

BISHOP'S LETTER FOR PARISH MAGAZINES

"I have seen the Church and it works"

So it was that the Archbishop of Canterbury summed up his visit to the Diocese to mark with us the Centenary of the death of Bishop Edward King.

We worked him pretty hard! From a hugely well-attended Conference on Fresh Expressions of Church at the Lincolnshire Show Ground on Friday, right through to lunch at Christ Church, Stamford on Monday he took in as many aspects of Lincolnshire life that we could put his way. For many the Archbishop's Lecture followed by a wonderfully moving Eucharist in the Cathedral will live long in the memory, but he himself was especially touched by witnessing at first hand examples of how Churches in all parts of the Diocese are engaging with the local community – and especially with some of the most hard to reach people in our communities. As he put it in a letter to me following the visit: "I have seen the Church and it works".

For me the tone was set by his description of the Church as "the echo chamber of the eternal word". That wonderfully evocative definition captures exactly what we are about as Christians. The eternal word of God has become flesh and dwelt among us in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Church echoes that good news as we seek to share in word and deed the love and care of Christ in our communities and congregations. It is the calling we share as fellow-workers for Christ – and amongst our fellow-workers Archbishop Rowan will continue to encourage and inspire us.

My sincere thanks go to all those who made the weekend so memorable and worthwhile.

With every Blessing and joyful Eastertide greetings, + **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:	www.lincoln.ourchurchweb.org.uk/southlawres	

Other Church News:

The Lightning Conductors have all now been put back in place, but it has come to our notice that lead theft is once again on the increase.

It is only this time last year that we had to replace lead on the South Aisle of St. Clement's following theft. For this reason the PCC has reluctantly taken the decision to lock the Churchyard gates overnight. Gates will be locked after approx. 6pm and will be unlocked before 9am. We have also removed the Wheelie Bin as this is a well known method of transporting the lead from the church to a van. A small black bin has been put in its place.

We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause, but we are sure you will understand the reasons behind the decision. These small measures may not stop the lead being stolen, but we have to try.

Please have a glance at the Church and Churchyard as you pass and should you notice anyone or anything which makes you suspicious please contact the Police on their non emergency number. Thank you for your help.

CHURCH SERVICES for The South Lawres Benefice:**MAY 2010****2nd. 5th. Sunday of Easter**

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

9th. 6th. Sunday of Easter (Rogation)

8am Morning Worship at Cherry Willingham
 9.15am Holy Communion at Reepham
 10.45am Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham
2.30pm Remembrance Book Service at Fiskerton

16th. 7th. Sunday of Easter

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

20th. Thursday Special Pentecost Service

7.30pm Combined Benefice Service at Reepham Church with Bishop David
 (Bishop of Grimsby)

23rd. Pentecost – Whit Sunday

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

30th. Trinity Sunday

10am Deanery Service at Lincoln Cathedral with Bishop John – Bishop of Lincoln

St. Clement's Church: Service Rotas:

May	Sidesman	Reader	Intercessions	Cleaning	Flowers
2 nd .	Mrs G Walkinton	Mr R Walkinton Acts 11: 1 - 18	Mrs I Taylor Chapel Road	Mrs Lunn & Mrs Townsend	Mrs I Taylor
9 th .	Mrs F Styles				Mrs I Taylor
16 th .	Mrs A Townsend	Mr P Forman Acts 16: 16 - 34	CLERGY Meadowbank Ave.	Mrs M Broad	ALL
23 rd .	Mrs J Lunn	Mrs I Taylor Acts 2: 1 - 21	Mrs L Forman Village Farms		Mrs F Styles

Remembrance Book Service: Please come and enjoy this lovely service when we celebrate and remember those whom we knew, but who have died. It is followed by home-made refreshments and a chance to meet and chat with friends. Please join us at 2.30pm on May 9th.

Thanks: For a donation towards the cost of printing the Parish newsletter from Brian, The Crescent. Your help is appreciated.

Village Funeral:

We remember in our prayers, the family of Mary Elaine Kershaw, whose funeral took place at St. Clement's Church on Monday April 19th. This was followed by a cremation.

