BISHOP'S LETTER FOR PARISH MAGAZINES: JANUARY 2011

My Last Article of Faith

If there was a competition for the corniest joke, I think it would be about the man who got accidentally shot in the backside during a pheasant shoot, and the notice on the hospital web-site said that he was doing well – "and there will be another bullet in later".

Bulletins have featured very prominently during my time in this Diocese. Every month I have written an article for the Diocesan Bulletin, and I am always glad to see that it finds its way into lots of parish magazines.

The subject-matter has ranged far and wide – from pieces about the da Vinci Code, J. John's "Just Ten" Mission and the Abolition (and persistence!) of slavery; to reflections on prayer, pews and the Christian beliefs of Alfred Lord Tennyson. Education has featured prominently, and so have public affairs with the environment, globalisation and the Big Society jostling with tilts at Richard Dawkins, winterval and other sad symptoms of our so-called secular society. Mike Parker's Map Addict got a mention (why settle for a two-dimensional world when with God there is always a further dimension to explore?), and so did the film Chocolat which provided a new slant on the observance of Lent. By no means least, we celebrated the steady rise in the number of people being Ordained in the Diocese, the advent of New Era and the cycle of seasons and celebrations which mark out the Church's year.

But above all, I have tried to write about God in Christ and why faith, inspired by the Holy Spirit, matters more and more in a world increasingly obsessed by its own self-sufficiency. Free-range faith rather than factory-farm religion is what motivates me as a pastor, preacher and evangelist. It is this which undergirds what I have written month by month. You are free to change because, as Ihave repeated so often, God loves you as you are – and loves you too much to leave you that way. That is for me the key message of Christianity, and I simply leave it with you as my last letter and, for me at least, there will not be another Bulletin later!

May God continue to establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith;

and the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

Amen.

To arrange Baptisms, Weddings or Funerals please contact:-

Revd. Penny Green (Priest In Charge) The Vicarage, Church Lane,

Cherry Willingham 01522 595596

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

Funeral:

We pray for the family of Minion Forman whose funeral took place at St. Clement's Church on Thursday December 9th. followed by interment in the churchyard. Minion was a past resident of Fiskerton and a member of the congregation at St. Clement's.

CHURCH SERVICES for The South Lawres Benefice: JANUARY

2nd. Sunday of Christmas

8am Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham

9.15am Holy Communion at Fiskerton
9.15am Morning Worship at Reepham
11am Holy Communion at Greetwell

9th. Epiphany 1 (Baptism of Christ)

8am Morning Worship at Cherry Willingham

9.15am Morning Worship at Fiskerton9.15am Holy Communion at Reepham

10.45am Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham

16th. Epiphany 2

8am Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham

9.15am Holy Communion at Fiskerton9.15am Family Worship at Reepham

10.45am Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham

6.30pm Compline at Cherry Willingham

23rd. Epiphany 3

8am Morning Worship at Cherry Willingham

9.15am Morning Worship at Fiskerton9.15am Holy Communion at Reepham

10.45am Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham

30th. Epiphany 4 (Candlemas)

10.00 am Combined Benefice Service at Greetwell

6.30pm Evensong at Cherry Willingham

St. Clement's Church: Service Rotas:

Jan	Sidesman	Reader	Intercessions	Cleaning
2nd	Mr R Walkinton	Mrs G Walkinton	Mrs L Forman	Mrs F Styles
		Ephesians 1: 3 - 14	Chapel Road	
9 th .	Mrs G Walkinton	Mr R Walkinton	Mrs A Townsend	
		Acts 10: 34 - 43	Ferryside Gardens	
16 th .	Mrs J Lunn	Mr P Forman	CLERGY	Mrs M Broad
		1 Corinthians 1: 1 - 9	Meadowbank Ave.	
23 rd .	Mrs A Townsend	Mrs S Massey	Mrs G Walkinton	
		1 Corinthians 1: 10 - 18	Village Farms	

Other Church News:

<u>Become a friend of St. Clement's:</u> The 'Friends of St Clement's Church' has now been running for 2 very successful years. The 100 Club has helped to raise extremely useful revenue for the up-keep of our wonderful Church.

