

Vicar's Blog!

Life (and ministry it seems!) goes in seasons.... I have been reflecting over the start of this new year at the first four months of ministry in this area and there seems to have been a common theme – church roofs!

In November our Archdeacon dedicated the beautiful new roof at Greetwell; in Fiskerton we have again been hit by thieves who have stolen the lead off the roof; and Cherry Willingham has a major project to completely refurbish the church roof along with accompanying improvements. Happily Reepham are currently free of roof issues and long may it continue!

This of course provides a dilemma for those of us who believe that church is primarily about the relationship of God and people together – where do we spend our time when we have been given the task of stewarding beautiful listed buildings and have also been given the task of caring for people?!

I am reminded of the account in the Bible of the paralysed man whose friends were so convinced that Jesus could and would heal him that instead of trying to get through crowds of people, decided to take out a portion of the roof and lower him on a stretcher to place him at Jesus feet. Different context I know - the roof wasn't made of lead! However it does remind me that our relationship with God and with friends and family are of primary importance and need to be put first – the paralysed man really mattered to his mates - a reminder to me when I am chained to my desk filling out forms, and maybe a reminder to all of us – that people matter.

God's richest blessing,
Penny

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

Women's World Day of Prayer 2011:

This year the Women's World Day of Prayer will be hosted by the Methodist congregation at Cherry Willingham and will take place on *March 4th in Cherry Willingham Church Hall starting at 7 pm.*

The service this year has been prepared by women from various churches in Chile and will be used with congregations of men, women and children in 117 countries. The service will bring the needs of the people of Chile before the Lord. Through the theme, "How many loaves have you?" The Chilean women challenge us to consider the gifts that we all have and to think about how we can share them, bringing God's love and care to others and especially those in need.

Thanks: for an anonymous donation of £20 towards the cost of printing Fiskerton Newsletter. This is much appreciated.

CHURCH SERVICES for The South Lawres Benefice:**FEBRUARY:****6th. 5th. Sunday before Lent**

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

13th. 4th. Sunday before Lent

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

20th. 3rd. Sunday before Lent (education Sunday)

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

27th. 2nd. Sunday before Lent

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

St. Clement's Church Rotas:

Feb.	Sidesman	Reader	Intercessions	Cleaning
6th.	Mrs S Massey	Mr R Walkinton 1Cor. 2: 1-12 [13-16]	Mrs L Forman The Crescent	Mrs Lunn & Mrs Townsend
13th.	Mrs L Forman	Mr P Forman 1Cor 3: 1 - 9	Mr R Walkinton High Street	
20th.	Mrs F Styles	Mrs G Walkinton 1Cor.3: 10-11 & 16 - 23	CLERGY Work of the Pre-school	Mrs Gibson & Mrs Forman
27th.	Mrs G Walkinton	Mrs L Forman Romans 8: 18 - 25	Mrs A Townsend The 2 public houses	

Other Church News:

By now you will have heard that once again, on December 28th. St. Clement's Church was victim to lead theft. This time, the remaining lead from the South Aisle roof was taken. Unfortunately, because this occurred in the same Insurance year as the previous theft we cannot claim from the Insurance Company. However, the PCC is quite determined to replace the lead on this roof with another material and the procedures for doing this are underway.

The week following the lead theft an attempt was made to steal oil. Luckily there was little in the tank, but the damage caused to the pipework means that we are unable to use the permanent heating system. We do have temporary measures in place and hope to have the heating back to normal as soon as possible.

In the meantime, please report anything unusual that you notice as you pass the church to the police. Their non-emergency number is 03001110300. Thank you.

Funerals:

We pray for the family of Alan Drew whose funeral took place at St. Clement’s Church on Thursday December 23rd 2010. followed by cremation. Alan was a very good friend to Fiskerton Church, helping wherever he could and always so cheerfully. We shall miss him, but his lasting legacy to us is the work he did on helping to convert the Church broom cupboard to a kitchen.

Marilynne writes: *I would like to thank all friends for their kindness and support during Alan’s short illness and sudden death. I would not have managed without your input of kind words and practical help. Also, thank you for your beautiful floral tributes and generous donations to St. Barnabas Hospice. Alan would have been humbled to know that he was so liked and respected and that so many attended his funeral. Our dream of retirement in the country is not to be, but you have all confirmed that village life is ‘the good life’. Love from Marilynne*

We also pray for the families of Margaret Wood – a lady who lived in Fiskerton just about all of her life – and Reg Doughty also a past resident of the village. Margaret’s funeral and interment took place on January 12th. and Reg’s funeral and interment on January 19th.