Lottery Draw: The April winners were as follows:

£25: Number 1: Mrs C Proctor

£10: Number 18: Mr R Massey

£5: Number 63: Mrs P Bloom

£5: Number 49: Mrs W Steggall

The May draw will take place over the weekend of May 15/16 during the Open Churches Festival.

West Lindsey Open Churches 2010:

May 8th – 9th. May 15th – 16th.

All the Churches in the South Lawres Benefice will be taking part and will be open to visitors on both days May 15th & 16th.

St Peter & St Paul Cherry Willingham: open Sat. 10am – 4pm Sun. 12noon – 4pm

All Saints Greetwell: open both days 10am – 4pm

St Peter & St Paul Reepham: open Sat. 10am – 4pm Sun. 11am – 4pm

Fiskerton Church will be open from 11am – 4.30pm

Church Archives out on display, including those usually held at the Archives in Lincoln
a display of local archaeological finds

a plant stall, cakes and preserves for sale

(If you feel able to provide any plants, cakes or preserves, they will be very gratefully received.)
delicious light lunches and cream teas.

This Festival is a celebration of the rich architecture, tranquillity and spirituality of the Churches in West Lindsey. Over the 2 weekends you are invited to explore 86 Churches – what a wonderful way of learning more about the history and beauty of this County. Many of the churches will be hosting exhibitions, there will be organ recitals and concerts at some, refreshments and home made produce for sale at others. Or, if you prefer, there are some ‘quiet’ churches where you can just sit and relax. There really is something for everyone.

Free Booklets with information about which churches are open on which weekend are available. Please pick one up from the Village Shop.

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

VISION CHURCH: Come and join us on the first Sunday of each month (May 2nd.) 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.

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Gardening Club: There is a change of speaker for the May meeting. The new speaker is Stephanie Lee who will talk on the subject of 'Anchors in the Garden'. This will take place on **Monday May 10th**. at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

A reminder that the Gardening Club Outing this year will be to Wisbech Rose Fair Festival on Wednesday 30th June. The coach will leave the village hall at 8.15 am. This is one of the finest flower festivals in England with themed displays in various locations in the town & a variety of stalls selling local produce & plants, crafts & gifts. Other attractions include the National Trust's Peckover House & garden within walking distance. The cost is £10 for the coach. To make a reservation contact Freda Styles on 750690 or Sally Scott on 750121.

Another date for the diary is Saturday 5th June when the gardening club will be holding a plant sale at 2pm at Peartree Cottage, Sally Scott's home: refreshments and cake stall.

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 **May** are **Tues. 11th. & 25th**. Ring Mary on 595291 to book.



Women's Institute

The next meeting will take place on **Thursday May 13th**. at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Mrs Archibald will be talking about Crystal Therapy. Tea Hostesses will be Mrs Walkinton & Mrs Woodthorpe. Raffle, I Taylor & M Dunkling.

Fiskerton History and Archaeological Group

We are holding a meeting in the village hall on **Monday 24th May** at 7.30pm to discuss further projects for the group. We will be pleased to see anyone who is interested in **History or Archaeology**, particularly in Fiskerton, at the meeting.

The group wishes to thank everyone who came the launch of Fred Thompson's memoir entitled "**YELLOWBELLY YOUTH:A FISKERTON BOYHOOD**" on **Saturday 10th April** and made it such a success.

Books, price£6, are available from either Dave Willey 751633 or Sally Scott 750121

FUTURE EVENTS:

Thursford Christmas Spectacular
Coach leaving Fiskerton at 9am. Tuesday 9th November
Tickets £40 each inc Coach.
For more information ring Mary on 595291

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

LADIES' BREAKFAST

Hello Ladies,

It is a bright, sunny, Sunday morning and time to reserve your place for the May Ladies Breakfast, which falls on Saturday May 1st! It is at the same place, same time (8.45 for 9.00) and costs £5 as usual.

This month Christine Blackburn is our speaker. Christine is a local preacher and we are really pleased that she agreed to be our speaker this month. We shall be having our usual sharing time so it would be good, if some of you have a word of encouragement or news to share with us all.

Please reply by Thursday April 29th, letting me know whether or not you are able to join us this month.

