#### Vicar's Blog:



#### **Church Buildings**

I wonder, do you like having a church building in your village? Is it something that 'adds' to your village? It may not be that you would ever visit it as a place of worship, but it may be that you appreciate the history and the fact that it is there and adds character and history. What if it were looking dilapidated and not in good order?

I ask this question because as a group of churches we have been thinking about financing the church buildings for which we have stewardship. Most of them are listed, most of them require the services of specialist architects if any are required, most require a significant amount of finance every year to keep them maintained, and most of them rely on the good offices of a small number of people who worship in them, to either give or to raise money through fundraising and grants. Increasingly this is becoming hard work, because inevitably costs are rising. So, we are wondering .... What is the interest in our wider communities to keep these buildings maintained and in good order as a part of the history of their village?

Would folk be interested in joining 'Friends' Associations that help with the upkeep of the buildings for historical purposes? Is it important enough in the wider group to see a church building in good order at the heart of their village to contribute?

I would be interested in your views. Perhaps it might help if I say at this point that the local church receives no funding (apart from applications for repair grants via Heritage Lottery Funds or Church Repair Societies) from the Church of England to maintain its buildings. The buildings are in the charge of the local Parochial *Church* Council (not the Parish Council) – that's a big challenge – so far we have risen to that, but I wonder if we need to think more broadly if we are to rise to this task in the future. Thoughts please!!

Every blessing,

Penny

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(Fiskerton)	Mrs A Townsend	25 St. Clement's Drive	Fiskerton	01522 595109
Church Key also available from:		Mrs M Gibson, 14 Ferryside Gardens		01522 752117
Benefice Website:		www.southlawresbenefice.org.uk		



#### MESSY CHURCH

4pm

Sunday June 26th. St Clement's Church

Lots of fun activities.

All parents and children are very welcome

Bishop of Grimsby's Letter: So by the time that you read this, Ascension will have gone, Pentecost will have gone, the Archbishops' initiative of 'Thy Kingdom Come', an eight-day call to prayer for the renewal of the Church and the confidence to share what we know to be true, placed between those two great Christian festivals, will be over, and the Church will have entered into what we unhelpfully call 'Ordinary Time'.

Of course, no such time exists for the Church, unless by 'ordinary' we mean a time when we simply get on with the business of being the Church that we are called to be: living, proclaiming and growing the kingdom as Jesus told those who would follow him would be their task.

I recently took part in the annual Christian Aid walk across the Humber, meeting half-way with the Bishop of Hull, who was coming from the opposite direction. We stopped and with others we prayed the simple prayer 'Your kingdom come, Your will be done'. Simple, but profound and what we're called to be about as Church – particularly when we also seek to be the answer to the prayer we've prayed.

Eight Days of Prayer was the call of the Archbishops; but what if we continued and went beyond that? So that 'Ordinary Time' became what it was always intended to be, 'getting on with the business', 'simply growing and doing the work' time. What if we each committed to stop, to find a quiet space, and to pray daily a prayer like the one below. I wonder how 'ordinary' that time would then be?

Almighty God, source of our hope and of all good things; you have called the Diocese of Lincoln to be a healthy, vibrant and sustainable Church, transforming lives in Greater Lincolnshire. Lead us through this vision, give leaders wisdom and direction, equip your disciples to love you faithfully, others joyfully and to grow confidently through word and deed. So that through us the world may catch a glimpse of the love you have for each one of us, through your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

+ David Grimsby – June 2016

#### West Lindsey Open Churches, May 14/15th.



THANK YOU to EVERYONE who came along and helped in all sorts of ways over this weekend.

Your help and enthusiasm was invaluable and we REALLY could not have managed without you all.

We welcomed 201 visitors and the Church had a fantastic 'buzz' all weekend.

Comments from visitors were all about the friendly welcome, the interesting displays on the history of the building and village - available to

look at and read – and obviously the view from the top of the tower!

It is very important to us that everyone who enters the building is made to feel welcome and comfortable and this certainly happened. It is also a 'fundraising' occasion and we were delighted with a profit of £956.

Again, thank you everyone. Next year – any ideas????????



COFFEE MORNING - Dates for June: St. Clement's will be open for Coffee and cake on Tuesday June 14<sup>th</sup>. & 28<sup>th</sup>. 10am - 11.30am

Remember that St. Clement's Church is open other Tuesday mornings from 10am to Noon. You are welcome to visit and take some quiet time just for you.

One of our Tuesday Volunteer team will be there for you, or just to make you a 'cuppa' or just to let you get on with a quiet sit.

Christopher Darcel, West Lindsey District Councillor for the Cherry Willingham Ward, tel 01522 750 411 Email <a href="mailto:christopher-darcel1@gmail.com">christopher Darcel1@gmail.com</a>, or knock on the door, 3 Holmfield, Fiskerton.

