

LETTER FROM THE VICARAGE:

Easter Day is very early this year in fact it's the earliest the day has actually fallen since 1913 and as I write this letter we are rapidly approaching the mid point of our Lenten Observances. It is truly significant this early date of Easter, both in the life of the Church as well as in the life of the Vicar, and I will explain the latter after the former.

Easter comes upon us rapidly and that is in itself significant for it reminds us of the very first Easter Day and the Easter Days of the very Early Church. Jesus in a few short years of active ministry finally sets his sights on Jerusalem and the Easter Liturgy of the Church picks this up beautifully. Soon we shall be celebrating his triumphant entry into the holy city, and the days following Palm Sunday reflect both the coming of the Cross and the glorious Resurrection. The liturgy does this by concentrating our minds on the Passion of Christ which is why traditionally on Palm Sunday we abandon a sermon and instead have the reading of the entire Passion Narrative from one of the Gospels. We do this to set the scene to remind all in Church of the whole event and then in the days following we focus our minds in prayer and reflection on the final days of our Lords human life with us on earth.

The Early Church placed huge emphasis on this Holiest of times, especially in the first years when the second coming of Jesus was expected imminently, Easter Day was the day for entry into the Church and those who were to be baptised were prepared in readiness for that glorious day. The day when our Lord conquers death and the day when through Baptism so do we. For it is through our entry into the community of the faithful that we rise with Christ into the promise of salvation history.

Easter is the time when we truly say alleluia! alleluia! He is risen, and we say this in the liturgy because through baptism we ourselves engage in the blessing of Christ's Resurrection. Being born of the Spirit through Baptism into the lords body is what we celebrate on Easter Day and that is why it is so supremely important that every baptised person comes to Church, it is a day of obligation, because if you are not in Church on that day you cannot truly claim to have responded to the call of the Spirit within you. Easter Day is your opportunity to say yes I believe in the Lord Jesus, surely we can give him one day of our lives in return for all that he has given us.

This then leads me to why Easter day is significant to me personally, it just so happens that as the Church celebrates its true birthday the day of new life for all, so too does the Vicar, well at least sometimes!! The last year Easter Day fell on my birthday was in 2002, and the next time this will occur will be in 2013, and the point of me telling you is simply this, birthdays are always very special but Easter Day itself far surpasses them, you can wish me a happy birthday the next time it falls on Easter Day but don't wait until 2013 until you come to give thanks to God for the blessing of the day of Resurrection which brings new life and a new beginning to us all.

May each and every one of you have a Holy and Spirit filled Easter.

Clive

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,

Well Hill, Plough Lane, Fiskerton

Tel: 750413

Mrs F. Styles

Elveden, Lincoln Rd. Fiskerton

Tel: 750690

Church Key also available from:

Mrs M Gibson, 14 Ferryside Gardens

TEL:752117

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

- 2nd. 4th. Sunday of Lent: Mothering Sunday**
 8am Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham
9am Holy Communion at Fiskerton
 9.15am Morning Worship at Reepham
 11.00am Holy Communion at Greetwell
- 7th. Friday:**
 7.30pm Women's World Day of Prayer Service at Fiskerton Church – All welcome
- 9th. 5th. Sunday of Lent**
 8am Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham
9am. Morning Worship at Fiskerton
 9.15am Holy Communion at Reepham
 10.45am Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham
- 16th. Palm Sunday**
 8am Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham
9am Holy Communion at Fiskerton
 9.15 Family worship at Reepham
 10.45 Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham
 6.30pm Compline at Cherry Willingham
- 20th. Maundy Thursday**
 6.30pm Christian Passover Meal at Reepham School
7.30pm Holy Communion & Stripping of altar at Fiskerton
- 21st. Good Friday**
 9.30am Procession & Service: Meet at Reepham Methodist Chapel
 11.00am Meditation at Cherry Willingham Church
- 22nd. Easter Saturday**
 6.00pm Service of Light at Greetwell Church
- 23rd. Easter Day**
 8am Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham
9am. Holy Communion at Fiskerton
 9.15am Holy Communion at Reepham Church
 10.45am Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham
 11.00am Holy Communion at Greetwell
- 30th. 2nd. Sunday of Easter**
 10.00am Combined Benefice Service at Greetwell

