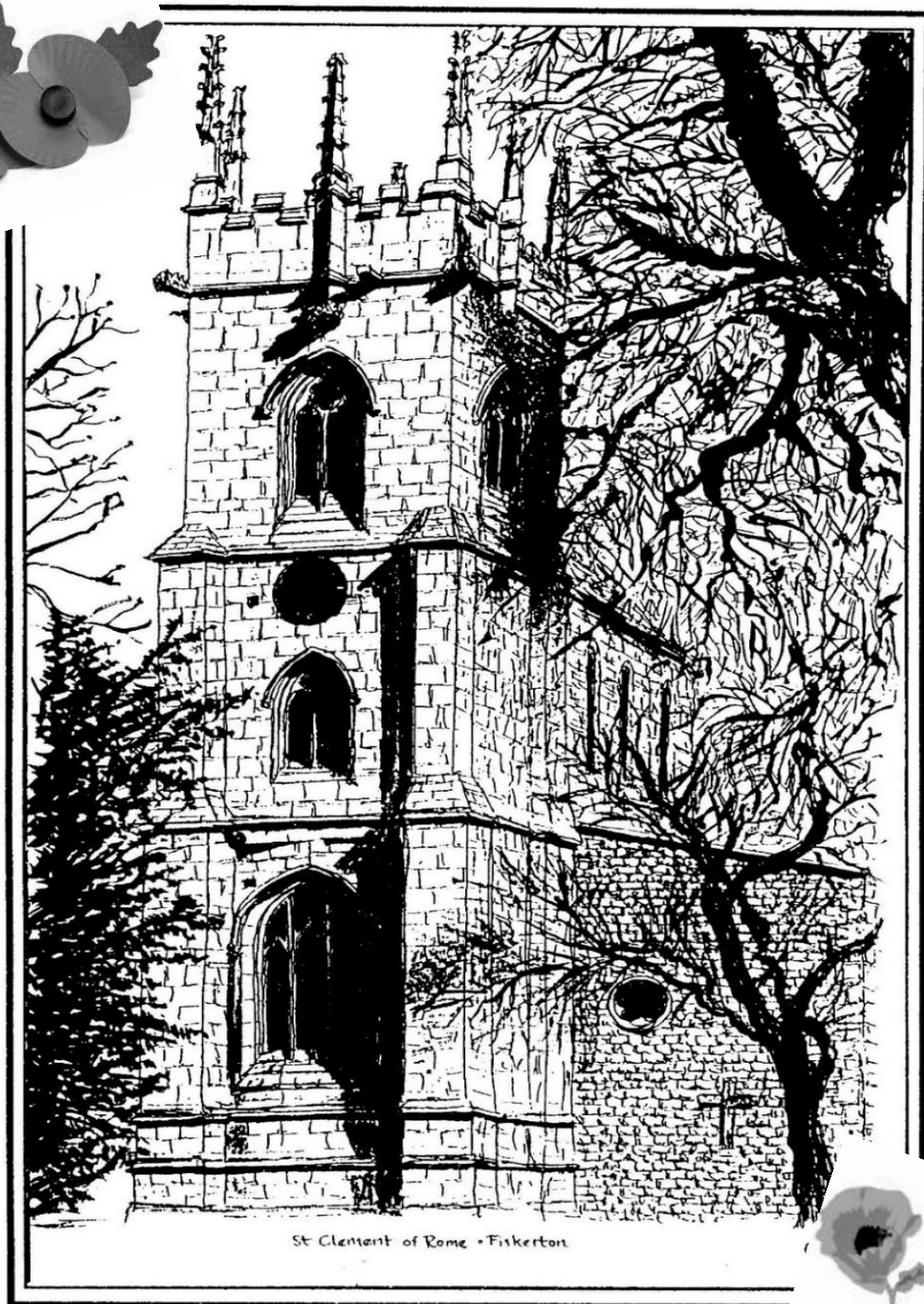


Fiskerton Parish News



November 2020

Vicar's Blog: Season of Remembrance

Traditionally for the Church, we are moving into a season of Remembrance. There is of course, the national Act of Remembrance, which will take place, this year, on Sunday 8th November. However, before that is the day of Remembering that we call 'All Souls' – we remember those who have departed this life. Often we might gather to remember – that wont be possible this year – but I do want to give us an opportunity to remember via an *online* gathering. On Sunday 1st November at 4pm I will livestream a short service of 'Remembering Loved Ones'. This will be available at www.facebook.com/SLBChurches and also on Youtube (search SLB Churches). I recognise that some don't have online access, but there may be an opportunity to ask someone else to join you with a tablet or laptop – as I write this, it is permissible under the regulations under which we are currently working, but if this changes please heed the law/guidance.

In order to help people to take part in this, if you would like me to read out the person's name – please let me know by emailing: slboffice@virginmedia.com or ringing 01522 595596. If I am not there, leave a message on my ansaphone.

Then on **Remembrance Sunday - I am not encouraging people to gather** – instead I will be holding 4 Acts of Remembrance in 4 different villages to which I will be inviting representatives of various village organisations. These will include uniformed organisations, Parish Councils, Village Hall Committees and those (that I know) currently serve in our armed forces. I am not fully conversant with every organisation in every village, so, if you are someone who represents a village organisation and you would like to send a Representative, please contact me. Veterans are of course welcome, but please let me know that you wish to come and also, please, if you are vulnerable – take part in the National Act of Remembrance on that morning. Do not put yourself at risk. The times are:

- 9.45am Cherry Willingham, at the steps of the Church Building
- 10.50am Fiskerton Airfield
- 12 noon Langworth, Barlings Lane Churchyard
