

**Vicar's Blog**

Until a couple of hours ago, I was stumped for a topic for this month's blog. However, the events of the last few hours have been such that there is one topic now on my mind, and that is 'generosity'. Last night I guess that many of us watched Comic Relief on the TV. I didn't see it all, but was astonished to discover when I listened to the news this morning that over £75 million had been raised. That is an incredible amount of money and speaks much of the capacity of people to respond generously when they see a need. Some of the videos that were presented to us last night were hard watching and it's shocking to know that people live in such dreadful conditions, die from disease eradicated in the richer parts of the world and in some cases, are sold as commodities. Clearly, the needs are not just thousands of miles away either....

A few weeks ago, someone gave me some money. It was £20. I decided that instead of spending it on myself I would try to do something useful with it. So, I advertised a Comic Relief Bake Off, and spent it on flour, eggs etc to make cake. It was fairly last minute, but many others also pitched in and made cakes, people turned up and gave generously. The result was a bake off that raised £405. More amazing generosity – thank you! This illustrates something that I believe is fundamental in God's world – it is to do with 'investment' – take the small seed of an idea, a vision, sew it, put time into it, invest in it, get people involved in it and it grows, sometimes exponentially. That, for me, is a principle of God's Kingdom. The Bible is littered with characters who sewed the seed of a vision and it grew beyond their wildest expectations, because God took something small and grew it with them. Jesus spoke about needing faith as small as a mustard seed – why that small? Simply because when we exercise faith we do it in small steps – we step out in faith, God takes that and then stretches it, and as we invest in our faith, it grows.

This week-end has been a great reminder of the power of generosity and the ways in which we can make a difference if we invest our time and energy into the right things.

May God bless you,

Penny

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**Village Death:**

We remember in our prayers, the family of **Mr Philip Tulley**, who passed away on March 9<sup>th</sup>. A service was held at Lincoln Crematorium on March 26<sup>th</sup>.

<u>To arrange Baptisms, Weddings or Funerals please contact:-</u>		
Revd. Penny Green (Priest in Charge)	The Vicarage, Church Lane, Cherry Willingham	01522 595596
Churchwarden: Mrs L. Forman	Applegarth, Ferry Road Fiskerton	01526 398316
Church Key also available from:	Mrs M Gibson, 14 Ferryside Gardens	01522 752117
	Mrs A Townsend, 25 St Clement's Drive	01522 595109
Benefice Website:	<a href="http://www.southlawresbenefice.org.uk">www.southlawresbenefice.org.uk</a>	



**Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup>.**  
**9.45am Fiskerton Church**

Parents and children will be made very welcome



**Other Church News:**

**'Friend's of St. Clement's' Lottery: March winners:**

£25: No. 13: Jean Hauton

£10: No. 35: Christina Ward

£5: No 37: Mrs Mary Cook

£5: No 9: Dawn Slaney

**Annual General Meeting:**

The AGM of St. Clement's Church will take place on **Thursday April 18<sup>th</sup>**. at 7pm in Church. Anyone who is a member of the Church Electoral Roll is very welcome to attend this meeting.

**West Lindsey Open Churches Festival:**

This annual festival takes place across West Lindsey over the first two weekends of May. This year, Fiskerton Church will be open to visitors on **Saturday and Sunday May 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> from 11am - 4.30pm both days**. Churches in Reepham, Cherry Willingham and Greetwell will also be open but with varying times.

It is hoped that Fiskerton church will be hosting work from the children of the Primary School .

Light lunches and afternoon teas will be available as well as a plant and a home-made cake/preserves stall. More details next month!

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**Thanks:**

*Freda E Styles:*

May I take this opportunity to say to you all 'Thank You' for the lovely cards and messages of sympathy I received after the death of Freda, they have been very humbling. I had the pleasure of the company of a hard - working and dedicated lady for 8 glorious years , who's love of Fiskerton was paramount in her life. Working alongside her was wonderful. We said many times, " We make a good team," and laughed about it .

On our many wonderful trips at home and abroad Freda was always on the look-out for anything that could be used in church or gardening club, we always returned with something .Two years ago, coming through the Panama Canal we pinned down Will Giles and started the arrangements for last year's wonderful visit to Norwich and his Exotic Garden .This sort of thing happened on many occasions .

I hope that over the years to come ( health permitting ) I will be able to keep visiting your lovely village and be involved in some way with any events you are putting on. You only have to ask.

Thanking you all once again,

My best wishes,

John T Fletcher, Newport Lodge, Winterton.

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**THURSFORD CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR.**



I shall be organising a coach to Thursford on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November**.

Coach will leave Fiskerton at 8 30am

Cost of the coach and show will be £40 pp

If you would like to book a seat please let me know as soon as possible, with a £10 deposit . The rest of the money must be paid by 31<sup>st</sup> July.

It will be first come, first served .

For more information or to book a seat please ring Mary on 01522 595291

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

**MOBILE LIBRARY**

The mobile Library will be at the Village Hall on **Tuesday April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>**, 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:**

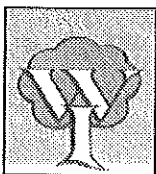
The next meeting of Fiskerton Gardening Club will be at 7.30pm on **Monday 8th April** in the Village Hall.

Dave Newman will speak on Small Scale Food Production

**Raffle prize/Refreshments:** Mrs S Hodson, Mrs M Pycock, Mrs P Shirley & Mr J Fletcher

**THE LUNCH POT**

Join us for a two course lunch. It will only cost you £3. 00 each.  
The dates for **April are 9<sup>th</sup>. & 23<sup>rd</sup>. at 12.30pm.**  
For more details ring Mary on 595291.



