In A Name" – the amazing book of the same

title will be there for sale on the night. These series have been very popular in the past so book ahead early if you want a seat. (crlmceill@gmail.com)

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Recycling news: Finsthwaite (yes, our neighbours) held a very informative evening on recycling. To sum up:

- We (in South Lakeland) are doing very well at putting the right material in the right bags and boxes.
- All our 'waste' is recycled in UK and most no further south than Lancashire. No waste goes out of this country.
- If you aren't sure which bag/box a container or wrapping goes into – don't hesitate – put it in the grey bin e. g. cardboard coffee cups lined with plastic.
- The grey bin contents goes to Barrow to be burned/processed and used for fuel. Not landfill.

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Cinema Club: The **November** films are 5th *'They Shall Not Grow Old'* and 16th *'Sometimes Always Never'*. Check the website for details. Booking ahead really advised as we are gradually filling up for all the films especially the two **December** films *'Bohemian Rhapsody'* and *'Toy Story 4'* on the 3rd. & 21st.

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Coffee: The Bouth Village Hall, unlike our parliament has bowed down to the majority and changed the Coffee Mornings to Mondays – 21 October & 16 December, 11:00am to 1:00pm.

Please come along and meet up with villagers and other locals and chat with friends old and new! Feel free to bring unwanted books & magazines to swap and share with others. Please, a donation of (at least) 50p towards the Hall's development fund.

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The Rusland Horizons Trust

Plant Life Rapid Woodland Assessment: Don't miss out on our special event with the Plant Life project on **Thursday 31 October**. Join April Windle, an expert on all things lichen and bryophyte related, on a walk

through the woods. Key features of the woodland landscape will be identified and these will form part of a vital National Geomap of Atlantic woodlands being created by the Plantlife project.

You'll be amazed at the complexity and beauty of the various species when you have a magnifying lens in your hand. This is a great opportunity to learn from an expert about woodland composition, structure, important habitat features, lichen indicators and woodland threats.

Meet at **Rusland Reading Rooms, 9:45am**, before heading out for the walk. The event is free to attend but places are limited. Details and booking are on the Rusland Horizons website <http://www.ruslandhorizons.org/whats-on.aspx>.

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***What's in a Name?* – Launch of mapped history group's book:** The evening of **Thursday, 31 October** also sees the launch, at Graythwaite Hall, of the third book showcasing the work of the mapped history group and their endeavour to find the name of every field within the Rusland Horizons scheme area. This latest volume is full of beautiful illustrations from old estate and farm maps, and these are accompanied by examples of some of the more unusual names and their interpretations.

Places at the launch are limited, but we will try to accommodate as many of those who are interested as possible, contact secretary@ruslandhorizonstrust.org if you would like to attend. The book is available for purchase. Enquire via the above email address.

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BOUTH WOMENS INSTITUTE

At our October meeting Giles Wyngate-Saul gave a fascinating and witty talk about Quirks of the Law and his career as a barrister and Queen's Council. Law is clearly in the family blood and Giles shared many fascinating details including the story of how he found his very first job – teaching mathematics at Eton! Giles also treated us to some wonderful photographs including the interiors of the London law courts, a unique view and insight into a very different world. Who knew the courts could be so chilly that you should bring a blanket for your knees? Having heard that

Giles had worked with a number of very influential judges, including Lord Leveson, we chose how to word our questions to him very carefully indeed.

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 13 November, 7:15pm, Village Hall** and will be our 76th. A G M. A date for your diary – the **Christmas Party** will take place on **Wednesday 11 December**. Details next month.

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COLTON PARISH COUNCIL

Unfortunately, there are no plans at this point to improve black spot around Bouth narrows which used to have cat's eyes which were removed after a fatal accident a few years ago.

PC Jackson meets with Highways England quarterly and will report back from their next meeting in October having listened to our concerns.

He can train us in community speed watch guns – however we need to provide safe place to stand (pavement) and reasonable view – this will be challenging on the Spark Bridge Road and suggests speed monitoring by 6 – 8 people x 2 hours during daylight – we can note registration numbers of “offenders”. Cost of laser if we wanted to buy £1,300 to £1,500 and the cost of speed indicator device (SID-smiley face) c£3,000 including fitting, best fitted to a lamppost

They cannot give us any rapid alert warning BUT he is supportive of having a system where we notify nominated individuals – the best places for accident info are Cumbria Police Facebook page and Twitter.

SLDC Cllr. Ian Warton and members of the public discussed the Authorities approach to off road vehicles on ‘green lanes’, the latest information on the LDNPA ‘Living Lakes Plan’ and the accidents and diversions on the AS590 Trunk road.

If you are interested in helping in any of the following initiatives please email CPC on clerk@coltonparishcouncil.org or call Marion Brown on 01229 861690

- Help with reviewing road signage/road markings in the area
- Volunteer training in the use of a speed watch gun

- Setting up a ‘rapid alert’ group for when there are incidents that close the A590
- **Councillor vacancies and update on election/co-option process:** We are hoping to co-opt two new councillors to the longstanding East (Finsthwaite and Lakeside) and West Ward (Colton, Oxen Park, Nibthwaite and Spark Bridge) vacancies at our October meeting. We also now have a vacancy in the Central (Bouth/Rusland) Ward due to the resignation of Cllr Watson and posters are located in Bouth advising of the deadline for people to put themselves forward. If no interest is expressed by 17th October we may have to co-opt, in which case there will be rigorous attempts made to advertise and recruit so that we have a full complement of Councillors once again. **Julie,**
clerk@coltonparishcouncil.org.uk



Highway Diversion: Please see below details of the extents of the closure and diversion route.

