

PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear Friends

The Tipping Point

March is the tipping point in the seasons. Herdwick lambs are a welcome sight after a long winter, Spring is approaching, the days are lengthening.

Tipping points can also be negative. The rapid erosion of the glaciers and ice caps have even surprised climate scientists; global warming is speeding up.

There are also alarming political tipping points. The growth of nationalism across Europe and the insidious increase in anti-Semitism are alarming. But also, hostility to Christianity is growing in our nation. Tim Farron MP, in his recent autobiography hits the nail on the head when he writes:

“What now appears to be happening is that while the absence of faith is still thought to be the neutral position, holding a faith is today only considered to be tolerably eccentric if it is merely cultural. But if your faith actually affects your world view in any way that puts it as odds with the mainstream, then your faith is considered to be malign and intolerable.

Many will now believe it to be unacceptable if your faith tells you that you should submit to God, and in doing so deny yourself when it comes to your money, your time, your sexual desires, or that you should raise your children to believe that Jesus is who he says he is, or that the life of every human matters at every stage of existence”.

Since those words were written, the C of E has come under incessant fire for attempting to uphold the Biblical view of marriage. Persecution hangs in the air of our so-called liberal society.

Yet Spring reminds us that seasons come and seasons go. It is God’s world and He has promised the coming of His Kingdom *‘on earth as it is in heaven’*.

More than any time in my (approaching seventy years), I feel there is an urgency to call Christians to prayer – prayer for the Kingdom – prayer for

the United Kingdom – prayer for His Church – prayer for the very world in which we live.

If you, like me, believe the Scriptures contain God’s promises, then come together to study God’s Word, come together for prayer – come for the sake of the Coming King, whose triumph over evil and death we will be celebrating next month. Be on His side in the tipping point of the world!

May God bless you.

David Bickersteth



COLTON CHRONICLES

Elizabeth Wemyss: It was with heavy hearts that friends and family gathered together on 11th February at Sedbergh to celebrate the life of Elizabeth Wemyss I first met Elizabeth in 1997, when I was asked to join their small singing group by a friend. The group is still going but tends to revolve more around a good pub lunch with some singing beforehand to work up an appetite! Our last gathering was in early January when we all shared fish and chips, Elizabeth being too unwell for the pub. I am sure we will still continue to meet but will be very different without her.

I have been friends with Gary and Elizabeth for over 20 years and we have been through some tough times together but these last few months were the toughest yet. I have always known that Elizabeth was a strong and determined woman but her courage and fortitude were an inspiration. Elizabeth always seemed to just get on with what life dealt her, making the best of a situation, not wanting to make a fuss, and she tackled her recent illness no differently. Elizabeth was a true gentlewoman kind, thoughtful and considerate, with a sharp wit and a ready smile. I already miss her hugely but will cherish the memories I have and take inspiration from a life well-lived. I hope you will join me in sending love and prayers to Gary, who has lost the love of his life, his best friend, his soulmate. *Cathy Styles.*



Payment: Apparently there has been some confusion over the statement last month that this year the magazine would be free. Most ‘grumbles’ came

from Bouth, but then, they are always the first to complain, usually in the White Hart on a Friday night. To explain, the £6 you were asked to pay last December was in retrospect i.e. for the year 2019. Got it!

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Church Services: At every service we have two readings from the bible and Prayers of Intercessions read and lead by a small number of faithful members of our church. Now, whilst we can cope readily with readers, we are struggling with the Intercessions, so if anyone feels they can help we would be grateful, help available. Contact this editor - see inside front cover page.

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PARISH NEWS

Health: For some time now there has been extensive media cover complaining of the lack of GPs and problems getting appointments. This should be a reminder of how fortunate we are in this Parish with our Haverthwaite Surgery where not only can you get a relatively quick appointment but the Doctors and staff are so wonderfully kind, helpful and considerate. So, on behalf of us all in the Parish of Colton THANK YOU, Haverthwaite Surgery.

