

### **Vicar's Blog:**

New Year Greetings! 2012 looks as though it may shape up to be quite a spectacular year as the Queen celebrates her 60<sup>th</sup> Jubilee and then comes the Olympics – I don't think I ever expected to see an Olympics in these islands in my lifetime, so I am looking forward to a special treat!

So here we are again at the start of another new year. A year in which I trust you will experience love in your life. I say that because in these times when things are rather uncertain it seems to me that knowing, experiencing, giving and receiving love is absolutely fundamental to our wellbeing as people. As a Christian Minister, I speak a lot about love, because the Bible tells us that God is love. I know that some people find that difficult because of the activity of people toward one another in the Old Testament, but, some of the most wonderful writing in the Bible is about love embodied in the sacrifice of the one whose birth we have just celebrated, Jesus. The apostle Paul wrote a wonderful letter to the church in Corinth. This was a church struggling with division and Paul was imploring them to live in a more excellent way. He described love as 'patient and kind; it does not envy, it does not boast nor proud; it does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.' You may recognise these words because they are often used in a marriage service and they hold up a picture, not only of the delight of love, but the fact that sometimes, loving someone is tough and requires hard work!

Love does bring delight and pleasure, but conversely it can bring heartache and pain. Losing someone you love is one of the most difficult experiences of life. I am a great fan of the Christian writer Henri Nouwen, and he suggests that to live a life untouched by sorrow and grief is to live an unloved life. At some points in our lives, we have to take risks, and loving someone always carries the risk that one day you may lose them.

God took the risk of losing a Son, Jesus, part of his very self, in order to save humanity. He did it to express His love for us. I find that amazing and life transforming, transforming because I believe that God took that risk for me and it changed me, because when love crosses our path it changes us for the better. I didn't earn that and neither do I deserve it, but it was an act of grace, and grace is a gift, given freely by God.

So, as we enter this new year, I pray that you might experience the abundance of God's generous love for you and trust that it will change your life as it did mine.

Many blessings,  
Penny

### **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:	<a href="http://www.southlawresbenefice.org.uk">www.southlawresbenefice.org.uk</a>	

**Village Baptism:** *At St. Clement of Rome Fiskerton on Sunday November 27<sup>th</sup>.*

*Ava Jane Brereton*

*We Welcome Ava into the Lord's Family*

**Thank You:** *Once again St. Clement's would like to thank Dot & Mike at the Carpenter's Arms for their kind donation of £49 towards Church Funds.*

The **December Lottery Winners** will be published in the February Newsletter.

**CHURCH SERVICES for The South Lawres Benefice:****JANUARY**

**1<sup>st</sup>. New Year's Day**  
**10.30am**      *Benefice Communion at Fiskerton*

**8<sup>th</sup>. 1<sup>st</sup>. Sunday of Epiphany**  
 8am              Morning Worship at Cherry Willingham Church Hall  
**9.15am**        *Morning Worship at Fiskerton*  
 9.15am        Holy Communion at Reepham  
 10.45am       Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham Church Hall  
 2pm             Epiphany Carols at Greetwell  
 3pm             Messy Church at Reepham

**15<sup>th</sup>. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Sunday of Epiphany**  
 8am              Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham Church Hall  
**9.15am**        *Holy Communion at Fiskerton*  
 10am            Joint Covenant Service with Reepham Methodist Church  
 10.45am       Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham Church Hall

**22<sup>nd</sup>. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Sunday of Advent**  
 8am              Morning Worship at Cherry Willingham Church Hall  
**9.45am**        *Messy Church at Fiskerton*  
 10.30am       Holy Communion at Reepham with Cherry Willingham

**29<sup>th</sup>. 4<sup>th</sup>. Sunday of Epiphany**  
 10am            Benefice Service with Neil Perkins of Nomad Trust at Greetwell

