

PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear friends

How do you want to be remembered? This thought was prompted by a report I saw in a newspaper. A woman had been murdered and the only thing the journalist could use to illustrate the woman's life, her legacy as it were, was, 'she had trained Princess Anne's dogs'. I would like to think there were other glorious achievements **so we can offer our thank**ments of her life more worthy of mention in that three-inch column report.

Above the head of Jesus on the cross on Good Friday was a board on which was written 'King of the Jews'. This epitaph was ordered by Pontius Pilate, not as a declaration but rather an insult to those who had brought Jesus before him for sentencing. As Jesus died on the cross He uttered a sentence which showed the depth of His Love for us and the depth of our need for that Love. He said, "Forgive them Father for they do not know what they are doing". His subsequent Resurrection revealed the power of such God-given forgiveness. However, the Lord's word from on the cross is not His last word. His last word has yet to be spoken: His judgement upon the earth and all who have lived thereon has yet to come.

When He Jesus returns, at a time appointed but yet to be fulfilled, there will be a gathering of all who are living and have lived and died on earth. There will then be a separation as He calls to Himself those who received Him as Lord and Saviour during their time on earth, calling them home to a place where there is no more pain, no more sorrow, no more regret, for as His Word promises, "He will wipe away every tear from their eyes". This is Our Lord's Legacy to His people. A Legacy which changes lives today and gives Hope for the future. If you are His and He is yours then this is your future. If He is not yours and you are not His then there is still time to come home.

We live in a generation in which the search for Truth has been sacrificed on the altar of tolerance. This is nothing new, as an Old Testament writer declared, “Everyone does what’s right in their own eyes” with the ensuing chaos as a result. But the Truth is still out there if we would but seek it. It doesn’t matter if the Truth is not palatable to others, it is still Truth: the truth that God exists. Our generation is not the first, nor will it be the last, to try and abandon God yet He still is God and He continues to call people home to Himself.

The Truth is, it is still possible to find Him and to be found by Him. The Truth is, His Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ is the way home. This is the message of Easter; with the intimacy of the Last Supper, the isolation of the Cross, the joy of the Resurrection and the Hope of what is yet to come.

If you are His, may Easter be a blessing to you and a reminder to live out your Legacy in the power of the Holy Spirit. If you have yet to become His, what better time of the year to receive Jesus as your Lord and Saviour, as the Way, the Truth and the Life and to let Him bring you home. Invite Him into your life now, before you turn the page, I can assure you will be welcomed by Him and will be called, by name, on the last day.

In Him

Harry



EASTER SERVICES

Palm Sunday, Holy Communion, Colton Church, 9:30am.

Good Friday, Walk of Witness, Greenodd (Southern end of Village) **11:00am.**

Good Friday, Devotions of the Cross, Lowick Church, 2:00pm.

Easter Sunday, Holy Communion

Holy Trinity, Colton, 9:30am.

St. Luke’s, Lowick, 9:30am.

St. Mary the Virgin, Penny Bridge, 11:00am.



COLTON CHRONICLES

The Benefice: The churches in the Benefice of Coniston and the Crake Valley wish to say a big thank you to Juliet as she steps down as the Benefice Administrator.

Juliet has been instrumental in overseeing and organising the publication of the new magazine for the benefice, as well as ensuring that the parishes were GDPR-compliant — no easy task!

The Benefice of Coniston and the Crake Valley would now like to welcome Marion Swift became our new Benefice Administrator from the middle of February. Marion comes with a wealth of experience and we look forward to her contribution to the churches and the communities of the Crake Valley

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Annual Parochial Church Meeting: As usual only attended by the faithful few which is sad as the church plays an important part in the Parish of Colton and despite its frailty in these more agnostic times it is it is needed. Nothing has changed, those who served continue to do so and to whom we thank, although we are short of an officially Treasurer, but are thankful for the work of Nigel Priestley whom we also thank. Despite Nigel's sterling work and due to rising costs and lower income there was a deficit in the Church's Account for 2019, of £3,000+

The Virus situation continues to be worrying but every care is being taken, especially during services, with the Peace and Holy Communion. If anyone is concerned with regards to Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals please contact our Vicar whose details are on the inside front cover page.