The Patient Participation Group continues to host a monthly Coffee Morning at Greenodd Village Hall, 10:30- 11:30am free of charge and open to all. **Wednesday 17 March.** But, from then on, on then third **Friday** of each month. All being well there may be organisations to be there for you to ask questions. First on is the Cumbrian Health Watch. Contact Pat Proctor T: 01229 861 466.

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Village Hall, Bouth: There will be a 'Race Night' on **Saturday 14 March, 7:00pm.** £7.50/person, teams of four. In order to raise funds for the Hall's development. Pay at the door or contact either Graham Jowett or Kevin Smith. Bring your own food/drinks/snacks.

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Village Green, Bouth: At the A G M on 23 January it was agreed that the committee would adopt the care and maintenance of three additional small public areas within the village to ensure that they are kept in good order. The need to replace two large areas of safety surfaces was noted and it was agreed to seek grants towards the cost. To this end Chairman David Hamer and Parish Councillor Ken Dean subsequently attended a funding event organised by the Cumbrian Council for Voluntary Services to carry out an initial assessment of potential funders.

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Cinema Club: As the end of our year approaches there has been a large demand, so we have organised extra shows. **Tuesday 3 March** *“Wind River”*, sorry, full! But a second show **Sunday 8 March, 8:00pm.**

Saturday 21 March, “The Keeper”, also on **Sunday 22 March, 8:00pm.**
Book with Carol clrmcneill@gmail.com

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Oxen Park Reading Room: We have two more fund raising presentations. The first on **Friday 6 March** with Ronnie Mein on *“The Pack Horse and Bouth”*. The second on **Friday 3 April** with Gordon Pickles & Matthew Jones on *“Their Expeditions to Sarawak”*. Both at the **Carthouse, 7:30pm.** £4, pay at the door and as these always fill up book ahead with Carol (see above).

The Reading Room is now ready for hire: Contact Gill McKinnon for details and booking T: 861 128.

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Rusland Spring Show: There is a Mother's Day theme to the Rusland Spring Show this year on **Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd March.** Lots going on for Children, Mother's and all the family. Homemade food, stalls, exhibits, workshop, demos and Rusland Horizons. Come and join the fun'

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Rusland Horizons Trust: On Thursday 26 March, Hay Bridge, 6:15 – 8:30pm Chris Winnick, Chair of the Butterfly Conservation, Cumbria will be giving a talk on “Butterflies of the Rusland Valley.

Calling all Farmers and Landowners to the **White Hart, Tuesday 25 February, 7:00pm** (chips provided) when Martin Wain, Butterfly Conservation, Cumbria & Edward Mills RHT. will be holding their first discussion group to help and support farmers and landowners.

For more details, or to get involved, in any of the Rusland Horizons Trust projects and events please visit the website

<http://www.ruslandhorizons.org/> or hello@ruslandhorizonstrust.org



BOUTH WOMENS INSTITUTE

Our trial morning meeting was a great success with a good turnout and the thought that this might be repeated next year. The theme of ‘exchanging a book that has been read’ was also a success.

Our next meeting – **Wednesday 11 March, 7:15pm, Village Hall.** When we expect a speaker from a ‘Mountain Rescue Team’ (to be confirmed)



COLTON PARISH COUNCIL

Police Report: PCSO Paul Harris came to the meeting and presented on a number of attempted break-ins in the area and suspicious vehicles seen loitering around key locations. Please remain vigilant at all times and ensure that your property and vehicles are kept secured and personal effects are kept out of temptation’s way!

LDNPA: Ranger Sara Spicer described plans to develop the Southern Windermere trail which would be a bridle path cum family friendly cycle route. Key locations *en route* potentially are the Lakeside and Haverthwaite Railway, Lakeside, Bobbin Mill at Finsthwaite and Black Hill Wood (YMCA). Currently these are only proposals, but views were being sought on how the plans might be received by local people. When the Parish Council receive formal notification, we will of course post it around the Parish for your views.

