

## **BISHOP'S LETTER FOR PARISH MAGAZINES: APRIL 2010**

### **By George, its Easter!**

This year Easter falls early in April and, of course, as usual St. George's Day falls towards the end of the month.

Celebrating St. George is especially significant in England, and 23<sup>rd</sup> April is also the birthday of William Shakespeare. So our Patron Saint and most iconic poet and dramatist combined to fuel our sense of national pride, and may even contribute to that air of effortless superiority which seems to come over English people at this time of the year.

But this should be tempered by the fact that this red-letter day in our national calendar falls within the season of Easter. This is the season when we celebrate Jesus breaking free from the bonds which bind us, so that borders and boundaries become not barriers but meeting places.

National pride is an important part of our identity as citizens who belong to a particular place, with all that its history and culture means to us and those around us. It can be cause for celebration and bring us together in positive ways. But it can also mutate into the worst kinds of nationalism which set people over against one another and release the dogs of war. "My country right or wrong" can never be an acceptable rallying cry for those who know themselves to be citizens of the world, and members of the human family transcending national boundaries.

This will be especially true for those who live by faith in the resurrection of Jesus. During the Easter season we are reminded of how He commissioned the disciples to take the good news of His risen life to the uttermost parts of the earth, and it was clearly not going to be subject to border controls or lines on a map.

At the heart of Easter is a message for all people at all times and in all places. It is the ultimate antidote to the worst excesses of nationalism and patriotic fervour. This may be something the people of this nation will need to bear in mind as we prepare for a General Election, so that global as well as local considerations inform our decisions and our destiny.

+ John Lincoln

#### **To arrange Baptisms, Weddings or Funerals please contact:-**

Rev. Sue Bradley (Associate Priest)	17 Holly Close, Cherry Willingham	01522 750292
Rev. Peter Collins (Curate)	The Rectory, Reepham Rd. Fiskerton	01522 750091
Rev. 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:	<a href="http://www.lincoln.ourchurchweb.org.uk/southlawres">www.lincoln.ourchurchweb.org.uk/southlawres</a>	

**Bishop to discuss his latest book:** The Bishop of Lincoln, the Rt Rev'd Dr John Saxbee, will be giving a series of talks in Lincoln Cathedral on three consecutive Tuesday evenings at 7pm in the spring.

**On 20 April 2010**, the theme will be taken from Bishop John's book, published last September, *No Faith in Religion*. Copies of the book will be for sale, and the Bishop will sign books after the lecture.

**On 27 April 2010**, *The New Atheism is No Threat to Faith* will challenge the arguments of authors such as Richard Dawkins.

**On 4 May 2010** *Any Questions?* will be a dialogue with the Bishop about his faith and beliefs.

*There is no charge for the tickets, which are available from the Minster Shop.*

**CHURCH SERVICES for The South Lawres Benefice:****APRIL 2010**

<b>1<sup>st</sup>.</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	7pm	Christian Passover Meal	Cherry Willingham Church Hall
		9.15pm	Meditation/stripping of altar	Cherry Willingham Church
<b>2<sup>nd</sup>.</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>	9.30am	Reepham Church	Procession to & Service at Reepham Methodist Chapel
		9.30am	Cherry Willingham Green	Ecumenical Procession to Cherry Church
		9.45am	Meditation and Service at Cherry Willingham Church	
		<b>11am</b>	<b>Meditation at Fiskerton Church</b>	
<b>3<sup>rd</sup>.</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	6.00pm	Service of Light at Reepham Church	
<b>4<sup>th</sup>.</b>	<b>Easter Day</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Holy Communion at Fiskerton</b>	
		9.15am	Holy Communion at Reepham	
		10.45am	Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham	
		11am	Holy Communion at Greetwell	
<b>11<sup>th</sup>.</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	8am	Morning Worship at Cherry Willingham	
		<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Morning Worship at Fiskerton</b>	
		9.15am	Holy Communion at Reepham	
		10.45am	Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham	
<b>18<sup>th</sup>.</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup>. Sunday of Easter</b>	8am	Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham	
		<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Holy Communion at Fiskerton</b>	
		9.15am	Family Worship at Reepham	
		10.45am	Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham	
		6.30pm	Compline at Cherry Willingham	
<b>25<sup>th</sup>.</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup>. Sunday of Easter</b>	8am	Morning Worship at Cherry Willingham	
		<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Morning Worship at Fiskerton</b>	
		9.15am	Holy Communion at Reepham	
		10.45am	Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham	