PARISH NEWS

Best Wishes: To Mrs. Susan King who has not been too well of late. We hear that things are in the mend and we hope and pray for a good and full recovery.

Also our best wishes for those in the parish who may or may not have the 'virus' but have been struck down with a nasty coughing cold.

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Oxen Park Reading Room: Refurb just about finished and we are open for business. If you would like to have a look then come down on a Saturday morning when table tennis is in full swing or for booking check us out on the new website – www.oprr.org.uk

The last of our fund-raising winter presentations at the **Carthouse Community Cinema in Oxen Park is on Friday 3 April** when Gordon Pickles will present his experiences out in Sarawak in 1955-56 - before anyone else went there (well almost!) he will be with young Oxford graduate Matthew Jones who went out there recently. Gordon writes: *We included a geologist and a zoologist visiting old longhouse sights and staying with many different tribes including the Penan hunter gatherers. One of the longhouses had shrivelled human heads hanging up.* Not to be missed. Book in with Carol on crlmcneill@gmail.com £4 pay on the night.

NB watch out for possible cancellation if virus advice suggests stopping community gatherings. Please do not come if you feel unwell or have been in contact with people who are unwell.

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Oxen Park Cinema Club: At the moment we are open for business but 'watch this space' as they say. If you have booked in for a film Carol will tell you if it's still on or not the week before. If you prefer to cancel your booking then just notify Carol. crlmcneill@gmail.com. Some of our best films are still to come so hopefully they will still be shown.

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Citizenship: We are very pleased to announce that a member of our community, Christiane Gruber, attended a ceremony at the Kendal County

Offices in February to receive her British Citizenship. After several months of document filling and tests, she able to swear allegiance to the Crown in the presence of the Queens' representative for Cumbria, the Deputy Lord-Lieutenant, Diana Matthews JP who presented her with a Citizenship Certificate.

Christiane who works at Windermere School has lived in the UK for over 30 years. Originally based in London she moved to Bouth several years ago. In addition to her busy teaching life, she sings in the school choir and is an active member of the Bouth WI.

Christiane, commented, that as a firm royalist she was disappointed not to have the opportunity to sing the national anthem, only listen to one verse played on the council's CD player! The disappointment didn't last too long though, as a champagne lunch followed with her family, the day was made especially meaningful for Christiane as her sister from Germany was also able to attend. Welcome Christiane.

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Rusland Horizons Trust

We are watching the **impact of the coronavirus** on our lives on an hour-by-hour basis and drawing upon the best advice that we can to guide our actions. There are a number of forthcoming events, which, at the time of writing, will still take place; however, please visit our website, www.ruslandhorizons.org, for latest updates.

Our event organisers have all been given advice on the precautions they should take and everyone attending should take personal responsibility to check the precautions they should be taking - visit the government website - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>.

On a much more positive note, we welcome our **new part time project officer, Heather Whitworth**. She joins to help us all to implement our exciting and ambitious projects. Look out for her, as she gets to know everyone, and above all, please help her to help Rusland Horizons make a difference to our landscape, environment and community. You can contact her at hello@ruslandhorizonstrust.org, marking the email for her attention. If the coronavirus crisis ends up preventing us from doing things together, but we can still get out, why not try one of the **Greenwood Trails**. You will find the trail guides on our website. While you are out, think about your entry for the **Rusland Horizons 2021 Calendar competition**. Take some breath-taking shots, or, if

confined to barracks, spend some time going through your photo collection to find your best 'Rusland Landscape' images. Competition rules are on the website.

