

VICAR'S BLOG!

I think that Spring is my favourite time of year. After the cold and starkness of winter it's lovely to see the trees in bud, colour re-emerging in daffodils, crocus and eventually tulips. Lighter nights and a touch of warmth in the air all lift our spirits. These are the green shoots of new life and a demonstration of the created order. When I think of Spring, I always remember a passage of scripture written by King Solomon. Solomon was revered as a wise King and towards the end of his life wrote some very reflective words about the seasons of life:

'There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance,

and so it goes on to a phrase that sums up for me, the whole purpose of life and the whole purpose of the Easter season that we are about to celebrate. Solomon writes:

'God has made everything beautiful in His time and set eternity in the hearts of people'

The whole purpose of creation and recreation is that life goes on into eternity by a process of change and transformation. God's intention was and remains that we inherit eternal life – a life lived into eternity with Him, and the death and resurrection of Jesus was His demonstration that death could be overcome – Jesus broke death, taking with Him all the wrong and the mess and the things for which we need forgiveness. So, not only do the green shoots of Spring fill me with hope, Easter fills me with a sense of hope and joy that in Jesus God brought new life and the possibility of a new beginning.

May God bless you richly this Easter time,
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:	www.southlawresbenefice.org.uk	

Village deaths:

Mrs Bertha Wells passed away on March 7th. 2012 at Bunkers Hill Care Home. A service of cremation was held on March 23rd. Although Mrs Wells left Fiskerton in 1999 to live in Cherry Willingham, she was resident in the village for about 52 years of her life.

Another long-time Fiskerton resident, Mr Les. Cooper has also passed away. A service of cremation was held on March 16th.
Our thoughts are with both families at this sad time.

Thanks:

Once again, Fiskerton Church is grateful to Dot & Mike at the Carpenter's Arms for their kind donation of £49 towards Church Funds.

We are also grateful for an anonymous donation of £10 towards the cost of printing the Newsletter.

CHURCH SERVICES for The South Lawres Benefice:**APRIL 2012****1st. Palm Sunday**

8am Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham
9.15am ***Holy Communion at Fiskerton***
9.15am Morning Worship at Reepham
11am Holy Communion at Greetwell
3pm Messy Church at Reepham

2nd. Monday

7pm ***Meditation at Fiskerton***

3rd. Tuesday

7pm Meditation at Greetwell

4th. Wednesday

7pm Meditation at Reepham

5th. Maundy Thursday

7pm Agape at Cherry Willingham
9.15pm – midnight vigil in Cherry Church

6th. Good Friday

9.30am Walk of Witness starting at Cherry Parade and ending with a service in Cherry Willingham Church
9.30am Walk of Witness from Reepham Parish Church to Reepham Methodist Chapel for a service
11am ***Good Friday Service at Fiskerton***

8th. Easter Day

6am Holy Communion at Greetwell
9.15am ***Holy Communion at Fiskerton***
9.15am Holy Communion at Reepham
10.45am Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham

15th. 2nd. Sunday of Easter

8am Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham
9.15am ***Morning Worship at Fiskerton***
9.15am Family Worship at Reepham
10.45am Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham
6.30pm Compline at Cherry Willingham

22nd. 3rd. Sunday of Easter

8am Morning Worship at Cherry Willingham
9.45am ***Messy Church at Fiskerton***
10.45 Holy Communion at Reepham –with Cherry Willingham

29th. 4th. Sunday of Easter

6pm Benefice songs of Praise at Cherry Willingham



SUNDAY APRIL 22nd.
9.45am Fiskerton Church
Activities, songs and refreshments



Service Rotas for April:

APRIL	Sidesman	Reader	Intercessions	Cleaning	Flowers
1 st .	Mrs S Massey	Mrs A Townsend Isaiah: 50 4 – 9a	CLERGY Blacksmith Rd.		
8 th .	Mrs A Townsend	Mr P Forman Acts 10: 34-43	CLERGY Ferryside	Mrs Lunn & Mrs Townsend	ALL (Easter Day)
15 th .	Mrs C Proctor	Mrs L Forman Acts 4: 32- 35	Mrs G Walkinton Lincoln Rd.		Mrs F Styles
22 nd .	MESSY	CHURCH			Mrs E Blewitt
MAY					
6 th .	Mrs F Styles			Mrs M Broad	M Hadland

March Lottery winners:

£25: No. 27: Mr & Mrs J Kinnear
 £10: No. 43: Mr K Townsend
 £5: No. 57: Mrs M Walker
 £5: No. 42: Mr J Pettit

WEST LINDSEY OPEN CHURCHES FESTIVAL:

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.

