

Letter from the Vicarage:



Incarnational sandwiches!!

Once again Christmas draws ever closer and we prepare ourselves throughout the season of Advent for the blessing of the Incarnation. God becoming one of us fully human yet fully divine. This complexity of being, actually reminds me of the way in which much of the emphasis on the feast of Christmas is actually celebrated today.

For weeks now there have been messages on the internet and in the newspapers about how various people have planned for Christmas within the constraints of the credit crunch which has fallen upon us. Many of the preparations for Christmas in these accounts have centred on the need to try to make it more affordable, to prevent families from falling into further debt at a time where to do so would be even more dangerous than it would be normally. God as a human being reminds us of our needs and responsibilities and we recognise the huge amount of pressure there is placed upon families at this time of year. However it is the divine qualities of God rather than the human ones which I think help us so much more as we prepare ourselves to celebrate this great feast. God as divine being is unimaginable, there is always something about God which is hidden from us, in Jesus we see many of the qualities of the Almighty but in reality we do not see God in all his fullness. It is the mystery of God revealed in the form of a child which for me is the filling in the incarnational sandwich. Our celebrations which centre upon fellowship and joy are a vital ingredient of the sandwich but it is the mystery of God which provides us with the flavour, that which makes this particular feast so very special. So let us, as we celebrate another joyful day, remember all that is mysterious about God, all that we simply welcome into our lives through faith and trust. And as we celebrate, let the humanity and divinity of Jesus hold that mystery in place so that we may truly be fed with the best tasting 'Incarnational Sandwich' ever. Christmas is not just about the turkey and the trimmings but rather about the gift from God that gives us life and life in abundance. So let us remember to add just a little dash of the mystery of God into the way in which we celebrate this Holy day of thanksgiving.

May you all have a holy, mysterious and truly 'incarnational' Christmas.

With every blessing
Clive.



*Peter & Sally Collins Invite you to
A Pre-Christmas 'Get – Together'
At Fiskerton Rectory
On Sunday December 14th.
From 4pm
mulled wine & mulled cider,
fruit punch and mince pies
Christmas Raffle
All proceeds to Fiskerton Church*



Do come – the more, the merrier!

**If anyone would like a lift to the Rectory (and home again) please contact Lynda Forman
01526 398316 or Peter Collins, 01522 750091**

CHURCH SERVICES for The South Lawres Benefice:**DECEMBER 2008****7th. 2nd Sunday of Advent**

8am Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham
9am Holy Communion at Fiskerton
 9.15 Morning worship at Reepham
 11am Holy Communion at Greetwell

14th. 3rd Sunday of Advent

8am Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham
9am Morning Worship at Fiskerton
 9.15am Holy Communion at Reepham Church
 10.45am Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham
 3.00pm Christingle at Cherry Willingham

19th. Friday

7.00pm Carol Service at Cherry Willingham

21st 4th Sunday of Advent

8am Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham
9am Holy Communion at Fiskerton
 9.15 Family worship at Reepham
 10.45 Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham
 3.00pm Carol Service at Reepham

24th. Christmas Eve

3.00pm Crib Service at Reepham
 3.00pm Crib Service at Cherry Willingham
6.00pm Carol Service at Fiskerton
 11.30pm Holy Communion at Reepham

25th. Christmas Day

9.15am Holy Communion at Greetwell
 10.45am Family Service at Cherry Willingham

28th. Christmas 1

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:

DEC.	Sidesman	Reader	Intercessions	Cleaning	Flowers
7th.	Mrs A Townsend	Mrs G Walkinton Isaiah 40: 1 - 11	Mrs L Forman Ferry Road	Mrs Lunn & Mrs Townsend	
14th.	Mrs I Taylor	Mr P Forman Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-end	Mr R Walkinton Post Office		
21st.	Mrs F Styles	Mrs L Forman 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16	CLERGY Orchard Road	Mrs Gibson & Mrs Forman	
24th.	Mrs L Forman				ALL (Christmas)
28th.	Mrs G Walkinton	Mrs A Townsend 1 Thess. 5: 16 - 24	Mrs I Taylor Chapel Rise Estate		

What's On in December *In The Village.....*



SWITCH ON OF CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS

Wednesday December 3rd. 6.30pm at Fiskerton Village Hall

Carols, mince pies and mulled wine

EVERYONE WELCOME

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

The date for December is : Tuesday December 9th.

Ring Mary on 595291 to book.

FISKERTON HISTORY & ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP:

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 10th December** at 7.30pm at the village hall. We will be considering where we go and what to do after the successful exhibition held in September i.e. ideas for projects, speakers etc. If you have any thoughts please come along and have your say. All welcome. There will be a collection to pay for the hire of the hall.