The first informal discussion group for **Farmers and Landowners** took place recently at the White Hart. There was a great turnout and everyone thought it a good idea. The next meeting will have a speaker to answer questions on the forthcoming Environmental Land Management Scheme (ELMS) which will impact so many members of our community. Look out for the date of that meeting.

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Coffee: The next Coffee Morning at Bouth Village Hall is on **Friday 17 April, 11:00am – 1:00pm**. Come along and meet with villagers and other local people. Chat with friends, old & new. A donation of a £1 for Hall development would be appreciated.

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Bouth Womens Institute

This month we were treated to a talk by a member of the Kendal Mountain Rescue; little did we know roughly it costs around £50,000 a year to run by volunteers, paramedics, 4 -6 general practitioners and other members of the public who have done intense training also 3 great trained dogs.

Each year the team train in January in the snow, so they keep up their training in Scotland so they are prepared for all weathers. They are not just mountain rescue, they cover rail, plane crashes, off shore and flooding incidents. He also had interesting stories to tell about people who went up the mountains unprepared and got into difficulties and had to call out the mountain rescue team, by not being dressed for the weather and hadn't got maps or suitable foot wear.

The Kendal rescue base has four off road vehicles plus one vehicle with satellite and a computer on board. The next W.I. meeting takes place on **Wednesday 8 April 7:15pm, Village Hall** and will be an open meeting for W.I. members in the area. The speaker is High Sheriff Diana Mathews.



COLTON PARISH COUNCIL

Highways and road safety: Two meetings have taken place in the last two weeks to discuss issues relating to the A590 and associated plans to improve road traffic safety. Apparently, attendance was healthy, and the outcomes will be published in due course.

Planning: The planning applications for the erection of 12m high Smart Metering poles at Nibthwaite Grange Farm (7/2020/5044) and Old Hall Farm (7/2020/5063) have been heavily commented on by parishioners such is the strength of feeling locally. Despite this, the plan for Nibthwaite has been discussed at the Planning Development committee and supported by LDNPA, the details of their findings can be found in the planning section of the website www.lakedistrict.gov.uk The plan relating to the Bouth mast is being discussed imminently at the time of writing.

The Great British Spring Clean 2020: Is taking place between 20th March and 13th April. Last year, over 1,000 people joined in with nearly 50 litter picks right across Cumbria collecting nearly 300 bags of rubbish. It's a truly sad fact of life that carelessly chucked-away rubbish is still blighting our beautiful Cumbrian landscapes and recent storms Ciara and Dennis will have, unwittingly, spread our mess far and wide so let us do something about it.

If you are interested as an individual more information is available on the [Great British Spring Clean website](#) where you can also register your interest and have access to the latest information and resources, including posters etc.

South Lakeland District Council is supporting this campaign and can help interested groups to become involved, Colton Parish Councillors are pulling a plan together to enlist help across the Parish. SLDC is able to loan out, subject to availability, litter picking equipment such as litter pickers, hi-vis jackets, and gloves. They are also willing to provide rubbish collection sacks to all litter picks and arrange the collection of the waste collected.

Coronavirus advice from the Director of Public Health (Cumbria)

“By far the best source of information for the public remains the www.gov.uk website. The advice for the public is at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public> and this is as up to date as it gets.

The three key public messages at the moment are:

- For most people, Covid-19 causes a mild illness so it is important for people not to panic about the outbreak
- The best thing that people can do to help reduce the spread of the infection and to protect themselves is to observe good hand hygiene and the “catch it, bin it, kill it” advice with regard to coughs and sneezes
- If you think you have symptoms of Covid-19, please don’t go to hospital or your GP initially, contact NHS 111 for advice

These messages still hold true – indeed even more so! – now that we’ve actually had confirmed cases in Cumbria.”

Parish and other Council Elections: have been postponed but parishioners are asked to consider whether they would like to be considered for a position on Colton Parish Council. The clerk is to receive an update on the process in early March as there is much preparation required and it is never too early to start planning. Keep reading the website if you want to know more about what we are doing if you are interested!