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

<b>Jan.</b>	<b>Sidesman</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Intercessions</b>	<b>Cleaning</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup>.</b>	Mrs L Forman			Mrs Townsend & Mrs Lunn
<b>8<sup>th</sup>.</b>	Mrs F Styles	Mrs S massey <b>Acts 19: 1 - 7</b>	Mrs G Walkinton <b>Ferryside</b>	
<b>15<sup>th</sup>.</b>	Mrs G Walkinton	Mr P Forman <b>Revelations 5: 1 - 10</b>	Mrs L Forman <b>Lincoln Rd.</b>	Mrs F Styles
<b>22<sup>nd</sup>.</b>	<b>MESSY CHURCH</b>			



**SUNDAY January 22<sup>nd</sup>.**  
**NEW TIME: 9.45am**  
**Fiskerton Church**



**Activities, songs and refreshments**  
**Come and Join Us For Some Fun**

**VILLAGE CALENDAR:** If Father Christmas didn't bring you a 2012 Calendar, there are still some available. Please telephone Lynda Forman (01526 398316) who will deliver!

**The Friends of St. Clement's Church; Fiskerton**

Two years ago we formed the 'Friends of St. Clement's'

This has proved to be very successful, greatly beneficial and much appreciated by the PCC of St. Clement's Church.

This year we have had to replace part of the church roof after theft of lead. The church is insured, but unfortunately this only paid out half of the cost to replace the lead. So your contribution was greatly appreciated.

If you are not already a "Friend" and would like to come aboard and support us in 2012, payment is £24 for the year or £12 for 6 months. This entitles you to 12 lottery draws (one a month) with prize money of £25, £10 and 2X £5.

To enrol as a Friend, please contact me – Tel: 750690 before January 8<sup>th</sup>. 2012 (or talk to any member of the PCC).

I look forward to receiving your call. Thank you, Freda Styles

Don't forget, St. Clement's belongs to Fiskerton and its people.;

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**Revd. Penny in the Village Hall:**

From January, Revd. Penny Green will be available in  
Fiskerton Village Hall for anyone to go and speak with her.

So do go and have a coffee and a chat with Penny on any of the following dates:-

January 23<sup>rd</sup>.                      6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>. February                      5<sup>th</sup>. & 19<sup>th</sup>. March  
Between 11am and noon

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**New Benefice Website:**

The new South Lawres Benefice Website will be live during January we hope.

This is full of information about what is happening across all three Parishes and will be kept well up to date.

Do log on and have a look: [www.southlawresbenefice.org.uk](http://www.southlawresbenefice.org.uk)

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**What's On January**  
**All the services are family & youth friendly with a vibrant children programme- coffee served from 10:45.**

8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Reepham and Cherry Willingham Village Hall
15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Fiskerton Village Hall
22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	Reepham and Cherry Willingham Village Hall
29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Fiskerton Village Hall

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

Adults

**Mon 11am & Tues 8pm in Fiskerton, Wed 8pm in Cherry Willingham**

Youth – Mix Connect fortnightly on Friday 7pm

Children – Junior Connect fortnightly on Friday 4-5pm

**THE MIX for all 12-17's -loads of exciting activities on Fridays**

A new programme of events has started including a new Drama Club.

For more details of any of church events visit

[www.thevinecommunitychurch.org.uk](http://www.thevinecommunitychurch.org.uk)  
or Telephone Rev. V Podbury on  
872011

## What's On in January:

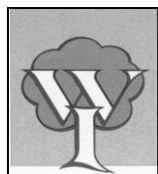
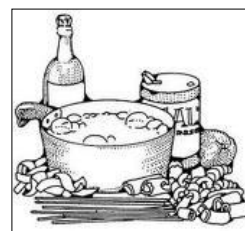
## *In The Village.....*

### THE LUNCH POT

Join us for a two course lunch. It will only cost you £3. 00 each.

**January dates are Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>. & 24<sup>th</sup>. At 12.30pm.**

For more details ring Mary on 595291. New people welcome.



