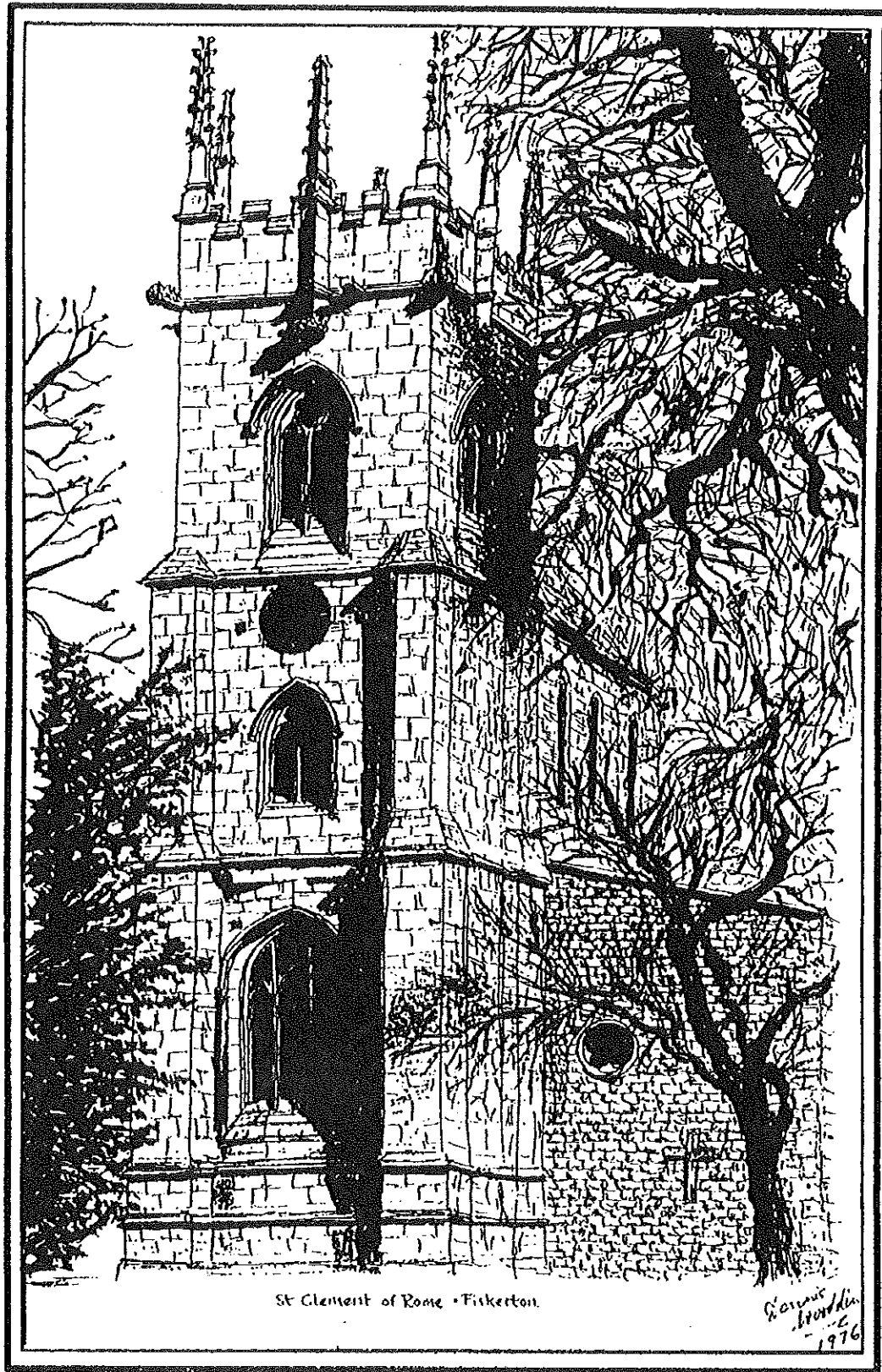


Fiskerton Parish News



January 2013

Vicar's Blog:

New beginnings

New year, new things..... I guess that at the beginning of each year many of us reflect on a new start, wondering what the new year will bring.... for some I guess, 2012 will have brought nothing but happiness, for others, sadness and for most, something in between. So some will be glad to see the back of 2012 and can look forward to a new beginning

