

## PASTORAL LETTER

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December 2019

*Dear Friends*

At this time of year we are beginning to turn our thoughts to Christmas and it is fairly common to write a Christmas to do list, for example.....

- Buy presents
- Wrap gifts
- Send gifts
- Shop for food
- Go and see the lights

Perhaps we could change that and make a new list!

So here's a NEW Christmas to do list

- Be PRESENT. Don't make excuses not to join in.
- WRAP someone in a hug– a lot of people never get a hug and it might be the nicest thing they receive this Christmas. Go on....don't be shy!
- SEND peace
- Donate FOOD. Now is the time to start to give our local food bank a head start by giving Christmas goodies so that no-one is left out.
- Come to worship THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD!

Who is this light of the world? It is Jesus!

John writes

In the beginning the Word already existed.  
The Word was with God, and the Word was God.  
He existed in the beginning with God.

God created everything through him,  
and nothing was created except through him.  
The Word gave life to everything that was created,  
and his life brought light to everyone.  
The light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness can never extinguish it.

Jesus can and will bring light into your life too, if you only ask.  
Wishing you all a peaceful time this Christmas

*Your sister in Christ*

*Joanna*

P S. A thought.....When did Jesus say you should buy so much stuff to  
celebrate his birthday?



### CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Carols and Candlelight, Lowick, 6 December. 6:00pm. Refreshments  
Carol Service, 22 December, Colton, 3:00pm (Mulled wine and nibbles  
afterwards)

Christmas Eve – Children’s Service, Lowick, 3:00pm.

With Christingle.

Christmas Day – Combined Service, Colton, 10:30am.

All are welcome & especially please do bring your family



**\*Decorating Colton Church: Friday 20 December, 10:00am\*.**



### COLTON CHRONICLES

**Harvest-Again!** Mrs. Susan King has taken me to task for not fully  
covering the Farmer’s Harvest fully. Apparently, she approved of my ‘Talk’  
and stated “We could even have taken more!” Now there is a first.

Also, I failed to thank the caterers Carol Dickson who provided a ‘tasty supper’ and one Roderick Smith for organising the wine and ‘generously kept us lubricated’.

And we have to thank dear Susan for organising the raffle which raised £80 which will be donated to the ‘Open Book’ a charity in Ghana. *A penitent Editor.*



**Boasting:** As human beings we do love to have a little boast now and then and this time it is your editor who, in November, completed the 240<sup>th</sup>. edition of the Colton Parish News i.e. over a period of 24 years. This issue is, therefore the first of the 25<sup>th</sup>.year which sadly will, in all probability, be the last year, not only because this editor is about to enter his 94<sup>th</sup>.year, but there could be distribution problems.



## PARISH NEWS

Sadly, we have to tell of the death of Derek Parkin who lived in the parish for many years before emigrating to Ulverston. Derek was financially knowledgeable, being in his working life, a Bank Manager. He was a good friend to many of us and not only did we enjoy his company in the White Hart but appreciated his work, over a period of many years, keeping the church on the financial straight and narrow by auditing our accounts and also the many charities he actively supported He will be sadly missed and we send our prayers and condolences to his wife Pauline and his family

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**Congratulations:** We are always delighted to print congratulations for those with a significant birthday or anniversary but in order to do so please let us know. Details on the front cover page. Thank you!

And we have one, so congratulations to Ronnie Mein of Bouth, our wonderful local historian, who celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup>.Birthday on 10 October!!

Not to be outdone more congratulations to Sue and Ken Dean who celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup>. Wedding Anniversary on 1 November and Sue her ?<sup>th</sup> birthday two days later. Which neatly gives us the opportunity to thank Sue for all her work compiling the Sidepersons Rota, in her words, “Since Adam was a Lad”.

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**Rusland Spring Show:** Now is the time to plant your bulbs to exhibit at the show. There is plenty of choice at our garden centres so let us make it an even more magnificent display in 2020.

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The eagle-eyed who watched the BBC on Remembrance Sunday might have noticed local resident Roger Perry, ex Royal Fleet Auxiliary, as a civilian ‘formation walking’ past the Cenotaph, marching would be a slight exaggeration.

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**New Benefice Magazine:** The first edition is due to be launched in January 2020 and will replace all the existing parish magazines except Colton. The deadline for contributions is **Sunday 8 December**. Also, if you would like to advertise.

