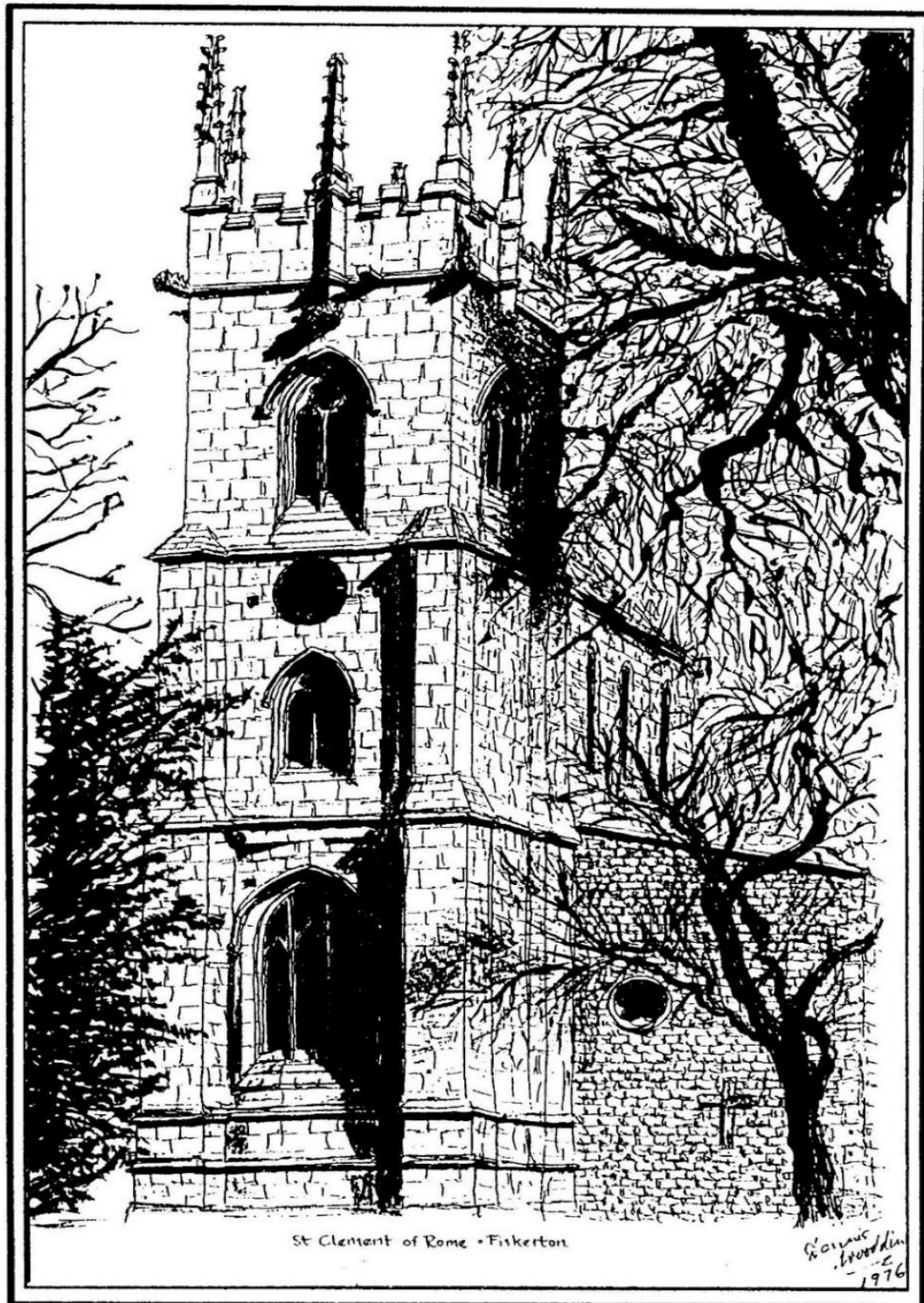


Fiskerton Parish News



October 2020

Vicar's Blog:

A few months ago I was scrolling through a few of those videos you get on Facebook and came across a friend of mine who was doing a little video series about Hope. He did a play on the 'Soap on a Rope' theme (those of us of a certain age will remember soap on a rope – I am not even sure it's a thing anymore!) and he was basically asking the question 'what is your Hope attached to?'