Baptism:

We welcome into the Lord’s family Molly Ann Brown who was Baptised at St. Clement’s Church on Sunday January 2nd.

Lottery Draw: The January winners were as follows:-

- £25: Number 38: Mr J Howard
- £10: Number 19: Mr D Houlden:
- £5: Number 15: Mr & Mrs D Willey
- £5: Number 18: Mr R Massey

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URGENT APPEAL:

Can you help us to support the homeless? Homeless people in the city of Lincoln need urgent help and support, particularly with the preparation of hot meals for 12 people.

The curate of St Mary le Wigford church, and co-ordinator of the BeAttitude project, Liz Jackson desperately seeks help. She needs:

- Ø **Volunteers to join a rota of people who will sleep over at the church**
- Ø **People willing to cook breakfast each day at 7am**
- Ø **Hot meals for 12 delivered and ready serve at the church at 7pm each day for dinner**
- Ø **Coffee**
- Ø **Men's socks, boxer shorts and shaving items**

If you are able to offer any support, please contact Liz on 07799 724908 or at liz.jack@ntlworld.com



With a longed for Spring on it's way, a chance to go out,

St Clements Church with Fiskerton W.I. announce

A combined fund raising “**Lincolnshire Evening**” on **Saturday 26th March**

A 3 course, home cooked, Lincolnshire meal with entertainment

and raffle. In Fiskerton Village Hall with bar facilities.

Keep watching for further details.

What's On in February: *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 February are 1st. & 15th. Ring Mary on 595291 to book.

CHRISTIANITY - IRRELEVANT, BORING, UNTRUE? FIND OUT VIA E-MAIL YOU MAYBE SURPRISED!

Send your e-mail to join in to bible-study@live.co.uk and become part of a free monthly Bible study course via e-mail. The study lasts for just one year and you can interact by asking questions etc.

ALSO JOIN WITH US AT VISION CHURCH IN FISKERTON VILLAGE HALL

The first Sunday of every month starting at 10:00am finishing at 11:00am

New and traditional music plus refreshments afterwards.

**Hear the relevance of the Bible in today's world,
without being bored to find its truth!**

**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 February 10th**. The speaker will be John Mallindine on the subject of 'Hearing Dogs for the Deaf'. The competition is a picture of a dog and tea hostesses are Mrs Kinnear and Mrs Massey

The Gardening Club: Our Gardening Club season commences on Monday 14th. February with the AGM followed by a presentation by John Fletcher entitled 'Not a lot of gardening, but part of local life.' He venue is the Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm. Fees are now due. New members most welcome.

VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS for January

Monday	7 th . 14 th . 21 st . 28 th .	Bingo	2pm – 3pm
Monday	14 th .	Gardening Club	7pm – 9.30pm
Tuesday	1 st . 15 th .	Luncheon Club	10am – 2pm
Tuesday	8 th .	Kid's Club	3.45pm – 5.30pm
Wednesday	2 nd .	Yoga	10am – 11.30am
Thursday	3 rd . 10 th . 17 th . 24 th ..	Aerobics	9.45am – 10.45am
Thursday	3 rd . 17 th . 24 th .	Ante-Natal Classes	6pm – 9pm
Thursday	10 th .	W.I.	7.30pm – 9.30pm
Friday	4 th . 11 th . 18 th . 25 th .	Bingo/ Social	7.30pm – late ALL WELCOME
Saturday	5 th .	Private Party	1.30pm – 5.30pm
Saturday	26 th .	Private Party	4pm – 11pm
Sunday	6 th .	Vision Church	9.30 – 11.30
Sunday	6 th . 13 th . 20 th . 27 th .	Social Evenings	7.30pm – midnight
Sunday	20 th .	Causeway Projects	2pm – 5pm
Sunday	27 th .	The Vine	10am – 1.15pm

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

NEWS FROM NETTLEHAM SURGERY:

GP Changes:

Dr Ian Lacy will be retiring from the practice at the end of June 2011 after 24 years. He will be sorely missed by everyone at the practice and by many patients. We wish him the very best in his new ventures.

Online Appointment Booking:

If you have visited our website recently you may have noticed that you can now book some routine appointments online. We have only just added this facility and at the moment have only permitted a small number of appointments to be booked this way until we have chance to monitor the uptake and receive feedback from patients.

