

Fiskerton Parish News

December 2020

St. Clement's Church will be open for you to come and add the name of a loved one to the Christmas tree.

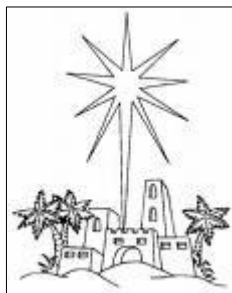


Bring the children and Visit the Nativity



See inside for dates and times





It's Panto season! Although sadly it looks as though that has become yet another casualty of the pandemic – hopefully only for this year. However, I have wanted to respond in a sort of panto-like manner to some of the exaltations of the media who have, in the last few months, been repeating the mantra 'Christmas is Cancelled' to which I will always want to reply 'Oh no it isn't!'

True, the way we celebrate and the way we gather will be different. As I write this the Govt and Universities are wondering how to translate a million students back to their homes and back to universities again in January, and there are many challenges ahead; but however we celebrate, or if we don't, nothing changes the fact that Christmas remains, it is **NOT CANCELLED!**

'Christ is born' – I can celebrate that, whoever is with me and wherever I am! Christ came to be among us, God in human flesh, to show us how to live, to teach us about God and to restore us to God in an act of self-sacrificing love on the cross. Who knows, it may be that a time to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas, might be beneficial to us – as with the rest of this year, it might help us reflect on what is truly important to us, to our wellbeing and to our wholeness.

So, basically, I don't know what Christmas will look like in our Church buildings, because I don't know if they will be allowed to be open (I hope so). I am fairly sure that we won't be allowed large gatherings, and prior to the current lockdown we were not allowed to sing – so carol singing is out; however I do know (I think!) that churches will still be open for private prayer where we are able to do so safely..... and I am intending to put a Carol Service on line, so you can have a singalong at home also in this newsletter you will find information about opportunities to pop into Fiskerton Church and place the name of a loved one on the tree whom you wish to remember this Christmas – it may be someone who has died, or someone you are not able to share Christmas with this year. In addition to that – look out for ADVENT WINDOWS via the Hub and Village Facebook Pages.

On another note, I am mindful that times are tough financially for some individuals and families. In light of that, if you are struggling, please contact me on this email address helpmyneighbour@virginmedia.com – if we can help, we will and if we can't we will try and signpost you to the best place to receive help.

So, for the moment I am not going to publish what is happening in churches at Christmas. Keep an eye on the village facebook pages, on our web page at www.slbchurches.org and we will also try to keep our noticeboards up to date. If in doubt – email us on slboffice@virginmedia.com

Church Facebook Page www.facebook.com/SLBChurches

Youtube Channel SLB Churches

Blessings Penny

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THE HODGSON TRUST: 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 revdp@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.





CHRISTMAS TREE for Remembering Loved ones and leaving messages and prayers:-

This year it may not be possible for people to come together in quite the same way as usual. It may also be that there are people who have passed away and you want to remember them.

If this is the case, then St Clement's Church will be open for you to come in and add a message to the Christmas Tree during the week prior to Christmas. Should you wish to, you are most welcome to just sit quietly, pray and remember .

The nativity will be set up for you to look at and please bring the children along to have a look too.

Opening Times: Saturday December 19th. 10.30am – 12.30pm

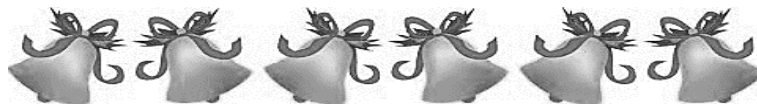
Sunday December 20th. 1.45pm - 4pm

Thursday December 24th. 10.30am – 4pm

We are aware that there are people in our county who struggle to feed their families and may find entering the new year very difficult. There will be a financial donation box available in Church should you wish to help. All monies raised over the week will be sent to Lincoln Community Larder.

Please note we are not accepting gifts of food at this time.

Covid precautions will be in place including sanitising and adult visitors to wear a face mask inside (unless exempt).