- 2.00pm Sudbrooke, at the Millennium Stone.

At 4pm on the same day, there will be an online Act of Remembrance www.facebook.com/SLBChurches and also on Youtube (search SLB Churches).

Blessings, Penny

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THANKS: Gill Canner and family would like to thank everyone for their kind tributes, cards and flowers they received on the loss of Barry and to Rev. Penny for her help through this difficult time.

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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.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS A BASIC LIST OF SERVICES IN THE BENEFICES FOR NOVEMBER. YOU MUST LET US KNOW BEFOREHAND THAT YOU ARE COMING – PLEASE EITHER EMAIL slboffice@virginmedia.com or Tel 01522 595596

Services November 2020 (in a Church Building)			
Sunday 1st November	Stainton by Langworth*	10.00am	Holy Communion
Wednesday 4th	Cherry Willingham	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 8th Nov Remembrance	Please see Vicar's Blog for details		
Sunday 15th Nov 2 before Advent	Fiskerton*	10:00am	Holy Communion
Wednesday 18th	Cherry Willingham	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 22nd Nov Christ the King	Sudbrooke*	10:00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 29th November Advent I	Reepham*	10.00am	Holy Communion
	Langworth	4:00pm	Evening Prayer

***A recorded version of all the Sunday Services above will be available at www.facebook.com/SLBChurches and on Youtube - search SLB Churches**

Online Services			
Sunday 1 st November	4:00pm	Remembering Loved Ones	Facebook/YouTube
Monday 2 nd November	7:30am	Morning Prayer	Facebook/YouTube
Monday 2 nd November	7:00pm	Compline	Facebook/YouTube
Morning Prayer and Compline Repeat EVERY DAY at 7.30am and 7.00pm Respectively			
Sunday 8 th November	4:00pm	Act of Remembrance	Facebook/YouTube
Thursday 5 th Nov	2:30pm	Tea Service	Zoom
Wednesday 11 th Nov	9:30am	Holy Communion	Zoom
Thursday 12 th Nov	2:30pm	Tea Service	Zoom
Wednesday 25 th Nov	9:30am	Holy Communion	Zoom
Thursday 26 th Nov	2:30pm	Tea Service	Zoom

Sunday 9am on www.churchofengland.org is the weekly service.