All Churches in the South Lawres Benefice will be open on May 12th. and 13th. and all will offer a variety of attractions – as follows:-

St Peter & Paul, Reepham: Various aspects of the Queen's Jubilee

St Peter & Paul, Cherry Willingham: Exhibition entitled "Keeping a Roof Over Our Heads".

All Saints, Greetwell: Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee

Reepham Methodist Church: The Diamond Jubilee and other Celebrations

St Clement of Rome Fiskerton :

"Be Inspired By Angels"



We sincerely hope you are being Inspired By Angels!
 Please don't forget that **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. Absolutely anything, so long as you can tie it in with angels.
 So, it could be.....



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

Once again, 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; and bring it along on Friday May 11th. to be displayed in Church. Anytime between 3pm & 7pm

What's On in April: *In The Village.....*

THE LUNCH POT

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

April dates are Tuesday 3rd. & 17th. At 12.30pm.

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

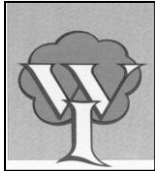


Gardening Club:

The next meeting will be on **Monday April 9th**. at 7.30pm in The Village Hall.

The speaker will be Mrs Jo Rouston on "Making of Mill Cottage Garden".

New Members are very welcome.



Women's Institute:

The next meeting is on **Thursday April 12th**. in the Village Hall starting at 7.30pm. The speaker will be Bill Hodgson who makes Walking Sticks.

Teas: Mrs Forman & Mrs Taylor Raffle; Mrs Sumner & Mrs French

VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS FOR APRIL:

Monday	9 th .	Gardening Club	7.30pm – 9.30pm
Monday	19 th .	Vill. Hall AGM	7.30pm – 9.30pm
Tuesday	3 rd . & 17 th .	Luncheon Club	10am – 2pm
Tuesday	3 rd . 10 th . 17 th . 24 th .	Pilates	5.30pm – 6.30pm
Tuesday	3 rd . 10 th . 17 th . 24 th .	Aerobics	6.30pm – 7.15pm
Thursday	5 th . 12 th . 19 th . 26 th .	Aerobics	9.30am – 10.30am
Thursday	5 th . 19 th . 26 th .	Zumba Classes	7.15pm – 8.15pm
Thursday	12 th .	W.I.	7.30pm – 9.30pm
Friday	6 th . 13 th . 20 th . 27 th .	Pilates	9.30am – 10.30am
Friday	6 th . 13 th . 20 th . 27 th .	Bingo/Socials	7.30pm - midnight
Saturday	21 st 28 th .	WeightWatchers	9.15am – 11.45am
Saturday	7 th .	Private Party	10am – 4.30pm
Saturday	14 th .	Sati	9.30am – 4.30pm
Saturday	14 th .	Private Party	7pm - midnight
Sunday	1 st . 8 th . 15 th . 22 nd . 29 th .	Social Evenings	7.30pm - midnight
Sunday	15 th .	Causeway Projects	2pm – 5.00pm
Sunday	8 th . 22 nd .	The Vine	11am – 1.30pm

To make a booking or check availability please contact:- Booking Secretary – Jenny Hayes on 07510281232

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

Items **MUST** be with the Editor by 19th. Of the month.



REEPHAM and FISKERTON POST OFFICE



Is under new Ownership!

Reepham Post Office is now open all day-

9am- 5.30pm Monday- Friday

9am- 12.30pm Saturday.

Fiskerton Post Office will continue to be open in the village hall.

Monday 9am- 2.00pm, Tuesday 9.30am- 1.30pm

and Thursday 9.30am- 1.30pm.

We look forward to meeting you, please do come and meet us.

Richard and Sarah.

Chris Darcel, District Councillor for Fiskerton and Langworth,

email: chris@darcel.entadsl.com, Tel: 01522 750411. 3 Holmfield, Fiskerton

The Parish Plan.

With a bit of luck you will both have received and returned the parish plan questionnaire and if not we, the steering group, would be most grateful if you could fill in the form and hand it in at the Wishing Well stores by Saturday 7th April at the very latest (together with the draw slip).