**St. Clement's Church: Service Rotas:**

<b>April</b>	<b>Sidesman</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Intercessions</b>	<b>Cleaning</b>	<b>Flowers</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup>.</b>	<b>Good Friday</b> Mrs F Styles				
<b>4<sup>th</sup>.</b>	Mrs J Lunn	Mrs A Townsend <b>1Corinth. 15: 19 - 26</b>	Mrs I Taylor <b>Primary School</b>	Mr & Mrs Walkinton	ALL
<b>11<sup>th</sup>.</b>	Mrs L Forman	Mrs G Walkinton <b>Rev. 1: 4 - 8</b>	Mr R Walkinton <b>Hall Lane</b>		Mrs F Styles
<b>18<sup>th</sup>.</b>	Mrs I Taylor	Mrs L Forman <b>Rev. 5: 11 - end</b>	CLERGY <b>Moor Lane</b>	Mrs F Styles	Mrs S Massey
<b>25<sup>th</sup>.</b>	Mr R Walkinton	Mrs S Massey <b>Rev. 7: 9 - end</b>	Mrs G Walkinton <b>Reepham Road</b>		Mrs S Massey

**THANKS:** We are very grateful to Fiskerton Village Hall Management Committee for their generous donation of £50 towards the cost of producing the Newsletter. It is thanks to advert. payments and donations like this from the Village Groups and that we can continue to put the newsletter free into every home in the Parish.

### Other Church news:

Lottery Draw: Latest winners are as follows:-

February:

£25: Number 37: Mrs M Cook

£10: Number 67: Mrs M Howard

£5: Number 6: Mr J Forman

£5: Number 23: Mrs F Styles

March:

£25: Number 54: Mrs K Bosworth

£10: Number 21: Mr Reg Smith

£5: Number 45: Mr & Mrs S Toyne

£5: Number 23: Mrs F Styles

### West Lindsey Open Churches 2010:

This wonderful Annual Festival will be taking place over two weekends in May. This year, the dates are May 8/9<sup>th</sup> and 15/16<sup>th</sup>. All the Churches in the South Lawres Benefice will be taking part and will be open to visitors on both days of the second weekend (15/16<sup>th</sup>).

**Fiskerton Church** will be open from 11am – 4.30pm and this year we are having all the Church Archives out on display, including those usually held at the Archives in Lincoln. If you are researching your Family History this will be a wonderful opportunity to peruse the records. Alongside this there will be a display of local archaeological finds. Other attractions in Church will include a plant stall, cakes and preserves for sale and delicious light lunches and cream teas. If you feel able to provide any plants, cakes or preserves, they will be very gratefully received.

Booklets detailing all the 86 Churches taking part are available – please ask a Churchwarden or member of the PCC if you would like one. More details next month.

### Lightning Conductors:

**Those of you who mentally check the Church building as you pass will have noticed that 4 of our 5 lightning conductors have been pulled away from the stonework at the lower level. Yet again we have been the recipients of theft and vandalism. It is hoped that the conductors will be re-fitted shortly, but as usual we would ask for your continued vigilance in noticing who is around as you pass the church.**

### AGM of the Parochial Church Council:

This will take place in St. Clement's Church on Sunday April 25<sup>th</sup>. at 2pm. If you are on the Church Electoral Roll you are very welcome to attend and vote at this meeting.

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

**VISION CHURCH:** Come and join us on the first Sunday of each month (April 4<sup>th</sup>) in Fiskerton Village Hall from 10am – 11am. for a joyful celebration of the Lord, including good music both old and new, with refreshments afterwards. ‘Vision’ is a group of Fiskerton-based non-denominational Christians who wish to challenge the secular view that Christianity is old-fashioned and not relevant in our modern society. Come and see that it is.



### **Women's Institute**

The next meeting will take place on Thursday April 8<sup>th</sup>. at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The speaker is Rebecca Coulson from the Trading Standards Service and she will be talking about ‘Scam Awareness’. Tea Hostesses will be Mrs Forman & Mrs Styles. Raffle, Mrs Gibson & Mrs Toyne.



### **Gardening Club:**

The next meeting will take place on Monday April 12<sup>th</sup>. commencing at 7.30pm in The Village Hall. The speakers will be Rob & Sue Chapman on the subject of “Victorian Violas”.