It is anticipated that the present membership will continue with their support (renewal forms to be sent out shortly) but it is also hoped that new members will come forward to join us. The Annual Subscription remains the same at £24 for the full year, or a half yearly subscription of £12. This will commence from January 2011.

For further information about becoming a 'Friend', please contact Freda Styles Tel: 01522 750690. Thank you.

Lottery Draw: The December winners were as follows:-

£25: Number 6: Mr J Forman £10: Number 26: Mrs S Bradley

£5: Number 34: Mr & Mrs B Canner

£5: Number 11: Mrs D Hall

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Summary of meeting – 6th December, 2010

- Ø The Clerk was asked to contact:
- (a) LCC Highways about
 - 1. speeding traffic and road condition outside Diamond House, Ferry Road
 - 2. condition of roads, pavements and drain edges on Chapel Rise estate
- (b) Tony Adams of WLDC about the present position of the Flood Mitigation Scheme.
- (c) Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership about speeding traffic on Ferry Road
- (d) WLDC supporting them in their appeal to stop the Boundary Commission cutting the number of District Councillors from 37 to 33.
- (e) Dawn Allen, Future Jobs Fund about possible projects in the village.
- (f) Lincolnshire Limewoods about the possibility of having a noticeboard and cycle rack in the village hall grounds.
- (g) Acis about a dangerous manhole in the grass on The Crescent opposite the school gate.
- Moc LCC Highways had reported that works to rectify the flooding problem outside 27 Ferry Road will be carried out in the current financial year, surfacing of the remaining sector of Blacksmith Road is included in the provisional works programme for the financial year 2011/12, potholes will be filled in, the area of Ferry Road between Hall Lane and Ridings Close is included within the future works list and the raised area outside 3 Hall Court has been rectified and will continue to be monitored.
- Ø Planning permission has been granted for the formation of three fishing lakes at Shortferry Caravan Park
- Precept The expected income/expenditure for 2011/2012 showed a shortfall of over £13500.00 and as the Parish Council is to take over the maintenance of the flood mitigation scheme, it was agreed that the precept should be set at £15000.00.

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

COME AND JOIN WITH VISION CHURCH IN THE FISKERTON VILLAGE HALL

The first Sunday of every month starting at 10:00am finishing at 11:00am New and traditional music.

Hear the relevance of the Bible in today's world. For more details contact Eric Melbourne on 07721 589372 or email vision.church@hotmail.co.uk



Women's Institute

The next meeting will take place on **Thursday January 13th.** This will be the Annual Dinner at The Carpenter's Arms. Members are asked to be there for 7pm. If you have not already booked your place, please contact Mary Gibson (752117) as soon as possible.



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 are: **4th. & 18th.** Ring Mary on 595291 to book.

The Gardening Club: There is no meeting in January, but there will be a meeting in February.

THE VINE CHURCH:

2 Jan	Service with amazing KidZone for under 11'	Cherry Willingham & Reepham Village Hall
9 Jan	Service with amazing KidZone for under 11' &	Xplore 11-15 Fiskerton Village Hall
16 Jan	Family Special with Bacon Butties	Cherry Willingham & Reepham Village Hall
23 Jan	Family Special with Pastries	Fiskerton Village Hall

Connect groups Tuesdays at 1:45pm & 8pm in Fiskerton, Wednesdays 8pm in Cherry Willingham

Connect groups provide a social setting for you to connect with church life, develop your faith and provide opportunities for helping the community.