I am very mindful at the moment that maintaining our hope is really important. We are living in a strange time, we are trying to find some level of normality and routine, but we know that in the background, virus infection rates are rising again and we are not sure what that will mean for life over the next few months. Our hope is attached to the development of a vaccine, but we are not sure when that will come, or even if it will come; we are told about a Moonshot Project to develop a test that will tell us within 20 minutes if we are infectious with COVID, but we are not sure when it will come or if it will come. It's all a bit of a minefield and so what is our hope attached to in the midst of that? What will get us through the autumn and winter to see the bright days of spring.

Anne Lamott said of hope: 'Hope begins in the dark, the stubborn hope that if you just show up and do the right thing, the dawn will come. You wait and watch and work and you don't give up'. I have great sympathy with that view – I have been sustained over the last few months with a sense that it's important to keep going and to do the right thing – try to be kind, have regard for others, show compassion, help where I can. For those of us with a Christian faith, hope is a very central and core theme. We are told in the book of Hebrews that hope is "the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen" (Heb 11:1) it is like faith that is not moved when the circumstances around us seem hope-less.

Whether or not you have a faith, I do think that the question posed by my friend is a good one – 'what is your hope attached to?' We all need hope and we all need to be hope givers, in whatever we can!

Go well everyone and every blessing to you

Penny

Remembrance Sunday

Remembrance Sunday is always a big event in Fiskerton Church due to our connections with the RAF. At present it is looking as though we will not be able to host the usual large gathering. Hence, I am looking at alternatives which will also have to be carried through under COVID Guidance – hence a gathering will not be large. I am determined, however, that we must remember in some way. On that note – are there any knitters out there who could knit a lot of red poppies? I have the pattern! Contact me on 01522 595596.

Many thanks

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!

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

Services October 2020 (in the Building)			
Sunday 4th Oct Trinity 17	Barlings*	10.00am	Holy Communion
Wednesday 7th	Cherry Willingham	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 11th Oct Trinity 18	Fiskerton*	10.00am	Holy Communion
	Langworth	4.00pm	Evening Prayer
Sunday 18th Oct Trinity 19	Sudbrooke*	10:00am	Holy Communion
Wednesday 21st	Cherry Willingham	10.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 25th Oct Trinity 20	Reepham*	10:00am	Holy Communion

*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			
Thursday 1 st Oct	7:30am	Morning Prayer	Facebook/YouTube
Thursday 1 st Oct	7:00pm	Compline	Facebook/YouTube
Morning Prayer and Compline Repeat EVERY DAY at 7.30am and 7.00pm Respectively			
Thursday 1 st Oct	2:30pm	Tea Service	Zoom
Thursday 8 th Oct	2:30pm	Tea Service	Zoom
Wednesday 14 th Oct	9:30am	Holy Communion	Zoom
Thursday 15 th Oct	2:30pm	Tea Service	Zoom
Thursday 22 nd Oct	2:30pm	Tea Service	Zoom
Wednesday 28 th Oct	9:30am	Holy Communion	Zoom
Thursday 29 th Oct	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

September winners

£25 No: 43: Mr K Townsend

£10 No : 2: Mrs L Forman

£ 5 No: 39: Mrs P Tatton

£ 5 No: 50: Mrs J Whittle

Tribute to Barry Canner

Many of you will have been deeply saddened by the death of Barry Canner, who lived in Fiskerton for his whole life and served it in many capacities. This is an extract from the tribute at his funeral..... he will be remembered fondly and sadly missed

Barry was born on Friday 13th September 1946, at home in Fiskerton to parents Annie and Herbert. He was the youngest of 12 children, 10 boys and 2 girls And not surprisingly as the youngest of 12 children, the household was always very busy. Like his own parents, Barry settled in Fiskerton for life, close by his loving family.

