

A Quiet Reflection on the discernment of a calling!!

When God speaks people listen:

But people, having heard, do not always respond. I can recall many a lecture in my time which has kept me on the edge of my seat, I have truly engaged with it and felt the power of the words being given to me. Once the lecture is over, I may reflect on the presence presented by the speaker, share a few thoughts with those around me, and then promptly move on to the next lecture. I may well have learned something from that lecture but very rarely have the words of another person ever really challenged me to make a difference to the way in which I live my life.

People speaking is one thing, God speaking is quite another.

Being called by God is such a wonderfully uplifting concept, but it is also a very troubled one, for God does not call us to be comfortable, or to be contented, God always calls us into him and out of ourselves.

The Prophet Isaiah at the point of his calling said:

‘Here I am send me.’

Within the response of the prophet to the divine, we see so much of what calling is all about. ‘Woe is me’, how often have we said those very words, often when God speaks people withdraw into themselves, which is of course exactly the opposite of what is asked for, calling is by its very nature a request to come out, to be noticed to become something other than that which we were before.

A calling from God is thus not so much a gift but a request, it is very much a request to respond to challenge, to risk and to change,

What is the point of being forgiven and cleansed if those who are called do not seize upon the moment and come forth into the presence of the power of God.

At the point of the conversion of St. Paul we see a member of the church being called into action, upon his calling from the Lord Ananias had to take the risk of approaching a man whom he feared greatly, Ananias responded to the call placed his trust in his faith ignored the danger and came out of himself and into the power of the Lord.

God, when he calls, changes lives but only if those who hear have the courage to respond, it is at the point of response that those being called into the Lord’s service find themselves today.

Ministry within the Church is evolving, more and more people are being called to respond and it is therefore a time for great rejoicing in the Church.

Change within the Church of Christ is not directed by expediency, by fears and uncertainty about finance, nor should change in the Church ever be made simply for the future of the Church itself; for the Church does not merely exist to fulfil a function, it is to be a living and vibrant reality within the life of humanity, to promote to teach and to give guidance to the children of God, being called out of ourselves and into God, means that we as disciples of today are called to respond bearing in mind the cost of God’s calling.

Jesus revealed the cost of discipleship to St. Paul and revealed it powerfully through the simple action of sending Ananias.

The sight of Paul was only restored not by the power of God but simply through the faith of a simple follower of Christ.

Those of us called today must recognise that our calling is not simply to fulfil a role but rather to allow that role to change our lives and the lives of others.

Being called by God is not a gift but a request, may all who are called to serve seek to respond to that request by coming out of themselves and into God. It is only through our response to the divine to the call of Christ within us that we will ever be able to find the strength we need to act like Ananias and to boldly take the challenge and the risk of faith. May we upon hearing the call of God have the faith to respond to it, fulfilling that first commandment, to Love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul and with all our mind, and to love our neighbour as ourselves.

Thanks be to God for calling us out of ourselves and into the power of his love.

Clive

CHURCH SERVICES for The South Lawres Benefice: OCTOBER 2008

- 5th. 20th. after Trinity**
 8am Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham
9am Holy Communion at Fiskerton
 9.15 Morning worship at Reepham
 11am Harvest Morning Worship (BCP) at Greetwell
- 12th. 21st. after Trinity**
 10.00am Combined Benefice Service at Reepham
- 19th. 22nd after Trinity**
 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
- 26th. 23rd. after Trinity**
 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:

OCT.	Sidesman	Reader	Intercessions	Cleaning	Flowers
5 th .	Mrs I Taylor	Mrs G Walkinton Phil 3: 4b - 14	Mrs L Forman All Village Clubs & Societies	Mrs Gibson & Mrs Forman	M Hadland
12 th .		BENEFICE	SERVICE	REEPHAM	
19 th .	Mrs A Townsend	Mr P Forman 1 Thess. 1: 1 - 10	CLERGY Nelson Road	R & G Walkinton	Mrs F Styles
26 th .	Mrs F Styles	Mrs L Forman 1 Thess. 2: 1 - 8	Mr R Walkinton St. Clement's Drive		Mrs M Willey