### *Women's Institute:*

The next meeting is on **Thursday January 12<sup>th</sup>.**

This is the annual dinner at The Carpenter's Arms. 7pm for 7.30pm start. Please remember your Secret Santa.

### Lincolnshire County Council: Library Services

The Mobile Library will visit Fiskerton Village Hall from 11.15am – 12.15pm on Wednesday **January 4<sup>th</sup>.**

The Mobile Library vehicle has a lift/ramp for easy disabled access and remember it is FREE to join and borrow books.

### VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS FOR JANUARY:

Monday	16 <sup>th</sup> .	Private Hire	9am – 5pm
Monday	16 <sup>th</sup> .	Village Hall Com.	7.30pm – 9.30pm
Monday	23 <sup>rd</sup> .	Revd. Penny	11am – noon
Monday	30 <sup>th</sup> .	Parish Council	7.30pm – 9.30pm
Tuesday	10 <sup>th</sup> . 24 <sup>th</sup> .	Luncheon Club	10am – 2pm
Tuesday	3 <sup>rd</sup> . 10 <sup>th</sup> . 17 <sup>th</sup> . 24 <sup>th</sup> . 31 <sup>st</sup> .	Pilates	5.30pm – 6.30pm
Tuesday	3 <sup>rd</sup> . 10 <sup>th</sup> . 17 <sup>th</sup> . 24 <sup>th</sup> . 31 <sup>st</sup> .	Aerobics	6.30pm – 7.15pm
Tuesday	17 <sup>th</sup> .	Private Hire	9.30am – 4pm
Tuesday	31 <sup>st</sup> .	Private Hire	10.30am – 12.30pm
Wednesday	4 <sup>th</sup> . 11 <sup>th</sup> . 18 <sup>th</sup> . 25 <sup>th</sup> .	Antenatal Classes	7pm – 9.30pm
Wednesday	18 <sup>th</sup> .	Private Hire	9am – 4pm
Wednesday	25 <sup>th</sup> .	Computer Classes	1pm – 3pm
Thursday	5 <sup>th</sup> . 12 <sup>th</sup> . 19 <sup>th</sup> . 26 <sup>th</sup> .	Aerobics	9.30am – 10.30am
Friday	6 <sup>th</sup> . 13 <sup>th</sup> . 20 <sup>th</sup> . 27 <sup>th</sup> .	Pilates	9.30am – 10.30am
Saturday	14 <sup>th</sup>	Private Party	10am - midnight
Saturday	21 <sup>st</sup>	Private Party	10am – 5pm
Sunday	8 <sup>th</sup> . 15 <sup>th</sup> . 22 <sup>nd</sup> . 29 <sup>th</sup> .	Social Evenings	7.30pm - midnight
Sunday	8 <sup>th</sup> .	Private Party	2pm – 7pm
Sunday	15 <sup>th</sup> .	Causeway Projects	2pm – 5.00pm
Sunday	15 <sup>th</sup> . 29 <sup>th</sup> .	The Vine	11am – 1.30pm

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

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



### **LADIES BREAKFAST – SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**

Ladies come and enjoy a full English breakfast at ‘Rosie Lea Café’, Cherry Willingham on the first Saturday of each month.

We meet **at 8.45am for 9.00am** and after enjoying our breakfast, we sit back and listen to an interesting, short talk from a Christian lady – **all for £5.20.**

Ladies going from Fiskerton can provide you with a lift so book your place by ringing **Jan 01522 753432 or Ann 01522 800209.**

### **COFFEE MORNING:**



*The Charity and Fairtrade Coffee Morning will take place in Cherry Willingham Church Hall on **Saturday January 14<sup>th</sup>** 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. You will be made very welcome.*

### **Cherry Willingham Library Opening Hours**

As a result of public consultation, from 1st January 2012, the new opening hours for Cherry Willingham Library will be:

Monday	10.00 – 1.00	Tuesday	Closed	Wednesday	Closed
	2.00 – 5.00				
Thursday	2.00 – 6.00	Friday	Closed		
Saturday	10.00 – 1.00				