He went to Fiskerton C of E School where he started in 1951 and during his school life, Barry also developed a love for football. He started playing in the Sunday league at the age of 15. After leaving school in 1961 at the age of 15 Barry started work at Tanya Knitwear as a Textile Machinist, where he worked until they closed in 2006. He then went on to help out at Fisher Car Sales as you will all know, Barry loved to talk, so this role suited him well as he would often call in for a chat and a cup of tea.

For 52 years, Barry was happily married to Gill. They met as children whilst living next door to each other. They started dating in 1966 and then married on the 15th June 1968 at Fiskerton Church. Their wedding reception was held at the Silvergate Ballroom which was followed by a honeymoon in London. They started their married life in their new home on Witham View Estate which later became Church View Crescent and in 1971 they welcomed their first child, Tracey, and then in 1975 their second child, Justin.

A common theme was Barry's truly helpful nature – he always wanted to do what he could for others. He helped out at Fiskerton School a lot over the years with their Sports Days and running their Football Team. He later went on to set up an under 11's Football Team for Fiskerton, which he coached up to Under 16's. He would also help out with the Men's Football Team when needed. Over the years he organised various fundraising events for several different charities. An example of this, was that when he had recovered from his heart valve replacement in 2006 at Leicester Hospital, he decided to organise several Coffee Afternoons and Fetes to raise money for Johnson Ward at Lincoln Hospital and the British Heart Foundation.

He joined Fiskerton Scouts Group in 1979 and became one of their leaders known as 'Skip'. He was involved in helping all the Fiskerton Scouting organisations to raise funds to enable them to purchase the Scout House (which at the time was only rented). He helped to organise and set up the annual Gala's on the Paddock, he particularly enjoyed decorating the Scout Floats for the parade. He enjoyed many Scout camps along with Poacher 82 at the Showground. He also enjoyed helping out at the Church Open days and their many activities.

In 2000 Tracey married Stuart and in 2008 Justin married Sarah, both of whom Barry welcomed into the family. In 2011 Justin and Sarah had James, his first grandchild and then in 2015 his second grandchild, George, was born. Barry adored the boys and could not have been a prouder Grandad. He would love nothing more than spending time with them – which included many hours on the floor building things and playing games. He would always go watch their school plays and sports days and attend their School Fetes. When James joined the Welton Under 7's Football Team in 2017, Barry would be there at most matches to support him. He would always take sweets for the team for the full time whistle and because of this was nicknamed the 'Candy Man'.

Barry loved his garden and spent many happy hours in it. Barry and Gill were members of the Fiskerton Gardening Club and enjoyed lots of outings with them.

Barry was one of a kind and 'simply the best'. He was a kind loving husband to Gill and a wonderful father to Tracey and Justin. He always had a smile for people and would always be there to help for anyone that needed it. He loved the village and joined the Neighbourhood Plan Committee with the aim of keeping the village growing for the next generation. Many people have said to that he welcomed them when they first came to the village, that was Barry, he would stop and talk to everyone, whether he knew them or not.

The tribute finished with a poem from Barry and Gill's Grandchildren.....

GRANDAD

**Always there with little treats
A welcome hug, a bag of sweets
A lap that's big enough for two
And all the things we love to do
Mending bumps and wiping tears
Scaring monsters, quenching fears
For all your love you gave to us
We're so glad Grandad you were there for us.**

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Parish Council News

There seems to have been an increase just lately in the number of vehicles speeding on the village roads. In an attempt to tackle this the Parish Council would like to start up a Community Speed Watch team, similar to the one you will have seen in Cherry Willingham. If you would like to be involved and are able to volunteers a few hours a week then please get in touch.

