

Bishop's Letter:

Faith forged on the anvil of doubt:

This summer has seen celebrations in Lincolnshire to mark the 200th anniversary of the birth of Alfred Lord Tennyson at Somersby Rectory near Horncastle.

Tennyson remains one of the greatest poets in the English language, and as the poet Laureate he was one of the stars in the Victorian literary firmament. Most people have read 'The Brook' (For men may come and men may go, but I go on for ever) and his invitation to 'Come into the garden Maud', is familiar to many of us. Lincolnshire is justifiably proud of one of its most illustrious sons, and interest in him is now as great as it has ever been.

But what about Tennyson's religious beliefs? Did he have any, and if so of what kind?

Well in many ways he was a man of his time embracing fairly conservative Victorian values and moral assumptions. But he was not a great church-goer, perhaps his experience at Somersby, where his father was the rector, did little to encourage him in that respect. Yet his son assures us that Tennyson studied the Bible, as all who knew his poems know, and he engaged readily with the liberal Christianity promoted by Charles Kingsley and F.D. Maurice.

However the publication of Darwin's 'Origin of the Species' did cause him to doubt some of the central claims of the Christian faith, even though he never doubted the existence of God, nor the reality of life after death. He wrote:

We have but faith: we cannot know;
For knowledge is of things we see:
And yet we trust it comes from thee,
A beam of darkness: let it grow.

In the light of these sentiments, T.S. Eliot was prompted to observe that Tennyson's greatest poem 'In Memoriam' is not religious because of the quality of its faith, but because of the quality of its doubt, and this is balanced by Kingsley's view that Tennyson held an orthodox Christian faith forged on the anvil of doubt.

It is this which makes Tennyson a man of our time as well as his own. He lived in an age of doubt yet it was his struggles with doubt which convinced him that faith would see him through life to something better.

On the plinth of his statue in the precincts of Lincoln Cathedral the following lines are inscribed. They sum up Tennyson's faith in nature as a window into a divine mystery beyond our comprehension but very real to us all the same:

Flower in the crannied wall,
I pluck you out of the crannies,
I hold you here, root and all, in my hand,
Little flower what if I could understand
What you are, root and all, and all in all,
I should know what God and man is.

John Lincoln.

To arrange Baptisms, Weddings or Funerals please contact:-

Revd. Sue Bradley (Associate Priest) 17 Holly Close, Cherry Willingham 01522 750292

Revd. Peter Collins (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

Benefice Website: www.lincoln.ourchurchweb.org.uk/southlawres

CHURCH SERVICES for The South Lawres Benefice:**OCTOBER 2009****1st. THURSDAY**2pm *Fiskerton Primary School Harvest Festival - All welcome***4th. Trinity 17 - Harvest**

8am Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham

9.15am *Holy Communion for Harvest at Fiskerton*

9.15am Morning worship at Reepham

11am Holy Communion at Greetwell

11th. Trinity 18

8am Morning Worship at Cherry Willingham

9.15am. *Morning Worship at Fiskerton*

9.15am Holy Communion at Reepham

10.45am Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham

18th. Trinity 19 – Luke the Evangelist

8am Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham

9.15am *Holy Communion at Fiskerton*

9.15am Family Worship at Reepham

10.45am Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham

6.30pm Compline at Cherry Willingham

25th. Last after Trinity – Bible Sunday

8am Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham

9.15am. *Morning Worship at Fiskerton*

9.15am Holy Communion at Reepham

10.45am Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham

St. Clement's Church: Service Rotas:

OCT.	Sidesman	Reader	Intercessions	Cleaning	Flowers
4th.	Mr R Walkinton	Mrs G Walkinton Peter 2: 1 - 10	Mrs P Drakes	Mrs L Forman & Mrs M Gibson	ALL – Harvest Festival
11th.	Mrs F Styles	Mr P Forman Hebrews 4: 12 - 16	Mrs G Walkinton Hall Lane		G Walkinton
18th.	Mrs J Lunn	Mrs L Forman 2 Timothy 4: 5 - 17	CLERGY Moor Lane	Mr & Mrs Walkinton	G Walkinton
25th.	Mrs L Forman	Mrs A Townsend Hebrews 7: 23 - 28	Mr R Walkinton Reepham Rd..		Cubs & Scouts

Other Church news:

Lottery Draw: The September numbers were drawn at the coffee morning held in Church.