Contact Juliet E: [admin@conistonandcrakechurches.co.uk](mailto:admin@conistonandcrakechurches.co.uk) T:07884 232281

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**Rusland Horizons:** Come and join us for our ‘**Big Christmas Bash**’ on **Sunday 1 December**. There will be multiple activities, too many for us to list, for all ages and ending with a delicious, warming stew washed down with mulled wine complimented by the day’s gossip. For details and booking go to our web site *What’s On* page. <http://www.ruslandhorizons.org>

A stunning book on ‘Field Names & Old Maps’ is now available for sale at Suttons Book shop in Ulverston or can be bought by emailing Rusland Horizons Trust: [secretary@ruslandhorizonstrust.org](mailto:secretary@ruslandhorizonstrust.org) £17.50 or £16.50 for members + £3.00 postage

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**Doorstep Callers:** Apparently there has been a spate of ‘Door Step Callers’ in the community which, in some cases, has caused distress especially to vulnerable adults. The advice is simple just DO NOT BUY!

If you have been or know anyone who has been affected by these rogue traders contact Trading Standards via the Citizens Advice Bureau Helpline 03454 04 05 06

To receive warnings of scams and rogue traders in your area join the free Cumbria Community Messaging scheme contact [www.cumbriacommunitymessaging.co.uk](http://www.cumbriacommunitymessaging.co.uk)

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*“The price of wisdom is above rubies”* Proverbs

**Not to be missed:** The Ulverston Town Band will be playing at the Manor, Oxen Park on **Monday 23 December, 8.00pm**. Served up with mince pies and carols!

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**Oxen Park Cinema Club:** Films coming up, all at the Cart House

**Sunday 8 December** – *Bohemian Rhapsody*’ **8.00pm**

**Friday 20 December** – *Toy Story 4*’ **7.30 pm**

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**Tuesday 7 January** – *The Guilty*’ **7.30pm**

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**Croftlands Junior School:** Invites you to the dress rehearsal of their Christmas production **Monday 9 December, 2:00pm**, refreshments **1:30**. RSVP to the school office **T:** 01229 585211 or to [office@croftlandsjun.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:office@croftlandsjun.cumbria.sch.uk) by 9:00am 9 December.



**Carols Round the Tree: Christmas Eve, Bouth Village Green, 6:00pm.** In the White Hart if raining.

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### **BOUTH WOMENS INSTITUTE**

Our Christmas Party will be held, this year, on **Wednesday 11 December, Village Hall, 6:30pm**. It will be a Pie & Pea or a Cheese & Onion Pie + a Desert and there will be pre-supper nibbles and a glass or two of white wine (professional not home brewed). Reserve your place by **4 December** by contacting Alison **E:** [lakesbiker@btinternet.com](mailto:lakesbiker@btinternet.com) or **T:** 861 267 or leave a note at Greenfield House. Please leave your choice of meal in your message. Cost £6.50 per person.



*“Heap on more wood – the wind is chill  
But let it whistle as it will,  
We’ll keep our Christmas merry still.”*

Sir Walter Scott

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## CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

**I'm looking online for fancy dress costumes for my kids. But I'm worried as I've read stories about some costumes not being fire-safe and some children being hurt. What should I look for to keep them safe?**

Unfortunately, you're right. There have been a number of incidents where children's costumes were set alight by accident. Check that the costume comes with safety instructions, a CE marking and the manufacturer's name. A CE marking means the product complies with health and safety requirements, and the product has been tested for flammability. (Sometimes a fake CE mark is used. A giveaway is the middle line of 'E', which should be shorter than the other parts.)

Make sure you're buying from a reputable online retailer. Find out as much about them as you can, like customer reviews, or ask them directly for safety information. Also check whether the product has ever been recalled before, on the website **[productrecall.campaign.gov.uk](http://productrecall.campaign.gov.uk)**.

Talk to your children about how best to stay safe while having fun in fancy dress, like keeping away from candles and open flames. And if you're in doubt, don't buy the product. You can always contact Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 03454 04 05 06 for further help or to report an issue.

*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 can give detailed advice over the phone – telephone 03444 111 444. For email see our website: [www.southlakescab.org.uk](http://www.southlakescab.org.uk). We have various outlets across South Lakeland if an appointment is required. For Money Advice and for on-going enquiries please call 015394 46464.*



**Please do not forget to pay for your magazine - £6**

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## COLTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Councillor vacancies

Our full complement of councillors is nine and for a considerable amount of time we have operating with only six councillors. Following interest expressed by two individuals, at our October meeting we were pleased to co-opt as councillors Abigail Bennett from Spark Bridge and Prof. John Taylor from Finsthwaite. This leaves just one vacancy and notices have been posted advertising the vacancy for any individuals who may be interested to contact our clerk at [clerk@coltonparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@coltonparishcouncil.org.uk)

### Planning

As councillors we receive numerous issues raised by parishioners re planning some of which we can answer immediately and others we refer to the National Park Planning for a resolution. The planners ask the Parish Council to be the eyes and ears re possible planning issues but we have become concerned that, despite raising these issues, we have had little feedback and often this takes up to twelve months. Due to these concerns we arranged a meeting with three members of the planning department to attempt to address the situation and see if we could improve communication. The meeting was constructive and both the council and planners have a better understanding of the process and concerns. Individual outstanding issues were discussed which hopefully will be resolved, but only time will tell.