St. Clement's Church: Service Rotas:

March	Sidesman	Reader	Intercessions	Cleaning
2nd.	Mr R Walkinton	Mr J Lunn Exodus 2: 1-10	Mrs L Forman Chapel Road	L Forman & M Gibson
9th.	Mrs G Walkinton	Mrs I Taylor Ezekial 37: 1-14	Mr R Walkinton Ferryside Gardens	
16th.	Mrs I Taylor	Mrs G Walkinton Isaiah 50: 4-9a	CLERGY Meadowbank Ave.	Mr & Mrs Walkinton
20th.	Mrs F Styles			
23rd.	Mrs J Lunn	Mr R Walkinton Acts 10: 34-43	Mrs I Taylor Village Farms	

THANKS: For two donations towards the cost of printing the Parish Newsletter:- Mrs I Taylor £10 and Anon £5. Both are much appreciated.

VILLAGE DEATHS: We remember in our prayers the families of Charlie Walker and Allan Clarke, both of whom passed away in January.



Fairtrade Fortnight:

Fairtrade Fortnight is a great time to share the message of fair trade and how it helps transform lives. This year's event is running from 24th February until 9th March. Its theme is "Change Today – Choose Fairtrade". You can support Fairtrade by visiting and buying items at either of the two local coffee mornings, but there are other ways too. You can buy at the local Co-op stores as well as all the leading supermarkets. Buying Traidcraft products helps thousands of people provide for their families and ensures that producers can benefit from fair trade now, and in the future. If you are unable to do this but would still like to mark Fairtrade fortnight then giving to the charity 'Traidcraft Exchange' enables work to be done with many more producers so that they can benefit from trade. Donations from the public really are vital. To make a donation and to find out more about different ways you can give, visit www.traidcraft.org.uk/givingmatters or call 0191 497 6445. Thank you.

FAIRTRADE COFFEE MORNINGS:



This is held at the **Becke Arms** in Cherry Willingham on the second Saturday of each month from **10.00 -11.30 am**. The next one is on **March 8th**. 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 **March 15th** from 10am – 11.30am. There is free coffee and cakes and the opportunity to have a chat with friends old and new, as well as a Traidcraft Stall for all those extra food items and gifts.



FISKERTON MEN'S BREAKFAST:

Last May the Fiskerton Men's Breakfast Group had as their guest speaker Rev. Chanti Raju from the Good News Ministry in India. Chanti told the men, among other things, how the Tsunami had devastated some of his parishes on the eastern coast of India. The people had lost their fragile homes - which they were getting some assistance from the

GNM in rebuilding - but their fishing boats were not so easily replaced. They cost over £150 each plus the cost of nets etc. Within a day the men were able to present Chanti with a cheque to cover the cost of a boat and 2 nets. Above is a picture of the boat, alongside several others donated by other bodies.

What's On in March

In The Village.....

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 £3.00

Dates for March are **Tuesday 4th** & **Tuesday 18th**. Ring Mary on 595291 to book.

THE LUNCH CLUB is hoping to organize a trip to see '**Beauty and The Beast**' on **Ice**, on Saturday June 28th. (Matinee performance). If anyone is interested would you please contact Elizabeth, Tel: 750908

The Gardening Club: Monday March 10th is the next meeting of The Gardening Club, at **7.30pm** in the Village Hall. The speaker will be Dave Matthewman on the subject of 'Sweet Peas'. Raffle prizes are to be donated by Mrs S Scott, Mrs M Cook, Mr C Darcell, Mrs S Hodson & Mr B Canner. All welcome.



Fiskerton W.I:

The meeting on **March 13th** will take place in the Village Hall at **7.30pm**. This is the AGM and The Roll Call is 'Programme Ideas'. Raffle prizes: J Pritchard & B Parrish. Would all members please do their best to attend this important meeting.