Give Saint Clement a Christmas Present?

It costs in the order of £20,000 to run the village church for a year, not including special projects like the churchyard retaining wall and the path refurbishments. Which is why we are always involved in fund raising. Some of our endeavours have been curtailed by covid but we still run the **'Friends of Saint Clement's Lottery'**.

Why not join ?

For an outlay of only £2 per month you have a chance of winning. Each month there are prizes of £25, £10 and two of £5.

Please fill in the pro forma below and send it, with a cheque payable to St Clement's Church Council, for £24 for 12 months, or £12 for six months, to :-

The Treasurer, Applegarth, Ferry Road, Fiskerton, Lincoln, LN3 4HU

If you prefer to pay on-line our account details are :-

Name. St Clements Church Council Fiskerton Sort Code, 40-28-20 Acc No. 01295845

Please put "Lottery" as the reference.

Thank you and "Good Luck".

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Friends of St. Clement's Church Lottery: November Winners

£25 No: 35: Mrs C Ward

£10 No: 7: Mr P Forman

£ 5 No: 22: M Dunkling

£ 5 No: 12: Mrs S Kettleborough



Fiskerton CE Primary School Well-being Ambassadors

The school are pleased to advise that we now have Well-being Ambassadors who are promoting well-being within school.

A well-being day was planned for Friday 13th November. With money raised being split between Children in Need and future Well-being activities

Children donated £1 and to come into school on the 13th in any type of sports kit.

The ambassadors are focusing on the 5 areas that support well-being:

Connect - Team activities, inside and outside

Take Notice - Of ourselves and each other

Get Active - Joining Joe Wicks for a PE session

Be Curious (keep learning) - Learning something new, personal interest

Giving - A donation of a £1 for Children in Need and Well-being

Throughout the day the classes were involved in different fun activities linked to the areas above.

Best wishes from

The Well-being Ambassadors

Elliot (Chair) Madi Hazel Isla Rowen Oscar



NEWSLETTER DETAILS:

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

The Newsletter and Adverts also run on the Parish Website site so that people can log in, read the Newsletter and find advertisers' details. The Link is <http://fiskerton-lincs.org.uk/the-village/parish-newsletters>

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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 .

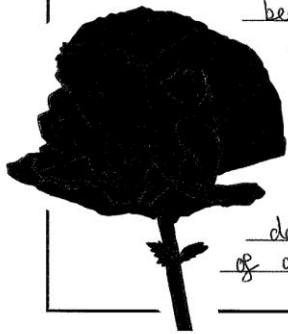
Children From The Badger's Class at Fiskerton Primary School have been thinking about War and Remembrance. This is a small selection of their work.

This piece is written by Elliot Molkenthin

The D-Day Landings

As the small boat arrived it slowly stopped. My heart was pounding. Everyone was crammed, someone was sick over the side of the boat next to me. The large ramp came down but strangely all I could see was water. The boat had stopped too early. I leaped over the water to where I saw land. I looked back and saw people getting weighed down by their big backpacks. I ran to a place you could hide. It was very loud, hearing all the gunshots and men shouting. Bombs whistling down into a loud BOOM! I saw grey dust in the air and saw myself on the ground and I thought to myself I must've been blown back. I looked up

and saw small ashers flying everywhere and thick black smoky air. I started to crouch but as I did I looked to the side and saw a really dark grey dot go straight in the front of a helmet. I saw in my belt



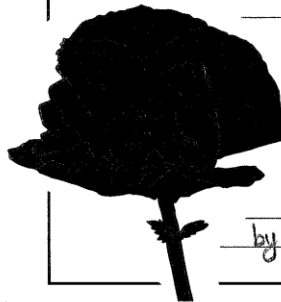
I could see the Terror in his eyes as a loud rain from the sky. My heart was pounding as I watched men pass me by as gun shots Deigned us as we fought for our lives. Smoke from bombs filled the sky BOOM! Landmines for body parts off of men. Silence.