The Gardening Club Outing this year will be to Wisbech Rose Fair on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June. The coach will leave the village hall at 8.15 am. For more information or to make a reservation [£10] contact Freda Styles on 750690 or Sally Scott on 750121.

**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 **Tues. 13<sup>th</sup>. & 27<sup>th</sup>.** Ring Mary on 595291 to book.



### **VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS for APRIL**

Monday	5 <sup>th</sup> . 12 <sup>th</sup> . 19 <sup>th</sup> . 26 <sup>th</sup> .	Cheeky Monkeys	9.30am – 11.30am
		Bingo	2pm – 3pm
Monday	12 <sup>th</sup> .	Gardening Club	7pm – 9pm
Monday	26 <sup>th</sup> .	Village Hall Meeting	7.30pm – 9.30pm
Tuesday	6 <sup>th</sup> . 13 <sup>th</sup> . 20 <sup>th</sup> . 27 <sup>th</sup> .	Tai Kwon Do	7pm – 9.30pm
Tuesday	13 <sup>th</sup> . 27 <sup>th</sup> .	Luncheon Club	10am – 2pm
Tuesday	13 <sup>th</sup> .	Kids Club	3.45pm – 5.30pm
Wednesday	7 <sup>th</sup> . 14 <sup>th</sup> . 21 <sup>st</sup> . 28 <sup>th</sup> .	Computer Classes	1pm – 3pm & 7pm – 9pm
Wednesday	7 <sup>th</sup> . 14 <sup>th</sup> . 21 <sup>st</sup> . 28 <sup>th</sup> .	Pilates	9.30am – 10.30am
Thursday	1 <sup>st</sup> . 8 <sup>th</sup> . 15 <sup>th</sup> . 22 <sup>nd</sup> . 29 <sup>th</sup> .	Aerobics	10am – 11am
Thursday	8 <sup>th</sup> .	WI	7.30pm – 9.30pm
Thursday	29 <sup>th</sup> .	Lindum Group WI	7.30pm – 10pm
Friday	2 <sup>nd</sup> . 9 <sup>th</sup> . 16 <sup>th</sup> . 23 <sup>rd</sup> . 30 <sup>th</sup> .	Bingo/ Social	7.30pm – late
Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup> .	Vision Church	9.30 – 11.30
Sunday	11 <sup>th</sup> . 25 <sup>th</sup> .	The Vine	9.15am – 1.15pm
Sunday	18 <sup>th</sup> .	Causeway Projects	2pm – 4.45pm

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

Nettleham & Cherry Willingham Voluntary Driver's Scheme:

Our driver who was covering the area of Fiskerton has decided to 'give up' and so we are looking for one or two drivers (with 4 door vehicles) who would be available during daylight hours (mainly mornings) to pick up patients from the Fiskerton area and take them to either Cherry or Nettleham surgeries, wait whilst they see the doctor or nurse and then take them home again.

This is a voluntary service and there is a cost involved which each patient pays. Out of this cost the driver is entitled to an amount which covers his costs as laid down by the Government guidelines and the balance goes into the Scheme Funds to be used as deemed necessary.

There is no guarantee of how busy the driver would be because this is dependant on patient needs but if there were certain days that a driver would be prepared to be available then we can cover any outstanding days until we can find a second driver to hopefully cover the other days.

If anyone is interested in helping the scheme to give a full service to the Fiskerton area then please contact me on 754333 or e-mail [alanprice1947@btinternet.com](mailto:alanprice1947@btinternet.com)

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**FISKERTON HISTORY & ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP**

Come and join us at the village hall on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April** for our launch of Fred Thompson's memoir, "**YELLOWBELLY YOUTH: A FISKERTON BOYHOOD**".

The memoir includes many descriptions and many photographs of life in the village from 1913 when Fred was born, through the 1920's and 1930's. Many of the things he describes in detail have since disappeared, such as Fiskerton Hall, old ways of farming and the role of chapel and church in village life. It includes many village characters and families.

Fred will be joining us so do come along and meet him. We will be there **from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm.** with tea & coffee and a small exhibition of village photographs. The memoir will be on sale for £6.00 a copy: cheques need to be made payable to Fiskerton Parish Council.

If you are unable to come along on the day and want to get a copy of the memoir please ring Dave Willey on 751633 or Sally Scott on 750121.

