

BISHOP'S LETTER FOR PARISH MAGAZINES: January 2010

For God's sake give and take.

One day Jesus sat watching as people put money into the Temple collection box. Many of the rich were making large contributions. Then a poor widow came and put in two small coins – just a couple of pence. Jesus turned to His Disciples and told them how she had in fact given more than all the rest, because what they gave, they wouldn't miss; but she gave what she couldn't afford – she gave her all.

This story challenges and disturbs us.

It challenges us because we who are relatively rich know that Jesus has us in His sights. He knows that we give less than we can afford.

It disturbs us, because the Temple authorities were apparently prepared to take the widow's pence and so leave her with nothing to live on. Jesus commended her generosity – but surely the religious leaders should have been less ready to take her money and more ready to give her a share of what the rich had contributed.

Christian stewardship of money should always be a matter of give and take. Whilst 2010 will be a year when special efforts will be made to help us all to take Christian Giving seriously, whether to the Church or to Charity, it must also be a year when we make it easier for those in most need to receive their share of what we have at our disposal.

The Archbishop of Canterbury once asked: "For whom is your wealth good news?". If the answer is "me and mine", then we fall well short of what would be an appropriate Christian response to that question. Whether we are talking about surpluses on our personal Current Accounts or our Deanery Share Accounts, the challenge is there: for whom is your wealth good news?

Christmas is a time of giving. But why stop at Christmas? Every day is Christmas Day insofar as we receive many gifts from God including, above all, the gift of life itself. So make every day a giving day, then those who need to take because they cannot give will be able to do so. And there will be plenty left over to fund the mission and ministry of our Church as well as those many other good causes which are so dear to our hearts.

Don't give in order to receive – that way giving simply becomes another way of purchasing! Give so that others can take what they need, just as we take from God what He provides to meet our needs day by day.

+ 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
Revd. Carol Bason (Assistant Curate)	15 Church Lane, Reepham	01522 753282

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:**January 2010**

3rd. 2nd. Sunday of Christmas
 8am Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham
9.15am Holy Communion at Fiskerton
 9.15am Morning Worship at Reepham

10th. Epiphany 1 (Baptism of Christ)
 8am Morning Worship at Cherry Willingham
 9.15am Holy Communion at Reepham
9.15am Morning Worship at Fiskerton
 10.45am Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham

17th. Epiphany 2
 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

24th. Epiphany 3
 8am Morning Worship at Cherry Willingham
 9.15am Holy Communion at Reepham
9.15am Morning Worship at Fiskerton
 10.45am Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham

PLEASE NOTE:***There will be no services at All Saints Greetwell in January 2010*****St. Clement's Church: Service Rotas:**

Jan	Sidesman	Reader	Intercessions	Cleaning
3rd.	Mrs A Townsend	Mrs L Forman Ephesians 1: 3 - 14	Mrs I Taylor Churchview Cresc.	Mrs J Lunn & Mrs A Townsend
10th.	Mrs I Taylor	Mrs G Walkinton Acts 8: 14 - 17	Mr R Walkinton Short Ferry	
17th.	Mrs J Lunn	Mr P Forman 1 Corinth. 12: 1 - 11	CLERGY Village Shop	Mrs Gibson & Mrs Forman
24th.	Mr R Walkinton	Mrs A Townsend 1 corinth. 12: 12 - 31	Mrs G Walkinton Priory Drive	

Other Church news:

Lottery Draw: The December numbers were drawn at The Christmas Tree Spectacular

£25: Number 3: Mr & Mrs A Pritchard

£10: Number 24: Mr S Canner

£5: Number 45: Mr & Mrs S Toyne

£5: Number 10: Mr & Mrs C Scott

Funeral: We remember in our prayers, the family of Herbert Joseph Swaby. who was buried in Fiskerton Churchyard on Wednesday December 9th. 2009 after a funeral service in church.