The next meeting of Fiskerton WI will take place on **Thursday April 11<sup>th</sup>**, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The demonstrator will be Mr John Teanby who is a potter. He will bring his wheel to demonstrate his craft and there may be an opportunity to have a go. There may be a small charge for this. The competition is a hand-made pot.

Tea Hostesses will be Mrs Forman & Mrs Walkinton

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**VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS FOR APRIL:**

Monday	1 <sup>st</sup> . 8 <sup>th</sup> . 15 <sup>th</sup> . 22 <sup>nd</sup> . 29 <sup>th</sup> .	Pilates	5.30pm – 6.30pm
Monday	8 <sup>th</sup> .	Gardening Club	7.30pm – 9.30pm
Tuesday	9 <sup>th</sup> . 23 <sup>rd</sup> .	Lunch Pot	10am – 2pm
Tuesday	23 <sup>rd</sup> .	Private Hire	6.30pm – 10pm
Thursday	4 <sup>th</sup> . 11 <sup>th</sup> . 18 <sup>th</sup> . 25 <sup>th</sup> .	Aerobics	9.30am – 10.30am
Thursday	11 <sup>th</sup> .	W.I.	7.30pm – 9.30pm
Friday	5 <sup>th</sup> . 12 <sup>th</sup> . 19 <sup>th</sup> . 26 <sup>th</sup> .	Bingo/Socials	7.30pm – midnight
Saturday	6 <sup>th</sup> . 13 <sup>th</sup> . 20 <sup>th</sup> . 27 <sup>th</sup> .	Weight Watchers	9.15am – 11.45am
Saturday	27 <sup>th</sup> .	Scouts	6pm – 11pm
Sunday	7 <sup>th</sup> .	Private Party	12.30pm – 2.30pm
Sunday	14 <sup>th</sup> . 21 <sup>st</sup> . 28 <sup>th</sup> .	Social Evenings	7.30pm – midnight
Sunday	21 <sup>st</sup> .	Private Party	11am – 1.30pm
Sunday	21 <sup>st</sup> .	Causeway Projects	2pm – 5.00pm
Sunday	14 <sup>th</sup> . 28 <sup>th</sup> .	The Vine	11am – 1.00pm

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

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

**Sunday Services – April**  
All services are family and youth-friendly with a vibrant children's programme. Coffee 10.45am  
**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April** 11am at Reepham & Cherry Willingham Village Hall with KidZone for children  
**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April** 11am at Fiskerton Village Hall with KidZone for children  
**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April** 11am at Reepham & Cherry Willingham Village Hall with KidZone  
**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April** No Service today – St George's Day  
Parade Services in Lincoln

**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 April 18<sup>th</sup>.**  
For further details contact Veronica:  
01522 872011

**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 Mix**  
**for 11-17 year-olds**  
**Friday Nights 7pm**  
Restarts after Easter break  
**on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April**  
Tel 876996 for details

**Not been to church for a long time?  
Is it time to try again?**

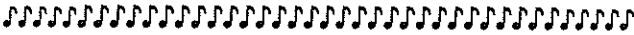
For other Church activities Visit [www.thevinecommunitychurch.org.uk](http://www.thevinecommunitychurch.org.uk) or Tel Rev V. Podbury on 872011 (Church Office) The Vine Community Church Reg Charity 1142056 is part of the Ground Level Network of Churches

**CHERRY WILLINGHAM COMMUNITY CHOIR**

Do you like to sing?..... Yes.....  
Well come along, don't be shy we are a friendly group  
Cherry Willingham Primary School (LN3 4BD)  
Infant hall  
7.30-9.00pm  
Monday 8th & 22nd April 2013  
Social Evening Monday 29th April 7.30pm

***We will be singing all sorts of songs including:-***  
Make you feel My Love by Bob Dylan, The Lords My Shepherd Theme from Vicar of Dibley, Stand by Me, I Dreamed a Dream from Les Miserable, Something Inside So Strong, Thank you for the music by Abba and lots more.

For more info please contact:-  
Jane Mob. 07720050214  
E-mail [jane.george1@ntlworld.com](mailto:jane.george1@ntlworld.com)  
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**What's On in April     In The Area.....**

***LADIES BREAKFAST***

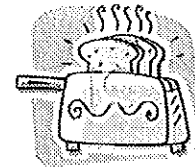
**Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup>. 2013**

Ladies, come along and enjoy

♥ a full English breakfast

♥ friendship and fellowship

♥ a short talk by a Christian speaker



**at 'Rosie Lea Café, The Parade, Cherry Willingham**

**8:45am for 9:00am - Cost £5:20**

*Contact Ann 800209 or Jan 753432 for further details or to book a place*

**COFFEE MORNING:**

The Charity and Fairtrade Coffee Morning will take place in Cherry Willingham Church Hall on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>. April**, 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.*



Parkinson's  
Disease Society

There will be a Coffee Morning at Reepham Methodist Church Hall on

**SATURDAY April 20<sup>th</sup>. from 10am – 11.30am**

In aid of the local Parkinson's Disease Society

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 20<sup>th</sup>. April 2013**

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

Time – **8.30am for 8.45am 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.

**We are delighted to welcome Rev. Penny Green as our guest speaker this month.**

All men are most welcome.

To book a place, or places, please email [david@theburrows.net](mailto:david@theburrows.net) or ring 824936 by Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2013. Numbers are limited so please book early to ensure a place.

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**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](mailto:fiskertonnews@btinternet.com)

**All items MUST be with the Editor by the 19<sup>th</sup>. of the month.**