For our group of churches, well I know that this year will bring change. When I came here, I knew that at some point in the future the group of four churches (Fiskerton, Reepham, Cherry Willingham, Greetwell) would become eight, and indeed it looks as though that will happen in September of this year, as the Revd Robert Spaight retires from his post in Barlings, Langworth, Sudbrooke and Stainton by Langworth. That will present us with some challenges. Obviously it will have an impact on the times and type of services that we can offer, and it will also have an impact on the context in which we do baptisms and weddings. We are having to think through what we can actually do with the resources we have, and think of how we grow new resources at a time of change. I am acutely aware that change brings a certain nervousness and feelings of insecurity. The two Church of England Primary Schools in our area have recently said goodbye to two longstanding and highly respected Headteachers and it can feel as though a root is being pulled up – the things that you had always assumed would be there, aren't, and that is tricky to deal with. However, change also brings opportunity to look at things differently and to ask questions – are we doing this well? Can we do it differently? For me, in our churches, why are we doing what we are doing – what is God saying? That is a key for me. It is tempting sometimes to think that I am 'in charge' of the church – yes, I have responsibilities- but, this is God's church – and I am accountable to God for it. I was told recently of a colleague who loved being a Curate and hated being a Vicar because of all of the responsibilities, he woke up one morning and said to God, 'how about you be the Vicar and I'll be the curate' - and that is how it should be - it is God's church!

So, I am writing this at the turn of the year to alert folk to 'a year of change'. We will inevitably need to look at our programme of services and the ways we do other things, but I am confident that with God's help and with some clear thinking, we can serve our parishes and continue to proclaim the good news of the Gospel, we just might do it differently!

Every blessing for 2013

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	



Sunday January 13th.

9.45am Fiskerton Church

Parents and children very welcome to come along to enjoy Church – with a difference!

FUTURE DATES

February 10th.

March 10th.

(Mothering Sunday)

Friends of St Clement of Rome:

For a number of years Fiskerton Church has run a very successful draw to help raise funds for the upkeep and future development of our beautiful Church.

To our regular contributors, a very big Thank You.

We are now looking for new members to come on board which will help raise funds for the planned toilet and kitchen installation. This will then enable the church to be open for more events.

The draw - which takes place every month- costs £24 for the year or £12 for 6 months. The rewards to the winners being - 1st. prize £25, 2nd. £10 and then 2 prizes of £5

If you are interested and wish to become part of the "Friends of St. Clement's" please contact Freda on 01522 750690 for further information and an enrolment form. Thank you.

Thanks: The collection at Messy Christingle raised £50 which will be sent to The Children's Society.

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VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS FOR JANUARY:

Monday	21 st .	Parish Council	7.30pm – 9.30pm
Tuesday	15 th , 29 th .	Luncheon Club	10am – 2pm
Tuesday	15 th , 27 th , 29 th .	Pilates	5.30pm – 6.30pm
Wednesday	2 nd , 9 th , 16 th .	Antenatal	7.30pm – 9.30pm
Thursday	3 rd , 10 th , 17 th , 24 th .	Aerobics	9.30am – 10.30am
Thursday	17 th .	Reepham Rascals	10.30am – 11. 45am
Friday	4 th , 11 th , 18 th , 25 th .	Bingo/Socials	7.30pm - midnight
Saturday	5 th , 12 th , 19 th , 26 th .	Weight Watchers	9.15am – 11.45am
Saturday	19 th .	Private Party	2pm – 4pm
Sunday	6 th , 13 th , 20 th , 27 th .	Social Evenings	7.30pm – midnight
Sunday	20 th .	Causeway Projects	2pm – 5.00pm
Sunday	6 th .	The Vine	11am – 1.00pm

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

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Thank You

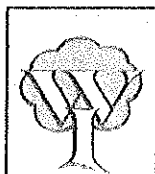
Cynthia Overton would like to thank those who gave so generously to "The Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen".

Her recent House to House collection raised £44. Thank you all very much.

Important Newsletter Information:

Please note that items for inclusion in the Parish News can be handed in at Wishing Well Stores, or they can be posted to Mrs L.Forman, 'Applegarth', Ferry Rd. Fiskerton, Lincoln LN3 4HU Please telephone 01526 398316. You can also e-mail items to fiskertonnews@btinternet.com

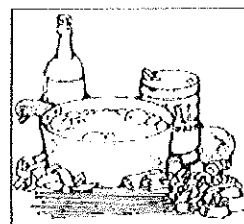
All items MUST be with the Editor by the 19th. of the month



The Annual dinner will take place at The Carpenter's Arms on Monday January 12th.
7pm for 7.30pm start.

THE LUNCH POT

Join us for a two course lunch. It will only cost you £3.00 each.
The dates for **January** are 15th. & 29th. at 12.30pm.
For more details ring Mary on 595291.



MOBILE LIBRARY

The mobile Library will be at the Village Hall on **Tuesday January 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.

