

Vicar's Blog November 2012

Three years ago this month, I had the privilege of spending some time in Israel. It's strange that even as a Christian, I had never hankered after going there, but an opportunity presented itself and I decided it was one that was too good to miss. I didn't really know what to expect. When you read the Bible you conjure up images of what things look like. First impressions were of a country much smaller than I imagined (about the size of Wales), very dry (it hadn't rained for months), very cosmopolitan, and with a slight tension in the air at times, particularly around one or two of the rather disputed sights, such as the wailing wall.

There were, however, times of absolute bliss. These were in places that I sometimes describe as 'thin' places – places where the gap between heaven and earth seem imperceptible. Two come to mind very easily. One was Sunday morning at the top of Mount Tabor, purported to be the place where Jesus took Peter, James and John and where they saw Him transfigured, His body changing in appearance in front of their eyes. We managed to get up there quite early, it was a beautiful day. In the place of the transfiguration a church has been built, with a wonderful dome, and there we sat under the dome, singing with others from other nations, humanity united together in one voice... an image of heaven itself for me.

The second place, was less inviting to begin with. The place where, the Bible tells us, David fled to escape Saul who was seeking to kill him. It is a desert area, stony and arid. On the day we were there, the Israeli version of Anglian Water were laying pipes, so there was dust everywhere, it was boiling hot and I couldn't understand the attraction of this place.... until we got to David's Falls. David wrote a lot of poetry that is recorded in the Bible. It is poetry that speaks of His humanity, his relationship with God, and how He perceives God to be. Sat at this waterfall he wrote: 'As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you, O Lord'.... As I called to mind that psalm, I couldn't help myself wade through the water and stand fully clothed under the torrent of cold, refreshing, clear, cleansing water – another touch of heaven in the midst of the desert. I am sitting here writing this and remembering that today – a day when I feel weary and in need of refreshment: that I worship a God who is always ready to fill me with the refreshing life of the Holy Spirit – it doesn't take a trip to Israel – all I have to do is ask.

May God refresh you as you seek Him,

Penny



Last year you might remember that I wrote in my blog about 'The Journey' a walk through the nativity with Jesus, staged in Lincoln Castle grounds. It is on again this year on 14th, 15th and 16th December at 6pm and 8pm. Do take the opportunity to draw aside for the 40-45 minutes that it takes and ponder on the mystery and the wonder of the birth of Jesus....it is something quite special. Contact me if you want more details.'

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:

We remember the family and friends of Alan Taylor who recently died. A cremation Service took place on October 24th.

We also pray for Carol Walker who died peacefully at home on October 17th. Gerry would like to thank all friends and neighbours who have been so supportive.

CHURCH SERVICES for the South Lawres Benefice**NOVEMBER 2012****4th. 4th. Before Advent/ All Saints' 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

11th. 3rd. Before Advent / Remembrance Sunday

9.15am Remembrance at Reepham

10.30am Remembrance at Fiskerton

10.30am Remembrance at Cherry Willingham Community School

7pm Sunday @ 7

18th. 2nd. Before Advent

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. Sunday Next Before Advent/ Christ The King

8am Morning Worship at Cherry Willingham

10.45am Holy Communion at Reepham with Cherry Willingham

6pm Deanery Confirmation at Fiskerton**Service Rotas for November**

Nov.	Sidesman	Reader	Intercessions	Cleaning	Flowers
4 th .	Mrs J Lunn	Mrs G Walkinton Hebrews: 9 11 - 14	CLERGY Primary School	Mrs Proctor & Mrs Massey	Mrs M Willey
11 th .	Mrs L Forman	Mr R Walkinton	CLERGY	Mrs Forman & Mrs Gibson	Mrs J Lunn
18 th .		<i>Messy</i>	<i>Church</i>		Mrs F Styles
25 th .	Mrs L Forman & Mrs F Styles			Mrs Townsend & Mrs Lunn	Mrs F Styles
Dec. 2 nd .	Mrs S Massey	Mrs A Townsend	CLERGY Chapel Rd.	Mrs F Styles & Mrs S Tolley	

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 18th.****9.45am Fiskerton Church**

Activities, songs and refreshments

Come & have some fun



Other Church News:

September & October Lottery winners:

£25: No 35:	Christina Ward	£25: No. 67:	Mrs M Howard
£10: No.40:	Maureen Broad	£10: No. 60:	Rae Rousseau
£5: No. 1 :	Carol Proctor	£5: No. 36:	Mr J Marsh
£5: No. 28:	John Fletcher	£5: No. 31:	Mr & Mrs D Harrison



THE FANTASTIC FISKERTON QUIZ

Saturday November 17th. 7.30pm start

FISKERTON VILLAGE HALL

Teams of no more than 6 people

£4 per person – includes Supper. BAR also available

To Book: Contact Mary Gibson 01522 752117

All proceeds to St. Clement's Church

THANKS: Thank you once again, to Dot & Mike at the Carpenter's Arms, for their donation of £49 to Church Funds, and we are grateful for an anonymous donation of £10, also to Church funds.