Fiskerton Scout Group

Many thanks to everyone who supported our fundraising ventures last year, we hope to see you again soon!

SUNDAY BREAKFAST **9th MARCH**

- 9:00 – 10:30
- Fiskerton Village Hall
- Full English £3.50
- Other options available
- All welcome

EASTER FAYRE **MONDAY 24th MARCH**

- From 2pm
- Fiskerton Scout Hall
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Raffle, Tombola, Games, etc
- All welcome

District Councillor's surgery

Saturday 15th March 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.freeseve.co.uk

Table Top Sale:

The next Table Top Sale will be on Saturday March 15th. 2pm – 4.30pm in Fiskerton Village Hall. Tables £5 each. Please contact Iris Taylor (753197) to book.

Village Hall Bookings for March

3 rd .	Mon	16.00 – 19.00	Private Party		
4 th .	Tue	10:00 - 14:00	Luncheon Club	15.45 – 17.00	Kid's Club
5 th .	Wed	19.15 – 20.15	Aerobics		
6 th .	Thurs.	10.00 – 11.00	Aerobics		
7 th .	Fri	19.30 - 23.00	Bingo, Social Evening	PRIZE BINGO FOR CHILDREN	
8 th .	Sat	09.30 – 16.30	Sati Group	19.30 – midnight	Private Party
9 th .	Sun	08.30 – 10.30	Scout Breakfast		
10 th .	Mon	19.00 – 21.00	Gardening Club		
12 th .	Wed	19.15 – 20.15	Aerobics		
13 th .	Thurs	10.00 – 11.00	Aerobics	19.00 – 21.30	W.I.
14 th .	Fri	19.30 - 23.00	Bingo, Social Evening	PRIZE BINGO FOR CHILDREN	
15 th .	Sat	10.30 – 12.00	District Councillor	13.00 – 16.00	Table Top Sale
16 th .	Sun	10.00 – 13.30	Vine Church	14.15 – 16.45	Causeway Projects
17 th .	Mon	18.45 – 19.30	Parish Council		
18 th .	Tue	10:00 - 14:00	Luncheon Club	18.30 – 20.30	Kid's Club
19 th .	Wed	19.15 – 20.15	Aerobics		
20 th .	Thurs.	10.00 – 11.00	Aerobics		
21 st .	Fri	19.30 - 23.00	Bingo, Social Evening	PRIZE BINGO FOR CHILDREN	
22 nd .	Sat	18.30 – 24.00	Private Party		
26 th .	Wed	19.15 – 20.15	Aerobics		
27 th .	Thurs.	10.00 – 11.00	Aerobics		
28 th .	Fri.	19.30 - 23.00	Bingo, Social Evening	PRIZE BINGO FOR CHILDREN	
29 th .	Sat	19.00 – 24.00	Private Party		
31 st .	Mon	19.30	Village Hall AGM		

To make a booking or check availability please contact:-

Booking Secretary - Jenny Hayes on **07510281232** or email villagehall@fiskerton-lincs.org.uk

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

What's On in March:

In The Area.....

IS THE UK TOO SOFT ON CRIME?

Come and be the judge!

An opportunity to learn more about the workings of the criminal justice system and put your questions to representatives from the local Police, Crown Prosecution Service, Magistrates & Probation Service.

Lincoln Fringe Villages Area Forum To be held at Cherry Willingham Community School On Monday 10th March 2008 7pm -9pm

Open to all residents of West Lindsey's Lincoln Fringe villages.

For further information contact: Alex Newman-Carter 01427 676547 (West Lindsey District Council)



Lincolnshire Limewoods:

Easter Egg Hunt!

Sunday March 23rd. 10.00am – noon Chambers Farm Wood

Come along on Easter Sunday to learn more about eggs and nests and to hunt for the eggs laid by the extremely rare chocolate bird of the woods!

