

Letter from the Rectory.



In Mel Gibson's controversial film, 'The Passion of Christ' one powerful scene portrays a bloodied and weakened Jesus, on the way to crucifixion, falling beneath the weight of his cross before his mother Mary. Through their shared pain and suffering Jesus looks up at his mother and says, 'behold, I make all things new'.

Mel Gibson is quoting Revelation 21:5, where the risen, glorified Christ speaks from the throne of heaven, but his use of artistic licence reveals Gibson's grasp of the truth, Jesus is not a victim but the victor. The resurrected Christ changes the cross from an instrument of torture into a symbol of victory. The victory of the cross makes all things new. Through the cross we enter into new life and a new relationship with God and with one another. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ the old order has passed away and a new order, a new light, a new life, has come into the world.

God calls each one of us to share in this new life.

The true meaning of Easter, the gift of new life, is so easily lost amongst the gifts of chocolate eggs, bunches of flowers and pretty cards. The spiritual message of Easter is often forgotten by the distraction of the DIY stores, garden and fitness centres that encourage us to focus more on the redecoration and reshaping of our physical lives.

During this holiday season take some time out, set aside some time for spiritual reflection and prayer on the true meaning of Easter. Look beyond the hype and pressures of commercialisation to the real message of this season. But if you do, be warned, it could change your life. Jesus Christ is still making all things new.

Peter.

To arrange Baptisms, Weddings or Funerals please contact:-

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
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A Tale of Two Lancasters:



The 'Tale of Two Lancasters' Presentation is to be given by FL/LT Mike Chatterton in St. Clement's Church on **Friday April 3rd** at 7.30pm. Tickets are £2 each to include light refreshments. They are available from Mary Gibson, 01522 752117 or Freda Styles, 01522 750690

Don't forget to bring a cushion!

CHURCH SERVICES for The South Lawres Benefice:**APRIL 2009****5th. Palm Sunday**

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

9th. Maundy Thursday

6.30pm Christian Passover Meal at Reepham School
 7.30pm Christian Passover Meal at Cherry Church Hall
 9.15pm Stripping of altar & vigil at Cherry Willingham Church

10th. Good Friday

9.30am Procession & service starting from Reepham Methodist Church
 10.30am Ecumenical Procession & service starting from Cherry Green
 11.00am *Meditation at Fiskerton*
 11.00am Meditation at Cherry Willingham

11th. Easter Eve

6.00pm Service of Light at Cherry Willingham

12th. Easter Day

8am Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham
9.15am Holy Communion at Fiskerton
 9.15am Holy Communion at Reepham
 10.45am Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham
 11am Holy Communion at Greetwell

19th. 2nd. Sunday of Easter

8am Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham
 10.00am United Benefice Service at Reepham
 6.30pm Compline at Cherry Willingham

26th. 3rd. Sunday of Easter

8am Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham
9.15am. Morning Worship at Fiskerton
 9.15am Holy Communion at Reepham Church
 10.45am Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham

St. Clement's Church: Service Rotas:

APRIL	Sidesman	Reader	Intercessions	Cleaning
5th.	Mr R Walkinton	Mrs A Townsend Phill. 2: 5 - 11	Mrs I Taylor Clubs & Societies	Mrs J Lunn & Mrs A Townsend
10th.	Mrs F Styles (Good Friday)			
12th.	Mrs J Lunn	Mr R Walkinton Acts 10: 34 - 43	CLERGY High Meadows	Mrs M Broad
26th.	Mrs A Townsend	Mrs G Walkinton Acts 3: 12 - 19	Mr R Walkinton St Clement's Drive	

Thanks: to Mr & Mrs R Wall for a donation of £5 towards the cost of printing the Newsletter

Other Church news:

Lottery Draw: The March numbers were drawn by members of the Gardening Club.

£25: Number 46: Mrs I Masterson

£10: Number 2: Mrs L Forman

£5: Number 54: Mrs K Bosworth

£5: Number 5: Mr & Mrs C L Scott

The next draw will take place on Friday April 3rd. at The Lancaster Talk

Photographic Competition

Many apologies for an incorrect email address at the end of the competition entry form. This has now been corrected so we look forward to receiving lots of entries.