Cherry Willingham library has altered its Monday hours to be open in the morning. We are hoping to attract everyone who uses the Parade at that time and also anyone visiting the morning doctor's surgery. We hope to see as many new faces as possible. Please call in to access books, talking books, the computers and to browse a copy of the Lincolnshire Echo. We have a shelf of discarded books for sale and also sell educational learning posters and birthday cards. We can reserve and order books for you and can also provide you with a PIN number so you can access your account on line and renew and order books from the comfort of your home. For those of you unsure of using computers Lincoln College hope to run a course entitled 'computing for the terrified' starting on a Monday mornings in January. We also offer our own computer buddies – Jon and Graeme - who will guide you through the complexities of going on line. The library will still be open in the afternoon for those of you who have got into the habit of visiting us then. Just recall that we now shut at 5.00pm. Thursday and Saturday opening remain the same.

Libraries 01522 782010     [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk) Cherry Willingham Library Culture & Adult Education

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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 19<sup>th</sup>. Of the month. You can e-mail items to [fiskertonnews@btinternet.com](mailto:fiskertonnews@btinternet.com)

**The Fiskerton Computer club**, has a new class starting on **Wednesday 25th January 2012**, until Wednesday 29th February 2012. Class are from 1pm until 3pm.

The Online Basics course is a 6 week course, that is made up of short bite size courses that help you gain confidence with the computer and the Internet. The course is free and it will help you get to grips with the basics you need to get going online.

It covers:

- How to use a keyboard and mouse
- How to search and explore the internet
- How to keep in touch with email
- How to use government web-sites
- How to stay safe online

If you would like to book your place on this course please contact Tracey on 01522 753285.

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**Not so much to write about this time.**

There are several items I would like to mention though,

One is the **Fiskerton Village Parish Plan**.

The steering group will be distributing our questionnaire around the village just at the end of January. Prior to this, we would be grateful if representatives from community groups, local organisations, village hall users, the school, church, WI and any interested individuals etc, come to a pre release briefing in the village hall mid January. Draft copies will be available to any interested by email or on paper and on the Fiskerton Web site from 20<sup>th</sup> December.

Please take time to add your suggestions and help us find out just what services and facilities we residents, young, middle aged and elderly, would like to see in the village.

If you have any queries please phone my self on 750411 or Mr Kipper Scott on 750121.

Quite rightly, I have heard some suggestions that the plan is just a wish list. It is, but without knowing what is in the wish list, and how many people might make use of the suggestions, how can anything ever be achieved? The new village hall is a fine example of what can be done, - if the community wants to make the effort.

The money for the new build did not grow on trees, but dedication, hard work and matched funding helped raise the necessary cash. There are other facilities that could be achieved in a similar way. If we make use of the new "localism bill", which is now law, it should be easier to get results than it was for the parish seven or eight years ago when the new hall was built.

Second is **District Councillor Surgeries**. My predecessor held frequent surgeries in the village hall, if anyone would like me to do the same please let me know.

In a way I would be much happier for people to just continue to email or phone me with their concerns on District matters.

There is a good chance I will not have a quick answer but I do follow queries up and I will be very pleased to call round to discuss any particular issue you may have.

Third, **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December** was when the **boundary changes** became law.

What annoys me is not that the Local Boundary Commission carried out its review but as far as this village was concerned it was done in secret. When I found out and responded my comments and those of my neighbours were completely ignored.

I have tried to get the merger with Cherry Willingham reversed, emailed all the MPs and much else. No one seems to care. What annoys me is, it is my vote. I value my vote.

It is not there to be played with by the Boundary Commission, the town hall or local political associations. If changes are to be made to my vote I want to be consulted.

***A happy New Year to everyone.***

Chris Darcel, District Councillor, Fiskerton and Langworth Ward, West Lindsey District Council,  
3 Holmfield, Fiskerton, Tel 01522 750411 or email [chris@darcel.entadsl.com](mailto:chris@darcel.entadsl.com)