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Stables for the Christmas Sleep Out: The Bishop of Lincoln will partly recreate the nativity scene as he spends a lonely December night in a stable to raise money for two charities. The Rt Revd Christopher Lowson will sleep in the stable near Harmston, south of Lincoln to support the work of the Nomad Trust - a homeless charity in Lincoln, and Christian Aid's Favela project in South America. The stable will become the Bishop's bedroom, and he hopes other people will follow his example and take on the challenge.

"The nativity story is often romanticised into something rather charming and magical, and by doing this I hope to discover some of the harsh realities of the experience of Mary and Joseph - and hundreds of people around the country who have no bed in which to sleep."

With just a sleeping bag and a flask, the Bishop will dispense with all other luxuries for the long night of 20 December, when his bed will be constructed from straw bales. Peter Mottram, of C A Mottram and Sons, which owns the stable, said: "It's fantastic for us to have the opportunity to support the Bishop in this brave venture."

The Bishop is encouraging other farmers and landowners to 'rent' out their stables to people who are willing to brave a December night in the conditions endured by the holy family.

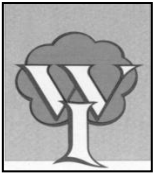
"There must be hundreds of stables around the Diocese which could be available to those keen to raise money for these good causes," said the Bishop.

If you have a stable to offer the project, please contact Jennifer Dyke on 01522 50 40 36 or by e-mail at jennifer.dyke@lincoln.anglican.org To sponsor the Bishop, please

visit: www.charitygiving.co.uk/stablesleepout Stables available for others who wish to do the Christmas Sleep Out will be available here in early November: diocese/se/stable

What's On in November:

In The Village.....



Women's Institute:

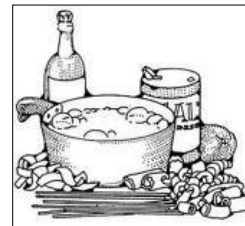
The next meeting will take place on Thursday **November 8th**.

The speaker will be Ex Warrant Officer Len Sutton on the subject of "Battle of Britain Memorial Flight" All welcome.



GARDENING CLUB:

The next meeting will be on Monday **November 12th**. Dr. Andrew Ward will speak about 'Beautiful Buttercups and Priceless Polemoniums'.



THE LUNCH POT

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

November dates are (Tuesday) 13th. & 27th. at 12.30pm.

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

MOBILE LIBRARY

The mobile Library will be at the Village Hall on **Tuesday November 13th**. between 3.30pm and 4.30pm. The vehicle has a lift/ramp for easy disabled access. Don't forget it is FREE to join and borrow books.

Important Newsletter Information:

Adverts are now being taken for 2013. If anyone wishes to advertise in an 8cm X 8cm box from January to December 2013, please contact the editor (details below)

NOTE: If you already have an advert in the Newsletter, you will be contacted separately.

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.

DELUXE PATIOS

Patios, Decking and Fencing

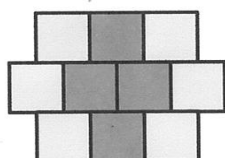
MR JAMES THOMPSON

Design and Installation

£50 cash back on all completed referrals
No limit on number of referrals

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07534916647



Cherry Willingham/Reepham Village Hall

HOG ROAST – SUNDAY LUNCH

Hot Vegetables and Desserts

Coffee / Tea and Mints

Soft Drinks available

Bring your own Wine or Beer

Adults £11.50, Children £5.50

On the following dates:

Nov 18th. Dec. 9th.at 1pm

Future bookings: Jan. 20th. Feb 17th. Mar17th.2013

Advance booking required

07767252209 or 01673 862423

BOWSER BROTHERS of Stainton-by-Langworth

It is with great pleasure that I write to you today to share with you the outcome of our recent Ofsted inspection.

Fiskerton Church of England Primary School is a GOOD school!

Our school has been graded as **GOOD** in **ALL AREAS** of the new Ofsted framework.

The report will be available on the OFSTED website from 10th October 2012.

May I take this opportunity to thank all of our staff and governors and you, the parents and villagers for your continued hard work and support, without which we could not have achieved such a fantastic outcome.

I would also like to thank our children for their continued dedication and determination; they strive every day to be the best they can be. I am very proud to be the Headteacher of such a wonderful school.

We are one step closer to achieving our goal of becoming an outstanding school!

