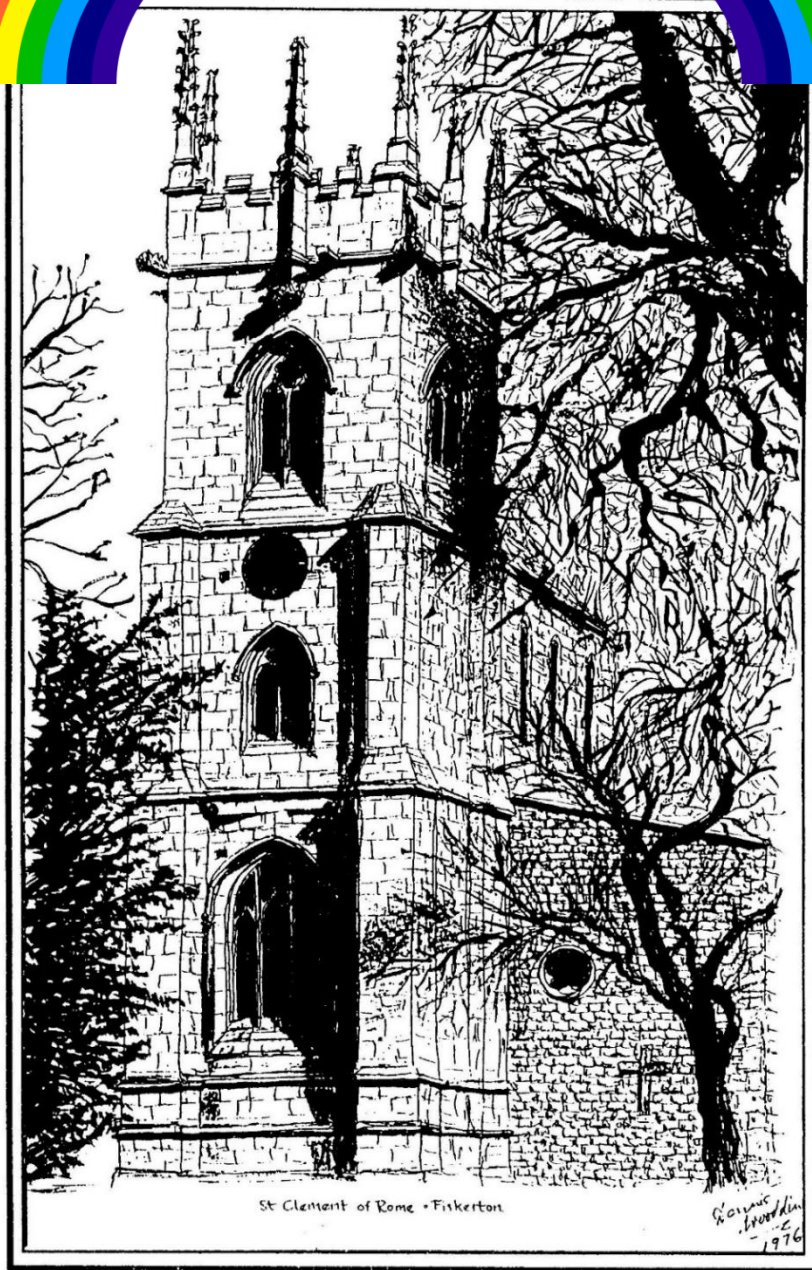


Fiskerton Parish News



May 2020

Vicar's Blog:

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First of all, I hope that everyone is doing as well as possible in these 'stretching' times. It is a tough period in our history but one in which I think we are beginning to discover more about ourselves. As I write this, I think we are about to head into Week 5 of lockdown, although frankly I am not too sure what month we are in nor what day it is! My hair is getting longer and beginning to look like the head of a mop; my bedtimes are getting earlier and my dining room has turned into a cross between a chapel and a film studio, as services have been transmitted via Facebook Live and then onto Youtube. Frankly, I find seeing and hearing myself on screen excruciating, but I do know that it is helpful for some folk to see a familiar face and also to have fixed points in their day and week for worship.