We have developed a method of reporting highways faults using the Fix My Street app which allows members of the public to report faults with a notification of the report being sent to the Parish Council. This will allow us to monitor and track faults and issues across the village and to prioritise and effectively apply pressure to LCC Highways to fix the faults which impact us the most. Before we roll this out to the whole village, we would like a few volunteers to trial the system, if you are interested then let us know.

Following on from the Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire which was circulated in December progress is being made. You should have received a copy of the questionnaire results in the post and we have recently held the first meeting with the residents who voiced a desire to be involved in their questionnaire response. Further meetings are planned and when we have something on paper, we will look to present it to you. Again, if you would like to be involved then please get in touch.

VACANCY: We currently have a vacancy on the Parish Council, if you would like to play a part in managing and shaping the future of Fiskerton then we would like to have you on the team. To apply for the position please contact the parish clerk.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions all council meetings are being held using Zoom internet conferencing, if you would like the code to join the meeting please contact the Chairman. For the same reason the clerk isn't attending the parish office in the village hall. If you wish to contact the Parish Council for any reason please use the contact details below.

Clerk: Mrs Michelle Vail, **email-** clerk@fiskerton-lincs.co.uk, **telephone-** 07305 818 857

Chairman: Cllr Chris Darcel, **email-** chris.darcel1@gmail.com, **telephone-** 01522 750411, **Post-** 3 Holmfield

Fiskerton Village Hall

The Village Hall is Open

Details of all events and activities can be found on the website or in the notice board outside the Hall.

To book the Hall contact us using the details below.

Email: bookings@fiskerton-lincs.org.uk Telephone: 07510 281 232

Website: <http://fiskerton-lincs.org.uk/the-village/village-hall/>



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.

**As a result of the Corona virus pandemic Witham U3A activities in 2020 are cancelled.
We are planning to restart our Thursday meetings in January 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

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

Sunday October 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 .



To Fiskerton Residents,

In the past we have invited you into our school for afternoon tea. Unfortunately, due to the current climate, we are unable to do this at the moment.

We would still really like to be part of your community, offering help and support to people who may live alone or not be able to get out much. We would like to make and deliver surprise boxes (this could contain afternoon tea, chocolates or a themed box e.g. Christmas) with a note from the children in our school.

We would deliver these to your doorstep and they would be prepared using Covid secure procedures, with social distancing. We would love to give you a wave through the window when we deliver them.

If you feel you would like to take part in this, you could even become a pen pal with one of the children in our school. Please contact us, the details are below.

Email: enquiries@fiskerton.lincs.sch.uk

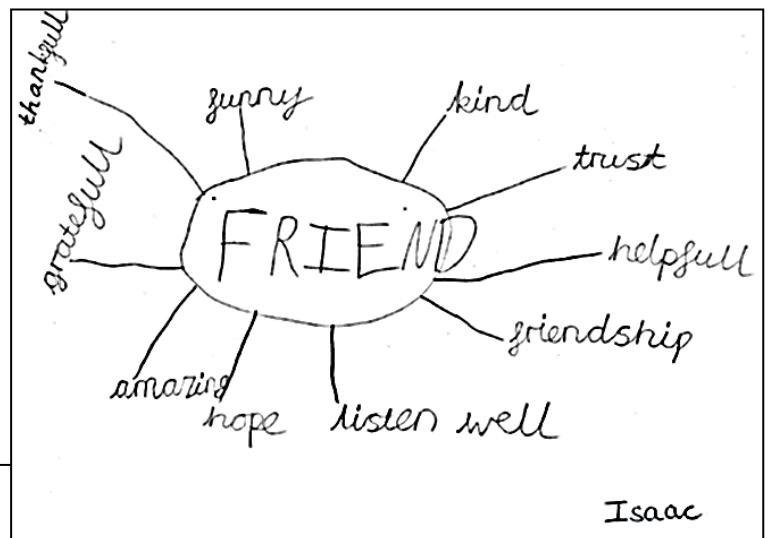
Telephone: 01522 751049

Postal Address: Fiskerton CE Primary School, Ferry Road, Fiskerton, Lincoln, LN3 4HU

At this time we are only able to offer this if you live in Fiskerton village.

