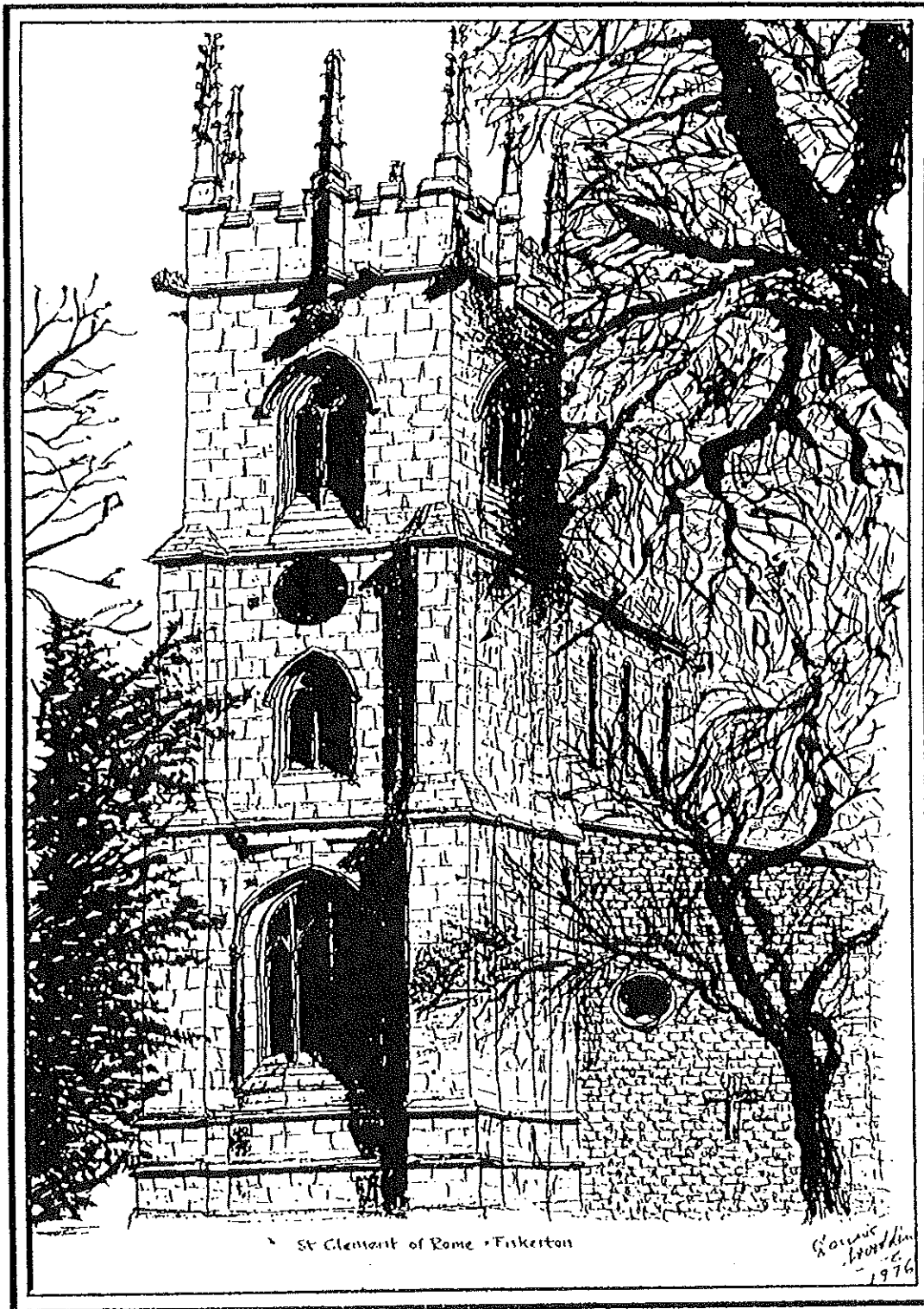


Fiskerton Parish News



February 2013

Vicar's Blog

The post- Christmas season gave me a few days to be a bit of a couch potato and watch some TV. On one evening I was glad I did – because I came across a programme that I haven't seen before called DIY SOS. For the uninitiated, this is a programme where a team of builders, electricians, plasterers and designers turn up to the property of someone who is in need of help, and transform their home into the living space that they need. On this occasion the work was done for Julie Jones, a mum of 8 children. I was very taken with her story. She had a best friend called Caroline, who had 5 young children. Caroline was diagnosed with a brain tumour at the age of 45, just after that diagnosis, her partner died suddenly of a brain haemorrhage. Caroline, sadly didn't pull through, and asked her friend Julie to look after her children. She had three children of her own, was a lone parent, working and now had the prospect of 5 more children to care for, which she resolved to do. She adopted the children and took them into her 3 bedroom detached house. Her boys, who were in their mid-late teens were as impressive as their mum – accepting and loving the five bereaved children as part of the family. It was amazing to hear them all speak and share their love and commitment and they shared their life together.

I think the dominating thought in my head as I watched this programme was that 'love makes such a difference'. I guess that Julie could have made a different choice – she could have decided that 8 children was just too much, but she made the choice to love and in doing so, to sacrifice the things she might have hoped and dreamed for herself. What an amazing example of compassion and care. I was moved to tears and I have no doubt that I wasn't the only one. The builders left her with a dream house, where the children had space, with a kitchen to sit round the table together and a bedroom for her to relax in; the older boys were catered for too....

We can get so caught up in things sometimes that we forget what is important. Love has a transforming power about it and when we give it, or receive it, it changes us for the better. We might not all be called on to take on five children, but we can offer love and care to a neighbour or friend in small and simple ways that just express love, care and appreciation.