Location: The A593 Coniston from its junction with the U5013 extending in a northerly direction for approx. 135m.

Alternative Route: A suitable alternative route for vehicles will be signed and available via the unrestricted section of the A593, A5084, A5092, A590, A592 Promenade, St Martins Place and Rayrigg Road, A591 Ambleside Road and Lake Road, A5075, A593, and A593 Clappersgate and Yewdale. A way for pedestrians and dismounted cyclists will be maintained.

This notice will come into operation **30 October 2019** and is expected to remain in place for an approx. duration of **3** nights, between the hours of **18:00 – 06:00hrs.**



“The rich man in his castle,
The poor man at his gate
God made them high and lowly,
And ordered their estate”.

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

SMART METERS

My gas and electricity deal has come to an end and the energy company has offered me a new contract. However, they are insisting I get a smart meter fitted. I have heard these do not really work and I cannot see the benefit. Am I better off looking for a different supplier, or will the new company also force me to have a smart meter?

It is always worth shopping around. Citizens Advice has a tool on its website which shows how well suppliers perform on a range of measures, including customer service, rather than just price.

As regards the smart meter, you certainly do not have to accept one – and in some cases, it's not yet possible to fit one. However, it might mean you are not eligible for all the deals on offer, like cheaper tariffs.

If you do decide to go ahead, your supplier should explain the process beforehand, show you how it works and give you a number to call if anything goes wrong.

Smart meters send daily meter readings to your supplier, meaning they can bill you accurately. This will not automatically save you money, but it can help you keep track of how much energy you are using so you can try to reduce it.

The Citizens Advice consumer helpline (03454 04 05 06) can give advice on smart meter issues.

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Remember the five simple rules to be happy:

Free your heart from hatred - Forgive.

Free your mind from worries - Most "worries" actually never happen.

Live simply and appreciate what you have.

Give more.

Expect less

DIARY DATES

- 31 October Rusland Horizons launch of their Mapped History Group's Book
- 1 November **ALL SAINTS DAY**
- 2 November **ALL SOULS DAY**
- 3 November **Morning Worship. 9:30am. All Souls Remembrance Service, 2:00pm**
- 5 November Cinema Club, Cart House, 7:30pm.
- 10 November **Remembrance Service, 10:30am.**
Dorian Players Concert, Coronation Hall, 2:30pm.
- 13 November Bouth W. I. 76th. Annual General Meeting, 7:15pm.
- 16 November Cinema Club, Cart House, 7:30pm.
- 17 November **Holy Communion, 9:30am.**
- 24 November **No Service at Colton – Methodist Service, Lowick, 9:30am.**
Holy Communion, Penny Bridge, 11:00am.
- 29 November Day of Intercession and Thanksgiving for the Mission work of the Church.
- 30 November **Andrew, Apostle.**
Furness Bach Choir Concert, Ulverston Parish Church, 7:30pm.



REMEMBRANCE

A U. S. veteran, Charles Providence wrote the following: -

“It is the soldier, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press.

It is the soldier, not the poet, who has given us the freedom of speech.

It is the soldier, not the union organiser, who has given us the freedom to demonstrate.

It is the soldier, not the lawyer, who has given us the right to a fair trial.

It is the soldier, who salutes the flag, who serves under the flag and whose coffin is draped by the flag,

Who allows the protester to burn the flag!”

Colton Church Readers & Prayer Leaders
Month November 2019

Date / Service	Readers Names		Lessons	Prayer Leaders
3 November	ALL SAINTS DAY			
Morning Worship	Margaret Sanders	Daniel	7:1-3, 15-18	Rachel Tarr
9:30pm. <i>Pam</i>	Graham Wallace	Luke	6:20-31	

3 November	ALL SOULS			
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2:00pm <i>Pam</i>				

10 November	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – THIRD BEFORE ADVENT			
Remembrance Sunday	Susan Smith	Job	19:23-27a	John Tarr
10:30am <i>Donald</i>	Roderick Smith	Luke	20:27-38	

17 November	SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT			
Holy Communion	Sue Lydon	Malachi	4: 1- 2a	Judy Redhead
9:30am <i>Joanna</i>	Rachel Tarr	Luke	21: 5-19	

24 November	NEXT SUNDAY BEFORE LENT			
CANCELLED	There is a Methodist Service at St. Luke's, Lowick, 9:30am. and Holy Communion, St. Mary the Virgin, Penny Bridge, 11:00am.			

SIDEPERSONS ROTA

3 November Mrs. Susan King
 10 November Mrs. Susan Smith
 17 November Mrs. Margaret Sanders
 24 November Mrs, Susan Dean

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FLOWER ROTA

3 November Mr. Donald Wroe
 10 November Mr. Donald Wroe (Remembrance Sunday)
 17 November Mrs. Charlotte Sharpehouse

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