Friendship:

"The Squirrels class have been writing about their friends and friendship."



Councillor DARCEL WRITES.....

A bit of good news, for once and especially for residents on the Holmfield Estate. It may be a bit early to mention this but it looks as though the Parish Council will be getting full ownership of the two pieces of open space. The council have been mowing the grass, replacing the north fence, planting trees with no clear ownership of the two parcels of land. This has proved a problem in trying to raise funding for extra play equipment and for insurance cover and generally, for who is responsible for what. Back in the spring, the new Parish Council agreed to approach Morris Homes for the ownership of the two parcels of land and, with a bit of help from one resident, it now looks as if this will happen.

The LCC parish council website: Another bit of interesting news is that the new LLC “Parish Council” website will include a Website Reader that can read out loud the content of recent documents. I don’t suppose many residents want to read the minutes of Parish Council meetings but should they do so and their eyesight is failing then this feature should be a boon. Old documents prior to September 2018 will be unchanged but in the next couple of months or so you should be able to listen to the minutes as well as read them. More important, many LCC and WLDC services and much other information is only available through the web, and being able to hear what is on offer could be most helpful.

Remember the Neighbourhood Plan? Well it is moving forward and the Parish Council together with several of the responders to last autumn’s questionnaire are working on a best match that addresses the questionnaire responses. Covid 19 is not helping, but thanks again to technology and Zoom, the Parish the Council will, hopefully, in the few weeks have something for you to see and comment on.

The Number 3 Bus to Short Ferry. One Short Ferry resident forwarded a copy of a video recorded meeting between Sir Edward Leigh MP and a number of Short Ferry residents to Cllr Cherie Hill. Sir Edward appealed to Stagecoach to reinstate the bus service. We both were most impressed with the interview and hope the route is reinstated. The Parish Council spent a lot of money on providing the Short Ferry residents with the a bus shelter, and it would be a shame to see that money wasted because of Covid. Previously, the bus from Fiskerton to Short Ferry was subsidised by LCC and renewing that subsidy may not be so easy to achieve and your help in lobbying LCC may be needed.

Construction of the Cherry Willingham Marina. It seems the early stages of construction have started and as a riverbank walker, it would be great if when finished, Fiskerton residents were able to enjoy a circular walk from 5 Mile Bridge to the Marina, using the Sustrans cycle track one way and the river bank for the other. There is one problem, though, and that is the cows. A number of residents have expressed their dislike to walking the riverbank if the cows are there. If there is sufficient interest the Parish Council might consider the renting of the grazing to keep the cows off the bank and the arranging for some cherry trees and other fruit trees to be planted. A cow free river bank with cherry blossoms in the spring would greatly enhance the riverside walk experience that so many of us already enjoy.

Lost dogs and stinging nettles. That dog walking is popular activity in the village would be an understatement but another problem for dog walkers, besides cows on the riverbank are stinging nettles, long wet grass and lost dogs. Unless you are wearing thick jeans the “stingers” can be quite painful and knee high wet grass almost makes the wearing of wellingtons compulsory. Perhaps just one extra cut a year would make a difference. If long grass and stinging nettles are a problem for you, then please let us know. Numbers count when asking for extra spending. Over the years I have come across several dog owners whose dogs have gone AWOL. Years ago my wife and I enjoyed the company of an Afghan called Sam. Sam had one handicap, Sam made up his own mind as to whether he walked to heel or whether he wanted to explore fields far away. But Sam always came home. I just hope the recent anxious dog owners who asked me if I have seen their pet are just as lucky. Apparently there is a pet shortage at the moment and I did wonder if.....

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 email cheriehill@btinternet.com. We will be delighted to hear from you.