To arrange Baptisms, Weddings or Funerals please contact:-

Rev. Clive Todd,

The Vicarage, 14 Church Lane, Cherry Willingham LN3 4AB 01522 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 01522 750292

Rev. Peter Collins (Assistant Curate) The Rectory, Reepham Rd. Fiskerton 01522 750091

Churchwardens: Mrs F.Styles Elveden, Lincoln Rd. Fiskerton 01522 750690

Mrs L. Forman Applegarth, Ferry Road Fiskerton 01526 398316

Church Key also available from: Mrs M Gibson, 14 Ferryside Gardens 01522 752117

Village Wedding:

'Those whom God has joined together, let no man put asunder'

Friday August 29th. 2008 at St. Clement's Church, Fiskerton

Alexander Lee and Emaclaira Edwards



Village Baptisms:

We welcome into the Lord's Family:

Sunday August 24th.

Ryan Ivan Baines, son of Gary & Harkamal Baines

Sunday August 31st.

Caitlin Rose and Thomas Oliver Mortimer.

Sunday September 7th.

Naomi Mia, daughter of Peter & Kerry Gibson

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COULD YOU SAVE A LIFE?.....LIVES,

Lincolnshire Integrated Voluntary Emergency Service are holding an open evening at the Cherry Willingham Community School on **Tuesday 14th October, 18.30 to 20.00**. They will be giving a talk on the work that they do in the community and it will be your opportunity to see what it is like to be a responder for LIVES.

Phil Staples, who is a LIVES responder covering Cherry Willingham, Reepham and Fiskerton will be on hand to answer questions about LIVES and how the group works. There will be a chance to see the equipment used and learn about the vital work that this Lincolnshire based charity does.

For more information about the evening or any questions about LIVES please contact the charities head office at Horncastle on: 01507 525999.

May we remind you to fill in a form and

Become 'A Friend' of St. Clement of Rome Church: Fiskerton

Mentioned in the Doomesday Book of 1086, St Clement's Church has stood in the centre of our village serving the people for worship, baptisms, weddings, funerals and social events for over 900 years. Still today, it is there for use by the local village community.

Unfortunately, the congregation has dwindled, yet the running costs keep increasing. To maintain our beautiful church in good condition, costs money. At present, the cost per year is in excess of £16,000 – this to keep it available for you, the people of Fiskerton, whenever you may wish to use it.

Maybe you think the price is too high, but we, the Parochial Church Council think it is worth every penny to keep this "gem" of ours, with all its beautiful architectural features, in a good presentable condition for the future generations of our village.

The members of the Parochial Church Council are proposing to form a '100 Club' with a monthly draw to help raise funds for the upkeep of St. Clements.

We propose to start the draw in January 2009, to be drawn monthly at a village social gathering. Prize money will be awarded in 4 amounts. This is expected to be £20, £15, £10, £5, but will, of course, be based on the numbers enrolling. The cost per entry will be £2 per month, payable in advance, either every 6 months or 12 months.

This draw is open to all – over the age of 18 years – and we hope that you will give the idea serious consideration.

Thank you for reading this and we really do hope you will become 'A Friend of St. Clement's Church'.

Freda Styles & Lynda Forman – Churchwardens
Paul Forman, Mary Gibson, Iris Taylor, Rob & Gill Walkinton – PCC Members

To become 'A FRIEND' please fill in the details below:-

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I am interested in becoming 'A Friend of St. Clements'.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TEL: _____

SIGNED: _____

Please hand this completed form to any member of The Parochial Church Council or into the Post Office or Wishing Well Stores. You will then be contacted with further information and for payment.

Thank you.

What's On in October

In The Village.....



FISKERTON SCOUT GROUP

The new scouting year is well under way again, if any children/adults wish to join in or help please contact Emma Stevenson on 01522 595345 for more information.