The competition entry form can now be downloaded from the Village Website

www.fiskerton-lincs.org.uk and can also be returned electronically. Our thanks to Andrew Cook for his help with this.

New Kitchen Facilities: We were delighted that Revd. Todd was able to bless our new kitchen at his final service here. The old cupboard at the back of church has been wonderfully transformed and now has proper cupboards and surfaces, a sink and 'joy of joys' running water! We thank both Alan Drew and John Fletcher for all the hard work they have put in to make this possible.

Church Windows: Work has been taking place to replace the 20 clear glass panes which have been damaged in the South facing windows and the Tower. Sadly, much of this damage has been caused by small rocks and pellets being deliberately aimed at the windows.

South Lawres Benefice Website:

This is a new and developing website but it is all about the 4 churches which make up the South Lawres Benefice so it does include Fiskerton Church. You can find it at

www.lincoln.ourchurchweb.org.uk/southlawres

Thanks: Elizabeth Richardson would like to thank all family and friends for their kind donations towards Geordie's memorial bench. Thank you also, for all the cards and kind expressions of sympathy.

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

Fiskerton W.I:



The next meeting of Fiskerton WI is on **Thursday April 2nd**. (please note change of date) starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The speaker is Ray Goodburn on the subject of 'The Splendours of Venice'. All welcome.
Tea hostesses will be Mrs L Forman & Mrs F Styles



Come and Join in the Palm Sunday Celebrations at Fiskerton Village Hall on Sunday 5th April 2009

A light-hearted look at Jesus' triumphal entrance into Jerusalem. Told in stories and sketches with music, and songs from local group Spirit.

Tea, Coffee and Biscuits will be available.

ALL FREE Served from 2.45pm

Enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of this Café style meeting



CHEEKY MONKEYS Parent and Toddlers Group

Cheeky Monkeys Parent & Toddler Group will be holding their first Easter party on **Monday 6th April** from 10 am to noon. There will be fun and games and a home-made Easter bonnet competition with prizes for the best ones. Everyone welcome to join in. Usual £1.50 per child applies which includes drinks and snacks. For more information please contact Rachel on 01522 753261 or Paula on 07807 166046.

Gardening Club:

There is no meeting in April

Fiskerton Gardening Club hold their summer outing on 9th. June, visiting Wortley Hall near Sheffield and Cannon Hall Museum Park and gardens. John Howard, who will be our Tour Guide has worked at Wortley Hall as a gardener. The estimated cost is £12, but this will reduce if all seats are filled. If you are interested in joining us please contact Freda Styles 01522 750690

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Next Men's Breakfast will be at Fiskerton Village Hall on **Saturday 18th April 2009**

Do you enjoy a Full English Breakfast on a Saturday?

Did you ever wonder how Bibles got into Hotel rooms - and prisons - and Cruise ships and many other places all over the World?

Then come along at 8am, enjoy a Feast of Lincolnshire sausages, bacon, egg, beans, hash browns, orange juice, tea or coffee and the company of a pleasant group of blokes. It only costs a fiver and you will be on your way home to take your wife shopping by 10am with a full belly, a head full of knowledge, and hopefully a happy heart! Phone John on 595291 to book your place.

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 dates for April are: Tuesday 14th. & 28th.

Ring Mary on 595291 to book.

Fiskerton Village Hall AGM March 2nd '09

The following are **elected committee members**:

Stephen Millard, Chairman

Alan Gibson, Vice Chair / Bar Manager

Marilyn Howard, Treasurer

Tracey Francis, Secretary

Rob Wall, Events Chair

The following are **non members of the Committee**:

Glynis Millard, Minuting Secretary

Jenny Hayes, Bookings Secretary

The following are **User Group Reps.**

Barnaby Patchett, Parish Council

Ann Chessman, Scouts

Mary Pycock, Luncheon Club

Iris Taylor, W.I.