Looking forward to seeing you. God bless. Jan



FAIRTRADE COFFEE MORNING:

The Charity and Fairtrade Coffee Morning will take place in Cherry Willingham Church Hall on **Saturday May 8th**. from 10am – 11.30am.

All proceeds from the refreshments and raffle go to a chosen charity and there will be a Traidcraft stall.

Lincoln Male Voice Choir:

We hope you will be able to join us at 7.30pm on Saturday 8th May when the Lincoln Male Voice sing at the Parish Church in Reepham.

They were a great success last year with a varied programme of old and new favourites. Tickets are £5 per person or £10 per family and there will be free refreshments. You can also see our new servery and toilet- form an orderly queue please!



Reepham Methodist Church Coffee Mornings:

Everyone is invited to drop in to The Methodist Church Hall in Reepham on Saturday **May 15th**. 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.

The Vine Community Church

The dates of our Sunday Services in May are :

Sunday May 2nd 11am at Reepham and Cherry Willingham Village Hall

Sunday May 9th 11am joining with Threshold Church at William Farr School

Sunday 16th May 11am at Fiskerton Village Hall FAMILY SPECIAL

Sunday 25th May 11am at Fiskerton Village Hall FAMILY SPECIAL

Please note our venues are a bit different to the usual pattern this month. You are really welcome to come along to any of the above, it's very friendly and up-to-date, easy to come to even if you haven't been to church before. Coffee and cakes are served each time and there are activities for children.

Hope to see you there,

Veronica and Dave.

Tel 872011 thevinecommunitychurch.org.uk

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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

VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS for MAY

Monday	3 rd . 10 th . 17 th . 24 th . 31 st .	Cheeky Monkeys	9.30am – 11.30am
Monday	10 th .	Gardening Club	7pm – 9pm
Monday	17 th .	Parish Council	7.30pm – 9.30pm
Monday	24 th .	History & Archaeology	7.30pm – 9pm
Tuesday	4 th . 11 th . 18 th . 25 th .	Tai Kwon Do	7pm – 9.30pm
Tuesday	11 th . 25 th .	Luncheon Club	10am – 2pm
Tuesday	11 th .	Kids Club	3.45pm – 5.30pm
Wednesday	5 th . 12 th . 19 th . 26 th .	Computer Classes	1pm – 3pm & 7pm – 9pm
Wednesday	5 th . 12 th . 19 th . 26 th .	Pilates	9.30am – 10.30am
Thursday	6 th .	Elections	ALL DAY
Thursday	13 th . 20 th . 27 th .	Aerobics	10am – 11am
Thursday	13 th .	WI	7.30pm – 9.30pm
Friday	7 th . 14 th . 21 st . 28 th .	Bingo/ Social	7.30pm – late
Saturday	8 th .	Sati Group	9.30am – 4.30pm
Saturday	15 th .	Private Party	2.30pm – 5.30pm
Sunday	2 nd .	Vision Church	9.30 – 11.30
Sunday	16 th . 23 rd .	The Vine	9.15am – 1.15pm
Sunday	16 th .	Causeway Projects	2pm – 4.45pm

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

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Summary of meeting – 22nd March, 2010

- Ø Highway problems - LCC Highways reported that (a) work to rectify standing water outside 27 Ferry Road will be carried out as soon as practicable after 01.04.10; (b) junction relining at Blacksmiths Road will be carried out as soon as possible; (c) the remainder of Blacksmiths Road in provisional works programme for resurfacing during 2010/11; (d) further works on Ferry Road towards Long Wood to be undertaken as part of a rolling programme over the coming years; (e) footways along Ferryside Gardens to be put on future works list. The location of potholes can be reported on LCC web site (www.lincolnshire.gov.uk)
- Ø Despite our efforts, Stagecoach will not restore the 8.03 a.m. bus from Fiskerton to Lincoln via Cherry Willingham but the timetables are reviewed on a regular basis.
- Ø The grounds maintenance contract for 2010/11 has gone to Veolia (ES) UK Ltd.
- Ø Flood Mitigation Scheme – WLDC has received a grant for £96,000 from Defra so the planned scheme should go ahead. The Parish Council has submitted a grant application to WLDC Infrastructure Work Capital Grant Scheme for £10,000.
- Ø This was the last meeting of the current Parish Council. Elections for the new Council will be held on 6th May, 2010 – any elector wishing to stand for the Parish Council should get an application form from WLDC.
- Ø Date of Next Meeting: Monday, 17th May, 2010: Annual General Meeting at 7.30 p.m.

