

Vicar's Blog:

It seems that winter has come late this year. Temperatures of -12° overnight on Friday 10th February, produced a stunning picture on the Saturday morning breathtaking in its beauty! The trees on the bank in front of my house looked absolutely magical as the frost wove pure white crystals hanging from the already snow laden branches.

I love trees. I always have loved trees..... I used to climb them a lot. Now I admire them from a distance, but they always speak to me of something that I think is quite important – our rootedness. Most trees lay down roots that go deep into the ground. Those roots are fed and provide nourishment for the rest of the tree. They enable it to keep going and to keep growing, and they enable the tree to stay upright when the storms come and the winds blow. Trees provide us with an image of life.....

One of my favourite programmes on the TV is 'Who do you think you are?'. It's a programme about famous people seeking out their family roots. Sometimes those roots are surprising and stir unexpected emotions. To begin with they are unknown and suddenly they become important, because they speak to people about their origins and their formation.

On Friday night, I was out Street Pastoring. It was freezing. I met a young man who was homeless and out on the street. I discovered during our conversation that I used to teach him.... And I wondered how he became so divorced from family and friends, that he is now out on the street and rootless.

On Sunday morning I woke up to discover that Whitney Houston had died. We don't know the cause of death, but it's well documented that she had battles with addiction and it seems, became the victim of the entourage that sought to protect her, but instead divorced her from reality.

A series of what might seem unrelated incidents (and possibly by now you are wondering whether this makes any sense). But they speak to me of something really important – that we need to know and recognise our roots as people. We need to lay down roots in good places that feed us and help us to keep going and to keep growing. There is a lovely phrase in Psalm 1 in the Bible (Psalm is a song) and it says: 'the one who meditates on the word of the Lord is like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season, and its leaf does not wither; and in whatsoever you do, you will prosper'. Prospering is not about becoming rich, it's about growing and becoming the person that God created us to be. For me, that's about placing my roots into God, and about staying connected to people and places and situations that are good for me. Only then can I grow into the person that God wants me to be and only then can I serve others.

No-one can deny that life is a challenge. It throws stuff at us that tests us and tests the strength and the depth of our roots, perhaps it is wise of us to check now and then, where we are investing our time, our energy and our resources and whether those things are enabling us to grow and to keep going and to weather the storm, or whether they are contributing to our fragility. The period of Lent is a time to think on those things..... let's use it wisely.

Many blessings

Penny

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!!! PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE FOR MARCH !!!



SUNDAY MARCH 18th.

Mothering Sunday

9.45am

Fiskerton Church

Activities, songs and refreshments

Come and Join Us For Some Fun



CHURCH SERVICES for The South Lawres Benefice:**MARCH****4th. 2nd Sunday of Lent****9.15am Holy Communion at Fiskerton**

9.15am Morning Worship at Reepham

11am Holy Communion at Greetwell

3pm Messy Church at Reepham

11th. 3rd. Sunday of Lent

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

3pm Service for the Bereaved at Reepham

18th. 4th. Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)

8am Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham

9.45am Messy Church at Fiskerton

9.15am Family Worship at Reepham

10.45am Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham

6.30pm Compline at Cherry Willingham

25th. 5th. Sunday of Lent (Passiontide)

8am Morning Worship at Cherry Willingham

9.15am Holy Communion at Fiskerton

10.45 Holy Communion at Reepham –with Cherry Willingham

6.30pm Evensong at Cherry Willingham

St. Clement's Church Rotas:

March	Sidesman	Reader	Intercessions	Cleaning
4th.	Mrs A Townsend	Mr P Forman Genesis 17: 1-7 & 15-16	Mrs L Forman Primary School	Mr & Mrs Walkinton
11th.	Mrs C Proctor	Mrs S Massey Exodus 20: 1 - 17	Mrs G Walkinton Hall Lane	
18th.	MESSY CHURCH			
25th.	Mrs F Styles	Mr R Walkinton Jeremiah 31: 31 - 34	CLERGY Reepham Road	Mrs Gibson & Mrs Forman
April 1st.	Mr R Walkinton	Mrs G Walkinton	Mrs A Townsend Blacksmith Road	Mrs Townsend & Mrs Lunn

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**FRIDAY MARCH 2ND 2012****7pm**

The Service this year has been written by the Christian women of Malaysia and is entitled
'Let Justice Prevail'

The Service will be held in Reepham Parish Church.