Website: The website has been launched and we have already received positive feedback from a number of parishioners. The “Community News” section is still a work in progress but in order to keep it current and relevant I would appreciate contribution from parishioners, comments on other sections are also welcome!

Community Plan and Parish priorities: Cllr Hoyle is currently updating the original 2015 Parish plan to bring it up to date for 2020 and at our meeting we spent some time discussing how we could find out which priorities are important for our parishioners. We would welcome any suggestions on how we can best involve YOU in reflecting your views and ensuring that the Parish Plan is relevant to you and your family and friends!

Highways and road safety: There are two planned meetings in the coming weeks to discuss issues relating to the A590 and associated plans to improve road traffic safety, there is also a Facebook group, A590 Action for Safety. The first of the events is:

A590 Leven Valley – Drop in Event: Highways England would like to invite you to attend an event to discuss the improvement of the A590 from Greenodd to Ayside. We have been working with local community representatives to review their concerns along this section of the A590. At the drop-in session we would like to share with you our thoughts on the places where we understand there are issues, the nature of those issues and possible ways the route could be improved. The event will be held at **Leven Valley Primary School – Outback Hall, Backbarrow, LA12 8QF on 24 February, 2:00 – 7:00pm**

The other event involving Cllr Brereton is planned for early March at Rusland Pool Hotel. At the time of writing there are no more details on date and time, but this should be available in time for the Leven Valley event as the councillors involved are trying to join up these discussions.

Planning: The planning application which was discussed at great length, and objected to, at the Parish Council meeting was the submission number 7/2020/5044 on the planning section of the website www.lakedistrict.gov.uk relating to the erection of a (12m high) Smart Metering pole at Nibthwaite Grange Farm. The other related plan has since been submitted, numbered 7/2020/5063, and is from the same company wishing to install a similar pole on the grass verge near Old Hall

Farm in Bouth. The Parish Council has asked questions of the company and have still not received a reply, but this is being followed up as we speak! As these are such “prominent” developments the Parish Council suggest that Parishioners take the time to consider and provide their views on the developments directly to the LDNPA.

The next meeting will take place on **Monday 23 March, 7:00pm, Rusland Reading Rooms** (Chair’s Surgery at 6.30), feel free to come along and learn more about your local community, all welcome!

Julie Hendry, Clerk to the Council, clerek@coltonparishcouncil.org.uk



CITIZEN’S ADVICE BUREAU

I’m from Austria and I know I need to apply for Settled Status now the UK has left the European Union. But I’m really confused about what documents I need in order to apply for me and my children. I’m worried that we might have to leave.

Your rights won’t change until 31 December 2020. However, you should apply as soon as you can in case of any delays. After that date you might be asked to prove your right to do things like get a job or use a service like the NHS.

You need evidence that you’ve lived in the UK for 6 months out of every 12 months for 5 years in a row. You will need a passport or national ID card, a digital photo, your National Insurance number or proof of how long you’ve lived in the UK, a mobile number and an email address. If you’ve been working, you can find your National Insurance number on your pay slip.

If you make your children’s application after you’ve made your own, you can ‘link’ your child’s application to yours, using your own application number. If your own application is successful, your child will get the same status as you. You will need to have proof of your relationship - for example a birth certificate.

If you need any help with your application, contact South Lakes Citizens Advice.

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. We have various outlets across South Lakeland if an appointment is required. For Money Advice and for on-going enquiries please call 015394 46464.



CHURCH RESTORATION

The Church's restoration
In eighteen-eighty-three
Has left for contemplation
Not what there used to be,
How well the ancient woodwork
Looks round the Rectr'y hall,
Memorial of the good work
Of him who plann'd it all.

He who took down the pew ends
And sold them anywhere
But kindly spared a few ends
Work'd up into a chair
O worthy persecution
Of dust! O hue divine!
O cheerful substitution
Thou varnishéd pitch-pine.