THE FRIENDS OF ST. CLEMENT'S CHURCH: FISKERTON

Almost one year has passed since we formed the 'Friends of St. Clement's. This has proved to be very successful, greatly beneficial and much appreciated by the PCC of Fiskerton Church. It has enabled us to carry out some necessary and urgent maintenance work and a number of improvements to our lovely church.

If you are not already a 'Friend' and would like to support us in 2010, payment is £24 for the year or £12 for 6 months. This entitles you to 12 lottery draws (one a month) with prize money of £25, £10 and 2 X £5.

To enrol as a Friend, please contact me - Tel: 750690 before January 3rd. 2010 (or talk to any member of the PCC). I look forward to receiving your call. Thank you. Freda Styles

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

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 **January Tues. 5th. & 19th**. Ring Mary on 595291 to book.



Fiskerton W.I:

The annual dinner will take place on January 14th. at The Carpenter's Arms Fiskerton.

If you have not yet booked please contact the Secretary, M Dunkling as soon as possible.

Vision Church: We are holding our first service for the new year on Sunday the 10th January 2010 in Fiskerton Village Hall. We are a nondenominational organisation run by Fiskerton based Christians. We start at 10:00am and have refreshments after. Why not come and join us once every month and find out a few things you perhaps didn't know about the Bible and its relevance to today. E-mail [**e.melbourne@tesco.net**](mailto:e.melbourne@tesco.net) if you want to ask questions about Christianity or anything connected with it.

District Councillor's surgery

Saturday 16th January 2010 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

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VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS for JANUARY

Sunday	3 rd .	Private Party	
Sunday	10 th .	Vision Church	9.30am – 11.30am
Sunday	17 th .	Private Party	
Sunday	31 st	Vine Church	9am – 1.45pm
Monday	4 th . 11 th . 18 th . 25 th .	Cheeky Monkeys	9.30am – 11.30am
Sunday	17 th .	Private Party	
Monday	4 th .	Village Hall Comm.	7.30pm – 9.30pm
Tuesday	5 th . 12 th . 19 th . 26 th .	Tai Kwon Do	7pm – 9.30pm
Tuesday	5 th . & 19 th .	Luncheon Club	10am – 2pm
Tuesday	12 th .	Kids Club	3.45pm – 5.30pm
Wednesday	6 th . 13 th . 20 th . 27 th .	Computer Classes	1pm – 3pm & 7pm – 9pm
Thursday	7 th . 14 th . 21 st . 28 th .	Aerobics	10am – 11am
Friday	8 th . 15 th . 22 nd . 29 th .	Bingo/ Social	7.30pm – late
Saturday	9 th .	Private Party	2pm – 5.30pm
Saturday	30 th .	Private Party	4.30pm – 11.30pm

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

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Summary of meeting – 7th December, 2009

- Mr. Alan Brown, LCC Highways Officer, attended the meeting to discuss problems with speeding traffic, particularly in the vicinity of the Church. Due to the width restrictions he did not feel that there were many solutions available – for example, traffic lights would cost around £100,000 – but he did feel that the warning signs could possibly be improved; he will report back to the Parish Council in due course. Mr Brown also discussed other highway problems, including the drainage on Ferryside Gardens, the adoption of the roads on the Chapel Rise estate, heavy water down Reepham Road towards Chapel Road and flooding on the Lincoln Road towards Mill House. He also agreed to look into any problems as they arise.
- Members of the Parish Council agreed to join the Police/local parish councils' portable Speed Indicator Display scheme which will be used wherever there are speeding problems.
- The Clerk was asked to contact:
 - LCC Highways about a blocked road gully at the junction of Priory Drive and St. Clement's Drive
 - WLDC Street Cleaning about leaves on Ferry Road near the school
- Flood Mitigation Scheme – it is hoped that summer 2010 will be the target date for completion but as yet there is not a fully worked up scheme or a set of proposals. The Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils may be able to offer legal advice.
- The public footpath from Plough Lane towards Cherry Willingham is classed as priority 2 for the purposes of maintenance and protection and any problems should be resolved by February 2010.
- It has been clarified that the pond area on Ridings Close is designated as a public open space. It can be viewed from Ferry Road and can be accessed via the field at the back. It is not intended to be a play or recreation area.
- WLDC Planning Enforcement Officers are awaiting a decision from their Legal Services Department re the council taking legal action against the landowner where the quad bike riding is taking place.
- The WLDC Precept for the year 2010/11 has been set at £14000.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday, 1st February, 2010 at 7.30 p.m.