Brenda Wells, Kid's Club

Stephanie Foster, Computer Club

User Groups with no listed rep. should submit the name of a representative to the Secretary. These are as follows:

Cheeky Monkeys, Tae Kwon Do, Gardening Club, Sati Group, Causeway Projects, Vine Church, Archaeology Society, History Society

Any user group not listed should also submit the name of their group and the representative to the Secretary. There still remains the two Co-opted member places to be filled.

The Village Hall Committee would welcome anyone in the village who is prepared to act as Minuting Secretary to the committee.

Village Hall Bookings for April

1 st .	Wed	19.00 – 21.00	Computer Club		
2 nd .	Thurs	08.15 – 17.30	Lifeline Screening	19.00 – 21.30	W.I.
4 th .	Sat	14.00 – 22.00	Private Party		
5 th .	Sun	14.30 – 17.00	Reepham Methodist Church		
6 th .	Mon	10.00 – 12.00	Cheeky Monkeys	19.30 – 21.30	Village Hall Committee
7 th .	Tue	15.45 – 17.30	Kids Club	19.00 – 21.30	Tae Kwon Do
8 th .	Wed	13.00 – 15.00	Computer Club	19.00 – 21.00	Computer Club
14 th .	Tue	10.00 – 14.00	Luncheon Club	19.00 – 21.30	Tae Kwon Do
15 th .	Wed	13.00 – 15.00	Computer Club	19.00 – 21.00	Computer Club
19 th .	Sun	14.15 – 16.45	Causeway Projects		
20 th .	Mon	10.00 – 12.00	Cheeky Monkeys	19.30 – 21.00	Events Committee
21 st .	Tues	19.00 – 21.30	Tae Kwon Do		
22 nd .	Wed	13.00 – 15.00	Computer Club	19.00 – 21.00	Computer Club
25 th .	Sat	11.00 – 17.00	Private Party		
26 th .	Sun	09.00 – 13.30	The Vine		
27 th .	Mon	10.00 – 12.00	Cheeky Monkeys		
28 th .	Tue	19.00 – 21.30	Tae Kwon Do	19.00 – 22.00	Lindum W. I.

Social evenings & Bingo will be held every Friday night as usual,

To make a booking or check availability please contact:-

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

Family disco at the Village Hall

Saturday 2 May, from 7pm

Sounds of the 60s/70s/80s

Bar, nibbles, raffle.

Fancy dress optional but why not dig through your old wardrobe and see what's there!

Tickets £1.50, ages 5 and under free. Available from Wishing Well Stores

or Ann Chesman Tel. 751852

UNDER 18s MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT/GUARDIAN

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

Reepham and District Tennis Club

The courts are behind Reepham and Cherry Village Hall

The 1st April is the start of the new season and I am sure all the members are raring to go now the weather is getting warmer. Club nights with floodlights are on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7.00pm. We also play on the 1st Sunday of every month the next one will be **Sunday 5th April from 2pm**. The recent AGM was well attended. New nets and posts have recently been purchased. Club fees have gone up slightly but still offer great value for money. 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) Tel 750303 and Kerry (Chairman) on Tel. 750060

Web site – <http://www.cherrywillingham.org.uk/tennis>



CHARITY and FAIRTRADE COFFEE MORNING:

The Church Hall Cherry Willingham from 10.00 -11.30 am. on Saturday April 11th. 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



Reepham Methodist Church Coffee Morning:

Come and Join us for coffee and cake at The Methodist Church Hall in Reepham on **Saturday April 18th..** from 10am – 11.30am.. There is no charge, but donations will go to Charity. There is also a Traidcraft Stall every month.

The Water Rail Way: The Longest Party

Many of you have been following the progress of the Water Rail Way, the multi user path beside the River Witham. 20 miles of traffic free route are now open between Lincoln and Boston and we, Sustrans and the Lincolnshire Waterways Partnership, are planning a grand celebration – the Longest Party - on **Saturday, 25th April 2009, between 11am and 3pm.**

The day is for families and will be a fun day out, a chance to enjoy your local section of path which can be accessed from Five Mile Bridge (take the lane to the river from Ferry Road) - or to explore a little further.