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

**LADIES' BREAKFAST** - 8:45 for 9:00am on Saturday April 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
at 'Rosie Lea Café', The Parade, Cherry Willingham  
Cost: £5



- ♥ all ladies welcome
- ♥ make new friends
- ♥ enjoy a full English breakfast
- ♥ listen to a short talk by a Christian speaker.

**Tel: Jan: 01522 753432 to book a place, by Thurs. 1<sup>st</sup>. April**

### **É The Vine Community Church :**

**There's a big welcome for you at our Sunday services in April.**

(Children's activities at every service):

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April, Special Easter Service 11am at Reepham and Cherry Willingham Village Hall

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April, **Family Special** 11am at Fiskerton Village Hall

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April, 11am at Reepham and Cherry Willingham Village Hall

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April - Church Weekend Away

*There's lots going on at The Vine Church, for all ages*

For more details, Tel 872011 or look at the website [www.thevinecommunitychurch.org.uk](http://www.thevinecommunitychurch.org.uk)



#### **FAIRTRADE COFFEE MORNING:**

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

#### **Coffee Morning in aid of** **'Release International'**

The Methodist Church Hall in Reepham    **Saturday April 17<sup>th</sup>**. from 10am – 11.30am.. This charity provides practical care and support to Christians in 30 countries around the world who are being persecuted for their faith in Christ .

*Cake stall    Bring and Buy    Quizzes    Puzzles*  
*As well as coffee and cake and information about the Charity*

**PLEASE COME AND GIVE YOUR SUPPORT**



Supporting the  
British Heart Foundation

Many thanks to all who supported the British Heart Foundation Coffee morning in February at Reepham Methodist Church, £280 was raised.

**Cherry Willingham Bowls Club** had an excellent year in 2009. The club entered teams in various leagues in the Lincoln area and ended up with teams gaining promotion in 4 sections. The other two teams finished the season in 4<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. place in their respective sections.

The club will be starting a new season on May 1<sup>st</sup>. 2010 on the bowling green situated on the north east corner of the Cherry Willingham Playing Field.

We would like to hear from anyone who would like to play bowls, whether you have played before or not. Please contact Brian Donnell Tel: 750794

**REEPHAM & CHERRY WILLINGHAM VILLAGE HALL  
ANNUAL GROTT AUCTION**

SATURDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2010 AT 2PM

VIEWING FROM 10.00AM TO 12NOON ON SATURDAY

ITEMS CAN BE DELIVERED TO THE HALL ON

FRIDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> BETWEEN 6.30PM AND 9.00PM.

FOR COLLECTION OF ANY ITEMS PLEASE CONTACT:

MR D PERKINS – (01522) 752372 MR F BEATTIE – (01522) 750116.

**NO MATTRESSES OR CLOTHING ACCEPTED**

**REEPHAM AND DISTRICT TENNIS CLUB**



The 1<sup>st</sup> April sees the start of the new year for the tennis club. Following a successful AGM it was decided to keep annual subscriptions at the same level as last year, with the exception of family membership which will be REDUCED to £85 in an effort to attract more families to the club. The courts and facilities are available to members at all times via a key entry.

2009 was a good year and the committee is determined to build on that success this year. After last year's well attended fun junior sessions, these will be repeated from June and we shall be giving more details of this nearer the date.

We are looking forward to meeting up with our existing members, and take this opportunity to offer a very warm welcome to anyone who would like to come along and join us. If you are interested please turn up on **Tuesday or Thursday evenings from 7.00 p.m.** for a game of tennis in a friendly atmosphere. We can even lend rackets and help you get started. We are located behind the Village Hall on Hawthorn Road. For more information, contact : Val 750303, Steve 838329 or Kerry 750060.