Fiskerton W.I:

The next meeting will take place at 7.30pm in the Village Hall on **Thursday December 11th**. This is an open meeting and The Alan Smith Morris Dancers will be entertaining everyone. 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

*Come and Join in the Christmas Celebrations at
Fiskerton Village Hall on Sunday 14th December*

Starting at 6pm

A lighthearted look at the events in Bethlehem over 2,000 years ago and some sideways looks at the present day! Told in stories, sketches and poems by our guest speakers.

With music, songs and carols from local group Spirit

Tea, Coffee and Biscuits and

Mince-pies available. ALL FREE

Come and go as you please, but do come and join us for our "Christmas Happy Hour!"

Fiskerton Village Hall presents **NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY**

8pm – 1am

Music For Dancing

Nibbles will be provided –
If you need more, please bring
your own food (optional)

Tickets available from:-
Wishing Well Stores
Ann Chesman (751852)

Bar available until 1am

Tickets £2 Adults, £1 under 18s
(MUST be accompanied by adults)

No unaccompanied under 18s will be
admitted.

What's On in December *In The Area.....*

??Cherry Willingham Church Quiz; Saturday December 6th. in the Church Hall.??



Lincolnshire Limewoods

Christmas Decorations for kids; Saturday December 6th.
10am – noon, Chambers Farm Wood. Booking essential
01526 399943 - £3.50 per child.

Sunday Amble: December 7th. 10.30am – 3pm, Market Place ,
Wragby. A short ramble no more than 5 miles along footpaths
around Wragby. 01507 523085 Please bring packed lunch.

Classical Moments:

Join us at All Saints Church, Greetwell on Sunday December 7th. for an afternoon
of 'Music with a Classical Theme' followed by drinks and mince pies.

Soprano Susan Everatt joins with Tenor James Colclough in a varied programme of
classical songs for your enjoyment. Accompanied by pianist Joan Date.

Also featuring "The Twinkle Tones" – a very young sister act of mezzo and soprano
singing duo, who will perform a delightful seasonal mix.

Order your tickets at £5 each. Tel: 751218

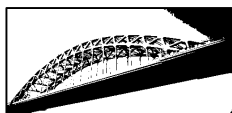
Reepham and District Tennis Club Courts are behind Reepham and Cherry Village Hall

Hello again and I hope everyone has a peaceful Christmas time. I hope everyone is enjoying their
tennis although it is getting a little colder now!! Club nights with floodlights are on Tuesday and
Thursday evenings from 7.00pm. We also play on the 1st Sunday of every month which will be on
Sunday 7th December from 2pm and the 4th January. We will also be playing some Christmas
tennis on the 27th or 28th December. So please keep these dates free in your diaries.

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>



10am-12pm

The Bridge

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

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

Including coffee and cakes, crèche, books, meet new friends, etc.

The Cherry Tree Pub, Laburnum Drive, Cherry Willingham

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

www.thevinecommunitychurch.org.uk



FAIRTRADE COFFEE MORNING:

**The Church Hall Cherry Willingham from 10.00 -11.30 am. on
Saturday December 13th.**

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, Tel: 01526 398316



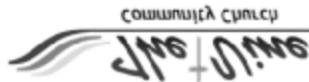


You are warmly invited to **Carols on the Parade**
Cherry Willingham Thursday 18th December 7.30pm
For more information please ring
Veronica on 872011 or Jane 808103



Reepham Methodist Church Coffee Mornings:

Everyone is invited to drop in to The Methodist Church Hall in Reepham on Saturday **December 20th**. 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.



Serving Cherry Willingham, Fiskerton and Reepham
Services for December 2008

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 7th December 11am Reepham and Cherry Willingham Village Hall
 Sunday 14th December 11am Reepham and Cherry Willingham Village Hall
 Sunday 21st December 11am Fiskerton Village Hall (Christmas Special)

CHRISTMAS DAY 11am Reepham and Cherry Willingham Village Hall

Sunday 28th December 11am Reepham and Cherry Willingham Village Hall

Come and Sing some carols:-

Thursday 18th December 7.30pm Carols on the Green parade in Cherry Willingham

January services 4th, 11th, and 18th at Reepham and Cherry Village Hall and 25th at the Fiskerton village Hall all starting at 11am.

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

A Woman’s event – Monday 8th December Christmas Crafts 10am-12pm at Cherry Tree Pub. Cherry Willingham. Including coffee/tea and cakes (Crêche available). Please ring Veronica on 872011 for January details.

The Mix (For Teens) The next exciting and fun evening will be on Friday December at 7pm

Please ring Alison on 876996 for more information, or look on the website

Please ring Veronica on 872011 or Alison 876996 for more information on any of the events.