There will be a series of events all the way along the path including entertainers, artists, theatre and "have a go" sessions; local groups and businesses will be selling refreshments.

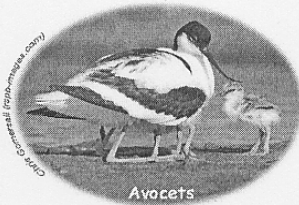
For further information contact Alice Wood on 01522 550646 or email alice.wood@lincolnshire.gov.uk

Everyone is invited, just turn up and join the party!

Newsletter Information: Please note that items for inclusion in the Parish News can be handed in at Wishing Well Stores. 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 Always By 19th. of the month please

AN EVENING WITH THE RSPB

7.30pm on Friday 24 April 2009
in Reepham and Cherry Willingham Village Hall



Come and enjoy some superb wildlife films – **High-quality digital projection**

Meet volunteers from the RSPB Lincoln Local Group

Find out how to identify birds and how to attract them to your garden

****Bird food and feeders on sale – Information about wild birds****

Admission £2.50 (includes refreshments) – Children accompanied by an adult: Free
Pay on the door – everyone welcome



a million voices for nature

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) is a registered charity: England and Wales no. 207076, Scotland no. SC037654

The RSPB film *Waterlands* offers a privileged insight into the lives of many thousands of birds, mammals and insects that make their home in the reedbeds, saltmarshes and flower-rich meadows of the UK. From the Somerset Levels to the Lincolnshire Wash, it introduces us to the precious wildlife of some of the UK's rarest habitats – our beautiful wetlands. Plus full supporting film programme.

This is an evening for anyone with an interest in birds and wildlife to come and enjoy.

Cherry Willingham Library

The Parade, Cherry Willingham, LN3 4JLTel, 01522 782010.

Opening Hours: Monday 2.00pm – 7.00pm Thursday 2.00pm – 6.00pm
Saturday 10.00am – 1.00pm

Or why not try the mobile library van, stopping outside the Millennium Hall every Friday between 2.00pm and 4.00pm.

Have you popped into the library recently to see what's on offer?

Our story time for pre-schoolers has been relaunched and all under 5's with parents, carers and grandparents are welcome for songs, rhymes and an activity on the last Monday of every month, 2.00-2.30.

The Police Surgery continues on the 1st Monday between 11.00am – 1.00pm, giving all the opportunity to speak to the local police force about matters that are important to you.

The library is now hosting a number of courses during the week, run by local providers including Lincoln College. Please speak to staff about what is on offer, currently including Spanish and ECDL.

Please note that if the library is closed, it is still possible to return books as there is a letter box that books can be put through, also by phoning 01522 782010 books can be renewed. To run alongside new technology being introduced into the library service, we are currently running a card amnesty, saving £1.00 on the cost of a replacement card. Those of you that use other libraries such as Lincoln Central will need to remember to take your card and so now is the time to get a replacement. Just ask a member of staff for details and also for a PIN number so you can access the library catalogue online.

Finally, we have a meet the author event in the library on 21st April at 7.00pm. Sue Allan is a local author who is launching her latest novel – Tudor Rose - in March. Tudor Rose is the semi-fictional autobiography of Lady Rose Hickman and is the remarkable life story of a courageous woman who lived through the reigns of two Tudor kings and nine Tudor Queens. The novel is based on the real-life writings of Rose Hickman. The Hickman family owned Gainsborough Old Hall in the early 1600's (and a portrait of Rose hangs there today) so this is book with real local historical interest. Further details of the book, including a sample chapter to read, can be found at www.mayflowermaid.com. ***Attendance at this event is by ticket only and numbers are limited, so please call into the library to book your place.*** And if the website and/or meeting the author whet your appetite, why not pay a visit to Gainsborough Old Hall to see Rose's portrait and find out more about the Hickman family