Julie Hendry, Clerk to Council clerk@coltonparishcouncil.org.uk



Citizens Advice Bureau

I run a small business. It’s been a very difficult six months for us - we lost a contract with one of our major clients and I just haven’t been able to replace it with new business. Now I’ve received a huge energy bill. It feels like the last straw and I’m really stressed.

The first thing to do is to call the Citizens Advice consumer service on 0808 223 1133. They can often help to resolve problems with energy suppliers. Do this quickly - if you’re on a business contract and you are disconnected, an extra fee can be added to your bill, and another charge for being reconnected.

Check the bill is correct and not estimated. If you are a microbusiness they can’t send you a bill dating back longer than a year. If the bill is correct, but you just can’t afford it, your energy supplier might agree to a payment plan. The Business Debtline **T:** 0800 197 6026.

You may find switching energy companies will save you money. You could also try energy efficiency measures such as switching off computers and other equipment overnight, using energy efficient light bulbs or making sure your premises are insulated.



DIARY DATES

- 3 April Oxen Park Reading Rooms, Winter Fund Raising Presentation.
- 5 April **Palm Sunday, Morning Worship, 9:30am.**
- 7 April World Health Day
- 8 April Bouth W I Village H
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- 9 April **Maundy Thursday**
- 10 April **Good Friday. Walk of Witness, Greenodd, 11:00am.**
Devotions of the Cross, St. Luke's, Lowick, 2:00pm.
- 12 April **Easter Sunday, Holy Communion, 9:30am.**
- 17 April Coffee Morning, Bouth Village Hall, 11:00am – 1:00pm.
- 19 April **Holy Communion. 9:30am.**
- 21 April **Birthday of the Queen, 94!**
- 23 April **St. George, Patron Saint of England**
- 25 April **Mark, Evangelist.**
- 26 April **Holy Communion, 9:30am.**



I AM

I Know not whence I came,
I know not whither I go;
But the fact stands clear that I am here
In this world of pleasure and woe.
And out of the mist and murk

Another truth shines plain –
 It is my power each day and hour
 To add to its joy or its pain.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox

Colton Church Readers & Prayer Leaders
Month April 2020

Date / Service	Readers Names	Lessons	Prayer Leaders
5 April	Palm Sunday		
Morning Worship	Sue Lydon	Matthew 21: 1-11	Donald Wroe
9:30pm. <i>DonaId</i>	Susan Smith	Matthew 27:11-54	
10 April	Good Friday		
Walk of Witness	Walk of Witness		
11:00am <i>Harry Welch</i>	Greenodd		
10 April	Good Friday		
Devotions of the Cross	Devotions of the Cross		
2:00pm <i>Vicar</i>	St. Luke's, Lowick		
12 April	EASTER SUNDAY		
Holy Communion	John Tarr	Acts 10:34-43	Pam Priestley
9:30am <i>Joanna</i>	Roderick Smith	John 20: 1-18	
19 April	Second Sunday of Easter		
Holy Communion	Margaret Sanders	Acts 2:14a, 22-32	Judy Redhead
9:30am <i>Joanna</i>	Graham Wallace	John 20:19-31	
26 April	Third Sunday of Easter		
Holy Communion	Gordon Pickles	Acts 2:14a, 36-41	Rachel Tarr
9:30am <i>Vicar</i>	Jane Pickles	Luke 24:13-35	

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 12 April Mrs. Margaret Sanders
 19 April Mr. Roderick Smith
 26 April Mrs. Susan Smith

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FLOWER ROTA

“CHURCH TO BE DECORATED ON SATURDAY 11 APRIL, 10:00am”

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“Noah often said to his wife when he sat down to dine, ‘I don’t care where the water goes if it doesn’t get into the wine.’”

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