'Daily Hope' 0800 804 8044, provided by the Church of England on a free phone call. Callers to the line hear a short greeting from the Archbishop of Canterbury before being able to choose from a range of options, including hymns, prayers, reflections and advice on COVID-19.

For those not online, BBC Radio 4 continues to provide a Service on Radio 4 on Sunday morning at 8.10am. Check your TV Guide for TV Services.

Friends of St. Clement's Church Lottery

OCTOBER winners

£25 No: 42: Mr J Pettit

£10 No: 5: Mrs J Lunn

£ 5 No: 33: Mrs V Pettit

£ 5 No: 1: Mrs C Proctor



Welcome to

Fiskerton Church of England Primary School



Is your child ready to start school or pre-school in September 2021?

Would you like your child to attend an excellent church school? (inspected in March 2020)

Then Fiskerton CE Primary School is the place for you.

If you would like to come and find out more please call or email to book an appointment.

Telephone 01522 751049

E-mail

enquiries@fiskerton.lincs.sch.uk



Parish Council News.

Speed Watch. Following on from last month's parish council news we could still do with a few more volunteers to join our community speed watch team. Several residents have volunteered their services, but we need a few more. On any given speed watch session it is more than likely that several members will be otherwise occupied, so we need a few reserves. Just a few more extra names will provide us a viable group, for whom we can then organise a training session and move the process forward.

Speeding traffic in Fiskerton may not be a big issue to the police or Lincolnshire County Council but it certainly is a major issue with residents and a couple of high visibility jackets and a speed gun certainly work in Cherry Willingham.

So please, if you are fed up with speeding traffic in the village-----join the team.

Vacancy on the Parish Council. As mentioned last month there is a vacancy on the parish council. We would be grateful for anyone interested in joining the team to apply to the Clerk for details. While there is just one vacancy at the moment we are with the exception of two members an "old" Council, and old age and Covid 19 could mean there will be more vacancies next May, when councillors are once again up for election. It would be great to have several candidates in the wings. At the moment, meetings are held on Zoom, and for the first 15 minutes members of the public are invited to raise their concerns. Details for joining a Zoom meeting are posted on the web page and on the parish notice board.

Parish Councils do not have much power or big budgets but they can make a difference to the community in which we live. In the recent neighbourhood plan surveys a substantial number of residents gave the thumbs up to living in the village. Previous parish councils deserve credit for this. Of course there is a wish list and being a parish councillor can give you a better opportunity to make things happen.

If you would like further details please contact the Clerk, Mrs Michelle Vail, email: clerk@fiskerton-lincs.co.uk or telephone (07350) 818857, or the Chairman Cllr Chris Darcel, email: chris.darcel1@gmail.com or telephone (01522) 750411 .

Fiskerton Village Hall

COVID-19 SECURE VENUE

Do you, your club or organization need a venue with a bit more space to hold your meeting or event?

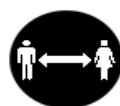
Our Village Hall is available to hire



HANDS



FACE



SPACE

Email: bookings@fiskerton-lincs.org.uk

Tel: 07510 281 232



Community Book Exchange: The village hall operates a community book exchange scheme where people can borrow a book to read then return it at a later date to exchange for another one. The books are available in the hall entrance, just come and borrow one. Due to COVID restrictions please place all books you return in the drop box in the foyer where they will be quarantined for 3 days before being returned to the shelf. If you have any old books you could donate then either get in touch or drop them into the drop box.



Community Hub: It is with great regret that we need to cancel this year's Carols around the Christmas Tree. We will still have a tree but as you will be aware social gatherings and public singing are not currently permitted. Hopefully you will be able to join us for a glass of mulled wine next year. If you would like to volunteer to help with Community Hub activities please get in touch.



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 Reepham 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.