Beavers	Age 6-8	Wednesday 6 - 7pm
Cubs	Age 8-10½	Thursday 6.30 - 8pm
Scouts	Age 10½ - 14	Wednesday 7.15 - 9.15pm

THANKS to everyone who contributed to our "Bags To School" collection we raised a fantastic £327. We are doing another one next May but in the meantime you can drop off any unwanted clothes/shoes/belts at the scout house at any of the above times. {CHRISTMAS FAYRE - Saturday 29th November, 2pm, Fiskerton Scout House}

FISKERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL



OPEN DAY

THURSDAY 9 OCTOBER

10.30 TO 2.30

PLEASE CALL IN FOR INFORMATION AND A TOUR OF THE SCHOOL



Fiskerton W.I:

The next meeting will take place at 7.30pm in the Village Hall on **Thursday October 9th**. The speaker will be Sally Brown from Water Aid.

Tea Hostesses: Mrs Walkinton & Mrs Dragon.

Gardening Club:

On **Monday October 13th**, the speaker will be Mr K Rowland on 'Fungi & Mushrooms'. All meetings are held at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

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

October dates are : Tuesday 14th. & Tuesday 28th.

Ring Mary on 595291 to book.

ADVANCE NOTICE:

St. Clement's Church: Fiskerton Presents.....

THE FANTASTIC FISKERTON QUIZ

Saturday November 8th. in Fiskerton Village Hall

7pm for 7.30pm start Teams of 4 - 6 people at £3.50 per person (includes supper)

BAR OPEN

To book a table please contact Mary Gibson 752117

What's On in October

In The Area.....

Reepham and District Tennis Club

The courts are behind Reepham and Cherry Village Hall

Hello again I hope everyone is enjoying their tennis. It has been a pleasure to welcome a few new members into the club. I hope they will be very happy with us. Club nights with floodlights are now on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7.00pm. We also play on the 1st Sunday of every month which will be on Sunday 5th October from 2pm.

A friendly match has been played at Branston which was a great success. The next one is arranged for 20th September. The Round Robin Tournament on Sunday September 14th was enjoyed by all.

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:-

Steve (Treasurer) 01522 838329 Val (Secretary) and Phil (Chairman) on 01522 750303

Jane 01522 808103 Web site – <http://www.cherrywillingham.org.uk/tennis/index.html>

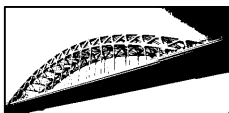


FAIRTRADE COFFEE MORNING:

NOTE: CHANGE OF VENUE: FOR ONE MONTH ONLY!

St. Peter & Paul's Church, Cherry Willingham from 10.00 -11.30 am. on Saturday October 11th. Please come along and support both the charity coffee morning and the stall. Christmas cards will be available to view and order.

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



The Bridge

An event for women -It's free-come and enjoy it!

MONDAY 13th OCTOBER TOPIC TO BE ANNOUNCED

MONDAY 10th NOVEMBER - *Be pampered (manicure, pedicure, neck massage...)* Tearfund items for sale & gift ideas for Christmas.

MONDAY 8th DECEMBER: *Make your own Christmas table decorations!*

10am-12pm Including coffee and cakes, crèche, books, meet new friends, etc.

Venue – The Cherry Tree Pub, Laburnum Drive, Cherry Willingham

The Bridge is organised by The Vine Community Church Tel. 872011

www.thevinecommunitychurch.org.uk



Reepham Methodist Church Coffee Mornings:

Everyone is invited to drop in to The Methodist Church Hall in Reepham on **Saturday October 18th.** 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. Christmas cards will be available to view and order.

FISKERTON FEN – GUIDED WALK:

Sunday October 19th. 1.30pm – 5.00pm Meet at Fiskerton Village Hall
Join Heritage Lincolnshire's Jo Hambly for a walk discovering the hidden history of Fiskerton fen and the surrounding landscape. Tel: 01529 461499
Please wear suitable clothing and footwear.



New Hope, New Opportunity, New Start. Everyone is welcome to join us and you will have a great time. We are very friendly; the music and word is inspiring and lively.

