

Vicar's Blog:

Today I joined a Gym. I have been living with this over-riding sense that as I get older, I am getting wider and less and less fit, and also that I need to get a life – so I bit the bullet and did it, at last! I have to admit that as I pulled into the car park I was feeling a little intimidated and wondering whether this was a good idea – but anyway, I saw it through – faced the questions that went along the lines of ‘so you’re a Vicar – I’m not being funny but, what does a Vicar do?’.(this is a question I ask myself often!!) and ‘are you marrying anyone today?’ I signed on the dotted line and half of me felt good that I had actually done the deed at last, and the other half is still wondering what I have let myself in for.....

This experience made me think a bit – how difficult it is to walk into an environment with which we are not familiar. I have a friend who is now a Retail Chaplain and whose ‘former life’ was as an Assistant Director of a large chain of clothing stores. She was one year given the task of introducing a children’s department into this chain of stores, but she didn’t have children of her own. So she decided, that in order to research this project, she would ‘borrow’ her sisters 2 year old for the day and go shopping for children’s clothes – she had me in stitches as she told me of the nightmare of pushing a buggy complete with food, nappies, toys and whatever else goes ‘on tour’ with a 2 year old through department stores that made it as difficult as possible to get to the place you needed to be and to buy what you needed to buy.

This all makes me wonder- if the gym is intimidating and the children’s clothes shop is a nightmare to negotiate, how accessible is church to those who would like to cross the threshold and are not quite sure what they might find? Now there is something to exercise my mind at least!

Every Blessing,

Penny

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 Parish Church, 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.

To arrange Baptisms, Weddings or Funerals please contact:-

Rev. 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

THANKS: for a donation to the Newsletter of £2 from Ann- Marie

CHURCH SERVICES for The South Lawres Benefice:**MARCH:****6th. Sunday next 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
 3.00pm Memorial Service at Cherry Willingham

9th. Ash Wednesday

7.30pm Benefice Holy Communion with Ashing at Cherry Willingham

13th. 1st Sunday of 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
 3.00pm Memorial Service at Reepham

20th. 2nd. Sunday of Lent

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. 3rd. Sunday of 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:

March	Sidesman	Reader	Intercessions	Cleaning
6th.	Mr R Walkinton	Mrs S Massey 2 Peter 1: 16 - end	Mrs L Forman The Crescent	Mrs Proctor & Mrs Massey
13th.	Mrs J Lunn	Mrs A Townsend Genesis 2: 15 - 17 3: 1 - 7	Mrs G Walkinton High Street	
20th.	Mrs A Townsend	Mr R Walkinton Genesis 12: 1 - 4a	CLERGY Work of the Pre-school	Mr & Mrs R Walkinton
27th.	Mrs C Proctor	Mr P Forman Exodus 17: 1 - 7	Mr R Walkinton The 2 public houses	

PASTORAL VISITORS

We now have a team of people who have trained to become pastoral visitors. They are all CRB checked, approved by the Parochial Church Council and supervised by Parish Clergy. They have a great deal of experience in a range of different backgrounds and are very willing volunteers.

We know it is sometimes hard to ask for help, but if you know someone who is lonely, or just needs someone to talk to, or if you need anything yourself which we might be able to help you with, please do not hesitate to contact Rev. Sue Bradley on 01522 750292.

You do not need to be a member of any church: all enquiries will be dealt with sensitively, compassionately and in confidence.

Other Church News:

Lottery Draw: The February winners were as follows:-

£25: Number 25: Mrs L Woodthorpe

£10: Number 66: Mr M Proctor:

£5: Number 1: Mrs C Proctor

£5: Number 28: Mr J Fletcher

A LINCOLNSHIRE EVENING

St Clement's Church with Fiskerton WI

We welcome you to join with us at our joint fund raising event

It is a fun "Lincolnshire Evening" on Saturday 26th. March 2011 at 7.30pm

A 3 course, home cooked Lincolnshire Meal and a raffle.