If you would be interested in using this service, you will need to register for online access by coming into the practice and bringing a form of photo ID (passport or driving licence). After two working days you can collect your unique username and PIN for this service. If you are already registered to order repeat prescriptions online, you do not need to register again and can start to book appointments online.

Green Issues:

The practice has been looking at ways to reduce its carbon footprint. During the last year we have moved to a company which securely shreds all of our paper waste and then recycles it. We also had two sun tubes installed in the new waiting room at Nettleham. To complement these, we have chosen to have solar panels installed on the roof at Nettleham to produce electricity which can be used by the practice during the week and then any residual sent to the National grid.

Training Dates:

The practice at Nettleham will be closed from 1pm on the following afternoons for GP and staff training.

Tuesday 18th January 2011

Tuesday 15th February 2011

Tuesday 15th March 2011

Tuesday 17th May 2011

Tuesday 21st June 2011

Helen Lunn Practice Manager

Patient Participation Group:

During 2010, the Patient Participation Group has raised funds that have enabled the practice to purchase a TV and DVD player for the waiting rooms at Cherry Willingham and a TV for the Nettleham waiting room. Thanks to all patients for their continued support.

Meg Rawden – Chairperson

Voluntary Driver Scheme:

2010 was another successful year for the scheme with a 250% increase from the 10 months of 2009 in the amount of appointments we covered where transport was required by patients. Due to its popularity in 2010, we have been able to reduce the price of the fares. We hope to continue with this level of service throughout 2011.

Alan Price – Co-ordinator

POLICE NEWS:

Theft of Lead from St Clements Church, Fiskerton

Sometime overnight between 27th and 28th December 2010 offenders have stolen a quantity of lead from the roof of the church. It would appear that the offenders have parked their vehicle at the property next door to gain entry to the rear of the church. This is the third time the church has suffered this type of theft in a 12-month period. There are currently no suspects for this offence but it is thought that the offenders must use a large vehicle/lorry to be able to take the lead away. Incident 70 28/12/10 refers.

Graffiti on exterior perimeter wall. High Street, Fiskerton

Sometime this year graffiti has been sprayed in black paint onto the exterior perimeter wall of a residential property on the High Street in Fiskerton. The wording of the graffiti is B B B M C and a poor drawing of what is thought to be a cannabis leaf. This graffiti is identical to a lot that has been found in the Bardney village over the same time period. We believe we know what the initials stand for but as yet are unaware who may be responsible. Incident 138 07/01/11 refers.

If anyone has any information in relation to either of these incidents or any other incidents then please contact the team on the numbers shown. Thank you.

For incident or crime reporting please ring 0300 111 0300

For information and advice call PcsO Parker 07944 776801 or myself on 07939 312757, if we are unable to take your call or are off duty you will be put through to a voicemail, so **PLEASE** do not leave a message if it is of an urgent nature or if you wish to report an incident or crime, as it could be several days before it is dealt with.

Police Surgeries

We do not currently run an actual Police Surgery in Fiskerton, however we do attend the Luncheon Club held on a Tuesday, fortnightly around 12.30pm in the Village Hall. If anyone wishes to pop and speak with us then they are more than welcome. We also run Police Surgeries fortnightly in Bardney at the Heritage Centre and monthly in Cherry Willingham Library if anyone wishes to come and speak with us in person. All dates and times can be found either on our WebPages <http://www.lincs.police.uk/Contact-Us/Neighbourhood-Policing-Teams/Nettleham/>

Or on our Facebook profile.

Pc 277 Donnah Thompson Community Beat Manager
Nettleham Neighbourhood Policing Team

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SAVE OUR FORESTS PETITION

There are proposals to sell Forestry Commission woodlands to private owners which means we will not be able to guarantee the survival of the woods and forests nor will we be able to guarantee public access to them. In Lincolnshire we have the remnants of unique ancient woodlands in the Lincolnshire Limewoods, which include Fiskerton Longwood, containing small leaved limetrees which are very rare and impossible to replace: there are few areas nationally of such ancient woodland. In our area much of this woodland has existed since prehistoric times which makes it even more important to keep them in our, public ownership, through the Forestry Commission and other local and national public bodies. Because of this public ownership these woodlands, like many others throughout the country are open to the public, our children & grandchildren. The Forestry Commission manage the Limewoods and have many and continuing educational projects as well as carrying out conservation work that protects and enhances this unique flora & fauna.