Booking essential. Children £3.50, accompanying adults, free! Tel: 01526 399943

Toad Walk: Saturday March 29th. 10.00am – noon Chambers Farm Wood

This is usually the time when toads and frogs make their way to the woodland ponds.

Come along to investigate and admire. £2 per person Tel: 01526 399943

Reepham and District Tennis Club
(Behind Reepham and Cherry Village Hall)

Winter Tennis is well under way and the cold evenings are not deterring anyone which is great. Club nights with floodlights are held on a Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 7.00pm. The Tennis AGM will be held on Tuesday 4th March at 7.30pm in the Cherry Tree Pub. All Members are welcome.

We are a very friendly club and always look forward to welcoming new members. If you would like to join us or would like more information please contact
Jane 01522 808103 or Val and Phil on 01522 750303



Serving Cherry Willingham, Fiskerton and Reepham

Services for March 2008

Everyone is welcome to come and you will have a great time. We are very friendly, the music is inspiring and lively. There are a mixture of age groups from 6 months to teens to 76. So come on and have a cuppa with us we look forward to meeting you.

Sunday 2nd March 11am Reepham and Cherry Willingham Village Hall

Sunday 9th March 11am Reepham and Cherry Willingham Village Hall

Sunday 16th March 11am Fiskerton Village Hall

GOOD FRIDAY EVENT WALK OF WITNESS Details to be confirmed RING 872011

Sunday 23rd March 11am EASTER SERVICE

Reepham and Cherry Willingham Village Hall

Sunday 30th March 11am Reepham and Cherry Willingham Village Hall

Kidzone 7-12year olds

Monday 3rd March 6.30pm-7.30pm In the Drama Studio at Cherry Willingham Sports College

Monday 17th March 6.30pm-7.30pm in the Drama Studio at Cherry Willingham Sports College
Tel. 876996

The Mix (For Teens)

Friday 14th and 28th March at 7pm - Activities and Venues for The Mix will vary so please ring
Alison on Lincoln 876996

The Cell Evening

Thursday 6th, 13th and 20th March at 7.30pm Continuation of an exciting course called Freedom in
Christ. All are welcome.

Transformation Prayer - Thursday 27th March 7.30pm Church Hall High St. Cherry

Fast Alpha - Tuesday 4th March at 10am - Please ring Veronica on 872011 for more information.

The Vine Community Church is a member of the Ground Level Network of Churches Website: -
www.thevinecommunitychurch.org.uk Tel 01522 872011

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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Ø A WLDC Street Force Warden gave a brief talk on the Street Force warden scheme. The scheme has been set up to tackle environmental crime, such as fly tipping, dog fouling/control, littering, graffiti, noise, etc., and promotes a partnership with PCSOs. Offenders can be interviewed under caution and fined and/or taken to court. Anybody wanting to report an offence should ring WLDC on 01427 676676. The Warden is to check that if dog bins could be emptied more often.

Ø The Clerk was asked to contact

1. LCC Highways, Anglian Water, WLDC Environmental Health and the Environment Agency concerning the continuing problem with flooding throughout the village.
2. WLDC to ask if the road sweeper can clean around The Crescent and if the Chapel Road sign at the end of The Crescent can be repaired
3. LCC Highways re potholes on Blacksmith Road
4. LCC Street Lighting Section about a lamp not working on Priory Drive

Ø LCC Street Lighting Team are prepared to install a free-standing lamp post along the bottom of High Meadows, providing there is no objection from the residents of that road

Ø The requests for speed reduction measures and for a footpath/cycle path from Fiskerton to Cherry Willingham are to be added to LCC Highways' lists for investigation

Ø Veolia ES (UK) Limited will continue to cut the grass in the village

Ø Play area: Following a meeting with EON re electrical safety measures, warning signs will be put up in the area close to the electricity pylon. All funding is now accounted for. It is hoped that work will commence in February.