Speaker: Revd Penny Green

The Service is interdenominational and men, women and children are invited

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Village Death: We remember in our prayers, Marjorie Baxter who passed away on January 5th. 2012. A service of cremation was held on January 30th.

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.southlawresbenefice.org.uk

January Lottery winners:

£25: No. 57: Mrs M Walker
£10: No. 33: Mrs V Pettit
£5: No. 23: Mrs F Styles
£5: No. 54: Mrs K Bosworth

February Lottery Winners:

£25: No. 12: Wendy Watson
£10: No. 4: Alan Gibson
£5: No. 16: Betty Parrish
£5: No. 10: Mr & Mrs C Scott

THANKS: To Dot and Mike at **The Carpenter's Arms** for their donation of £48 to St. Clement's Church and to **The Lunch Pot** for their kind donation of £20 towards the cost of printing the Newsletter.

Rev. Penny in the Village Hall:

Rev. Penny Green will be available in Fiskerton Village Hall for anyone to go and speak with her between 11am and noon.

So do go and have a coffee and a chat with Penny on either of the following dates:-
Monday 5th. & 19th. March.

The Hodgson Trust:

These are tough times for some people. Are you struggling to buy school uniform for the children? Pay the heating bill? Put food on the table? Have you become unemployed recently and are not sure how you will manage? If so, Fiskerton has its own Trust which can give grants to help you. Please contact Rev. Penny Green (595596) who will deal with your enquiry confidentially.

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WEST LINDSEY OPEN CHURCHES FESTIVAL

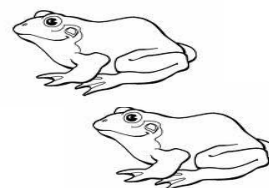
This Year the Festival takes place over the two weekends of May 5th. / 6th. and May 12th. / 13th. Churches throughout West Lindsey will be open to visitors to go and see their wonderful architecture and history. Many will have a variety of attractions and displays and some will simply be quiet places to sit and think.

St Clement of Rome, Fiskerton – along with the other 3 churches in our Benefice - will be open on May 12th. and 13th. Greater details of what is happening around the Benefice will appear in next month's Newsletter

BUT.....What are we doing here?

Last year it was the artistic triumph that was "Fiskerton Frog Fest"

This Year we offer you.....



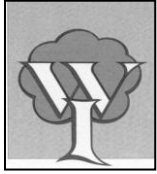
What's On in March: In The Village.....

THE LUNCH POT

Join us for a two course lunch. It will only cost you £3.00 each.

March dates are Tuesday 6th. & 20th. At 12.30pm.

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



Women's Institute:

The next meeting is on **Thursday March 8th**. in the Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

This is the AGM, but there will also be a display of crafts made by members. New members will be most welcome.

Gardening Club:

The next meeting will be on **Monday March 12th**. at 7.30pm in The Village Hall.

The speaker will be Pam Tatam on "Focal Points" (Not Just Plants). New Members are very welcome.

Lincolnshire County Council: Library Services

The Mobile Library will visit Fiskerton Village Hall from 11.15am – 12.15pm on Wednesday **March 28th**.