Every completed form is important to us and will be helpful in adding numbers to support any suggestions we might be making to the District and County Councils or in seeking matched funding for any project we may wish to undertake. During our discussions over the months a whole range of new ideas and suggestions have been put on the table. Perhaps your ideas may be the very ones we have been waiting for! And you never know, you may be one of the lucky £5 voucher winners!

Theft.

I expect this will be featured elsewhere, but there is still a considerable amount of theft going on across the county. Steel garden furniture taken from back gardens, with the cushions left behind, cables or church fittings or even bicycles are in hot demand.

The Police have introduced a series of roadside checks on scrap lorries and this is producing good results but prevention measures are key.

At a recent Langworth Parish Council meeting The Community Police Officer suggested that a heavy motor bike chain was essential to protect an ordinary push bike left in Lincoln these days and one parish councillor with business interests in east Europe was convinced we need to adopt the same approach to protecting our property as is employed over there. Keep it securely locked up, concreted in and out of sight!

The Echo featured a Police run "TACK marking day" in Louth. Is this something that would be useful here?

I am sure that we could organise such an event in Fiskerton or Langworth if it would be supported.

Jubilee and Olympic celebration funds.

If you have any ideas for celebrating these events please let me or the parish council know. There is still money in the pot to help funding at the moment so any ideas would be gratefully received.

Several projects are underway but this could be an opportunity to find a bit of extra icing for the cake.

My suggestion might be to plant a few cherry trees on the north bank of the Witham and site a couple of park benches amid them so that elderly people like me could sit, relax and enjoy the view. Any supporters?



What's on **APRIL**

**All these Services are family & youth friendly with a vibrant children programme
coffee served from 10:45.**

Sunday Services

- 1st Reepham and Cherry Willingham Village Hall
with the exciting KidZone
- 8th Fiskerton Village Hall
with the exciting KidZone
- 15th Reepham and Cherry Willingham Village Hall
with the exciting KidZone
- 22nd Fiskerton Village Hall
with the exciting KidZone
- 29th Reepham and Cherry Willingham Village Hall
with the exciting KidZone

For more details of any of church events visit
www.thevinecommunitychurch.org.uk
or Telephone Rev. V Podbury on 872011

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

Children – Junior Connect fortnightly on Friday 4-5pm, Fiskerton

THE MIX for all 12-17's loads of exciting activities Restarts after Easter holidays on April 20th

We will be going to

The Showroom Youth Activity Centre on Tritton Rd.

We meet at the Millenium Hall at 7pm. For more details or to book a place contact Alison Merryman on 07525039215 or alison@thevinecommunitychurch.org.uk

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS:

Please be advised that these are notes of the meeting taken by the Clerk and cannot in any way be regarded as the official minutes of Council proceedings until they are approved and signed at the next meeting.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 5th March, 2012

- The Clerk was asked to contact (1) LCC Footpaths re the possibility of putting steps in the riverbank; (2) Bardney Parish Council stating there is no objection to them joining the police traffic Simple SID scheme as long as the other parishes involved have no objection; (3) the Police asking for a schedule of times and locations for Simple SID
- The grass cutting tender for 2012 has been awarded to County Landscapes
- Planning permission has been granted to two applications – extension to rear of existing property at Seven Acre Farm, Ferry Road and single storey extension at the Old Hall, Chapel Road
- Correspondence was discussed between Morris Homes, WLDC Planning Department and the Parish Council about the public open spaces on Holmfield dating from September, 2007. A recent letter from the Technical Director of Morris Homes (Midlands) Limited does state that liability for maintenance of the open spaces has passed over to the Parish Council and that this occurred when the funding was provided for the Village play area. Morris Homes say they had informed WLDC of this. However the council had further correspondence from Morris Homes in 2007 after they had given the money stating that until the pumping station was adopted they would keep ownership of the open spaces. This letter goes on to say that the Council would be informed, in writing, when the transfer of the Open spaces was to take place. Unfortunately the Council has had no further information from Morris Homes. The Clerk has been ask to write to WLDC stating that we are still in doubt as to ownership of the land and asking them to contact Morris Homes as soon as possible for official clarification of the ownership of the Open spaces. District Councillor Darcel has suggested that the disputed open space should be planted through the Jubilee Gardens Fund which seems in principle a fine idea but councillors were concerned that the Parish Council needs to have the official confirmation that they now own the land, and that it is also the wish of nearby property owners to have the open space planted up. District