£25: Number 30: Mrs I Taylor

£10: Number 14: Mrs J Forman

£5: Number 32: Barnaby Patchett

£5: Number 54: Mrs K Bosworth

Thank You for an anonymous donation of £5 towards the printing of this Newsletter.



THE FANTASTIC FISAKERTON QUIZ!

Saturday November 14th. 7.30pm Fiskerton Village Hall

BAR OPEN

Teams of 4 – 6 people and Supper. £3.50 per person

Tables can be booked via Mary Gibson 752117

Christmas Tree SPECTACULAR

Saturday & Sunday December 12th. & 13th.

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Saturday & Sunday December 19th. & 20th.

St. Clement's Church Fiskerton

11am – 4.30pm each day

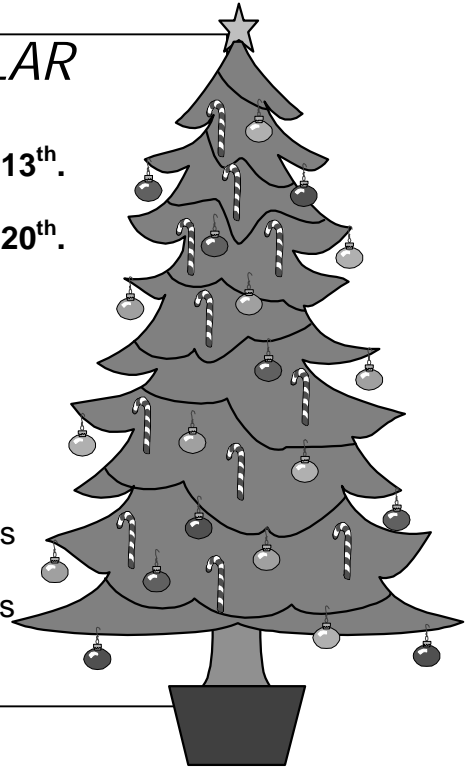
**To be opened on Dec. 12th. by
JUDY THEOBALD (Radio Lincoln)**

12 Trees decorated by Village Groups

Mulled wine and Mince pies

Live Music throughout both weekends

Fiskerton Village Calendars on sale



FISKERTON VILLAGE CALENDAR for 2010

These are being printed at this moment!

THE Calendar of Fiskerton, by Fiskerton Folks.

A brilliant Christmas Gift at £4.50

WATCH THIS SPACE!

What's On in October

In The Village.....



Fiskerton W.I:

The **October** meeting takes place on **Thursday 8th**. at 7.30pm in The Village Hall. Rev. J Thorold give a talk entitled 'Things that go Bump in the night!' Tea Ladies will be Mrs Hoe & Mrs Dragon and Raffle Mrs Walkinton & Mrs Willey

GARDENING CLUB:

On Monday October 12th. Phil Porter will talk about 'Wildlife Management at Whisby Nature Park. The Club meets at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. All 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 dates for **October** are: **Tuesday 13th. & 27th**. Ring Mary on 595291 to book.

VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS for OCTOBER:

Monday	5 th .	Village Hall Com.	7.30pm – 9.30pm
Monday	5 th . 12 th . 19 th . 26 th .	Cheeky Monkeys	9.30am – 11.30am
Monday	12 th .	Gardening Club	7pm – 9pm
Monday	26 th .	Parish Council	7.30pm – 9.30pm
Tuesday	6 th . 13 th . 20 th . 27 th .	Tai Kwon Do	7pm – 9.30pm
Tuesday	13 th . 27 th .	Luncheon Club	10am – 2pm
Tuesday	6 th .	Kids Club	3.45pm – 5.30pm
Wednesday	7 th . 14 th . 21 st . 28 th .	Computers	7pm – 9pm
Thursday	1 st . 8 th . 15 th . 22 nd . 29 th .	Aerobics	10am – 11am
Thursday	8 th .	W I	7pm – 9.30pm
Thursday	29 th .	Lindum Group WI	7pm – 10pm
Friday	2 nd . 9 th . 16 th . 23 rd . 30 th .	Bingo/ Social	7.30pm – late
Friday	30 th .	Coffee Morning	8.30am – 12.30pm
Saturday	10 th .	Sati Group	9.30am – 4.30pm
Saturday	24 th .	Private Party	1pm – 6pm
Saturday	31 st .	Halloween Party	7pm – midnight
Sunday	11 th .	Vine Church	9am – 1.45pm
Sunday	11 th .	Private Party	2.30pm – 5pm
Sunday	18 th .	Causeway Projects	2.15pm – 4.45pm
Sunday	25 th .	Sale Event	8am – 4pm

To make a booking or check availability please contact:- Booking Secretary – Jenny Hayes on 07510281232



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E-mail: katie@ruralroosts.co.uk

Have you heard the story about a Samaritan ?

No, it's not a joke - it's a true story and repeated every week in Lincoln and 200 other branches in the country. The story is simply about a very ordinary volunteer called Sam, who offers to give up a few hours each week to go into the centre at Lincoln and sit in a nice comfortable seat with other colleagues in a quiet room and just wait by the telephones.

It is impossible to predict the calls. For no obvious reason, there are times when the 'phones hardly ring but other times can be very busy. Sometimes they are there for a few hours in the early morning, sometimes in the middle of the day or the evening, but occasionally in the middle of the night when most of us are asleep. Who else can you talk to before the sun rises? Even if you close your eyes, the worries you have, at that time of day, can appear like the size of a mountain.

Sam usually has plenty of tea and coffee or cool drinks and often shares a little bit of personal news and chat with the other volunteers that are on duty at the same time. They come from many different backgrounds and have lots of interests. Some are young, some are retired, some have very busy but flexible lives, but they all share the same wish to give up some of their time to help and care for others and they have been trained to really listen to those who may telephone.

Sometimes during the daytime, a bell rings and Sam goes to answer the door to a visitor who may prefer to come in and sit down in a quiet room and talk about the things they are trying to deal with. It could be about relationships, bereavement, emotional or financial problems. Visitors are often grateful for the opportunity to sit down with someone who is not involved and has time to really listen to their problems.

Sam never judges and all that is said remains confidential. Perhaps for the very first time, the visitor is, able to talk about their real feelings and start to see their situation more clearly. It has been known for a caller to begin to work out for themselves what their alternatives may be and start thinking about their future possibilities. The same happens for those on the telephone and also for one of Sam's colleagues called Jo, who is one of the volunteers answering the emails that some people prefer to send. Sam often helps Jo with the reply and for those who may want to send an old fashioned letter, Chris is usually the one who will write back.

Sam and the other volunteers are not expected to have all the answers - they often don't - they have no magic wand - they do not give advice - but they do have a lot of patience and understanding through their regular training and because they listen very carefully, it can sometimes help callers when they are able to talk about their feelings.

Occasionally, Sam may give a few extra hours to work in schools, and also talk to various group meetings about the work of Samaritans. Volunteers are very proud to talk about the roots of the organisation, which actually originated in Lincoln. There are other colleagues who help with publicity, admin., fundraising, recruitment and training. Donations are always gratefully accepted as it costs more than £70 every day just to keep the centre and telephone lines open.

At the end of a few hours, Sam goes home to get on with, what may be called, a normal life, having been there to give a little time for those who needed to talk in confidence about their own personal worries.