- Sunday 5th October 11am Reepham and Cherry Willingham Village Hall
- Sunday 12th October 11am Reepham and Cherry Willingham Village Hall
- Sunday 19th October 11am Fiskerton Village Hall
- Sunday 26th October 11am Reepham and Cherry Willingham Village Hall

The Bridge – Its free come and enjoy it! (see separate advert)

A new event for woman – Monday 13th October 10am-12pm at The Cherry Tree Pub. Cherry Willingham. Including coffee/tea and cakes (Crèche available).

The Mix (For Teens)

The next exciting and fun evenings will be on Friday 3rd & 17th October at 7pm

Please ring Alison on Tel 876996 for more information or look on web site.

Home Group evenings (This is a group that meets together for friendship and to learn more about God)

Current course is How to share your faith with others Wednesday 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd and Thursday evenings 2nd, 9th, 16th October at 8pm. All welcome.

Amigos – Men’s night out Friday 24th October- please ring Vic on 07534896237 for more details. All men are very welcome.

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

Police News

Welcome to this month’s Edition of Police News.

At a recent meeting of the areas Neighbourhood Panel only one new priority was decided on for the next three months. Thankfully, none of them are in **Fiskerton**, which still remains one of the lowest crime areas in the division. The new priority is as follows, 1) ASB in Cherry Willingham on and around the playing fields on Laburnum Drive.

Despite none of the priorities being in **Fiskerton** we will still continue to patrol and monitor all areas of the village, and recognise that there has been anti social behaviour in the past. At present there are very few incidents of anti social behaviour in the village, however we are aware of some instances around the village hall where graffiti has been daubed on the walls. We will continue to monitor this area in an effort to identify those responsible and take the appropriate action where necessary. Can I also remind parents that you have a responsibility to ensure you know where your children are and what they are up to? Simply burying your head in the sand and claiming ignorance is no longer acceptable, and you may be asked to explain why you weren’t aware what your children were up to or where they were? We’ve also had problems with youths around the Scout Hut, causing problems and shouting obscenities at the Scouts and Scout leaders, and also some damage to the school. The same names keep cropping up, and their parents will be informed, but in the meantime if you see or hear of any problems in **Fiskerton** then please let me know. Remember, all information passed will be kept strictly confidential.

Over the past few weeks there have been a number of thefts in the area, particularly in Nettleham, North Greetwell, and Bardney. The thefts have been during the hours of darkness, and the items that have been targeted are stone garden ornaments. Some of the items that have already been taken are quite heavy and would clearly need two people and a vehicle. So far no one has seen or heard anything suspicious, giving rise to the possibility that those responsible are taking great care not to disturb anyone. If you have the facility to secure your items i.e. concreting them to a slab, then please consider it. Alternatively, you could mark your ornaments in such a way that should they be stolen they can be identified as yours. I know that some people have put a small dab of paint on them somewhere discreet, or even scratched something on the base.

In relation to speeding, we will also continue to monitor the traffic flow through the village by carrying out random speed checks in an effort to slow people down. These will continue to be monitored for the foreseeable future and the appropriate action taken where necessary.

PCSO 2108 Parker

PC 1170 Lassmans

News & Events at Fiskerton CE Primary School

Firstly, the whole school wishes to extend its thanks and heartfelt appreciation to the many groups and individuals from the village community for their committed support.

Our children have had another fantastic and successful year at Fiskerton Primary School culminating in outstanding SAT results for our Year 6 pupils. Whilst we are aware that the integrity of this years SATs results are in question; Fiskerton School continuously tracks the progress of all its pupils from Reception to Year 6 and this exceptional attainment of **100% Level 5** was predicted and magnificently achieved. Our Year 6 children, parents and staff are to be congratulated on their success.

During the year the children have supported many local community events and projects including The Harvest Festival, Christmas Fair, Christmas Production, Vicarage Garden Party and Fiskerton Fun Day.

They have enjoyed many extra curricular activities and visitors to school to support their learning: visits to the Cathedral and the Church Schools Festival, an exhibition and presentation from Cottam Power Station, Creepy Crawley Roadshow and several visits from PCSO Parker in the spirit of keeping ourselves, the school and the community safe. We have been involved in various sports activities and events including tennis, the ABC challenge and visits from Graham Dilks at Cherry Community School who has brought his sporting expertise to weekly lessons.