Anon.



LENT: The Christian churches who observe Lent in the 21st century use it as a time for prayer and penance. Only a small number of people today fast for the whole of Lent, although some maintain the practice on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. It is more common these days for believers to surrender a particular vice such as favourite foods or smoking. Whatever the sacrifice it is a reflection of Jesus' deprivation in the wilderness and a test of self-discipline.

DIARY DATES

- 1 March **Morning Worship. 9:30am – St. David’s Day**
- 3 March Cinema Club (Full)
- 6 March Oxen Park Reading Room, Presentation, 7:30pm
- 8 March **Combined Holy Communion, Penny Bridge, 10:30am.**
Cinema Club, 8:00pm.
- 11 March Bouth W I Village Hall, 7:15pm
- 14 March ‘Race Night’ Bouth Village Hall, 7:00pm.
- 15 March **Holy Communion, 9:30am.**
- 17 March Haverthwaite Surgery Coffee Morning, Greenodd Village Hall, 10:30am.
- 19 March **Joseph of Nazareth**
- 21 March Cinema Club & Rusland Spring Show (Also on Sunday)
- 22 March **Holy Communion, Mothering Sunday, 9:30am.**
Cinema Club, 8:00pm.
- 23 March Colton Parish Council Meeting, Finsthwaite Village Hall, 7:00pm.
- 25 March **The Annunciation of our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary.**
- 26 March Rusland Horizon Trust, Hay Bridge, 6:15pm.
- 29 March **Combined Holy Communion, Lowick, 10:30am.**

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Uncle Vanya.

Sonia My misfortune is perhaps greater than yours, but I am not plunged into despair. I endure my sorrow, and shall endure it until my life comes to a natural end. You must endure yours too..... You must endure your sorrow, Uncle Vanya; you must endure it....

Uncle Vanya Oh, my child, I am so miserable; if only you knew how miserable I am!

Sonia What can we do? We must live our lives. Yes, we shall live, Uncle Vanya. We shall live through the long procession of days before us, and through the long evenings; we shall patiently bear the trials that fate imposes on us; we shall work for others without rest, both now and when we are old; and when our last hour comes we shall meet it humbly, and there, beyond the grave, we shall say that we have suffered and wept, that our life was bitter, and God will have pity on us.

Colton Church Readers & Prayer Leaders
Month March 2020

Date / Service	Readers Names	Lessons	Prayer Leaders
1 March			
First Sunday of Lent			
Morning Worship	John Tarr	Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7	Judy Redhead
9:30pm. <i>Pam</i>	Sue Lydon	Matthew 4: 1-11	
8 March			
Second Sunday of Lent			
Holy Communion	Combined Service		
10:00am <i>Vicar</i>	St. Mary the Virgin, Penny Bridge		
15 march			
Third Sunday of Lent			
Holy Communion	Susan Smith	Exodus 17: 1 - 7	Rachel Tarr
9:30am <i>Joanna</i>	Roderick Smith	John 4: 5 - 42	
22 March			
Fourth Sunday of Lent – Mothering Sunday			
Holy Communion	Margaret Sanders	Exodus 2: 1-10	Pam Priestley
9:30am <i>Vicar</i>	Rachel Tarr	John 19:25b-45	
29 March			
Fifth Sunday of Lent – Passion Sunday			
Holy Communion	Combined Service		
10:30am <i>David B</i>	St. Luke's, Lowick		

SIDEPERSONS ROTA

1 March Mrs. Susan King
15 March Mrs. Susan Dean
22 March Mrs. Margaret Sanders

FLOWER ROTA

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LIFE:

1. When you are alone,
mind your THOUGHTS
2. When you are with friends,
mind your TONGUE
3. When you are angry,
mind your TEMPER
4. When you are in trouble,
mind your EMOTIONS
5. When God starts Blessing you,
mind your EGO

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