Where does love come from? Well, simply, the Bible tells us that God is love and whoever lives in love lives in God. Important to remember I think that love isn't a fluffy and woolly sentimentality, it is a choice and sometimes a tough and sacrificial choice, but making that choice does and will change lives.

Every blessing,

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 Death:

Ex Fiskerton Resident, Mr Jim Patchett, passed away peacefully on January 8th. whilst in hospital in Uxbridge. Jim moved back to the South of England after his wife Doreen died, to be near his family.

Other Church News:

The January Lottery had not been drawn at the time of printing. Winners will be published in the March edition of the Newsletter.



Friends of St. Clement of Rome:

If you have not joined the Lottery, or still need to renew your subscription, it is not too late.

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.

Learn to Meditate - Lincoln Christian Meditation Group

Rowan Williams once said, "To learn contemplative practice is to learn what we need so as to live truthfully and honestly and lovingly".

The Lincoln Christian Meditation Group meets each Wednesday at 12.30pm at St Hugh's Church on Broadgate, Lincoln. All are welcome to join and if you want any more information please call Helen on 07963 169 935 or Angela on 01522 829 385. You can also visit the website: www.lincolnmeditation.org.uk

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VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS FOR FEBRUARY:

Monday	4 th .	Village Hall Com.	7.30pm – 9.30pm
Monday	11 th .	Gardening Club	7.30pm – 9.30pm
Tuesday	12 th . 26 th .	Lunch Pot	10am – 2pm
Wednesday	6 th . 13 th . 20 th . 27 th .	Computer Classes	1pm – 3pm
Thursday	7 th . 14 th . 21 st . 28 th .	Aerobics	9.30am – 10.30am
Thursday	14 th .	W.I.	7.30pm – 9.30pm
Thursday	21 st .	Reephams Rascals	10.30am – 11.45am
Friday	1 st . 8 th . 15 th . 22 nd .	Bingo/Socials	7.30pm – midnight
Friday	8 th . 15 th . 22 nd .	Dance 4 Life	10am – 11.30am
Saturday	2 nd . 9 th . 16 th . 23 rd .	Weight Watchers	9.15am – 11.45am
Saturday	9 th .	Private Party	11.45am – 3.15pm
		Private Party	4.30pm – 6.30pm
Sunday	3 rd . 10 th . 17 th . 24 th .	Social Evenings	7.30pm – midnight
Sunday	17 th .	Causeway Projects	2pm – 5.00pm
Sunday	3 rd . 17 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