Featuring Lincolnshire speaker, Loretta Rivett.

In Fiskerton Village Hall with Bar Facilities.

Tickets £12 each available from Mary Gibson Tel: 752117



FISKERTON FROG FEST!

Calgary, in Canada may have started it with a street art project where life-sized fibre-glass models of cows were decorated by individuals and organisations. Liverpool had a similar project using the "Lamb-banana", Hull had toads, but not to be out-done and as part of West Lindsey Open Churches Festival, St. Clement's is proud to promote our very own..... FROG FEST!

WHY FROGS? You may ask.....Well,

1. One of several ideas to explain the "Lincolnshire Yellowbellies" nickname is the yellow-bellied frog of the Fens.
2. We have a quantity of ceramic frogs approximately 5" by 3" and we would like to invite **YOU** to use your ingenuity and decorate a frog. We will then display them in Church over the weekend of May 7th/8th. when St. Clement's Church will be open. We know they will both amuse and delight our visitors and at the end of the weekend the frogs can be reclaimed by the artists.

There is no cost to enter (we might just award a small prize for the best), so please get thinking about how to produce a really original frog and if you are interested, please contact Paul Forman Tel: 01526 398316

Would you like to run your own Business?

and earn extra cash or a second income?

If you have a few hours each week to spare you could become an **Avon Sales Representative** and sell great products to family/friends or have your own area and earn up to 25% commission.

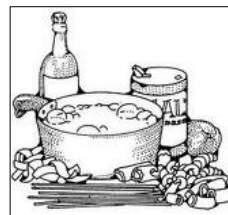
Must be over 18 Contact Lynsey for details

Lynsey.goodson@dsl.pipex.com Lynseygoodson.myavon.co.uk 07815787917

What's On in March: In The Village.....

THE LUNCH POT

Join us for a two course lunch. It will only cost you £3 00 each.
New people welcome.
March dates **1st** and **15th**. At 12.30pm.
For more details ring 595291.



District Councillor's surgery

Saturday 5th March 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.freereserve.co.uk



Women's Institute

The next meeting will take place on **Thursday March 10th**. at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. This is the AGM and it would be great to see as many members as possible at this meeting.

The Gardening Club: Monday March 14th. 7.30pm, Fiskerton Village Hall.

Mary Porter is the speaker at the March meeting. Her topic is 'Wildlife Gardening.'
Raffle Prizes/Refreshments are G Walkinton, M Broad, P Darcell, P Shirley, D Willey.

VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS for March

Monday	7 th . 14 th . 21 st . 28 th .	Bingo	2pm – 3pm
Monday	7 th .	Village Hall A.G.M.	7.30pm – 9.30pm
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 – 5.15pm
Thursday	3 rd . 10 th . 17 th . 24 th . 31 st .	Aerobics	9.30am – 10.30am
Thursday	3 rd . 10 th . 17 th . 24 th . 31 st .	Pilates	10.30am – 11.30am
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 .	District Councillor	10.3am – noon
Saturday	12 th .	Sati Group	9.30am – 4.30pm
Saturday	12 th .	Blackheart	7pm - midnight
Saturday	19 th .	Private Party	7.30pm – midnight
Saturday	26 th .	Lincolnshire meal	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	13 th . 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

11:00 SUNDAY SERVICES in March

coffee served from 10:45.

27 Feb	Family Special with Pastries	Fiskerton Village Hall
5 March	Family Special with Bacon Butties	Cherry Willingham & Reepham Village Hall
13 March	Service with amazing KidZONE for under 11' &	Xplore 11-15 Fiskerton Village Hall
20 March	Service with amazing KidZONE for under 11'	Cherry Willingham & Reepham Village Hall
27 March	Service with amazing KidZONE for under 11'	Fiskerton Village Hall
10 April	Family Special with Pastries	Fiskerton Village Hall

Connect groups Tuesdays at 11am & 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 March 4, 18 & April 1 in Fiskerton