God's Girls for 6-11yrs Friday 4-5pm Dec 10, 14 & 28 Jan in Fiskerton

Youth Programme 12-17's

THE MIX Friday Jan 14 Climbing Wall Friday 28 Jan Art Attach

Xtreme 15+ Friday 21 Jan - Looking at Social Action

For more details visit www.thevinecommunitychurch.org.uk or Tel 872011

FUTURE EVENTS:

District Councillor's surgery: Saturday 8th January 2011 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

01522 750614

meg@teamdavidson.freeserve.co.uk

VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS for January

Monday	3 rd . 10 th . 17 th . 24 th . 31 st .	Bingo	2pm – 3pm
Monday	3 rd .	Private Party	3pm – 7pm
Monday	31 st .	Village Hall Comm.	7.30pm – 9.30pm
Tuesday	4 th . & 18 th .	Luncheon Club	10am – 2pm
Tuesday	11 th .	Kid's Club	3.45 pm - 5.30 pm
Tuesday	11 th .	Private Hire	9am – 2pm
Tuesday	25 th .	Private Hire	10.15am – 12.15pm
Wednesday	5 th . 12 th . 19 th . 26 th	Pilates	9.30am – 10.30am
Wednesday	26 th .	Yoga	10am – 11.30am
Thursday	6 th . 13 th . 20 th . 27 th .	Aerobics	9.45am – 10.45am
Thursday	6 th . 13 th . 20 th . 27 th .	Ante-Natal Classes	6pm – 9pm
Thursday	27 th .	Private Party	3.30pm – 5.30pm
Friday	7 th . 14 th . 21 st . 28 th .	Bingo/ Social	7.30pm – late ALL WELCOME
Saturday	8 th .	Dist. Councillor surgery	y: 10.30am – noon
Saturday	8 th .	Private Party	7.30pm – 10.30pm
Saturday	15 th .	Private Party	7pm – midnight
Saturday	22 nd .	Private Party	Noon – 4pm
		Private Party	6pm – midnight
Saturday	29 th .	Private Party	7pm - midnight
Sunday	2 nd .	Vision Church	9.30 - 11.30
Sunday	2 nd . 9 th . 16 th . 23 rd . 30 th .	Social Evenings	7.30pm – midnight
Sunday	9 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



FISKERTON POST OFFICE: AT THE VILLAGE HALL OPENING HOURS

Monday: 9am – 2pm Tuesday & Thursday: 9.30am – 1.30pm

DON'T FORGET:

LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL: MOBILE LIBRARY

At present, the Mobile Library Stops in Fiskerton, at the Village Hall. However, there is a strong possibility that this will cease after April 2011 if not enough people are found to be using this facility.

The dates and times for the New Year are as follows:

Thursday January 13^{th} . 1pm - 1.30pmThursday February 10^{th} . 1pm - 1.30pmThursday March 10^{th} . 1pm - 1.30pm

The vehicle has a lift/ramp for easy disabled access. Don't forget it is FREE to join and borrow books.

PLEASE TRY AND USE IT, OTHERWISE WE REALLY COULD LOSE IT

Important 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

What's On in January: In The Area.....



LADIES' BREAKFAST
Sat. 8th Jan. 2011
Rosie Lea Café, Cherry Willingham
8.45 for 9.00am, £5 for a full English



telephone - Jan 01522 753432 or Ann 01522 800209 to book a place to share with this group of very friendly ladies.

COFFEE MORNING:



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

All proceeds from the refreshments and raffle go to a chosen charity.

The Traidcraft Stall will be available for groceries, chocolate & cards.



Reepham Methodist Church Coffee Mornings:

The next 'Coffee and Chat' Morning at Reepham Methodist Chapel will be held on **Saturday January 15th.** from 10am – 11.30am

Please come along, meet old friends or make new ones and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and a slice of cake.

There will also be a Traidcraft Stall for cards, groceries and gifts.

Men2gether

New Year - New start, Breakfast: enjoy a full English breakfast Share: Fellowship, discussions, guest speaker Location: Rosie Lea's, The Parade, Cherry Willingham When: Saturday 15th January 2011, 8.30am till 10am. Cost: £5 only. Booking BY TUESDAY 11th January at Latest Contact: Dennis Turner 01522 754725

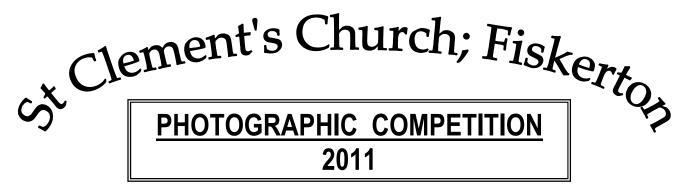
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<u>DIARY DATES</u> <u>Future Events in St. Clement's Church;</u>

Saturday & Sunday May 7th. & 8th. West Lindsey Open Churches AND Fiskerton Frog Fest!!