Ø Planning permission has been granted for an application for extensions and alterations to existing private dwelling at the Forge, Blacksmith Road

Ø WLDC is proposing to provide bulk bags of sand and sandbags for use in times of flooding emergencies. It would need to be stored and managed by parish councils. Councillors are investigating where such equipment could be stored and who will look after distribution. If anyone is aware of a facility where sand and sandbags could be stored (undercover) then please contact the Clerk.

Ø District Councillor Mrs. Davidson welcomed senior citizen bus passes being valid nationally; however, due to financial restraints, it is likely that a time restriction from 9.30 a.m. to 11 p.m. will apply in Lincolnshire. She is trying to find out whether an exception can be made in the case of the 9.03 a.m. bus from Short Ferry.

Ø The problem of finding a village playing field will be discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Ø Date of Next Meeting: Monday, 17th March, 2008. The Parish Council meeting will start at 6.45 p.m. followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30 p.m.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – Monday, 17th March, 2008

A PLAYING FIELD?

It has been suggested that one matter that needs discussion at the Annual Parish Meeting is the possibility of providing a new playing field for the village. The Church Commissioners have decided not to lease the old playing field to the Parish Council for this purpose.

Some of the questions that need to be addressed are –

1. Where can a new playing field be located?
2. Can a playing field with football and cricket pitches be viable without a sports club to use and run it?
3. Who is willing to try and form a sports club? Would a sports club be prepared to take the lead?
4. Can the village afford this type of facility? If so, how will the finance be raised to get it off the ground and, more importantly, how will the on-going costs be met?

THE NEW PLAY AREA

A new play area, youth shelter and sports wall have been provided in the grounds of the village hall. It's a bit of a tight squeeze but the annual fun day and other outdoor events should still be able to take place without too much difficulty, especially with the support of the Scouts.

Parish Councillor Neil French (01522 753432) has agreed to 'look after' the new facility, so please let him know if you see any problems. The Parish Council hopes that the area does not attract vandalism and that the children and youngsters of the village take ownership of the facility and help Neil to keep it safe, tidy and well maintained.

The Council is grateful to those who gave grants towards the costs -

- o The Big Lottery Fund - through West Lindsey District Council
- o Hodgson's Charity
- o Morris Homes - in lieu of a play area on the Chapel Rise estate
- o West Lindsey District Council - through Councillor Meg Davidson
- o WREN (Waste Recycling Environment)

The Council has consulted Eon regarding the power line that runs along the back of the grounds of the Village Hall. Ideally, the Parish Council would like to bury the cable but this would cost an awful lot of money. The equipment has been sited according to Eon's safety standards with appropriate notices that state - Danger! - No climbing - No kite flying. Finally, thanks to all the children who gave their advice on the equipment that should be provided and particularly the School and Pre-School Group for testing it once it was provided!

FUTURE EVENTS;

GARDEN FETE: The Tradition of a Garden Fete in the Rectory Grounds is to re-instated this year. The date is Saturday June 7th. Keep it free and..... Watch This Space!

ANOTHER ADVANCE DIARY DATE !

Fiskerton's Fun Quiz is back on the **26th April** - more next month

FISKERTON'S FUNDAY - 5th July 2008

Preparations for this year's Funday are well underway and we would like your ideas please.

There is a meeting scheduled for **Monday 7th April at 7:30.**

This is for anyone who would like to have an input into the Funday - so if you would like to join in or have an idea for an event or activity please come along. Maybe your group or organisation would like to get involved? The Funday is for everyone in our community and raises money for our local community groups so please come along and make your views known and make this year's Funday even better than previous years. If you think there should be more childrens' activities then come and tell us what you would like to see put on

Hope to see you 7:30pm at the Hall on 7th April

Open Gardens

The Open Gardens event is going to go ahead. It has been scheduled for the 12th and 13th of July. However we really need some more gardens to make this a success.

We are looking for anyone with a nice garden, it doesn't need to be large, it doesn't need to be pristine. Maybe it's a family Garden, maybe a garden with Fish ponds in, or vegetables. Its a great way of meeting people and we'll be raising money for local charities too !

Go on - give it a go!

Call Andrew 595755