pocket a hand-grenade, but I was struggling to hold the grenade because my hands were shivering and shaking. I threw it as far as I could. I peek round too see 2 men in the air. I started to run forward with the gun steadily in my hands. I looked at my hands to see them covered in blood. And I thought this could be the end.

gun shots they glide through the wind as one by one another innocent soldier falls like a bowling pin getting knocked over screaming and shouting as tears among your face whilst bombs explode, and more blood swamps elbow. More men get doped off by more army trucks the smell of petrol drowns the sky. Whilst they were travelling in the truck knees were shaking hearts were pounding wildly, as they ran out their heavy kits weigh them down as they rest down in the deep dark trench as they nervously wait to fire. Then BOOM a land mine he gets as he slowly sags, crying as he never knew's going to die any moment he chokes up and he drifts off to death. Gun shots they glide through wind as one by one he hits his arm painfully, suffering he falls shouting, screaming in pain.

Soldiers come back, soldiers thank you, and soldiers well done

by ana. brenton



Written by Harry Wood

Soldier come here

As the desperate people run
the enemies are using a gun.

As blood is smelt in the air
Children are running everywhere.

As people hide -

Some sadly have to say goodbye -

Tears running down faces -

Adults start to move -

Help Help Help -

lots yelp -

bang bang bang -

the bombs bang -

A black sky -

makes them want to die -

ssssshhhhhhhhh -

people hush

lay down like your dead -

So soon you may be layin on a
cranky bed -

As people fall to the
ground!

Hours later they're no
sound -

Heroes get took more -

To have a happy life in Heaven -

Amber Holland 1945



Written by
Kian Marshall

War!

It was dark one time and peaceful people
watching movies there was no noise and children
playing with their favorite toys.

Someone said there was going to be a war it
said on T.V lots of people saw.

They said to the men get on your gear there was
a boom it was a bomb everyone could hear.

They had big guns Pistols AK-47's and more they
ran and ran they were in war.

People getting every second then after six years it was
over people shouting yay no war it was yalove.

Parish Council

It's been a difficult year for everyone, the global spread of coronavirus has left us all needing to adapt to new ways of working, socializing and just getting on with the essential things in life. This has also impacted how your council operates, our meetings paused initially then moved on-line using the popular conferencing tool, Zoom and our clerk has not been able to maintain her usual presence in the village hall. Rest assured though, we are still here managing the essential activities in the village and you can all still contact us using any of the methods below.

You may have seen in recent months we've been advertising a vacancy on the council; well we have recently welcomed Kev Brereton onto the council to fill that role. We would all like to thank Kev for stepping forward to help shape the village for the future. However, it doesn't stop there, we are always on the lookout for volunteers to help out and we've had some discussion about increasing the number of council members so if there is anything you think you could help with, would like to be involved with or would like to be part of we'd love to hear from you.

Our recent focus has been on setting the precept for next year. This is the small portion of your council tax which goes to the Parish Council to maintain and fund improvements throughout the village. After initial discussion our preference is to apply a 2% rise to compensate for the rise in our expenses, however applying this small increase will limit how many village improvements we can fund in the future. It's a fine balance between funding improvements and keeping bills low, your thoughts would be appreciated on this, if you feel improvements are needed and if you'd be willing to fund them through future increases in your council tax or if you'd rather your bills to remain low?

We are beginning to improve our digital presence and also looking to provide more ways for you to contact us. All council information will soon be switching to a new website which will provide greater accessibility for those who need it. Our intention is to transfer all the historical content onto the new site and to ensure other users of the old site can benefit from the internet visibility the new site provides. If your organization would benefit from having a page on the parish website or if you're a budding website designer or someone who could create content and articles for the website then contact the clerk. We are also dipping our toes into social media and hope soon to have a Facebook profile allowing more rapid communications between you and us.