Last time I wrote for the Village Newsletters I spoke of Wells and not Walls – the point was that this is a time for creating wells. Wells of kindness and compassion, wells of communication – wells that we can draw from when the landscape is running dry. That still applies to all of us, and whether we are shielded and confined to home, or whether we are able to run errands for people being a 'well' is what most people need right now. It has been so wonderful that so many people in all our villages have volunteered to help with shopping and prescriptions and to deal with so many different tasks and to keep an eye out for their neighbours; so wonderful that we are 'Clapping for Carers' and at last celebrating the work of those who care for the most vulnerable members of our communities; so wonderful that we are beginning to understand who our **Essential Workers** really are; so wonderful to know that the wheels of our way of life have been kept going by an army of 'backroom' people who no-one ever sees, but have kept transport moving, water flowing, electricity buzzing, gas working and the internet going so we can work from home. Wells have been dug deep and thank you to everyone for your kindness and compassion, your giftedness and for adjusting to this new way of life.

For those with faith and who would normally be in a place of worship, this has been a very odd time, but in some ways, creative. Our Muslim friends have begun Ramadan in very different circumstances and Easter was for Christians a crazy time of trying to do online what we have usually done face to face. We did manage a lot of it! Our 8 Anglican churches in this area now have a Youtube Channel (Search SLB Churches) and a Facebook Page (South Lawres and Barlings Churches) and you can engage with services either live or recorded. Our pattern at the moment is:

Sunday

7.30am Morning Prayer

7pm Compline

Monday – Saturdays

10am Holy Communion

7pm Compline

As time goes on, we are bringing in more online activities including Coffee Mornings and a Thursday Tea Service. There are also some stories on both Facebook and Youtube, with me and Frankie – akin to those I might tell in School Collective Worship.

However, I am mindful that this is not the same as being together and sharing stories and experiencing some kind of closeness, but I can't help feeling that this is a time when we need to deepen our well of faith and be as Christ would have us be – servants, bringers of light and life, comforters, people of healing, and for all of us to discover what is truly important to live life well – is it really all the stuff that we have filled our lives with over these last years; or are we discovering that the thing that sustains us and helps us to grow is not what we thought it was? My hope is that by the time this period of lockdown and beyond is over, we will have considered the values that we should live by and that we will give our time and energy to those things; that we will continue to value people and relationships and that those who serve us as Essential and Frontline Workers will continue to be honoured and clapped and valued and paid a wage that reflects their true worth.

So, go well folks, be at peace and who knows where we will be by the time that I write the June Blog!!

Every blessing and stay safe

Penny

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THE HODGSON TRUST

We are acutely aware that for many this is a really tough time in every way including financially. We can help.

The Hodgson Charity exists to support the people of Fiskerton who have hit hard times. If you need any help please make contact by emailing Revd Penny on revdpg@virginmedia.com

OR

Ring 01522 595595

The help is confidential. We will need some proof that you live in Fiskerton (Council Tax Bill?) and some evidence of your need.

Let's look after one another!

Friends of St. Clement's Church Lottery

APRIL Winners

£25 No. 64: Mrs M Newton
£10 No. 18: Mrs S Massey
£ 5 No. 47: Mr A Hobbins
£ 5 No. 1: Mrs C Proctor

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NOTE: Items for the June edition MUST be with the Editor BEFORE

Monday May 18th.

Items can be posted to Mrs L Forman, Applegarth, Ferry Rd. Fiskerton, Lincoln LN3 4HU or Tel. 01526 398316 or Email: fiskertonnewsletter@btinternet.com

Items arriving after this date cannot be guaranteed to be included .

During the difficult times of the Corvid 19 outbreak, Fiskerton Church plans to continue publishing a Newsletter each month. So please, if you have items, do carry on sending them - in the usual way.

ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER

If you are reading this Newsletter online,
then thank you very much.

It would be great to get some contributions to the
NEWSLETTER from Fiskerton residents (old and young) in the
coming months, telling us how and what you are doing to help
get through.

Maybe you like writing poetry, or short stories or you have
invented some good recipes which are worth sharing.

All contributions will be considered, especially if they are
uplifting or fun.

Details for sending items to the editor are on the page above.