### Community Grants

The council has allocated an amount of money to support community organisations which could make use of additional funds to provide new or replacement items, or towards minor repairs, or it could help a community group buy equipment. Notices have been posted and whilst the deadline for applications was the **Friday 22 November** we will still accept applications after this date.

## The Oxen

Christmas Eve, and twelve of the clock.  
“Now they are all on their knees,”  
An elder said as we sat in a flock  
By the embers in hearthside ease.

We pictured the meek mild creatures where  
They dwelt in their strawy pen,  
Nor did it occur to one of us there  
To doubt they were kneeling then.

So fair a fancy few would weave  
In these years! Yet, I feel,  
If someone said on Christmas Eve,  
“Come; see the oxen kneel,

“In the lonely barton by yonder coomb  
Our childhood used to know,”  
I should go with him in the gloom,  
Hoping it might be so.

Thomas Hardy



## DIARY DATES

- 1 December **Morning Worship, 9:30am.**  
Rusland Horizons, BIG BASH.
- 6 December Carols & Candlelight, St. Luke's, Lowick, 6:00pm.
- 8 December **Combined Holy Communion, Colton, 10:30am.**  
Deadline for Benefice Magazine  
Cinemas Club, Cart House, 8:00pm.
- 9 December Croftlands Junior School Play Rehearsal, 1:30 for 2:00pm.
- 11 December Bouth W I Christmas Party, Village Hall, 6:30pm.
- 15 December **Morning Worship, 9:30am.**
- 20 December **Decorating the Church, 10:00am.**  
Cinema Club, Cart House, 7:30pm.
- 22 December **Carol Service, Colton, 3:00pm. Mulled Wine & Mince Pies.**
- 23 December Ulverston Brass Band, "The Manor", 8:00pm
- 24 December **Children's Service & Christingle, St. Luke's, Lowick, 3:00pm.**  
"Carols Round the Tree", Bouth Village Hall, 6:00pm.  
In the "White Hart" if wet!
- 25 December **Christmas Day, Combined Holy Communion, Colton, 10:30am**
- 29 December **Combined Holy Communion, St. Mary the Virgin, Penny Bridge, 10:30am**



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- 5 January **Epiphany, Morning Worship, 9:30am.**
- 7 January Cinema Club, Cart House, 7:30pm.
- 12 January **Combined Holy Communion. St. Luke's, Lowick, 10:30am.**
- 19 January **Service for Christian Unity, Tottlebank Baptist Chapel, 10:30am.**
- 26 January **Morning Worship, 9:30am.**



*"Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right."*

Oprah Winfrey

## Colton Church Readers & Prayer Leaders

### Month December 2019

Date / Service	Readers Names	Lessons	Prayer Leaders
<b>1 December</b>	<b>Advent Sunday</b>		
<b>Morning Worship</b>		Isaiah 2: 1- 5	Susan King
<b>9:30pm.</b> <i>Donald</i>		Matthew 24:36-44	

<b>8 December</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Advent – Combined Service</b>		
<b>Holy Communion</b>		Isaiah 11: 1-10	Pam Priestley
<b>10:30am</b> <i>Harry Welsh</i>		Matthew 3: 1-12	

<b>15 December</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>		
<b>Morning Worship</b>		Isaiah 35: 1-10	
<b>9:30am</b> <i>Joanna</i>		Matthew 11: 2-11	

<b>22 December</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>		
<b>CAROL SERVICE</b>		To Be	
<b>3:00pm</b> <i>Pam</i>		Arranged	

<b>25 December</b>	<b><del>CHRISTMAS DAY - COMBINED SERVICE</del></b>		
<b>Holy Communion</b>		Titus 2:11-14	
<b>10:30am</b> <i>Joanna</i>		Luke 2: 1-20	

<b>29 December</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Christmas</b>		
<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Combined Service</b>		
<b>10:30am</b> <i>Harry Welsh</i>	<b>St. Mary, the Virgin, Penny Bridge</b>		

### SIDEPERSONS ROTA

- 1 December Mrs. Susan King
- 8 December Mrs. Margaret Sanders
- 15 December Mr. Roderick Smith
- 22 December Mrs. Susan Dean & Mrs. Susan Smith

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**THE CHURCH WILL BE DECORATED ON FRIDAY 20 DECEMBER  
10:00am**

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*“At least a December Election will put a stop to all that ‘Season of Goodwill nonsense’”*

From a Matt cartoon

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