Gardening Club: There is no meeting in January. The next meeting will be on Monday 11th. February at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

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Church for Life as it is today: Faith in God gives life more meaning

Sunday Services - January

All services are family and youth-friendly with a vibrant children's programme. Coffee 10.45am
Sunday 6th January 11am Sunday Service at Fiskerton Village Hall
Sunday 13th January 11am Sunday Service at Reepham & Cherry Willingham Village Hall
Sunday 20th January 11am Sunday Service at Fiskerton Village Hall
Sunday 27th January 11am Sunday Service at Reepham & Cherry Willingham Village Hall

Connect groups for all ages, providing a social setting for you to connect with people, understand the Bible and grow in faith
Adults : Tues 8pm, Cherry Willingham, Wed 7.30pm, Fiskerton
Youth Connect Thurs 3:30-4.40 Cherry Willingham Youth Wing
Junior Connect fortnightly , Friday 4-5pm, Fiskerton

The Third Thursday Book Club
For women who love to read a good book and talk about it with friends. We read a wide variety of good books. A different one each month. Copies available for you.
7.30pm 25 Waterford Lane, Cherry Willingham
Thursday January 17th.
For further details contact Veronica:
01522 872011

For other Church activities
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

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. Official minutes are available at http://www.fiskerton-lincs.org.uk/html/meetings_minutes.html

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 10th DECEMBER, 2012

- Parish Councillors applied for dispensation required under the Localism Act, 2011 in order to be able to take part in the budget and precept setting
- In connection with the bus turning point at Short Ferry, Stagecoach suggests that nothing can be done until such time as a planning application is deposited and LCC suggests contacting WLDC. The Clerk was asked to copy both letters to WLDC, District Councillor Darcel and County Councillor Fleetwood. LCC informed the parish council that the provision of a footway at Short Ferry has been looked into and remains on the list for Rural Priorities Initiative funding, although there is no indication of when this scheme may be undertaken.
- Nearly all the planting has been done on the open spaces on Holmfield – the Chairman thanked District Councillor Darcel and his volunteers who helped with the planting. Morris Homes has given permission for 'No Balls' signs.
- A large trailer tyre has been put into the children's play area which constitutes a serious hazard to young children. The Clerk is to ask WLDC to remove it. In addition, Councillor Wall reported that he has to pick up a lot of rubbish in the play area each week and lately had found large pieces of wood and large rocks in front of the flood prevention scheme grill. All at the meeting were very concerned at the dangers this sort of behaviour can cause.
- WLDC has not made a definite decision on the planning application for the Teenage Shelter, although they would like to be able to see through the shelter and have lighting in the area. District Councillor Darcel has prepared new plans which the youths are happy with and will take them to WLDC
- Planning permission has been given for a single storey extension at 1 Church View Crescent.
- Date of Next Meeting: Monday, 21st January, 2013 at 7.30 p.m. in the village hall

NOTE FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL CONCERNING THE VILLAGE PLAY AREA

At the last meeting, there was a long discussion about the on-going problems in the play area and areas surrounding the Village Hall. It was felt that this should be shared with all villagers and to ask for support in maintaining this area as a pleasant recreational place for all residents.

It has been reported on numerous occasions that large amounts of rubbish have to be regularly cleared up, hinges to the self-closing gates to the play area have been broken, fires have been set one foot away from the back of the Village Hall (for which the Parish Council has received an apology and an assurance that it will not happen again) and fixtures on the outside of the building have been damaged. A large tractor tyre has appeared in the play area which will have to be removed as it is a potential hazard. It is good to be able to report that the flood prevention scheme at the back of the Village Hall worked well after the recent heavy rainfall but it was very disturbing to find serious obstructions in front of the drain grill this week (two 5 foot planks and a 2 foot by 2 foot board plus other rubbish). It isn't believed that all this is the work of one group but more likely a cross section of all the people who frequent the area. All we can do is to ask for the support of the village, to keep an eye on the area and if you see anti-social behaviour, please report it.

Many of you will know that Councillor Chris Darcel is working hard with planners in Gainsborough for a youth shelter in this area which the Parish Council is supporting and it is good to see some of the older ones taking an active interest in the project. Please support Chris and your Parish Council in maintaining this area as a safe recreational area for the young people of our village.

The Community Bank of Lincolnshire



Owned and run by its members, Lincolnshire Credit Union (*LincUp*) - provides a safe and convenient method of saving and offers affordable loans without hidden charges or fees which are available to all people who live and work in Lincs.

LincUp provides a great way to save small, regular amounts safely, which soon build up. There is also a Christmas savings club and both accounts attract a dividend payment. Young people are not left out: a junior savers scheme is also in operation to promote the savings habit from a young age.