Saturday & Sunday **September 10th & 11th**. Heritage Open Weekend Saturday & Sunday **December 10th & 11th**. AND **December 17th. & 18th**. Christmas Tree Festival

More information to come during the year



Once again, St. Clement's Church intends to run a Photograph Competition which will culminate in the production of a Village Calendar.

The Theme is 'FACES OF FISKERTON'

This can be anything from people enjoying village events, wildlife/animal faces, the 'faces' of flowers, the 'edifices' of village buildings or the different weather faces of the village. It is up to you to interpret the theme in your own way.

All photographs must be taken from within the Parish Boundary of Fiskerton with Shortferry and after the 1st. January 2010. Each entrant may send up to 2 photographs which must be received by 5pm on Sunday August 7th. 2011

The prize for the 12 best photographs is small and consists of the winning photographs being published in a 2012 Calendar to be sold later this year. Each winner will also receive a free copy of the Calendar. The profits from the sale of this calendar will go to St. Clement's Church.

Please read the competition rules before completing the entry form and, if your entry includes identifiable people please gain their written permission to enter the picture in the competition. Don't worry about distant people in a landscape.

RULES OF ST.CLEMENT'S CHURCH, FISKERTON PHOTOGRAPH COMPETITION 2011

- 1. Photographs entered for the competition should have been taken from within the Parish Boundary of Fiskerton and Short Ferry no earlier than 1 January 2010
- 2. No more than two entries will be accepted per person and entries will not be returned. Entries should be submitted as an image file (ideally a JPEG file between 1MB and 2MB) for each entry via e-mail to photocomp@btinternet.com
- 3. Each entrant must send a completed and signed entry form with their entry, giving details of the date and location at which each photograph was taken.
- 4. Whilst enhancement of photos is permitted the images must not be changed, added to or manipulated in any way.
- 5. The deadline for receiving entries is 5pm on Sunday August 7th. 2011. Winners will be notified and results will be announced in the September edition of the Parish Newsletter .
- 6. You must provide your name and address and telephone number if you wish to enter this competition. The Fiskerton Church PCC will only ever use your personal details for the purposes of administering this competition, and will not publish them or provide them to anyone without your permission.
- 7. The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

- 8. If your photographs feature any identifiable person or people, written permission must be obtained from all involved .
- 9. By submitting your photographs to the Fiskerton Church PCC you agree to grant them, free of charge, the right to publish and the right to licence others to publish the photographs as required.
- 10. Fiskerton Church PCC reserves the right to cancel this competition at any stage if deemed necessary in its opinion or if circumstances arise outside its control.

St. Clement's Church, Fiskerton; Photograph Competition Entry Form

Your details					
Name:					
Address:					
Postcode:					
Contact telephone number:					
e-mail address:					
Please tell us in a few words about your entry (or entries, maximum 2) and how it relates to Fiskerton or Shortferry.					
Entry 1 Date taken:/ Location:					
Entry 2 Date taken:	/ Location:				
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"I confirm that the enclosed image(s) is (are) my own unpublished work taken since 1 January 2010 and that my entry complies with all of the competition rules."					
Signed:					
"I confirm that I have the written permission of persons appearing in this photograph, for it to be entered into this competition."					
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Signed: Places and this form by 5pm on Synday 7 th August 2011 to:					
Please send this form by 5pm on Sunday 7 th . August 2011 to:					

Fiskerton Photo. Competition; Mrs L. Forman, Applegarth, Ferry Road, Fiskerton, Lincoln LN3 $4\mathrm{HU}$

Please e-mail your digital image files to photocomp@btinternet.com