Youth Programme 12-17's

THE MIX	Friday 4 March FUEL	Friday 25 March Climbing Wall
	Friday 11 March Lazer Tag	Friday 1 April FUEL

Fields in Trust's is an exciting new legacy project being led by Prince William to mark Her Majesty The Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge is a grassroots programme to mark the Diamond Jubilee and the London 2012 Olympics and was the very first project to receive official endorsement by the Queen. The aim of the programme is to protect 2012 outdoor recreational sites - the Queen Elizabeth II Fields - for communities all across the country by 2012. This network of fields will be a successor to the King George V Memorial Fields that continue to bring benefit to communities today more than half a century after their creation. Any council, large or small can participate in the Challenge by nominating a recreational site to be included in the programme and all kinds of outdoor space are eligible including:

- parks
- small/informal open space
- children's play areas
- wildlife areas / woodland /nature trails
- bike trails
- playing fields
- open spaces within new developments

The Queen Elizabeth II Fields will also have access to improvement funds. To date a £1 million fund exclusively available to Queen Elizabeth II Fields in England and Wales has been created by SITA Trust and will be split between 2011 and 2012. Sport England's People, Places Play Legacy will also support the Challenge through the £10 million Protecting Playing Fields fund. These funds both open in 2011



Photograph Competition

Have you been out with the camera yet? Spring is certainly on the way in Fiskerton and it is a good time to be thinking about your entry to the Photograph Competition for the Fiskerton 2012 Calendar.

All the details are at the back of this edition of the newsletter .

You can also download forms from the Village Website

- The Clerk was asked to contact:
 - (a) LCC Highways about –
 - (1) broken street lights on High Street near the Carpenters Arms,
 - (2) the condition of the grass verges between Oak House and The Close on Chapel Road and outside 1 The Crescent
 - (3) condition of raised area outside 3 Hall Court
 - (b) Record RSS Ltd about the gates to the play area
 - (c) Edward Leigh, M.P. about the government’s plans to sell off Forestry Commission land
- LCC Highways has reported that an improvement scheme for the carriageway outside Diamond House has been included in this year’s financial year’s works programme and Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership has arranged for a traffic survey to be carried out
- Both Acis and Anglian Water state that the broken manhole on The Crescent is not their responsibility but have agreed to liaise to try to remedy the problem.
- The Clerk was asked to obtain grass cutting tenders for 2011/2012
- The Flood Mitigation Scheme is not finished yet but is working. Contractors have jetted out the section of culvert between Ferry Road and Church View Crescent – a one off action in respect of this riparian watercourse. Work on the manhole at 17 St. Clement’s Drive is in hand – again a one off action. It was not felt necessary to have a meeting of riparian owners as CCTV footage reported that no major works are needed. The plaque is on order but will be kept until a suitable occasion arises. It is not known when conditions will allow the contractors back into the attenuation area to finalise levels to improve drainage. An article will appear in the newsletter when the Internal Drainage Board has agreed to place the culverts on their five year CCTV monitoring schedule.
- Planning permission has been refused to the application to erect two detached dwellings on the former Nursery Unit, Ferry Road.
- Chapel Rise estate - Morris Homes had given a donation towards the play area equipment at the Village Hall on the basis that the two open spaces were left as open grass areas. The land would not be transferred to the Parish Council until the pumping station had been adopted. In view of this information, the file is now closed. LCC Highways are in the process of calling in the bond on the estate and remedial works are currently being quantified in order to bring the estate up to an adoptable standard.
- Councillors requested that consideration be given to siting Simple SID on the airfield side of village and near the church, coming into the village rather than out of it.
- District Councillor’s report: The reduction in WLDC’s government grant is approximately £1.8 million over the next two years. Consultations have taken place on options for cutting the Council’s costs – the Council is aiming for a zero increase in council tax and hoping to avoid cuts to frontline services and redundancies. Following a survey distributed throughout the Fiskerton Ward it is clear that many residents do not have access to the internet and that broadband services are not ‘up to speed’. District Councillor Mrs. Davidson plans to report her findings to WLDC and take up wider issues such as broadband with our M.P. Edward Leigh. The lease of the paddock is coming up for renewal and one resident had asked if sports facilities could be reinstated. The Parish Council have often asked for volunteers to set up sports teams with no success; in addition the land is owned by the Church Commissioners who have said that they will not lease the land for sports.
- WLDC is to bring Parish Council elections in line with District ones which will mean another election this year. WLDC will pay if uncontested but the Parish Council will have to pay if it is contested.
- Date of Next Meeting: Monday 28th March, 2011 in the village hall - 6.45 p.m. followed by Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30 p.m,

