

LETTER FROM THE VICARAGE.

A New Year beckons!!

As the Church began a new year in Advent looking towards the blessings of the Incarnation at Christmas we were asked to reflect on our lives and seek to make efforts to amend them and so bring them into line with where we believe God is asking us to be. Now that we approach another New Year the helpful tradition of making New Year Resolutions is a positive way in which we can seek to make some changes to our lives and seek to express them within the life of Jesus Christ.

God is all around us he is always with us but how do we give thanks to him for that grace which he freely bestows upon us? How do we respond to Jesus whom we believe lived and died for us in order that each New Year may bring us ever closer to him and therefore to the Father, and then of course how do we engage with the Holy Spirit through which we are encouraged to live like Jesus and reach out to the Father?

Well we do this through living a life of sacrificial giving and through worship!!

We give our very selves to God by seeking to place him and his promises to us at the centre of our lives, we are therefore people with a vision and a mission, that is we are people on a journey seeking to show others as we travel along in life that we are prepared to make sacrifices for the sake of that vision in thanksgiving to God.

Many people follow the faith of Christ but not many come to Church on a regular basis, similarly many of us have family responsibilities and we tend always to place those alongside many others as primary in our lives placing God well down the list of priorities. When we consider all that God has done for us and all that he can do for us and the world in which we live, we do not seem as people of faith to give God the attention which he truly deserves. So this year for one of those resolutions may I ask you to support your faith by turning up at Church with members of your family just a couple of times more than you did in 2007.

For making time for God and worshipping together with the body of Christ is the best way to ensure that the journey of faith in which you travel is leading you in the right direction to the Father. For all that God has given us in the past year and for all that he will give to us in the coming year it is not that much to ask that we simply remember to say thank you to him by joining others in worship of him. So wherever you worship or even if at present you never worship at all just give God a thought when you make those resolutions.

I know I speak for all the Churches when I say that we are here for you and we would love to see you all more often.

So I say truly to you all have a great New Year and see you soon!!!

Yours in Christ,

Clive

CHURCH SERVICES for The South Lawres Benefice:**JANUARY 2008**

- 6th. Epiphany (Baptism of Christ)**
 8am Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham
9am *Holy Communion at Fiskerton*
 9.15am Morning Worship at Reepham
 11.00am Holy Communion at Greetwell
- 13th. Epiphany 2**
 8am Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham
9am. *Morning Worship at Fiskerton*
 9.15am Holy Communion at Reepham
 10.45am Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham
- 20th. Epiphany 3**
 8am Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham
9am *Holy Communion at Fiskerton*
 10.45 Family worship at Reepham
 10.45 Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham
 6.30pm Compline at Cherry Willingham
- 27th. Epiphany 4**
 8am Morning Worship at Cherry Willingham
9am. *Morning Worship at Fiskerton*
 9.15am Holy Communion at Reepham Church
 10.45am Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham

St. Clement's Church: Service Rotas:

January	Sidesman	Reader	Intercessions	Cleaning
6th.	Mrs F Styles	Mrs L Forman Ephesians 3: 1-12	Mrs G Walkinton The Crescent	Mr & Mrs R Walkinton
13th.	Mrs L Forman	Mr J Lunn Acts 10: 34 - 43	Mr R Walkinton High Street	
20th.	Mr R Walkinton	Mrs I Taylor 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9	CLERGY Pre-School Group	Mrs M Broad
27th.	Mrs I Taylor	Mrs G Walkinton 1 Corinthians 1:10-18	Mrs L Forman The work of Public Houses	

To arrange Baptisms, Weddings or Funerals please contact:-

Rev. Clive Todd,**The Vicarage, 14 Church Lane, Cherry Willingham LN3 4AB****Tel: 750356***If Revd. Todd is not in the office, you can leave a message on the answer-phone.*

Rev. Sue Bradley (Curate) 17 Holly Close, Cherry Willingham

Tel: 750292

Rev. Peter Collins (Assistant Curate) The Rectory, Reepham Rd. Fiskerton

Tel: 750091

Churchwardens: Mr R.Walkinton,
Mrs F.StylesWell Hill, Plough Lane, Fiskerton
Elveden, Lincoln Rd. Fiskerton

Tel: 750413

Tel: 750690

*Church Key also available from:**Mrs M Gibson, 14 Ferryside Gardens**TEL:752117*

What's On in January

In The Village.....



THE MOBILE LIBRARY will be in the Village on **Tuesday January 8th & 22nd**. Come along to the village hall between **3:05 and 4:00** and become a member. It costs nothing and there is a large selection of books including fiction, non-fiction and crime. The books also come in a selection of different formats - paperbacks, hardbacks, large print as well as talking books.



Fiskerton W.I:

The meeting on **January 10th** is the Annual Dinner at the Carpenter's Arms. Members are invited to meet at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Please bring a wrapped gift to the value of £5

Fiskerton Luncheon Club:

Why not join us for a delicious home cooked two -course meal every other Tuesday in the Village Hall? It will only cost you £2.50

Dates for January are **Tuesday 8th & Tuesday 22nd**. Ring Mary on 595291 to book.