**PLEASE NOTE**: The opinions expressed in the following piece are the personal views of Councillor Darcel and do not necessarily represent the views of other local officers and organizations.

Not much to say this month, for a change, but you may have noticed the youth shelter has come down. As one of several Parish Councillors I voted for its demise.

It was in serious needed further investment in new glass, new seating and minor structural repairs.

I am sorry for Mrs Farnell who worked so hard to get the idea for a youth shelter off the ground, the teenagers and Mrs Farnell and Councillor Fleetwood who helped build it, the council tax payers who funded the project through my councillor initiative fund and of course the young people in the village who enjoyed using it when it was serviceable.

It's three year life span has proved an un-satisfactory return on the investment

Those who built the shelter moved on in a year or so and – unfortunately - the next year group did not have the same sense of ownership for the project.

When the shelter was vandalised, Christmas 2013, the damage done then contributed to the recent problem.

In retrospect it should have been brick built, the seats formed from solid concrete, the glass, wire reinforced behind weld mesh screens and the litter bins housed in a concrete bunker.

Even then we still would had a litter problem both in the shelter and round the Village Hall, just as there is a problem at Five Mile bridge and in the hedge rows leading up to Primetake.

Young idle hands do get up to mischief and hopefully as the Neighbourhood Plan moves forward markers will be put down to build into the village some centres of activity that may reduce some of the problems.

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## **Linconshire Limewoods: What's On in June**

#### Wolds Walk with a Forester:

Wednesday 1 June 1pm – 4pm Chambers Farm Wood LN8 5JR (TF 147 740)

Join the Forester for a guided walk around the woods learning about wildlife, conservation management and the wood's history along the way. Part of the Wolds Walking Festival.

Forestry Commission: Jenny 07747 006452 jenny.boatwright@forestry.gsi.gov.uk

Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear.

## Wildlife Watch Ladybirds & Other Beasties!

Saturday 18th June 10am - 12 noonChambers Farm Wood LN8 5JR (TF 147 740)

It will soon be National Insect week (20 - 26<sup>th</sup> June). Get in first and see how many types of insects can be found in the woods. Horncastle & Limewoods Watch Group Mary Porter 07909 925419 watch@lincstrust.co.uk For children aged 6 to 14. Booking essential. £1.50 per Watch member, accompanying adult free / small donation. No unaccompanied children unless pre-arranged when booking.

## Dusk Walk of Discovery - Bats & Glow Worms

Saturday 18th June 9pm – midnight Chambers Farm Wood LN8 5JR (TF 147 740) Come and join in our annual bat night. If we are lucky we'll see and hear bats leaving their roost and flying off into the woods to feed. We will also search for glow worms and hopefully discover the bright sparks hiding in the grass. Jenny 07747 006452 <a href="mailto:jenny.boatwright@forestry.gsi.gov.uk">jenny.boatwright@forestry.gsi.gov.uk</a> £12 per person. Booking essential,

#### Talk & Walk at Kirkstead Abbey

Sunday 26th June 7pm The Oak Barn, Abbey Farm, Abbey Lane, Woodhall Spa LN10 6UH (TF 191 618) An illustrated talk by David Start about Kirkstead Abbey. Followed by a walk around the site and a visit to the very special St Leonards church. Woodhall Spa Heritage Committee

Sue <u>Stennettsue.stennett@btinternet.com</u> 01526 352703 woodhallspa.org/heritage £5 per person, including a glass of wine or soft drink. Booking essential.

Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear.

# Nettleham Medical Practice - with Cherry Willingham Branch Surgery

NEW GP: The practice is delighted to announce that Dr James Cowling will be joining the practice from August 2016. He brings with him several years of experience of working as a GP principle in Leicestershire. He and his wife Rebecca, who is also a GP, have moved to Lincolnshire to be nearer to their parents. Dr Cowling's areas of specialist interest are ENT, Occupational medicine and digital healthcare. He is a GP trainer and supports junior doctors pursuing a specialist career in General Practice. Dr Cowling is a clinical fellow at Imperial College London where he is researching the role that digital technology may have in the future of healthcare delivery.

CQC Inspection: The practice was inspected by the Care Quality Commission (CQC) on 28th April 2016. The CQC will now produce their comprehensive report on the practice which takes several weeks and once this is complete will be available on both the practice and CQC websites.

Shingles Vaccination: What is shingles? Shingles, also known as herpes zoster, is a painful skin rash caused by the reactivation of the chickenpox virus (varicella-zoster virus) in people who have previously had chickenpox.

Who can have the shingles vaccination? Between September 2015 and September 2016, the shingles vaccine is offered routinely as part of the NHS vaccination programme for people aged 70, 78 or 79. You become eligible for the vaccine on the first day of September 2015 after you've turned 70, 78 or 79 and remain so until the last day of August 2016. Please contact the surgery to book an appointment with the practice nurse if you are eligible for the shingles vaccination.