**A Selection of Events at Lincolnshire Limewoods**

**Easter Egg Hunt:** Sunday April 4<sup>th</sup>. Chambers Farm Wood. Follow the clues to find the eggs of the elusive chocolate bird! Tel: 01526 399943 £3 per child

**Creative Woodworking:** Sunday April 18<sup>th</sup>. 10am – 1pm Chambers Farm Wood. Learn about wood and make something to take home. £5 per person (8 yrs and over) Tel: 01526 399943

**Herbal Walk:** Sunday April 25<sup>th</sup>. 2pm – 4pm. Chambers Farm Wood. A walk with herbalist Debbie Lincoln to discover wild plants and their uses. Tel: 01526 399943 to book. £3 per person

**Bardney Walk:** Sunday April 25<sup>th</sup> 10am – 2pm Bardney War Memorial. A leisurely longer walk on tracks and field paths. Please bring a packed lunch and wear suitable footwear. Tel: 01529 410288

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**POLICE NEWS:** I would like to take this opportunity to ask all residents of Fiskerton to consider what 3 issues effect them on a day to day basis in and around the village, preferably of a Police nature. If you can think of 3 then I would suggest that they are real issues that probably effect your quality of life and that of others. If the same issue is reported by several persons then it maybe that the Police can assist or deal with the issue or if not pass it on to the appropriate agency to progress. If you would like to contact us with this information then please contact myself or PcsO Jackie Parker. This can be done via email to us at [nettleham.npt@lincs.pnn.police.uk](mailto:nettleham.npt@lincs.pnn.police.uk) or by contacting us by phone, details below. All we require is a name, contact number and up to 3 issues from you.

I would also like to let people know of Lincolnshire Polices' new non emergency single contact number, if you are reporting a non urgent crime or incident then the new number to call is 0300 111 0300. You can still contact myself or Pc Jackie Parker on our personal issue mobiles however I can not stress enough, DO NOT ring us direct if your call is of an urgent nature and equally if it is a new report where a police attendance is required promptly. We would hate for you to ring our mobiles and for example, leave a message only to discover 2 weeks later that we had been on holiday, when you wished to report a burglary in progress.

**Pc 277 Donnah Thompson** Nettleham Police Station NPT Mobile: 07939 312757  
Voicemail: 01522 558798 (enter 0277) Email: [donnah.thompson@lincs.pnn.police.uk](mailto:donnah.thompson@lincs.pnn.police.uk)

## **Nettleham & Cherry Willingham Surgeries**

### **Building Work at Nettleham**

The building work at Nettleham should be finished by the time you read this, and the waiting room and the two new consulting rooms are looking fantastic. A display screen has been installed in the waiting room which will be used to display patient information.

### **Staff**

The practice would like to welcome back Dr Catherine McParland following her maternity leave and also would like to say a big thank you to Dr Lizzie Coligan who has been at the practice covering Dr McParland. Dr Twomey, who has been at the practice for the last year, is also leaving us at the end of March so we would like to say a big thank you to him too.

Chris Christopher our Nurse Practitioner left the practice in January to work in the walk in centre in Lincoln. We would like to say thank you to Chris for all her hard work over the past 20 years with the practice and wish her the very best in her new role.

### **Baby Clinics at Cherry Willingham - Change of Location**

As from 7th April 2010 the baby clinic at Cherry Willingham will be held at the Children's Centre which is adjacent to the Cherry Willingham Primary School, at the same times as before (Wednesday from 2pm - 4pm). If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the health visiting team on (01522) 751054.

Helen Lunn

Practice Manager

### **Update from Voluntary Drivers Scheme by Mr Alan Price - Co-ordinator**

9th March 2010 saw the 1st birthday of the Voluntary Driver's Scheme and judging by feedback it seems to have been a very successful year with many people making use of the facilities offered to have transport to Surgery appointments at a low no-profit fee that covers the volunteers' expenses.

In the last village news article, it was mentioned that we are still open to offers from drivers who have time to spare. We are looking for two drivers to cover the work generated from the Fiskerton area. Patients in Cherry Willingham already have two drivers and some others from further away who can cover if the need arises. Volunteers will need a four door vehicle and also should be aware that an enhanced CRB check has to be carried out. There is no fixed lower age limit but we would prefer drivers who are at least 25 years old and also have a minimum 3 years driving experience. Drivers of both sexes will be welcome.

We hope that the next year will be as successful as the first (but that does not mean that we are encouraging people to be unwell just so that we can continue to operate!)

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### **DATE FOR THE DIARY:**

Fiskerton Church will be taking part in the Lincolnshire Heritage weekend. Once again we will be open on a Saturday and Sunday. The dates are September 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>. The theme for this weekend is Lincolnshire at war, so we will be remembering the role Fiskerton played – not only in the second World War, but hopefully in other periods of history too.

### **Newsletter Information:**

**All items for inclusion in this Newsletter MUST be with the editor by the 19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:fiskertonnews@btinternet.com)**