Village Hall Bookings for January:

3 rd .	Thurs	10.00 – 11.00	Aerobics
4 th .	Fri	19.30 - 23.00	Bingo, Social Evening
8 th .	Tue	10:00 - 14:00	Luncheon Club
10 th .	Thurs.	10.00 – 11.00	Aerobics
11 th .	Fri	19.30 - 23.00	Bingo, Social Evening
12 th .	Sat	09.30 – 16.30	Sati Group
15 th .	Tues	18.30 – 20.30	Kids Club
17 th .	Thurs	10.00 – 11.00	Aerobics
18 th .	Fri	19.30 - 23.00	Bingo, Social Evening
19 th .	Sat		Table Top Sale
20 th .	Sun	14.15 – 16.45	Causeway Projects
22 nd .	Tue	10:00 - 14:00	Luncheon Club
24 th .	Thurs.	10.00 – 11.00	Aerobics
25 th .	Fri	19.30 - 23.00	Bingo, Social Evening
31 st .	Thurs.	10.00 – 11.00	Aerobics

To make a booking or check availability please contact:-

Booking Secretary - Jenny Hayes on 0790 001 4285 or email villagehall@fiskerton-lincs.org.uk

The calendar is viewable via <http://www.fiskerton-lincs.org.uk/>

District Councillor's surgery dates Jan-Mar 2008

Saturday 26th January

Saturday 16th February

Saturday 15th March

All surgeries will be held at Fiskerton Village Hall from 10.30 am - 12 noon.

If you have a concern or issue you would like to raise with me, please come along. I will do my best to help. No need to make an appointment, just drop in.

Cllr Meg Davidson 01522 750614

meg@teamdavidson.freemove.co.uk

Table Top Sale:

The next Table Top Sale will be on Saturday January 19th. 2pm – 4.30pm in Fiskerton Village Hall. Tables £5 each. Please contact Iris Taylor (753197) to book.

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In The Area.....

FAIRTRADE COFFEE MORNING:



This continues to be held at the **Becke Arms** on the second Saturday of each month from **10.00 -11.30 am**. The next one is on **January 12th**. Please come along and support both the charity coffee morning and the stall. If anyone, at any time wishes to have a Fairtrade Stall at a function they are holding, please contact the Fairtrader for this area:

Mrs Lynda Forman, Applegarth, Ferry Road, Fiskerton Lincoln LN3 4HU: Tel:01526 398316



Reepham Methodist Church Coffee Morning:

Everyone is invited to drop in to The Methodist Church Hall in Reepham on Saturday **January 19th**. from 10am – 11.30am. There is free coffee and cakes and the opportunity to have a chat with friends old and new.

There is also a Traidcraft Stall for all those extra food items and gifts.

THANKS:

WILLOW COURT CARE CENTRE

All the residents and relatives would like to thank everyone who came along to support our Christmas Fayre and helped to make it such an enjoyable event on Saturday December 1st.

Special thanks go to The Carpenter's Arms, Wilkinson Butchers, Chips on the Parade and The Co-op for their kind donations to the raffle.

We all had a fun afternoon and raised a fantastic amount of money for our residents.

If you would like to be more involved with the Home, either by helping with various activities, outings, or by spending time reading or just chatting to someone,

then please contact The Manager on 01522 595391

We wish everyone a very happy and healthy 2008

THANKS:

FISKO KIDS CLUB: Would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to all the villagers for their donations and support for their Christmas Fayre, held on December 1st. It was very much appreciated.

They would also like to thank all the helpers – it could not have been done without you.

Thank you once again.

From all the staff and children.

Advance Notice !!

Check your diaries! Keep Saturday Feb 16th clear.

There is going to be a 70's / 80's night at the Village Hall!

Should be good - Look out for posters and next month's newsletter for details.

AND:

The Village Hall is considering running a Gardens Open in 2008. Obviously to run such an event we need some gardens ! All types of gardens are needed, big ones, little ones, family ones. Please don't think that your garden cannot possibly be good enough - of course it is ! People who have done it previously have had a lot of fun doing it and meet some really interesting people. Go on - give it a try !!

At this stage all we want is people to register their interest.

Thanks in advance

Please call Andrew on 595755

Nettleham & District Conservatives:

Next event:

Supper & Quiz Night Saturday 2nd February 2008

7.30 pm at Reepham & Cherry Willingham Village Hall

For further information or to book a place please contact:

Meg Davidson 750614 or Chris Darcel 750411

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NEWSLETTER information:

Please note that items for inclusion in the Parish News can be handed in at Fiskerton Post Office. Items can also be posted to Mrs L.Forman, 'Applegarth', Ferry Rd. Fiskerton, Lincoln LN3 4HU or please telephone 01526 398316.

You can e-mail items to fiskertonnews@aol.com

All items must be with the editor by 19th. of the month

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