If ever you feel the need to talk.....

SAMARITANS

.....available 24 hours a day 365 days

01522 528282 or 08457 909090

email: jo@samaritans.org web: www.samaritans.org

write: Chris, PO Box 90 90 Stirling, FK8 2SA

Visit: 17, Hungate, Lincoln LN1 1ES

Could you find time to train to help Sam as a Volunteer?

**CHERRY WILLINGHAM COMMUNITY SCHOOL (A Specialist Sports, Maths & Computing College)
OUR NEW 3G PITCH IS OPENING MONDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2009**

Available to book NOW!

This is a new facility that is part of CWCS and is open to everyone in the community. If you wish to make a booking we can assure you that everyone will be treated the same and (subject to availability) no one will have a pitch booking preference.

It **LOOKS** like grass, it **PLAYS** like grass, it even **FEELS** like grass, **BUT IT'S NOT!** This new 3G pitch can handle **ALL** weather So come book **TODAY** and you won't be disappointed!

NETTLEHAM MEDICAL PRACTICE

New Partner We would like to welcome Dr Olaleye Oginni to the practice. He joined the practice at the beginning of September as a Partner to replace some of Dr Lacy's sessions who has now gone part time.

We would also like to welcome Dr Lizzie Coligan who will be working at the practice until February 2010 covering Dr Catherine McParland who is currently on maternity leave.

New Build As you may be aware the practice has been considering the possibility of relocating and building a new larger surgery. After much consideration the Partners have decided to remain at the Lodge Lane site and hope to create two additional consulting rooms within the current building.

Seasonal flu vaccinations We shall be commencing our flu campaign from the beginning of October. We shall again be running our flu clinics on various Saturday mornings throughout October & November at both Nettleham and Cherry Willingham surgeries. We will be providing limited Thursday evening clinics at Nettleham for those patients who genuinely can not attend on a Saturday.

Vaccination is available for patients who fit one of the criteria listed below;

- *Aged 65 or over
- *Have Chronic Respiratory Disease (including Asthma when regularly using an inhaled steroid)
- *Have Chronic Liver Disease
- *Have Chronic Renal Disease
- *Have Diabetes
- *Have Suppressed Immune Systems
- *Are a Carer
- *Have Multiple Sclerosis

Please contact either surgery from the middle of September to book an appointment inane of the flu clinics.

Swine Flu update

The practice has had numerous conversations with Welton practice and we have agreed to work together to ensure that our services are still offered should either practice suffer a large number of staff absences due to swine flu.

We understand that there will be a Swine Flu vaccination available late autumn for patients who are in certain high risk groups. At the moment we are awaiting further details from the Department of Health, so will update you as we know more.

Helen Lunn, Practice Manager

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Summary of meeting – 7th September, 2009

The Clerk was asked to contact:

- * LCC Highways, WLDC Environmental Health and Anglian Water re flooding at 22 Ferryside Gardens
- * BT re the vandalised telephone box
- * LCC Footpaths Section re the possibility of some form of footpath or steps cut into the side of the riverbank at the end of public footpath 117/2 where it joins 102/1 as it is very slippery when wet and the reinstatement of public footpath 119/2 to its junction with 115/1 (Reepham Road towards Mucky Lane)
- * Record RSS accepting the quote for repairing damaged gates in the play area
- * WLDC Planning Enforcement Officer re continued use of quad bike track

Pc Morgan reported on crime during the last month –

*Villagers are again reminded that all acts of vandalism should be reported to the Police. This enables them to increase patrols should the need arise.

Council Tax –

*WLDC are to change the existing precept subsidy arrangements with an initial reduction from £2 to £1 per elector w.e.f. 2010/2011. The village precept will therefore need to rise to cover this change.

Flood Mitigation Scheme – outstanding CCTV works are expected early in September

The History and Archaeology group is to become a committee of the Parish Council to enable them to undertake a project to publish an old village manuscript

The next Lincoln Fringe Villages Area Forum is to be held on 27th October at Our Lady of Lincoln Church Hall, Lincoln and will deal with flooding issues.