The Vine Community Church is a member of the Ground Level Network of Churches Website: -

www.thevinecommunitychurch.org.uk Tel 01522 872011

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DISTRICT COUNCILLOR INITIATIVE FUND

Following the success of the above scheme over the past two years, each West Lindsey District Councillor has again been allocated £1000 to be used to fund, aid or kick start small scale community projects or initiatives which may otherwise never get off the ground.

If any organisation in the village is looking for funds for a project, please apply to me for an application form as soon as possible.

This scheme is a “reimbursement scheme”; therefore successful applicants will need to provide proof of purchase receipts (**not invoices**).

This year I have been able to provide funds to help towards the play equipment at Fiskerton Village Hall. Last year grants were awarded to a youth group and Langworth Memorial Hall.

Meg Davidson, West Lindsey District Councillor,

01522 750614 or email meg@teamdavidson.freesercve.co.uk

Nettleham Medical Practice News

Seasons Greetings!

DR J R CRAVEN

Dr Craven is now working two days a week in the Practice. If you are due a review with Dr Craven it may be necessary to book an appointment with a different Doctor.

Dr Rebecca Ilett has now joined the Practice working as a Locum for two days a week.

OPENING HOURS CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR

The Practice will be closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day. We will be open Christmas Eve (afternoon emergencies only) and full surgeries New Years Eve.

All other appointments will run as normal. For Out Of Hours Emergencies over the holiday period telephone 0845 0450281 or call the surgery (01522) 751717 to be transferred to the service.

TARGET TRAINING DATES FOR 2009

The Practice will be closed from 1.00 pm on the following dates for training purposes:

Tuesday 24 February 2009 Tuesday 17 March 2009

Tuesday 19 May 2009 Tuesday 16 June 2009

However, The Practice will re-open for emergency surgeries at 4.00 pm on the above dates.

Mally Daubney Practice Manager

Village Hall Bookings for December:

1 st .	Mon	19.30	Village Hall Committee		
2 nd .	Tues	19.00 – 21.30	Tae Kwon Do		
5 th .	Fri	19.30	Bingo, Social Evening		
6 th .	Sat	10.00 – 16.00	Gardening Club	19.30	Private party
9 th .	Tues	10.00 – 14.00	Luncheon Club	19.00 – 21.30	Tae Kwon Do
10 th .	Wed.	19.00	Archaeology Group		
11 th .	Thurs	19.00 – 21.30	W.I.		
12 th .	Fri	19.30 - 23.00	Bingo, Social Evening		
13 th .	Sat	09.30 – 16.30	Sati Group		
14 th ..	Sun	16.00 – 18.00	Reepham Methodist Chapel		
15 th .	Mon	19.30	Parish Council Meeting		
16 th .	Tue	19.00 – 21.30	Tae Kwon Do		
19 th .	Fri	19.30	Rock & Roll Extravaganza (details to be confirmed)		
21 st .	Sun	10.00 – 13.30	The Vine	14.15 – 17.45	Causeway Projects
23 rd .	Tues	19.00 – 21.30	Tae Kwon Do		
27 th .	Sat	18.30	Private Party		
31 st .	Wed.	19.30 – 01.00	New Year's Eve Dance		
25 th	Tues	10.00 – 14.00	Luncheon Club	19.00 – 21.30	Tae Kwon Do
28 th	Fri.	19.30	Bingo, Social Evening		
29 th .	Sat	19.00 – 24.00	Private Party		

To make a booking or check availability please contact:-

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

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IMPORTANT NEWSLETTER INFORMATION:

Items for JANUARY 2009 edition of the Newsletter MUST be with the editor NO LATER THAN Saturday December 13th.

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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Local training provider holds a first as part of Get online day

On Friday 24th October 2008, people from Fiskerton, and the surrounding villages were invited to experience their first time online as part of Get online day. The event was held at Fiskerton Village Hall and was part of a national campaign by UK online centres targeting off-line families, aiming to help more than 12,000 people across the country start using the Internet.

The event was a great success and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those involved which includes the ladies from the W.I. Lucy Hayes, Alan Drew, Marylyn Howard, Steve Millard, Stephanie Foster and a special thank you to Mrs Papworth and the parents of the children from Fiskerton Junior School for allowing the children to participate in the event, which made it extra special.

Fiskerton Village Hall is now an out-reach UK online Centre (through NewLink Project Ltd) and runs a regular Computer Club, NewLink also has places at our Lincoln Centre so if you would like to join, train as a tutor, volunteer or get more information please contact Tracey on 753285.

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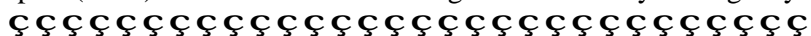
L.I.V.E.S.