Councillor Darcel also provided an original planting guide for the area and was going to try to establish which plants had originally been used so a similar scheme could be proposed. Councillor Mrs. Howard was asked if her husband could cast an expert eye over this guide. This will be discussed at the next meeting

Date of Next Meeting: AGM - Monday 21st May, 2012 at 7.30 p.m. in the village hall

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – 5th March, 2012

- The Chairman gave a comprehensive report of Parish Council activities during the past year
- The Clerk presented an audited statement of accounts in respect of the financial year 2010/2011
- Mrs. M. Howard, in her capacity as Treasurer of the Village Hall Committee, presented the audited statement of accounts.
- Mr. R. Walkinton, in his capacity as Trustee of the Charity, presented the audited statement of accounts in respect of Hodgson's Charity.
- Mr. P Howarth, in his capacity as Community School Governor, reported on the school activities during the past year
- District Councillor Darcel reported (1) there will be no council tax rise this year, (2) WLDC is looking into the provision of the green garden waste bin, (3) WLDC Corporate Plan can be viewed on the internet, (4) Parish Plan, (5) Jubilee Gardens Scheme, (6) Witham Area Forum. He felt that the Third Witham IDB needed to repair outfalls at the rear of St. Clement's Drive and Ferryside.

CELEBRATE THE DIAMOND JUBILEE

ON SATURDAY JUNE 2ND 1.00pm ONWARDS

HERE AT FISKERTON ON THE SCHOOL PLAYING FIELD

This celebration is being organised by the Village Hall Events Committee to be held on the school playing fields by kind permission of Mrs Marilyn Papworth.

IT IS A FREE "BRING YOUR OWN" PICNIC FOR ALL FAMILIES AND FRIENDS

The Committee and School are organising some live music. If you know of any local bands who would like to join our celebration, please let them and me know so we can get in contact.

The BOUNCY CASTLE is booked. We are planning other 1950's type activities. If you have some good ideas or want to help on the day, let me know. Otherwise just turn up. The long term forecast for early June is **SUNNY!**

Robert Wall. 01522 595336.

Village Hall Events Committee

THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

Celebrate at Fiskerton Village Hall

On Saturday June 2nd

We are holding a dance, with a real dance band (Trent Connection). A great evening is planned, and we **NEED YOU!**

There will be dancing from 8 'till late, bar and supper provided. Tickets £7.50 each (Adults only please) available from Iris Taylor, Rob Wall, Mary Pycock or The Wishing Well Stores

This is a charity event raising money for "HELP for HEROES"

Come along - dress up if you wish 1950's style, or just your posh frock!

With you there it will be a good night!

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

LADIES BREAKFAST – SATURDAY 7TH. APRIL

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 April 14th 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

PARKINSON'S^{UK}
CHANGE ATTITUDES.
FIND A CURE.
JOIN US.

Please support our coffee morning at Reepham

Methodist Church Hall on

SATURDAY 21st. April, from 10am

Come along and enjoy a coffee and home-made cakes as well as meeting old friends and making new. 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 April 21st.

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 Pycock john.pycock@btopenworld by Wednesday 14th March 2012. Numbers are limited so please book early to ensure a place.

Cherry Willingham Library 01522 782010

Opening Hours: Monday 10.00 – 1.00 & 2.00- 5.00

Thursday 2.00 – 6.00 Saturday 10.00 – 1.00

Closed: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

Now we are open on a Monday morning we would like to launch a story time to include stories, songs and rhymes for preschool children and their parents, grandparents or carers. The session will run on the second Monday each month with the first session being on May 14th at 10.15a.m.

We are also looking to set something up for older children. Perhaps a book group or an after school session that encourages library involvement. If you are interested in older children's reading and could spare some time each month, please do call in and speak to a member of staff for more details.

Two courses will run at the library. 'An Introduction to Genealogy' will run for four weeks from Monday 23rd April from 9.30am – 11.30am. This is a free four week course to learn how to research your family history, find and view information and then organise it using family tree software. The second course 'An introduction to Digital Photography' will run for five weeks at a cost of £30 from Monday June 11th at 9.30am – 11.30am. Enrol to learn how to capture images in an attractive way, how to transfer images to computer, print store and back them up so they become lasting memories. To book a place on either please phone Lincoln college on 01522 876258.