LCC are putting forward a bid to be responsible for all flooding issues in the county.

WLDC and Parish elections are scheduled for 2010.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday, 26th October, 2009 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Earth our Home 3 LINCOLN CATHEDRAL Friday 2 October 2:30 to 7:30

Taking Action on Climate Change:

Looking towards the UN Copenhagen Climate Change Conference and celebrating St Francis
Come to this free event; enjoy lots of exciting activities and exhibitions, explore Franciscan spirituality, walk the labyrinth, see the dance & drama.

Special Evensong at 5.30 with guest speaker Revd Dave Bookless of A Rocha UK, followed by discussion. To book or for further information contact Terry Miller 01522 504072, terry.miller@lincoln.anglican.org



LADIES' BREAKFAST

8:45 for 9:00am on **Saturday October 3rd.**

at 'Rosie Lea Café', The Parade, Cherry Willingham Cost: £5
enjoy a full English breakfast

make new friends, listen to a short talk by a Christian speaker.

Tel: Ann: 01522 800209 or Jan: 01522 753432 to book a place, by Weds. 2nd Sept.

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Serving Cherry Willingham, Fiskerton and Reepham

Everyone is warmly invited to come to our church you will be surprised how different it is. Come and enjoy great songs and learn more about Jesus. Tea/coffee

and Doughnuts served before and after the service.

Services for October 2009 at 11am

Sunday 4th Special guest speakers Dave and Rosemary Playle at Cherry Willingham and Reepham Village Hall.

Sunday 11th at Fiskerton Village Hall and Sunday 18th at Reepham and Cherry Village Hall.

Sunday 25th October NO SERVICE as Half Term.

Amigos

For Men Only Wednesday 28th October 8pm at Super Bowl Tritton Road for more information ring Vic on MOB 07534896237

The New Programme of Youth and Children's Events to start soon. Please ring Alison for any information on Tel. 876996

Please contact Veronica Tel 872011 For more information The Vine Community Church is a member of the Ground Level Network of Churches website: www.thevinecommunitychurch.org.uk

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FAIRTRADE COFFEE MORNING:

The Charity and Fairtrade Coffee Morning will take place in Cherry Willingham Church Hall on Saturday **October 10th**. from 10am – 11.30am. All proceeds from the refreshments and raffle go to a chosen charity and the Fairtrade stall has an excellent

selection of groceries, gifts and cards. It will also be possible to order Christmas Cards in October.



Reepham Methodist Church Coffee Morning:

Come and Join us for coffee and cake at The Methodist Church Hall in Reepham on **Saturday October 17th**. from 10am – 11.30am.. There is no charge, but donations will go to Charity.

There will also be a Traidcraft Stall so come and have a look at what is available.

Lincolnshire Limewoods Events for October:

Sunday October 18 th .	Tree Planting at Fiskerton Nature Reserve	10am – 4pm
	Bring a packed lunch & wear suitable footwear etc. Tel: 525725	
Saturday October 24 th .	Fungus Foray at Chambers Farm Wood	10am – noon
	£3 per person Tel: 01526 399943	
Saturday October 31 st .	Halloween Hoots at Chambers Farm Wood	7pm –9pm
	A woodland wander with scary stories & ghoulish games!	
	Booking required £3 per person. Bring a torch Tel: 01526 399943	



Lincoln Villages Area Forum:

ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WELCOME

Tuesday 27 October 2009, 7.00pm Our Lady of Lincoln Church Hall, Cabourne Avenue, Lincoln
“Flooding in West Lindsey” An evening looking at flooding in the Lincoln Villages Area,
including:

- **Progress of the Flooding Working Group**
- **Drainage Responsibilities**
- **Implications of the Pitt Review**

Elections of the Chair and Vice Chair will also take place at this meeting. Refreshments available
FREE transport available if needed by ringing 01427 675149 no later than 14 October 2009