Restrictions on numbers allowed to attend meetings over the next few months mean that Witham U3A is now planning to restart Thursday meetings in April 2021

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

Advertising in Fiskerton Newsletter:

If you already advertise in Fiskerton Newsletter then thank you very much and you will be receiving your invoices for 2021 during November. You will be aware that during 'Lockdown' Newsletters were not delivered into homes, however, the Newsletter did continue to run during those 2 months and was posted on the Fiskerton Village Site (Thanks to Ady Walker for that). The adverts also run on the same site so that people can log in and find advertisers' details. The Link is <http://fiskerton-lincs.org.uk/the-village/parish-newsletters>

If you do not already advertise and would like to consider it, then please contact the editor for details (SEE BELOW)

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NOTE: Items for the DECEMBER edition MUST be with the Editor BEFORE Wednesday November 18th. and Items for the JANUARY edition must be in BEFORE Sunday December 13th.

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 .

Councillor DARCEL WRITES.....

Bridge Building in Fiskerton.

What a relief! Residents south of Ferry Road must be relieved to see the riverbank repairs now underway. Last year river levels were very close to the top of the bank and if bank failed it is likely flood levels would have been higher and were in 1993.

What is impressive, though, is the efficiency with which the EA appear to be tackling the job. No doubt they have done it before but what a simple and efficient method of getting materials and machines over the North Delph to where they are wanted. To a casual observer the fissure on the riverbank probably did not look too bad. But a small weak spot in the structure could have led to far worse flooding than was experienced just 27 years ago.

The No 3 bus route to Lincoln.

Stagecoach have again written to the parish council but have not really said anything new. At first sight what they say is not unreasonable but.... If the county council took a holistic view of managing all its budgets is possible it would be cheaper to give all residents in outlying villages a free bus pass and extended the services. This would greatly relieve traffic congestion in the city, clean the air and obviate the need to build bypasses at £100M a time. Cleaner air alone would probably save you and me as taxpayers a considerable amount of money on our National Health Service budget.

What is distressing to Councillor Hill and myself this at the convenience of the user is totally ignored. Needing two buses to get to the hospital for residents in Cherry Willingham, Fiskerton and Reepham is not impossible but it is inconvenient and especially so for anybody pushing a companion in a wheelchair.

“Accessibility” is now an important word in “Local Government speak” but it seems to be forgotten as soon as the words profits or subsidies come into the equation. People with wheel chairs or mobility problems are ignored.

“Accessibility” is also the reason the parish council needs to revamp its website. Everything posted to the web since September 2018 needs to be a readable. With an ageing population, and more and more of the services we depend on being provided through “the web” accessibility is important.

What it means is that you should be able to hear what is said in the document you are looking at as well as read it. This can be very helpful to those of us who have poor or failing eyesight but it does mean parish councils and other organisations have to rethink how they post information to the web. Fancy tables and Excel spreadsheets are out.

Litter picking, bottle collection and access to the riverbank and open spaces, LCC going Unitary and dog fouling.

Several acquaintances have expressed their thanks to one particular resident for harvesting a number of discarded wine and cider bottles and tin cans. Thanks to his help, and that of others, the village looks really nice just at the moment.

Another resident has requested that the village asks WLDC for a couple of litter picking hoops, tongs and bags. This would enable walkers and dog walkers to Dual Role and the village with nicely cut grass and no litter looks so much nicer than one with litter all over the place.

Several residents have also commented that they would like to see a cow free riverbank planted up with some cherry and apple trees and with better access for wheel chairs and mobility scooters. However, they also raised point that if the parish was responsible for access to the riverbank it would incur further costs in trimming the grass. This is quite true. It is all a long way off but the more we talk about it, the more chance there is of funding being raised and such a project going ahead.

LCC is not in the first tranche of giant unitary authorities to be created next year. What a relief! Unitary authorities do make sense but having just one council to cover all the Lincolnshire councils is just too big. Hopefully, as the debate rumbles on the voice of the people will be listened to.

And lastly dog fouling.

West Lindsey's latest rules are now in force. £100 fines for anyone who lets their dog foul on any pavement, footpath, bridleway or just about any open space, public or otherwise. Everyone I know cleans up after their pet and the pavements in the village are so much better than they were even a couple of years ago, but dog fouling still happens and a £100 fine and the attached glory must surely hurt.

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 cheriehill@btinternet.com.