If, like me, you wish to keep our woodlands please support the campaign by signing this petition which you can sign on line at : <http://www.38degrees.org.uk/save-our-forests>

Sally Scott

LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL: LIBRARY SERVICES

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 are as follows:

Thursday February 10th. 1pm – 1.30pm

Thursday March 10th. 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

CHERRY WILLINGHAM LIBRARY: In a time of recession we are all looking for ways of saving money and we at Cherry Willingham library want to remind you of the fantastic value for money service that we can offer. Firstly, joining is free and at present requires no proof of identity so just pop in or go online to join. You can then borrow up to 40 items - generous by even the most avid readers standards - for up to one month when they require renewal which can be done in person, on line or by telephone.

The supermarkets lure us in with their 'buy one, get one free' but remember that in the library it is 'get one free, get another free': and another and another and with a simple return policy at the end of the read there isn't the dilemma of where to store another supermarket novel that you will never read again. Also what about the adverts for newly issued books that you read about in the glossies? Bring the ad in to us and we can order the book for you. You'll join an advanced waiting list of people waiting for the books to be released and particularly in the case of hard backs it will cost you pennies instead of pounds.

Your local library can't store all the reading material, talking books and dvds to satisfy all the tastes of all the people but with the media you require on the shelves in other Lincolnshire libraries, it is not usually a long wait for the book of your choice to arrive. If you want, phone in so that you know your book is in then it will cost you 50p, whilst for email or text notification it is 25p, payable when you collect your book. You might even find a book or two to tide you over whilst you await your request: our reader recommended shelves are very popular. Books can be returned to any Lincolnshire library so if you plan to holiday in Lincolnshire gather your reading material from us and return it to the library in your holiday venue. If a library is shut just post the books through the door and they will be dealt with when we next open.

'But you are never open' we hear you cry! If you really can't get to see us on a Monday 2 - 7pm, Thursday 2-6pm and Sat 10 am-1pm then can we remind you that the library service is accessible on line 24/7 at www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/libraries where books can be renewed, requested and their status checked. Alternatively you can phone the customer service number on 01522 782010 for any of the the above services.

And forget that fuddy duddy image and the need for silence. Come to the library for a chat with friends and with the staff! Use your mobile whilst you surf the net on one of our 5 free to use computers, but remember to book as they can get quite busy. We also sell very reasonably priced and attractive greetings cards and educational posters for your child's bedroom wall . We offer photocopying facilities, a daily copy of the Echo for browsing, and have a range of second hand non fiction and fiction books for sale at 50p and 10p respectively. Our entrance hall displays events and services offered by Lincolnshire County Council whilst in the reference centre is our community notice board and file promoting local events.

Thanks to the hard work of Mrs Grayson and the Year 11's at Cherry Willingham Community School , we have 5 fantastic and colourful art board for display in the children's section. They depict characters from a huge range of children's books so do come along and see if you can spot your favourites.

In the world of targets we are assessed by our numbers through the door and also by the number of new borrowers, book renewals and issues that we process. The more users we can get

through our doors the better the sustainability of your local library for many years into the future. Come and visit us at the Parade, Cherry Willingham where you will be made very welcome.

What's On in February: *In The Area.....*

LADIES' BREAKFAST



Sat. 5th. February 2011
Rosie Lea Café, Cherry Willingham
8.45 for 9.00am, £5 for a full English

telephone - Jan 01522 753432 or Ann 01522 800209 by Thursday Feb. 3^d. 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 February 12th**. 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 Morning:

The next 'Coffee and Chat' Morning at Reepham Methodist Chapel will be held on **Saturday February 19th**. 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.

LINCOLNSHIRE LIMWOODS:

The new Lincolnshire Limewoods 'Whats On' January – June 2011 programme is out now, filled with exciting events that will help you discover more about the landscape, wildlife and heritage of this special area. The programme is available from local libraries and centres or you can request a copy from Lincolnshire County Council's Customer Service Centre on 01522 782070.

Residents' survey

Thanks to all of you who have taken the time to fill in and return survey forms to me. The information you have provided is very useful and I shall do my best to follow up the issues you have raised.

If you would like to take part in the survey but can't find your original form, I do have some spare copies, so please contact me and I will send you another one.

Meg Davidson West Lindsey District Councillor - Fiskerton Ward

01522 750614 meg@teamdavidson.freeserve.co.uk

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. Items MUST be with the Editor by 19th. Of the month. You can e-mail items to [**fiskertonnews@btinternet.com**](mailto:fiskertonnews@btinternet.com)