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 £448 from the evening, meaning we were able to divide this between the Lincolnshire Air Ambulance and Cancer Research charities which were extremely grateful in deed. 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:

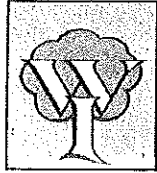
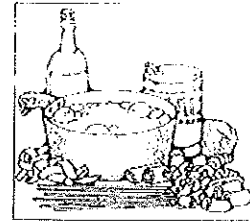
Please note that items for inclusion in the Parish News can be handed in at Wishing Well Stores, or they can be posted to Mrs L. Forman, 'Applegarth', Ferry Rd. Fiskerton, Lincoln LN3 4HU
Please telephone 01526 398316. You can also e-mail items to fiskertonnews@btinternet.com
All items MUST be with the Editor by the 19th. of the month.

What's On in February:

In The Village.....

THE LUNCH POT

Join us for a two course lunch. It will only cost you £3.00 each.
The dates for February are 12th & 26th. at 12.30pm.
For more details ring Mary on 595291.



The next meeting of Fiskerton WI will take place on Thursday February 14th. at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The talk will be about Restoring Tapestries at Doddington Hall. Members are reminded that subs. for 2013 will need to be paid at this meeting. New members will be welcome.

MOBILE LIBRARY

The mobile Library will be at the Village Hall on Tuesday February 5th. 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:



The re-start of the 2013 season of the Club is on Monday 11th February. in the Village Hall 7.30 p.m. We commence with the AGM, followed by Mr John Moss giving a talk on 'Old Tools Old Ways'.

Subscriptions are now due for the year. Old and new members welcome.

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In 2013, make a fresh decision:
Come and find faith, friendship and
fresh meaning for your life

Sunday Services - February

All services are family and youth-friendly with a vibrant children's programme. Coffee 10.45am

3rd February 11am at Fiskerton Village Hall with KidZone

10th February 11am at Reepham & Cherry Willingham Village Hall with KidZone

17th February 11am FAMILY SERVICE at Fiskerton Village Hall

24th February 11am at Reepham & Cherry Willingham Village Hall with KidZone

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 February 21st.

For further details contact Veronica:

01522 872011

The Mix for 11-17 year-olds

Friday Nights

1st February FUEL 8th February CLIMBING WALL

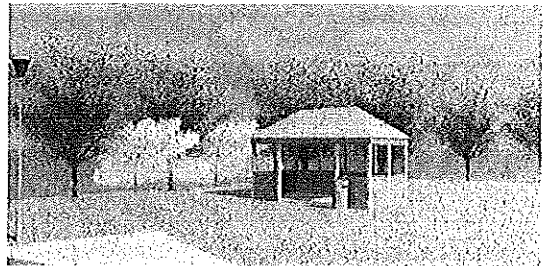
Tel 876996 for details

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

Chris Darcel, District Councillor for Fiskerton
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email: chris@darcel.entadsl.com,
Tel: 01522 750411. 3 Holmfield, Fiskerton
Happy New Year!



Hope you had a great Christmas.

One highlight to me was the Friday night Christmas party at the School. Another was a very different carol service at Stainton and the pantomime at Langworth was brilliant.

By the time you read this, we will be just about ready to start work on the youth shelter . The end product will look very different from the original proposal, it will cost more and require more work to build but I am sure it will prove a much better amenity for the village, long term.

So if any builders are out there and would like to help, please phone me.

The project will be written up and publicised by West Lindsey and if someone wishes to take lots of photos- that would be great. One thing that has been stressed by the planners is that the area will need lighting, so some extra money will need to be found from somewhere.

One of the star points of the results of the Parish Plan survey was that the great majority of residents wanted to see the Manor Paddock be returned to open space and used for sports, as it has been for much of the time since the war.