It would be great to hear from you

University of the Third Age



Are you are looking to join a lively and interesting self-help social group where you can meet new people, keep active and be involved in a wide range of activities? If so, we invite you to join our U3A group. We meet on the third Thursday morning of each month (10am to 12 noon) at Reephams and Cherry Willingham Village Hall, Hawthorn Road. Typically, we get together over a cup of coffee, see what's happening within our interest groups and arrange to take part in any activities which may be of interest.

As a result of the Corona virus pandemic all Witham U3A activities are suspended until further notice

If you want to know more about us feel free to come along to one of our monthly meetings, then, if you like us, you can join for a modest annual membership charge. You can also find us on the internet by searching 'Witham U3A, Lincolnshire' where you will find more information about our U3A including the latest programme. Here are our interest groups.

All Day Walks
Book Reading Group
Craft
Natural History

Architecture
Bridge
Family History
Singing for Fun
Storytelling

Behind the Scenes
Calligraphy
History of Britain
Short Walks



Where Happy Children Learn

**Is your child turning three before SEPTEMBER 2020?
Are you looking for a caring and supportive Pre School?**

**We offer full day sessions as well as morning or afternoon sessions.
Please come and have a look round our school and preschool classroom.**

For more information contact us by Email: enquiries@fiskerton.lincs.sch.uk

Fiskerton Church of England Primary School, Ferry Road, Lincoln, LN3 4HU



**CONGRATULATIONS to Fiskerton Church of England Primary School,
who are an EXCELLENT CHURCH SCHOOL!!**

Just prior to the lockdown the School received a Church School Inspection. After a rigorous day, the School was deemed to be EXCELLENT i.e. the highest grade. Congratulations to Mrs Rycroft, her staff team, the children, parents and Governors and everyone who supports the school. This is a wonderful accolade after much hard work. Everyone is a credit to the school and the village. If you want to read the Report, go to the School Website at <https://www.fiskerton.lincs.sch.uk/> and click on Church Schools Inspection tab on the left hand side.

*Here we have work
submitted by the
children who are
attending Fiskerton
Primary School during
the Lockdown*

*Friends even separated
Ring them and reach out to them
If they are far away call them
Even if you are far away they are remember they are your friend
Never leave your side they will be your friend through bad and good
Don't worry it's all right
Stay safe and stay inside.*

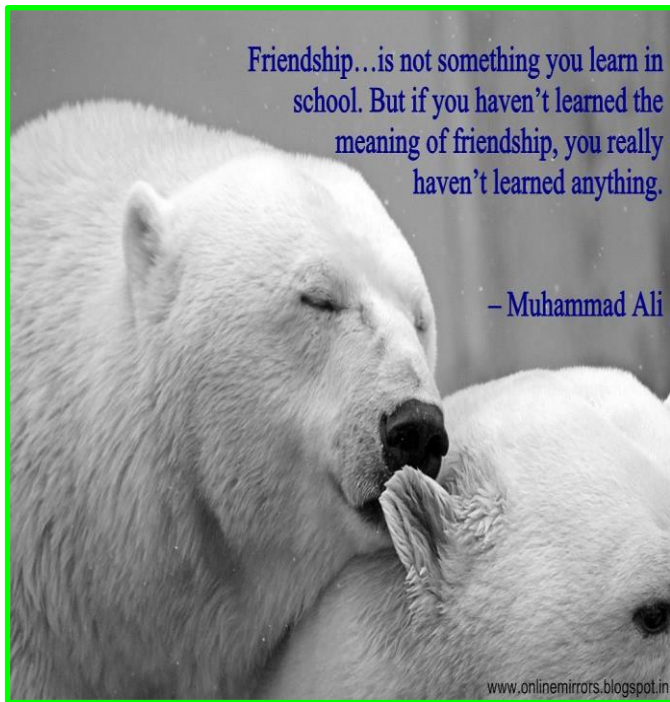
**THANK YOU
EVERYONE.**

**More Next month
please.....**



BY James W 11

Friendly people who care.



Friendship...is not something you learn in school. But if you haven't learned the meaning of friendship, you really haven't learned anything.