Fiskerton Scout Group



Quiz Night

7:30 – 8 PM

SAT 15th MAY

Fiskerton village hall

£3 p.p. Teams of 6 or less

Pie & Pea Supper

Please book with Ann

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NEW FUNDING TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO KEY SERVICES IN YOUR AREA

As a rural parish, you will understand the detrimental impact caused by the loss of essential local services and the impact of the Post Office closures. Lincolnshire County Council recognises this and has launched the new Rural Gain Grant to support communities like yours to revitalise what might be the last shop in the village or to introduce vital new services.

The grant may support the following kinds of projects:

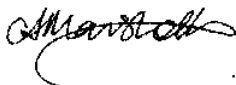
- Capital expenditure improvements to sales/service delivery area – including new lighting, refrigeration, layout and shelving.
- Innovations to sales area – café, internet, tearooms, local produce counters.
- Introduction of new services – pay point, dry cleaning, home delivery, diversification.
- Improvements to Security – update alarm system, CCTV, mirrors and layout.
- Business efficiency – improved energy use, stock control, energy saving devices.
- Access improvements – signage, pathways, cycle storage, buggy storage.

This exciting new scheme is open to rural retailing businesses and community groups in your parish for projects which improve access to local services.

Grants are available for between £250 and £10,000 up to a maximum of 50% of the total project costs (de minimis rules apply).

An expression of interest form should be completed initially ahead of the full application form, both of which are available to download, along with full terms and conditions at: www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/RuralGainGrant. Alternatively an application pack and further information can be obtained from either **Chantelle Grundy** or **Alison Marshall** on **(01522) 782070** or email accessibilityandpolicy@lincolnshire.gov.uk. We are expecting a high level of interest in this grant, therefore early applications are welcomed. Funding is available until March 2011.

Yours sincerely



for Head of Accessibility and Policy



CHERRY WILLINGHAM, FISKERTON & REEPHAM
(Including Sudbrook & Langworth)
L.I.V.E.S. FIRST RESPONDERS (Group 26)

The past couple of months have been a busy time with a few comings and goings; two valued members Dave Preston & Phil Staples (Co-ordinator) have decided to leave the group, and we wish them both well for the future. On behalf of the Group I would like to extend our thanks for their hard work and support.

I would like to warmly welcome two new members to the group, and they are Tracy Andrews and Katie De Vere Wythe; and if you've ever wondered what we do in the group, here is a typical "Day in the Life of a First Responder".....

I've never done anything like this before.

My training took 2 days, and covered all of the important information I needed to get me started, and on duty for my first day. I was pretty nervous, and when the phone rang I thought I couldn't even answer it, but of course I did.

"Hello there its (name) at ambulance control" the voice on the phone said, "can you respond to a call in Cherry Willingham"?

This is it, my heart was racing, I'm going on my first call, "Of course" I said, and made a mental note of the address. A patient, a person, someone in my community, needed my help! Into the car and while I'm driving, quickly running through my vital training. Chest pains, what did I need to remember?

Through the door and into the sitting room! I recognised these faces. I'd seen them in the village and straight away they knew me too. I think I am helping already. I opened my responder bag and began my assessment. It all came back to me; my confidence grew, as I saw the calming effect my presence brought, already reassuring not just the patient but family as well.

By the time the ambulance arrived, I had administered oxygen and taken important details in readiness for handing over to the paramedics, who I knew were on the way. In no time at all, the doors were closing at the back of the ambulance, and it was on its way to the County Hospital; as for me, I'm heading home to carry on with the ironing, knowing my days were never going to be quite the same again!

If you think you could help join a growing team of dedicated volunteers helping your community then **contact Dave Brocklesby** Co-ordinator at the Cherry Willingham LIVES Group **on 01522 885769**. You will be amazed what you're capable of. We are also looking for help with non responder duties in Fundraising and Administration.