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

FAIRTRADE COFFEE MORNING:

The Charity and Fairtrade Coffee Morning will take place in Cherry Willingham Church Hall on **Saturday January 9th**. from 10am – 11.30am. All proceeds from the refreshments and raffle go to a chosen charity and there will be a Traidcraft stall.



Reepham Methodist Church Coffee Morning:

Come and Join us for coffee and cake at The Methodist Church Hall in Reepham on **Saturday January 16th**. from 10am – 11.30am.. There is no charge, but donations will go to Charity.

Nettleham & Cherry Willingham Surgeries

Building Project

The practice are delighted to announce that we have recently received planning permission for two new consulting rooms to be used by our 6P Trainees and an extension to our waiting room. Building work is due to commence on Monday 14th December 2009 and will last for approximately 12 weeks. Whilst the contractors are on site at the practice, there will be some disruption particularly in the car park, so we apologise now for the inconvenience and would request that patients find alternative ways of coming to the practice if at all possible during this time.

Also, as the builders will be here working whilst we are open as normal, I would request that all patients are especially careful to obey all health and safety notices. We apologise for the disruption and inconvenience that the building work will cause and would very much appreciate your patience and understanding during this time.

Swine Flu Vaccination Programme

We have now vaccinated approximately 1000 patients in the highest three priority groups. In the next few weeks we shall be starting to write to patients in the fourth priority group inviting them to attend for a vaccination. This group are those who are aged 65 and over and who suffer from a chronic disease. Supply of the vaccine has thus far been sporadic, but everyone who is eligible will receive an invite from us over the coming weeks as vaccine becomes available.

Surgery PODs

The surgery POBs are now fully operational in both practices. They can be used for numerous purposes with the main two at the moment being for new patients to use to provide the practice with their current health status and also for patients requiring a blood pressure check. Next time that you request a blood pressure check, the receptionist will direct you to the POB, where you can take your own blood pressure without an appointment. The receptionists all know how to use them and would be happy to show you if you have any problems. If you have any difficulties in using the POD with the receptionist's help, an appointment can be made for a blood pressure check with the Heal+icare Assistant. The information gathered by the POD is sent to a 6P, so they can see that you have had your blood pressure checked and will contact you directly if there are any problems.

Helen Lunn
Practice Manager

Check your oil tank before you fill up for winter

Domestic heating oil can cause major problems if it leaks into the environment. It can pollute rivers, harm wildlife and contaminate the ground. Cleaning up after leaks can be very expensive and the costs are not always covered by household insurance policies.

If you own a domestic oil tank, you should follow the Environment Agency's advice:

- Regularly look for corrosion damage and signs of leaks on the tank and pipe work. If you notice a problem, get it fixed straight away.
- Place your oil tank as far away from drains, streams and ponds as possible.
- Secondary containment (such as a bund) will prevent oil from escaping into the environment in the event of a leak developing. This is a legal requirement for domestic tanks which store in excess of 3,500 litres.
- Arrange for your boiler and tank to be serviced at least once a year by an Oil Firing Technical Association (OFTEC) technician.
- Monitor your oil usage levels. If your oil usage suddenly changes this could indicate a leak.
- Supervise your oil deliveries. Don't allow your tank to be overfilled and do not purchase more oil than you can safely store.

Further information can be obtained by visiting the Environment Agency's website at www.environment-agency.gov.uk/osr

If you would like to report an oil spill or leak, please contact the Environment Agency's emergency hotline on 0800 807060.

Newsletter Information:

All items for inclusion in this Newsletter MUST be with the editor by the 19th of the month
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