Training Days: In order to enable our doctors and staff to be kept up to date Nettleham surgery will be closed for training at 1pm on the following afternoon. Tuesday 21st June 2016 Tuesday 19th July 2016 Emergency help is still available by calling 111

Contact Details: Nettleham 01522 751717 Website - www.nettlehammedical.co.uk

When the surgery is closed ring freephone111 Practice Manager - Helen Lunn 

## What's On in June

In the Area:-



LADIES BREAKFAST Ladies come to the ROSIE LEA CAFÉ, Cherry Willingham for a good breakfast, friendship and conversation

Saturday June 4th 8.45 for 9.00am.

Listen to a Christian speaker - this month it is Kirsty Clarke - a Prison Chaplain Cost: £5.20 - Lifts can be provided. So come and join us by ringing Jan 753432 or Ann 800209



# Charity Coffee Morning at Cherry Willingham Church Hall

from 10am - 11.30am on Saturday June 11th.

This monthly coffee morning is always well supported and all profits go to charity. So please come along and enjoy coffee, cake and the opportunity to chat with friends old and new.

# Guild of Machine Knitters' AGM and Knitting Day

Saturday June 18th 10am -4 pm
Cherry Willingham & Reepham Village Hall
All welcome - £5 to non members
Refreshments, exhibition of works, yarns etc



### CHARITY FUNDRAISING EVENT

Saturday June 18<sup>th</sup>. Lincoln Hospital Club 7pm - midnight to raise money to send a young girl to America for a major operation to deal with her severe Scoliosis

Michael Bublé Tribute Act Male Auction of a Slave for a day BIG RAFFLE

Sweet treats and Nibbles
To buy tickets, please phone Shelley 07909721115 or go to Beauty & Beyond,
7a The Parade Cherry Willingham

The Third Thursday Book Club: Is on the3rd Thursday of every month. Tel Veronica - 01522 872011

# Men2gether A lot more than just a Men's Breakfast

Interested in Friendship, good food, good conversation and a warm welcome?

Come and join us for our next breakfast, which is on Saturday June 18th.

Where? Rosie Lea Café, The Parade, Cherry Willingham.

Time? **8.30am for 8.45 start**; Finish approx.9.45am

After breakfast, usually a Christian speaker will share a lifetime experience.

Cost- normally £5.20 payable when you arrive.

SPECIAL OFFER – YOUR FIRST BREAKFAST WITH US IS FREE!!!

To book a place, or places, please email David Burrows, david@theburrows.net,

telephone 01522-824936 by the preceding Wednesday

# CHERRY WILLINGHAM COMMUNITY

**CHOIR** 

Do you enjoy singing?..Yes so men and ladies Come along to The Vine Centre (Library) LN3 4JL The parade

Cherry Willingham 7.30-9.30pm

when

Monday June 6<sup>th</sup>. 20<sup>th</sup>. 2016 Tea & Coffee

We will be singing a variety of songs including:- The Wind Beneath My Wings, Flying Free + many more For more

info please contact
Jane Mob. 07720050214
E-mail janegeorge24@gmail.com
Supported by The Vine Community Church

PIANIST WANTED



The Vine Community Church welcomes people from every background. It is up-to-date and informal in style, and is here to offer new hope, faith and friendship to people in this area.

Our Sunday Services take place every Sunday at 11am at the Vine Centre, The Parade, Cherry Willingham. Services are family-friendly and include great activities for young people and kids too. Join us for coffee and cakes from 10.45.



Midweek we have groups and activities for all ages -connect groups, young people and children's groups, bible study courses, or find out more about our drama group, the puppets workshop, community choir, or book club

The Vine supports children's projects in Kenya and as a partner church of Open Doors UK we support persecuted Christians around the world.

Alongside other churches in this area we also support Assist – a project which provides help to vulnerable people in the local community.

The church has a great heart\_for the least and the lost and a passion for Jesus. We aim to be authentic, faith-building, life impacting and generous in everything we do...Why not come

Look out for  $\underline{\it Five Days in June}!$  – a series of great events - for details see the separate advert.

For more information about *The Vine* phone the church office on (01522) 872011 or see our website www.thevinecommunitychurch.org.uk The Vine is a member of the Ground Level Network of Churches in Lincolnshire

#### **5 DAYS IN JUNE**

15th. - 19th. JUNE

Cheese & Wine evening

Story Telling

Ladies Pamper evening

Face Painting

Sing-a-long to favourite songs African drumming

Curry Night

Strawberry Tea

Treasure Hunt

Guest Speakers

Look out for more details on posters and flyers

5 days that could change your life

### HOLIDAY AT HOME

# Reepham Methodist Church

2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> August 10.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. For senior citizens no longer able to go on holiday.

Crafts, table games, slide shows etc.

Time to chat over tea/coffee & a cooked lunch - £5 per day Transport provided if needed

Contact Margaret Roe on 75159 for more details and a booking form

Please book by 9 July