DO YOU KNOW??.....there is a **L.I.V.E.S** responder on call in the village and in the event that you have a medical emergency involving heart problems or breathing difficulties and dial 999 there is every possibility during the day or night that I will turn up before or at the same time as the ambulance service. I am provided with medical equipment that includes an automatic defibrillator and an oxygen cylinder. My personal history includes 25 years in Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue and over 15 years with St John Ambulance. As a volunteer worker for **L.I.V.E.S** I have been CRB checked and trained on the equipment provided. I always carry an identification card.

At present I am the only **First Responder** covering Cherry Willingham, Reepham and Fiskerton district and although retired from full time work I cannot be on call all the time. If you think you are the type of person who could help someone in an emergency, have access to a car and could spare a few hours a week or perhaps you could raise money or make a donation to **L.I.V.E.S** please contact me on 01522 750303 or the head office of the charity at Horncastle on 01507 525999 during normal working hours Mon - Fri. Alternatively come and see a demonstration of the equipment at the Cherry Willingham Christmas Fair on **6th December 2008**.

May I take this opportunity to thank all those who have made a donation or are supporting the service in other ways. All local contributions go into a local fund to help pay for the ongoing costs of local equipment. You really are making a difference to the health and welfare of people in the community.

Believe me when I tell you that saving a life beats winning the lottery!!
Phil Staples (3475) of the Lincolnshire Integrated Voluntary Emergency Service



Thank you to everyone who has contributed to, distributed and read Fiskerton Newsletter this year. A very happy Christmas to you all.

Nettleham Police Station, Scothern Road, Nettleham, LN2 2XT
Tel: 01522 882222 (Ext:5796) Voicemail: 01522 558798 (2108 or 1170)
Fax: 01522 805797 E-mail: nettleham.npt@lincs.pnn.police.uk

POLICE NEWS:

Welcome to this December edition of Police News. Firstly, let me wish you all a very merry Christmas, and Jackie and I, along with everyone here at Nettleham Police Station, hope you have an enjoyable time whatever your plans may be.

It's customary at this time of year to start our annual drink drive campaign. This year is no exception, and although we deal with those who drink drive throughout the year, December is a time when more parties are held than at any other time, and the likelihood of someone driving under the influence of alcohol increases. Increased patrols, particularly in rural areas, will be carried out to deter people from committing offences. It is no secret that many people will drive from their homes to the pub, even if its in the same village, and back again later after consuming alcohol believing that they will not be caught. Extra patrols will be carried out in rural villages to deter this from happening, and if you are caught drink driving you will be dealt with according to the law, even if you are caught outside your home address or pulling onto your driveway. If you are convicted of drink driving you will be banned from driving for at least 12 months, usually longer, and also be required to pay a hefty fine. If you're involved in an accident whilst under the influence of alcohol, whether you are to blame or not, and someone is injured, you could even face a prison sentence. Think of the effects that a ban or a prison sentence will have on your family, your friends, and your livelihood, and ask yourself is it really worth it? If you have to drive, don't drink, but if you do drink, then don't drive, it's that easy!!

Can I ask all parents, particularly those who have children that do paper rounds, to make sure your children have working lights on their bikes, and helmets on, please? The longer nights have been with us for a while now, and Jackie and I are seeing an increasing number of children riding on bikes on roads and pavements without lights or helmets on. This can make them very difficult to see until you are almost upon them, and the chances of a child being knocked off and injured are greatly increased, particularly if a helmet isn't being worn. Cycling is a great way of exercising, and gets children and adults alike out into the fresh air and away from the TV and the computers, but it needs to be done safely. Adults, you could set an example to your children by doing likewise! If anyone would like some advice on safe cycling, please don't hesitate to get in touch with Jackie or myself, as we have plenty of leaflets to help. We will also be contacting the various newsagents in our area to enlist their help and support too with the children who do paper rounds.

Finally, have a safe, happy, and merry Christmas, and we look forward to seeing you all safe and well in the New Year!!

PCSO 2108 Parker PC 1170 Lassmans



FI SKERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

P.T.A

CHRISTMAS FAIR & CAROLS ROUND THE TREE



THURSDAY 11 DECEMBER 3.30PM

FOLLOWED BY CAROLS AT 6PM

TOMBOLA

RAFFLE

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

ARTS WORKSHOP

SANTA'S GROTTO

GAMES

MULLED WINE

MINCE PIES

.....AND LOTS MORE!!!

ENTRANCE £1 ADULTS 50P CHILDREN

INCLUDES A FREE DRINK & MINCE PIE

(TABLES AVAILABLE FOR A DONATION OF A RAFFLE PRIZE

PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL 01522 751049)