For queries please contact: Katy Allen, Senior Policy Officer Tel: 01427 675149

email: katy.allen@west-lindsey.gov.uk

L.I.V.E.S. Group 26 Cherry Willingham – Although the group is now firmly established and operational in the parishes of Cherry Willingham, Reepham, Sudbrooke, Fiskerton including Short Ferry, we are unable to provide cover 24/7 due to the work commitments of our volunteers. Clearly additional members are needed and thus invite any person in the community who would be interested in responding to medical emergencies in the area to contact me on Lincoln 750303 or LIVES HQ on 01507 525999 for further information. Applicants need to be over 18, fit and able, have access to a vehicle and be available for a few hours per week. Previous medical experience is not essential but would be an advantage. Full training and all necessary equipment will be provided. Interested????? Phone now and join one of the teams helping to save lives in Lincolnshire. Responding is surprisingly rewarding in many ways.

Finally may I thank all those who contributed in whatever way to the Table Top Sale on 12th September. The event made £150 for group funds.

Phil Staples (Group Co-ordinator)

CHERRY WILLINGHAM COMMUNITY CHOIR



I am starting a choir in Cherry Willingham at the end of November beginning of December. If you enjoy singing I would love to hear from you even if you have not sung for a long time. I want the choir to be enjoyable and fun. If you are interested in having a good sing please contact me on my mobile after 6pm or at weekends on 07720050214 or e-mail me at jane.george1@ntlworld.com

I look forward to hearing from you

POLICE REPORT SEPTEMBER 2009

Unfortunately this month I have to report that there have been four burglaries in the area that we cover from Nettleham Police station. Three at Cherry Willingham, and one in Bardney. Burglary is a horrendous crime, which has a huge impact on the victims. It is a top priority for Lincolnshire Police to prevent burglaries and to identify and prosecute offenders. Every village is a potential target, please take steps to secure your property.

Keep car and other keys out of sight. Burglars will use a stick to grab what they can see through a letterbox or cat flap.

Make sure doors and windows are locked when you are out, and ground floor windows locked at night when you are in bed.

Look out for your neighbours – the best results we get in terms of catching offenders are when a neighbour reports suspicious activity immediately.

As I prepare this report Lincoln CID have arrested two males in regard to a number of burglaries including those at Cherry Willingham. Hopefully I'll have more of an update for you next month.

Also this month all parents of schools in our area will be receiving a letter about parking outside schools. Please read it and park considerately. Some of the parking I have seen defies belief. Please Park legally, safely and with consideration to residents near school. Tickets will be issued....

Finally I hope to be able to find some lads aged 13 to 17 from our villages to take part in a Fair Play football league at Cherry Willingham from Friday 2nd October for 8 weeks. The emphasis will be on Fair Play rather than just winning and losing. The aim is to improve behaviour and attitudes amongst participants. I will be out and about recruiting from those hanging about the villages in the evenings, but if you know any boys who might be interested or if there are any adults who are interested in entering a team (up to 7 players) let me know. I haven't got the full details to publish yet but I understand that there will be assistance with travel if required.

David.

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Jackie Parkers Email : jackie.parker@lincs.pnn.police.uk PCSO Parker mobile : 07944776801

Reepham & District Tennis Club (behind the R&CW Village Hall)

The Club has had a very successful season so far. The existing membership has been boosted by new members. Club nights have been well attended and it is pleasing to see the courts used at other times too. Both inter club friendly matches and internal tournaments have proved to be very popular. The annual club 'open day 'was great fun and the junior coaching session this summer was extremely well supported.

Play continues throughout the autumn/winter with flood lit all weather courts available to members at any time up to 10pm. Club nights remain on Tues and Thurs from 7pm. If you would like to join in the fun, annual membership for new members is now half price until 31 March 2010. For further details contact Kerry on 750060 or Val on 750303 or Steve on 838329

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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

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