The Parish Council are concerned about road safety and we recognize this is a real concern to many residents with increasing volume, speeding vehicles and the location of parked cars all being regularly talked about. We are attempting to launch several initiatives to tackle some of these issues but we really need volunteers to step forward to assist us in this work. We have a highways fault reporting trial which will enable everyone to report issues from potholes, degraded footpaths and faulty street lighting to overgrown hedges, unpassable footpaths and fly-tipping and it will provide us the information to pressure the County Council to improve our highways. We are also keen to implement a community speed watch scheme where a team will use a handheld speed gun to deter speeding traffic. We can provide the equipment and training but we need volunteers to help operate it.

Finally, we have a number of planters around the village and are in the process of adding a couple more. When in bloom they really look nice but they need regular attention, would anyone be willing to help look after one or a few of them? Or is there any local business who might like to maintain one in exchange for a small advertising plaque being placed on the planter?

Your Parish Council wishes you a very merry Christmas and looks forward to a return to normality in 2021.

Clerk: - Michelle Vail, clerk@fiskerton-lincs.org.uk, 07350 818857 or
Chair: - Chris Darcel, chris.darcel1@gmail.com, 01522 750411



Councillor DARCEL WRITES.....

It is a real pleasure to be able to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and to have the opportunity to put this last year behind us and get it out of the way as quickly as possible. What a year it has been, but all being well "things can only get better so the New Year should be OK.". We are pleased to say, this village seems to have escaped the worst of Covid 19 so far, but Cherry Willingham has not been so lucky, so it looks like we will all have to touch a lot of wood between now and the Spring.

Bored at Christmas? If you have no one to call, give me a call on 07951 327140, I am used to being moaned at! Or better still, you could come to a Zoom Party. Cllr Hill and I will be holding a Zoom Party on Christmas Day, on Boxing Day and on New Years Eve. This will be a new experience, but if you have a lap top or smart phone it could be a way of getting to know some new friends in the village and an opportunity to wish each other well for Christmas and the New Year.

Why not join us on Christmas Day by logging to Zoom at 10.30 am. Once you log into Zoom, go to join a meeting, and type in the meeting ID, 85332952152 and the passcode is 146062. And you are there.

At 10.30 am on Boxing Day the Meeting ID is 811 3555 4221 and the Passcode: 791928 and on New Years Eve at 7.30pm the meeting ID is 896 6549 0290 and the password is Passcode: 569316. See you there.

On a completely different note Cllr Wall, Cllr Wellburn, Cllr Hill and I wrote to LCC about a possible flood defence scheme to protect the village as water levels rise. The common projection is that sea levels will rise by 2m by 2100AD. And this could have a serious impact on the village towards the end of the century. You can imagine the response we got back! It reminded me of the shocking meetings I attended over the closing of Hawthorn Rd for the New Bypass. We were told of a £multipound Environment Agency river bank development scheme between Lincoln and the sea, so every thing will be all right!

But it is this arrogance that worries us. One of the problems of the present river bank is that much of the soil for its construction came from the excavations made for the North Delph. The soil varies from clay to peat to gravel and sand, so the bank is not made up of a nice homogenous material on which engineers can safely do their sums. It is prone to failures and this is our worry. So what is the big plan? a southern relief road skirting round the south of the village. It would serve two purposes. It would be a belt and braces protection for low lying properties south of Ferry Road should the River Witham burst its banks and it would satisfy the requests to keep through traffic out of the village. Surely a win win situation.

What else is new? Still on flooding West Lindsey is planning to hold two joint meetings with the EA, Anglian Water, the Internal Drainage Boards and LCC, some time soon. One is for the Scotter Ward and one for Cherry Willingham. Both wards suffer from flooding but both the problems and the agency departments are different.

Forgotten the Neighbourhood Plan? It is still moving forwards, slowly, but this latest lock down will hold things up once again.

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 Holmfild or phone Councillor Cherie Hill on 01522 751245 or cheriehill@btinternet.com.



Thank you To all who live in the Parish of Fiskerton and have read and supported the Newsletter this year.

May the coming year be happier and more positive for everyone...