– Muhammad Ali

www.onlinemirrors.blogspot.in

Friendly people who care.

Reaching and talking to each other people.

Incredible people who help.

Exciting things that we can do.

Never stop fighting we can see people.

Difficult times you can call us.

Stay safe at home.

Help the world stay at home.

Invincible love that the Covid cannot break.

Perfect health; we can beat this.

Once upon time lived three boys. One was called ben, the other boys were called tom and sam. The next day they had a walk into the forest sam said are we nearly there yet?

No said ben we just got into the forest. oh said sam. Look said tom a bear.

Don't be silly it is just a man walking.

Oh, hello said the man.

Do you want any food yes said the boys.

Then they walked back home when they got back home they had tea and a bath when they got out the bath they went to sleep.

The End.



One day, this boy called George he doesn't like doing his learning.

When he went to school his teacher mr Marballs Went to the toilet George put a letter on mr marballs chair oooow mr Marballes

three day's later George went to School mr Marballs told

George a story george didn't believe it when he home and had tea when he brushed his teeth he was thinking of the story when he went to bed he had a dream a bad one

The next day when George went to school and had his lunch when he was playing with his friends they were playing benchball when he did his first game but he lost at the end of lunch they did some PE .They did golf

At the end of school he went to bed .

Hi, i'm Joseph when i was told we had to go to school i was angry and i thought it was going to be rubbish and boring however, it's kinda fun. On the first week we had Mr McKay, everyday in the morning we do Joe Wicks workout, then we do an activity, then break time then we Listen to David Walliams story then another activity like maths and English. then lunch time then lunch break when were with Mr McKay we do sports and with Mrs Henry as well we do bowling, cricket, basketball, bench-ball and netball .When were with Mrs Rycroft we do gardening. in the afternoon i did drilling, hammering staples in, digging bulbs out and netting.



Cllr. Ian Fleetwood's brief: The latest on, what's happening in the public sector in Lincolnshire.
Coronavirus update: This was written on 28 March 2020 so there may be more up-to-date information since this was released

Individual Support:

If individuals require support or if people are self-isolating and / or need support they can visit our website: www.Lincolnshire.gov.uk or fill in a form

at www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/coronavirus/requesthelp or call us on **01522 782189**.

Your health and safety is a priority, when helping others please ensure you follow the latest government guidelines, please see link www.gov.uk/coronavirus

Community Support:

Volunteers are offering a wide range of support which may include collecting and delivering essential shopping or vital medicines, taking dogs for walks and crucially making checks on people's welfare. Please point people towards www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/coronavirus/volunteers to find out more. If you are made aware of any new emerging **volunteer groups** being set up please can we ask you to encourage them to email CEC_CVC@lincoln.fire-uk.org

I'm delighted to say that within Lincolnshire more than 280 community groups have now registered with an offer to support our communities in response to Coronavirus. This has included offers from town and parish councils, faith groups and newly formed community groups who are connected through social media. All of these organisations are ready and committed to provide the necessary support within their communities.

Businesses and Self-employed:

The government has put in place a range of support mechanisms for businesses who are suffering because of Coronavirus. They have now announced a similar scheme for self-employed people or partnerships, providing a grant worth 80% of their profits, up to a cap of £2,500 per month. Any of our self-employed residents or those with a businesses in Lincolnshire can get help with navigating the support that is available plus other useful advice by visiting the Business Lincolnshire website. Advisers may not be able to meet with businesses face-to-face over the coming weeks, but they are still able to provide guidance by phone, email and video call during this period of uncertainty. There is a range of useful resources on the website: www.businesslincolnshire.com.

To speak to an adviser, email: businesslincolnshire@lincolnshire.gov.uk.

Or, call the COVID-19 advice line for support and select option 3: 01522 782189.