Yours sincerely

Damian Davey

Headteacher

Chris Darcel, District Councillor for Fiskerton and Langworth,
email: chris@darcel.entadsl.com, Tel: 01522 750411. 3 Holmfield, Fiskerton

Isn't nice to get Good News! Two things.

The Fiskerton Church of England Primary School report. **This is a good school.**

The thing I most liked was the comments that the children enjoy learning in the school. That has to be good. As both the school and village grow and prosper we will all need to get behind and support the school in its quest for extra class rooms and other facilities to meet the growing demand from within the village. **Well done!**

The Youth Shelter for behind the Village Hall.

The Parish Council's Planning permission application is well underway. It won't quite look like this but hopefully it will keep two groups of residents happy!

People using the hall quite rightly are fed up with the youngsters hanging about in front of the front door and the youngsters themselves who need somewhere to gather out of the cold and rain.

All we need next is an indoor sports facility, a sports field and somewhere for the same youngsters to just kick a football, out of harm's way and of course footpaths to Reepham and Cherry and of course, from Short Ferry to the bus stop.

We should campaign louder, Cherry Willingham seems to get footpaths, sports fields and extra class rooms. It must be our turn next.

Not much to ask!



You are Invited To a.....COFFEE MORNING

In aid of **Action for Children (National Children's Home)**



Friday November 2nd. Fiskerton Village Hall 10am – mid-day
COFFEE & BISCUITS £1, STALLS, GUESS the WEIGHT of the CAKE,
QUIZ available

Please come and support this worthwhile event

COUNCIL TAX BENEFIT:

From April 2013 Council Tax Benefit is being abolished. All Local Councils have to replace this with a Local Tax Support Scheme. This is one part of the Governments Welfare Reform Act.

West Lindsey District Council's Policy and Resources Committee have now had the opportunity to fully consider its position in relation to a Local Council Tax Support Scheme and has approved a scheme for consultation with precepting Authorities and the local community.

This is consultation on West Lindsey's proposed scheme and it is important to get as much feedback from as wide an audience as possible.

Your opinion counts and we would like your views on the proposals by 12th December 2012.

Log onto the link below for more details of the changes, the consultation, questionnaire and frequently asked questions.

<http://www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/residents/council-tax-and-council-bills/council-tax-benefit-is-changing/>

We look forward to receiving your completed questionnaires by 12th December.

Alison McCulloch, Revenues Team Manager 01427 676508 West Lindsey District Council, Guildhall, Marshalls Yard, Gainsborough, Lincs. DN21 2NA www.west-lindsey.gov.uk

*"Every child has the right to an adventure.
Life is about grabbing opportunities.
The prizes don't always go to the biggest—
The best and the strongest—
they go to those who persevere
These are simple life lessons that Scouting teaches."
Bear Grylls—Chief Scout*

scouts
be prepared . . .

**5TH LINCOLN
FISKERTON ST CLEMENTS**

...EVERYDAY ADVENTURE **JOIN THE
ADVENTURE.**

Beavers (Age 6-8) meet on a Tuesday Cubs (Age 8-10) meet on a Thursday
Scouts (Age 10-14) meet on a Wednesday Explorers (Age 14-18) meet on a Friday

For any information, Contact the GSL, Andrew Cooke on 0798 361 0026
For information about Bookings contact Ann Chesman on mobile 0774 983 6283

VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS FOR NOVEMBER:

Monday	12 th .	Gardening Club	7.30pm – 9.30pm	
Tuesday	6 th .	Medium Evening	6.30pm – 9.30pm	
Tuesday	13 th . 27 th .	Luncheon Club	10am – 2pm	
Tuesday	6 th . 13 th . 20 th . 27 th .	Pilates	5.30pm – 6.30pm	
Wednesday	28 th .	Workshop	9am – 4pm	
Thursday	1 st . 8 th . 22 nd . 29 th .	Aerobics	9.30am – 10.30am	
Thursday	1 st . 22 nd . 29 th .	Zumba	7.15pm – 8.15pm	
Thursday	8 th .	WI	7.30pm – 9.30pm	
Thursday	15 th .	W.L.D.C.	6.30am – 10.30pm	
Friday	2 nd .	Coffee Morning	10am - noon	
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 .	Weight Watchers	9.15am – 11.45am	
Saturday	10 th .	Sati Group	9am – 4pm	
		Private Party	6pm – 10pm	
Saturday	17 th .	Private Party	2pm – 6pm	Quiz: 7pm – 10pm
Saturday	24 th .	Private Party	3pm – 8pm	
Sunday	4 th . 11 th . 18 th . 25 th .	Social Evenings	7.30pm – midnight	
Sunday	11 th .	Private Party	2pm – 6pm	
Sunday	18 th .	Causeway Projects	2pm – 5.00pm	
Sunday	4 th . 18 th .	The Vine	11am – 1.30pm	

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

What's On in November:

In The Area.....