If you are interested in saving and borrowing ethically or could spare some time to volunteer for us contact us on: **01522 528886 / 845100**, or website at www.lincscreditunion.org or e-mail us at enquiries@lincupcu.org
LincUp is regulated by the Financial Services Authority, Lincolnshire Credit Union Ltd Reg No: 659C | Firm No: 213763

What's On in January:

In The Area.....

LADIES BREAKFAST – SATURDAY 5TH 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. This month, from Helen Sheehan – **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. before Thursday 3rd. January please.



COFFEE MORNING:



The Charity and Fairtrade Coffee Morning will take place in Cherry Willingham Church Hall on Saturday January 13th. 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 January 20th.**

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



SCOTHERN PLAYERS NEED YOU!

Scothern Players are a well- established amateur dramatic group who put on 2 plays a year at Scothern Village Hall. We have a very loyal following and usually sell out all performances. We are a very friendly group with a reputation for encouraging new members of all ages and abilities, not just to try their hand at acting, but also directing, producing, stage management, front of house, technical etc.

We particularly need help with set – building: because the Hall is used by many local groups, we usually have to build our sets during weekdays, so have found that this means that retired people fit the bill perfectly! If you have basic DIY skills and can spare some time, we would be delighted to talk to you. Our performances are usually in May and November, and set build normally starts 6 – 8 weeks prior to opening night, depending on the complexity. We work as a team so there is usually someone available to help.

We would also like to encourage anyone with technical skills to get involved – we have good quality sound and light facilities and the ability to control everything by computer. If this is an area you would like to know more about we can arrange for you to shadow our technical director. Being part of a successful am-dram group is a fascinating hobby: it can be hard work, especially as we approach performance dates, but incredibly rewarding as well – when the audience applause at the end of a show it is a tribute not just to the cast, but the crew as well, without whom no group could function.

If you would like to talk about joining us, please contact me, Malcolm Tresadern, at chairman@scothernplayers.org.uk, or call me on 01522 595191 or 07900 465352.

POLICE ARTICLE:

Winter Driving Tips

With the colder weather rapidly approaching I thought it may be useful to give a little motoring advice as far as driving on slippery roads is concerned.

The best advice for driving in extreme winter weather is not to drive at all if you can avoid it. If you must go out wait until the snow ploughs and gritting trucks have had a chance to do their work. Remember than road salt takes time to permeate the ice and work effectively, particularly if the temperature is very low. Don't assume that just because a road has been gritted you can drive on it normally.

Before the extreme weather arrives make sure your vehicle is prepared. Ensure it is running reliably, make sure the battery is fully charged and the lights are working. Make sure your windscreen wash bottle is filled with screenwash to the correct concentration as it will help prevent the water from freezing.

Before setting off make sure you know your route. Don't rely solely on a satellite navigation device, if a road is closed or impassable you will have to find an alternative. Make sure your car has plenty of fuel and take a moment to completely clear your car windows of ice and snow. It's amazing how often we see motorists attempting to drive whilst peering out of a small patch of defrosted windscreen! It's a good idea to carry a shovel in case you get stuck, some sturdy boots in case you need to leave your vehicle and make sure your mobile phone is fully charged in case you need to summon assistance.

Finally, keep to main roads wherever possible as they are most likely to be the safest. If a road looks impassable please don't try to chance it. The chances are you will get stuck!

Here are a few tips that will help you drive safely on slippery roads -

1. Decrease your speed and leave yourself plenty of room to stop. You should allow at least five times more space than usual between you and the car in front of you.
 2. Brake gently to avoid skidding. If your wheels start to lock up do not place further pressure on the brake pedal, ease off the brake to regain steering control.
 3. Turn on your lights to increase your visibility to other motorists.
 4. Keep your lights and windscreen clean.
 5. Use low gears to keep traction, especially on hills.
 6. Don't use cruise control where there is a risk of ice.
 7. Be especially careful on bridges, overpasses and infrequently travelled roads as they often freeze first. Even at temperatures above freezing you might encounter ice in shady or exposed areas.
 8. Don't pass snow ploughs or gritting trucks. The drivers have limited visibility, and you're likely to find the road in front of them worse than the road behind.
 9. Don't assume your vehicle can handle all conditions. Even four-wheel drive vehicles can lose grip winter roads.
- That's all for this month, drive safely.

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Must Have..... Limitless Patience ** Endless Energy ** All the answers
Perfectly behaved children

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Starts Fri. 11th Jan 9.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. (Coffee served from 9.15 a.m.)

Millennium Hall, Cherry Willingham For more details call 01522 872011 or just turn up .

The Vine Church: Working in partnership with the National Parenting Initiative