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 MARCH:

Monday	5 th . & 19 th .	Rev. Penny	11am – noon
Monday	5 th .	Parish Council	6.45pm – 9.30pm
Monday	12 th .	Gardening Club	7.30pm – 9.30pm
Monday	19 th .	Vill. Hall AGM	7.30pm – 9.30pm
Tuesday	6 th . & 20 th .	Luncheon Club	10am – 2pm
Tuesday	13 th .	Kid's Club	3.45pm – 5.15pm
Tuesday	6 th . 13 th . 20 th . 27 th .	Pilates	5.30pm – 6.30pm
Tuesday	6 th . 13 th . 20 th . 27 th .	Aerobics	6.30pm – 7.15pm
Thursday	1 st . 8 th . 15 th . 22 nd . 29 th .	Aerobics	9.30am – 10.30am
Thursday	8 th .	W.I.	7.30pm – 9.30pm
Friday	2 nd . 9 th . 16 th . 23 rd . 30 th .	Pilates	9.30am – 10.30am
Friday	2 nd . 9 th . 16 th . 23 rd . 30 th .	Bingo/Socials	7.30pm - midnight
Saturday	3 rd . 10 th . 17 th . 24 th . 31 st .	WeightWatchers	9.15am – 11.45am
Saturday	10 th .	Private Party	7.30pm – midnight
Saturday	17 th .	Private Party	noon – 6pm
Saturday	31 st .	Private Party	1pm – 6pm
Sunday	4 th . 11 th . 18 th . 25 th .	Social Evenings	7.30pm - midnight
Sunday	18 th .	Causeway Projects	2pm – 5.00pm
Sunday	4 th . 11 th . 25 th .	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 March: *In The Area.....*

LADIES BREAKFAST – SATURDAY 3RD MARCH

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 speaker – **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 March 10th**, 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.



COFFEE AND CHAT In Aid of Christian Aid

Please support our coffee morning at Reepham Methodist Church Hall on
SATURDAY 17th March, from 10am

Come along and enjoy a coffee and home-made cakes as well as meeting old friends and making new. This will be followed by a light lunch and again all profits from this will go to the Charity.

The Fairtrade Stall will also be available.

Men2gether; All men are most welcome.

The Local Men's Breakfast

When – Saturday March 17th.

Where – Rosie Lea Café, The Parade, Cherry Willingham

Time – 8.30am for 8.45 start. Finish by 9.45am

Cost - £5.20, 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.

To book a place, or places, please email David Burrows david@theburrows.net Tel: 824936, or John Pycok john.pycok@btopenworld by Wednesday 14th March 2012. Numbers are limited so please book early to ensure a place.

PROBUS.

Lindsey Probus Club is inviting any gentlemen who have retired or are nearing retirement and have had a PROfessional or BUSIness career to join the Club. The activities of the Club include monthly lunches with a guest speaker, coffee mornings, ladies lunches, rambles, outings and holidays.

For further information contact one of the following officers:-

Derek Wright - 01522 807077. Les Staples - 01522 856820. Mike Kirkby - 01522 754091.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS Summary of Parish Council Meeting – 30th January, 2012

- The Clerk was asked to contact (1) the owners of the property adjacent to the public open space near Ridings Close to see if they have had clarification on the open space from WLDC; (2) WLDC Planning supporting District Councillor Darcel in his efforts to have the open space between 25 and 27 Holmfield replanted; (3) Morris Homes re their failure to reply to previous correspondence about the open space on Holmfield
- The Clerk was asked to look at previous correspondence concerning the possibility of having steps put into the riverbank near the bridge at the back of the Nelson Road footpath
- The request for footpaths towards Reepham and Cherry Willingham is to be put into the Parish Plan
- Two grounds maintenance tenders for 2012/13 have been received; another is to be requested and the winning tender is to be decided by the Chairman and Clerk and confirmed at the next meeting
- There are possibilities for funding towards resurfacing the village hall car park – the Committee has been asked to obtain three estimates
- Date of Next Meeting: Monday 5th March, 2012 at 6.45 p.m. in the village hall followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30 p.m.