Patient visiting suspended at Lincolnshire's community hospitals:

In line with national guidance to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to protect our patients, staff and visitors Lincolnshire Community Health Services NHS Trust (LCHS) has made the decision to suspend visiting arrangements with immediate effect at

- Lincoln County Hospital
- Louth & Skegness Hospitals
- John Coupland Hospital, Gainsborough
- Johnson Community Hospital

To volunteer for the NHS go to: www.goodsamapp.org/nhs

Parishes:

Whether you are a Parish Council or hold Parish Meetings or want to start and be a contact for your community that may not have a Parish Council, we have a new contact email address:

LCCtownandparishnews@lincolnshire.gov.uk

Through this email County Council will be sending out the Town and Parish Council Newsletter, information on town and parish council website training and general communications. This does not

change other LCC emails you may currently use such as Highways. All town and parish councils have been emailed (from this email account) to make them aware of the change.

Fire and Rescue:

You may have seen in the news that a national agreement has been made so that firefighters can carry out extra duties during the coronavirus outbreak. Our Fire and Rescue service already works closely with partners to help in communities, with many firefighters assisting the ambulance service at a range of medical emergencies and are working with our emergency planning team.

Household Waste and Recycling:

All Household Waste Recycling Centres (tips) are now closed until further notice.

Green waste in bins as usual.

If you are self-isolating please double bag any household waste and keep it aside for 3 days before putting it out for collection, this will help to keep the staff involved safer.

If you are in need of support or help or have concerns, please call me: 07921 161113

Thank you

Ian Cllr. Ian Fleetwood

Bardney & Cherry Willingham division.

Tel: 07921 161113 or Email: cllri.fleetwood@lincolnshire.gov.uk

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Councillor Chris Darcel writes.....

I hope this parish news, printed on Parish Council website, finds you all well and that all our residents have escaped this terrible plague. We are so lucky that our health service is staffed by such dedicated doctors, and nurses, ambulance staff, paramedics and ancillary staff. It is easy to moan, about our hospital service and the lack of PPE and that the testing regimes were not introduced sooner but I believe the scale of the event is such that however much preparation had been done it would have been proved to be inadequate. What really will be the test now will be how well we out of the nation's present situation.

While I know of no one who has suffered from Covid 19 I do have some very sad news.

Councillor Wendy Adams, OBE, passed away at the beginning of the month. Wendy was elected a councillor in May last year and very quickly established herself as an important member of the team. Wendy brought to the parish council a unique mix of business and property experience, a determination to "get things done" and her experience in running County Carers proved invaluable to the parish council in preparing the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire. Wendy had been seriously ill for several months before she died, but was determined to soldier on to the very end, even coming to our last parish council meeting in March. A mutual friend told me "Wendy was a smashing lady" and I could not agree more. I know the parish council wish Ian and her family our sympathy at this sad time.

Having mentioned the Neighbourhood Plan I can tell you all the returns have been analysed and most of the written comments typed into the spreadsheet. Having done this particular part of the data entry myself I can tell you they make interesting reading. Hopefully, we will be able to make some

announcements at the end of the month after the first “Zoom” council meeting. Then the hard work of coming up with a solution will begin.

Local matters. First, in spite of Covid work still goes on. A fortnight ago I reported to our Clerk the small bridge on the Nelson Road footpath as being faulty. Later that same day a couple also reported the rotten timber to me. Within 24 hours it was fixed and I would like to thank LCC who replaced the faulty plank so quickly.

Lastly dog fouling. This is an extract of an email I received recently.

“Would you be able to highlight/raise the ongoing issue with irresponsible dog owners leaving dog poo and poo bags on the footpath near my house, some are even throwing poo bags into and under my hedge.

....., I am a dog owner and I have young children. Clearly my complaint is about dog fouling and littering (poo bags) which I intend to put on the Fiskerton Facebook (when I get access) and I intend to complain formally to the Council.

This photo is, unfortunately, not an uncommon sight in the village. There are £100 fines and WLDC do take the matter seriously. You can see the details by Googling WLDC Dog Fouling.



Isolated! If you are finding the present **Lockdown** hard, for shopping, or just need to chat to someone on the phone, why not call Cherrie or myself, We may know someone who can help.

If you have any comments or queries on any of the issues above, or any other West Lindsey issue please contact me Councillor Chris Darcel on 01522 750411 or by email on chris.darcel1@gmail.com or simply knock on my door at No 3 Holmfield, or phone Councillor Cherie Hill on 01522 751245 or mobile 07838328083.

Thank you.