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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

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



LADIES' BREAKFAST

Sat. 5th. March 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 March 3rd. 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 March 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.



THE FAIRTRADE BIG BREW TEA PARTY

We are delighted to invite you to be part of this wonderful event to help celebrate FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

Come and join us for Tea/Coffee and cakes

Tuesday March 15th. At Cherry Willingham Church Hall

2.30pm – 4pm

There will be a stall selling Fairtrade Goods, a raffle and wonderful home-made cakes using Fairtrade products.

All the proceeds from this event will go towards supporting a Fairtrade Project. Fairtrade is a great example of the power of ordinary people to be 'good news to the poor'. The Fairtrade Movement stands for equality and justice, determinedly offering an alternative model of trade which puts poverty alleviation, sustainable development, environmental protection and social justice at the heart of international trade. By buying and promoting Fairtrade products we make all the difference to farmers and producers.



Reepham Methodist Church Coffee Morning:

The next Coffee Morning at Reepham Methodist Chapel will be held on **Saturday March 19th**. from 10am – 11.30am and is raising money for **Christian Aid**.

Please come along, meet old friends or make new ones and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and a slice of cake – all proceeds for this wonderful cause.

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

Men2gether: The Local Men's Breakfast

When – Saturday 19th March 2011

Where – Rosie Lea Café, The Parade, Cherry Willingham

Time – 8.45am for 9.00 start. Finish by 10.00

Cost - £5, payable when you arrive.

Come along and enjoy a full English breakfast, meet old friends, make new friends and listen to a short talk from a Christian speaker.

All men are most welcome.

To book a place, or places, please email david@theburrows.net or ring 824936 by Tuesday 15th March Numbers are limited so please book early to ensure a place.

The next breakfast will be held on 16th April – please make a note of this date.

ANN – MARIE’S PILATES CLASS:

Cherry Willingham / Reepham Village Hall

Friday 9.30am, starting February 11th.

£4.50 per class or £32 for 8 weeks

Pilates is a body conditioning exercise class that attacks abs. Tones hips, shapes thighs and re-aligns posture. It l the best body conditioning class out there!

Any questions, pleas call Ann-Marie on 07922125145

CHERRY WILLINGHAM LIBRARY:

Thank you for your continued support of our static and mobile libraries. At Cherry Willingham static library we received a score of 93.6% in our recent audit with which we were really pleased. The library was bustling and the atmosphere, cheery and friendly and the auditor thought it excellent to see such a well-used library. We find now we have lots of people not just coming in for books but also to use the computer, browse the Echo and purchase greetings cards. We also have people who come in to use us a social hub and the conversations can get quite animated at times. We have continued to reach our monthly targets for the number of people through the door and for new members. However we are under target when it comes to issues, so maybe when you next pop in to visit us, you could take out one extra book above your normal requirement! It all helps in keeping the library sustainable for the future. With the recent review of public spending we have had customers enquiring over the future of the libraries. I have included here the statement in respect of Lincolnshire libraries.

Cllr Eddy Poll, Executive Councillor for Economic Development said:

“We have no plans to close any of our static library sites. We have made changes to our mobile library service following a review of underused stops. While we are certain that the library service cannot remain in its current state, the present library service will not be affected until we have had consultations with communities over the next 1-2 years.” **26 January 2011**

Coming new to our library, commencing mid-March, Sue our computer buddy will be available from 5.30pm – 6.30pm on a Monday evening to help you with computer issues. Depending on popularity she will be able to give you ½ hour of her time to help any of you who have computer enquiries or worries. Pop in if you wish to book a session with her or just call in between those times to check availability.