Chris Darcel, District Councillor for Fiskerton and Langworth,
email: chris@darcel.entadsl.com, Tel: 01522 750411.

Lots of news- but where to start!

The Bangers and Mash evening, 2nd Feb. was I am told, enjoyed by all.

To prove it - there were several requests for a similar event in the future! A special thanks to Mr & Mrs Lovering, Pam and Kady Smith, Hannah Darcel and Claire for their hard work in the kitchen and for waitressing, to everyone who came and to Alan Forward (aforward@activesoccer.co.uk) for an outline of how his organisation can help our youngsters improve their skills and experience across a wide spectrum of activities.

Both good and bad came from the evening: the good, we made a profit and the bad - extra work. As a result we are shortening and simplifying our questionnaire and placing more emphasis on comments raised by you, on issues you feel are most important. By the time you read this, the questionnaire will be at the printers and members of the steering group will shortly be delivering your copy.

Why is the Parish Plan important? There are several reasons, and for a start, if neither the town planners nor parish council know what is on the village wish list, they can't do much about it and second, the new Regional Development Plan for central Lincolnshire is expecting 42,000 new homes to be built in West Lindsey, Lincoln and North Kesteven in the next 20 years. The Parish Plan is an important stepping stone for us to have a say on how our village will grow in the future and to layout areas that we would like to see protected for future generations. Please support the steering group's efforts and take a few minutes to fill in the survey when it arrives.

If you would like to find out more on the new regional plan there are two open days to be held in March, one at Sleaford and one at Gainsborough, you can find details on the website, www.central-lincs.org.uk or you can telephone 01522 699013.

Nearer to home, I am one of the residents on **the Chapel Rise Estate** who would like to see the two open spaces on the estate planted up as per the original planning conditions. There is a problem though, a couple of years ago Morris Homes and the Parish Council reached an agreement that the two areas would be left unplanted. If you have views on the matter, or would like to know further details please contact me.

There is a restructuring exercise taking place within West Lindsey District Council and I am surprised that as a councillor I am not fully in the picture. There are a whole range of financial questions that I would like discussed with both the district and county council. Would there be any interest in inviting a couple of financial experts in from each organisation to answer our questions?

One I would like to ask is, how can the County Council find £145 Million ponds for a waste incinerator, when it can't afford a footpath from Fiskerton to Reepham and when it is so desperate for cash it plans to stop its support for the more disadvantaged members of our society.



“Be Inspired By Angels”



This year we would like you to really do just that! **“Be Inspired By Angels”**

ANY idea that you come up with – that is to do with, or inspired by angels – will be displayed as part of the Festival, in Church.

It could be:-

- A poem
- A Short Story
- A model or sculpture that you make - in any medium (you provide the marble!)
- A painting or drawing
- Needlework
- A photograph of someone you think of as an angel, with a short explanation of why.

Absolutely anything, so long as you can tie it in with angels.



If none of the above are inspiring you, then at the back of this Newsletter is a very simple paper/card angel.

Cut along all of the heavy black lines. Slot A into slot B and you should have an angel. The design is copyright free. Feel free to change it. Use the grid to scale it up. Change the shape of the wings, whatever you feel; but then – just as you did with the pot frog, decorate it and bring it along to Church to go on display.

We will be setting up the display on Friday May 11th. from 3pm – 7pm
Bring along your angel exhibit and be part of this cultural extravaganza!

Fiskerton Frog Fest was FANTASTIC
BUT

Inspiring Angels could be absolutely AMAZING!

New Year's Eve Party: Kerry and Becky would like to thank all those who helped raise money and bring the new year in with a fantastic evening at the New Year's Eve Party. We raised a wonderful £486 from the evening, meaning we were able to divide this between the Air Ambulance and L.I.V.E.S charities who were extremely grateful indeed. A huge thank you once again to all those who came and gave their support or helped in any way to make this evening such a wonderful success and we look forward seeing you all again at this year's party.

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