In addition the older children have attended an arts project throughout the year at Cherry Willingham Community School and the Fiskerton Wind Band have also enjoyed weekly music tuition which will continue from September.

We are delighted to welcome 9 new children into our newly refurbished and extended classroom in September which is wonderful news for the school. Of course we also say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils as they embark upon the next stage of their educational journey but we do so with great fondness and enormous pride.

Finally, parents/carers with Pre-school children of any age are warmly invited to the school's annual open day. This event will take place on Thursday 9 October from 10.30 a.m until 2.30 p.m. Please drop in for a tour and a chat with the staff and children of our friendly school. If you are unable to attend on this day, please call in or telephone 01522 751049 to arrange a more convenient date. We look forward to welcoming you.

Kind regards

Maralyn Papworth Headteacher

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Nettleham Medical Practice News:

1. Change of address / Telephone number or Mobile Number

Have you recently moved address or changed your telephone number? - if so don't forget to inform the practice to enable us to up date your records.

2. Recent Echo Article – September 4th. 2008

We know there has been a lot of discussion regarding the proposed building developments in Nettleham. The Practice is looking to improve the service we offer our patients but no definite decision has been made, we are considering a number of options.

3. MMR Catch Up Campaign

You may know that there has been a rise in the number of measles cases in the UK recently. We now know that a second dose of MMR is needed to give full immunity and that it is sensible to give this both to children and teenagers. This is because immunization rates fell back following the scare a few years ago about a possible link between MMR vaccine and autism, this has now been refuted. For more information visit www.immunisation.nhs.uk. An invitation will be sent to all patients (children and teenagers) who fall into the at risk category asking them to make an appointment. You do not need to contact the surgery unless you receive an invitation letter.

Village Hall Bookings for October:

3 rd .	Fri	19.30 - 23.00	Bingo, Social Evening		
7 th .	Tues	15.45 – 17.00	Kid's Club	19.00 – 21.30	Tae Kwon Do
9 th .	Thurs	19.30 – 21.30	W.I.		
10 th .	Fri	19.30	Bingo, Social Evening		
11 th .	Sat	09.30 – 16.30	Med Group		
13 th .	Mon	19.00 – 21.30	Gardening Club		
14 th .	Tues	10.00 – 14.00	Luncheon Club	19.00 – 21.30	Tae Kwon Do
17 th .	Fri	16.30 – 19.00	Private Party	19.30 - 23.00	Bingo, Social Evening
19 th .	Sun	09.30 – 13.45	The Vine	14.45 – 16.45	Causeway Projects
21 st .	Tue	19.00 – 21.30	Tae Kwon Do		
24 th .	Fri	10.00 – 16.00	Uk Online Computers		
		19.30	Bingo, Social Evening		
27 th .	Mon	19.30	Parish Council Meeting		
28 th .	Tues	10.00 – 14.00	Luncheon Club	19.00 – 21.30	Tae Kwon Do
30 th .	Thurs.	19.00 – 21.00	Lindum Group WI		
31 st .	Fri.	19.30	Bingo, Social Evening		

To make a booking or check availability please contact:-

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

ADVERTISING IN THIS NEWSLETTER:

The time is upon us once again when the 8cm X 8cm boxes for advertisers are allocated for the following year. If you would like to consider taking a box for the year 2008, then please contact Lynda Forman (details below).

NOTE: If you already advertise in a box, you will be contacted separately.

Well Done and Thank You:

Everyone who spent time over the National Heritage Weekend of September 13/14th viewing the history of Fiskerton, in Church, thought it was an excellent display.

Thanks must go to all who provided material and worked so hard to set it all up. A lot of people came and spent time perusing all the information, pictures and artefacts – they also then enjoyed a cup of tea and variety of refreshments.

The PCC of St. Clement's would like to thank everyone involved for giving us the opportunity to put our beautiful Church on display in this way and raise £167 from refreshments and donations.

Important information about the Parish Newsletter

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@btinternet.com

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