To make it happen, someone somewhere will need to put a small amount of cash on the table, just to get the ball rolling! Could this be an opportunity for any spare cash the Parish Council has in the kitty?

In Cherry Willingham there is talk of turning the library into a Library and Community Hub, some thing I am sure many of us will find very useful. It will cost serious money, but with all the different grants and matched funding schemes available it is something a number of residents are hoping will happen.

If Cherry can do it --- So can we, it would be great to have a some sports facilities in the village, even if it is just somewhere where our ever growing band of youngsters can go and kick a ball.

Lastly, Short Ferry residents need a pavement from the pub to the bus stop. Noel Robinson at Highways, Lincolnshire County Council, has told me it is on the Council's wish list. To make it happen we need to make sure it gets to the top of the wish list, so the more letters the Short Ferry residents send in, both to the Parish Council, to County Cllr Ian Fleetwood, and the Highways Department at LCC the better.

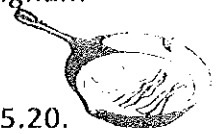
What's On in February:

In The Area.....

LADIES BREAKFAST – SATURDAY 2ND. FEBRUARY

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 Diane Stubbs . 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 31st. January please.



COFFEE MORNING:

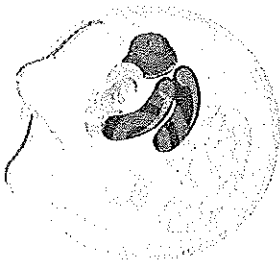


The Charity and Fairtrade Coffee Morning will take place in Cherry Willingham Church Hall on **Saturday 9th. February** from 10am – 11.30am. All proceeds from the refreshments and raffle go to a chosen charity. *The Fairtrade Stall will be available for groceries and gifts.*

COFFEE AND CHAT

There will be a Coffee Morning at Reepham Methodist Church Hall on **SATURDAY February 16th.**

Come along and enjoy a coffee and home-made cakes as well as meeting old friends and making new. There will be a Fairtrade Stall.



Men2gether

The Local Men's Breakfast

When – Saturday 16th February 2013

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 and make new friends.

All men are most welcome.

To book a place, or places, please email david@theburrows.net or ring 824936 by Wednesday 13th February. Numbers are limited so please book early to ensure a place.

Cherry Willingham Library News:

As many of you know Lincolnshire County Council is looking for libraries to be volunteer staffed in the future. Cherry Willingham library is no exception. With this in mind Rachel has been looking for a new job which she has now secured.

Rachel says, ' I have loved working at Cherry library and making it a welcome and vibrant place for all users. I will greatly miss my customers and the friendships established over the years. I would like to wish each and every one of you all the best.'

Sit and natter and children's story time have proved immensely popular. We have even had to ship some more mugs and chairs in for the numbers coming to natter! Both sessions will continue in the new year starting at 10.15am and running for approximately one hour.

Sit and Natter : February 4th, and 18th.

Story time : February 11th and 25th.

Cherry Willingham Library 01522 782010

www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/libraries

POLICE NEWS:

Crime in Sudbrooke

We are pleased to report that there have been no thefts, burglaries or criminal damages report to Lincolnshire Police since 1st January 2013 until the 18th January 2013.

Lincs Alert

Nettleham NPT are encouraging residents to sign up to Lincs alert. Lincs alert is a FREE messaging system setup by the police. The user signs up and selects the radius that they want to receive messages for. Lincolnshire Police will send out messages relating to crimes, crime prevention, missing people, suspicious incidents and events.

If you would like to know more and sign-up please visit www.lincolnshirealert.co.uk

Immobilise Property Database

Immobilise is a property database used by Lincolnshire Police and many other police forces across the country to check for stolen property.

Users can create a profile for FREE and add their property to the database. If the user is unfortunate enough to become a victim of burglary or theft then the user can change the status of the property to "stolen".

If Police recover the item and check the item against the database it will show up as being stolen and can be returned the rightful owner. Visit www.immobilise.com for more information.

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For more details call 01522 872011

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