Something else coming new to all Lincolnshire libraries is the e-Book download service which went live on Friday 11 February 2011. An e-Book is a book whose text is available in an electronic format for reading on a hand-held electronic device or on a computer screen. There are over 700 e-Books available, all free to download for adults & children. There is a wide range, including some bestsellers and the stock will increase as more and more publishers extend the range of e-books available to libraries. The Loan Period is for 21 days after which the e-book becomes unreadable on the borrower’s borrower’s computer or e-Book reader and becomes available again on the library website for download. Borrowers can access the service with their library card and PIN via the Viewpoint Web catalogue: <http://virtuallibrary.lincolnshire.gov.uk/> or via the online resources page on LCC Connect: <http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/residents/discover-libraries/what-we-offer/online-resources-in-our-libraries/29540.article>

Cherry Willingham Library, Culture & Adult Education The Parade, Cherry Willingham, LN3 4JL

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 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.

Police News

Welcome to this edition of the Police News. We have been enjoying a relatively quiet few weeks in our area with no major crimes to mention.

Our Community Panel was held on the 9th February to discuss and decide what the Neighbourhood Policing Team priorities will be for the next 3 months.

After much discussion with the representatives it was decided to keep the priorities, which we have had for the last 3 months, which are: -

ASB in Bardney (Anti-social behaviour).

Parking outside the schools in our area (9 in total)

Off road motorcycling at the Old Coach Road, A15, Riseholme.

Taking from motor vehicles in Fiskerton, Cherry Willingham and Bardney.

I have been asked by several residents to mention horses being ridden on the road and to ask that motorists please slow down when passing a horse on the road. This is a polite and courteous thing to do and also safer for everyone concerned.

On speaking to several motorists as well it has been mentioned that a little acknowledgement from the horse rider thanking the motorist for slowing down goes a long way. Politeness is a two-way thing and if everyone tried to be a little politer the world would be a much better place. Please 'Think Horses'.

Can you also please make sure that if you are riding your bike that you are wearing something that you can be seen in such as a reflective jacket and that you have good lights at the front and back of your cycle. I mention this every winter, but I still see people on their bikes with dark clothing and no lights. Even under streetlights it is difficult to see a person on a bicycle unless they have lights and are wearing something bright or reflective. If your child is paperboy/girl please make sure that they have lights and that they are in good working condition. I have stopped young people with their bikes and they have lights fitted to the bike, but when asked to switch them on the batteries or bulbs have gone and are unusable.

We have had a couple of diesel and oil thefts in the area. With the price of these fuels being so high at the moment I can imagine that this may begin to happen more often. Please check the security around your oil/fuel tanks and the perimeter of your property to prevent these thefts from happening. Sometimes the thieves are damaging the tank to remove the fuel and not only do you have to replace the fuel but also the tank, which can be costly business.

There have been instances where people have tried to phone the Police station several times over a period of days in an attempt to report a crime to a local officer, which of course potentially delays the likelihood of detecting offenders as well as providing callers with frustration. Please note therefore: - the Police station is often unstaffed due to officers being deployed to incidents. When reporting a crime, please report them directly to Lincolnshire Police on 0300 111 0300 where your crime will be recorded by a dedicated call-taker.

Stay safe!

PCSO 2108 Jackie Parker

Your Chance to Meet the Team:

1. 1 st Monday of every month between 11am and 1pm	At Cherry Willingham Library, The Parade, Cherry Willingham	Police Surgery
2. 2 nd Tuesday of every month between 2pm and 4pm	At Nettleham Library, East Street, Nettleham	Police Surgery

3. Every other Friday from
14/01/11 between 11am and 1pm

At the Heritage Centre, Station
Road, Bardney

Police Surgery