LADIES' BREAKFAST

SATURDAY 3rd NOVEMBER

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.**

The speaker in November will be Rev Penny Green

Ladies going from Fiskerton we can provide you with a lift so book your places by ringing **Jan 01522 753432 or Ann 01522 800209** by Thursday 1st November

COFFEE MORNING:



The Charity and Fairtrade Coffee Mornings will take place in Cherry Willingham Church Hall on **Saturday November 10th**, from 10am – 11.30am.

All proceeds from the refreshments and raffle go to a chosen charity.

The Fairtrade Stall will be available for groceries and gifts.

COFFEE AND CHAT

There will be a Coffee Morning in aid of Charity at
Reepham Methodist Church Hall on
SATURDAY November 17th.

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 Charity.

There will be a Fairtrade Stall and ordered Christmas Cards may be collected.



Men2gether: The Local Men's Breakfast

When – **Saturday 17th November 2012**

Where – **Rosie Lea Café, The Parade, Cherry Willingham**

Time – **8.45am for 9.00am start. Finish by 10.00am**

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@theburrows.net or ring 824936 by Wednesday 14th November. Numbers are limited so please book early to ensure a place.

All men are most welcome.



Lincoln Triathlon Club:

We are currently running a weekly Strength and Conditioning session on **Thursday evenings** from 7.00 pm – 8.00 pm in the Main School Hall at Cherry Willingham Community School, Croft Lane, Cherry Willingham.

The sessions are run by a qualified personal trainer and coach and are suitable for all standards. They are open to all aged 13 + years. Cost is £5.00 per session.

If you would like to improve fitness and get into shape, then please come and join us.

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COME TO FISKERTON VILLAGE HALL

Saturday 15th December 2:30pm to 4:30pm

We will be opening with carols followed by a 45 minute audio visual recording of 'Christmas Unwrapped' and more, with tea, coffee and seasonal refreshments after.

The bonus is it's **FREE**

Sunday Services

All these services are family and youth-friendly with a vibrant children's programme

4th November 11am at Fiskerton Village Hall with KidZone

11th November 11am at Cherry Willingham & Reepham Village Hall with KidZone

18th November 11am at Fiskerton Village Hall with KidZone

25th November 11am at Cherry Willingham & Reepham Village Hall with KidZone

The Mix for all 11-17 year-olds

Friday Nights-2/11 fuel, 9/11 Golf, 16/11
Drama 23/11 Showroom, 30/11 Games

There's lots more going on too! Visit

www.thevinecommunitychurch.org.uk or Tel Rev V. Podbury on 872011 (Church Office)

The Vine Community Church Reg Charity 1142056 is part of the Ground Level Network of Churches and in Churches Together in the UK

Connect groups for all ages, *providing a social setting for you to connect with people, understand the Bible and develop as a person of faith in the world today.*

Adults : **Tues 8pm** in Cherry Willingham,
Wed 7.30pm in Fiskerton

Youth Connect **Thurs 3:30-4.40** in Cherry Willingham Youth Wing

Junior Connect fortnightly, Friday 4-5pm, Fiskerton

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Cherry Willingham Library:

'Story time' Monday November 5th and 19th. From 10.15am. Story time is so popular that we have made it fortnightly. Please come along and join Sarah and her puppets for rhymes, songs and stories.

'Sit and Natter' Monday November 12th and 26th. From 10.15am. We are setting up a new session to run every alternate Monday. Instead of knit and natter we would like to invite you to 'sit and natter'. We can offer comfortable surroundings, refreshments and the opportunity to have a good old chin wag. Anyone of any age is invited. As the sessions evolve we hope to offer you the opportunity to have drop in visiting speakers or perhaps do some clothes swapping. We thought it would be an ideal place to exchange home grown fruit or veg and the computer buddies could be available to help any of you who require basic computer help. Looking forward to seeing you.

Introduction to Digital Photography Friday November 7th 10.00 – 12.00. £30 for 5 weeks.

Become skilled at using a camera, how to transfer images and back them up. To book a place phone 01522 876258.

Beginners Word Processing Friday November 9th 1.00 – 3.00. To book a place on this free course phone 01522 876258

CHARITY NEW YEAR'S EVE FAMILY PARTY!



**DISCO, BAR AND RAFFLE
FISKERTON VILLAGE HALL**

31st. DECEMBER 2012 7.30PM 'TIL LATE

PROCEEDS IN AID OF

CANCER RESEARCH AND LINCOLNSHIRE AIR AMBULANCE

**TICKETS ON SALE FROM 1ST DECEMBER FROM THE WISHING WELL STORES,
FISKERTON ADULTS £5.00 CHILDREN £2.50**

