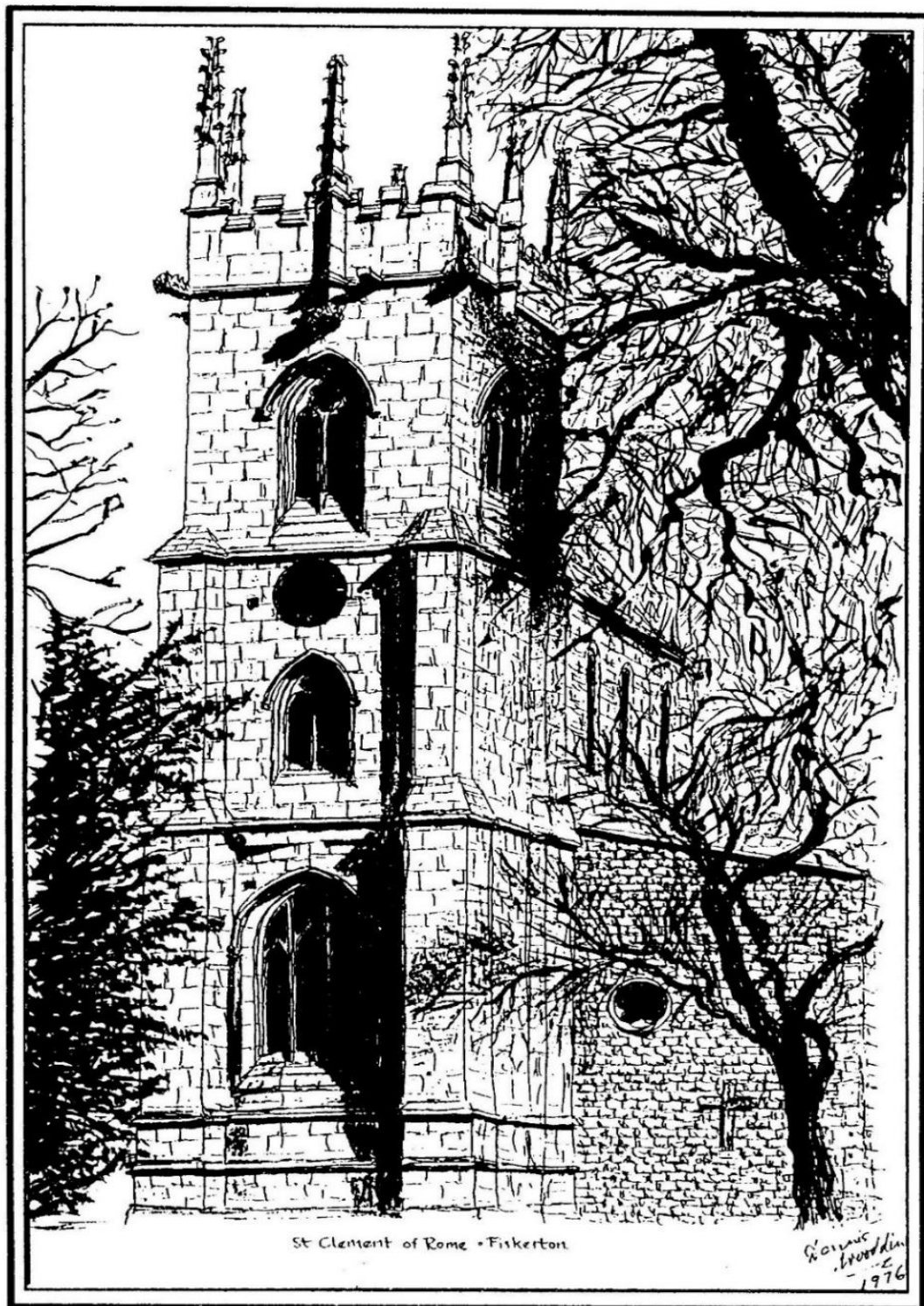


# *Fiskerton Parish News*



*March 2021*

## **Vicar's Blog: March 2021**

If you have ever been in Church and heard me speak (or even if you have heard me spouting forth on facebook) you may have heard me speak of 'thin places', places where we encounter something that we can't explain. Something that isn't tangible, but we know it's there and sometimes it renders us speechless and opens up something new in us – a kind of inner world of mystery, transformation, and encounter. Thin places describe a veil being parted between this world and the other world, between heaven and earth, between the divine and the human. They feel like holy places and they invite us to be astounded by the greatness of God, to enter the tremendous mystery of God's presence and love. In the thin places we know ourselves to be overshadowed by something or someone beyond ourselves - the holy.

Well, this week I was listening to The Archers, and a conversation between Emma and her sister in law, Alice. The two of them had fallen out badly and this excerpt was the two of them being reconciled. Alice is pregnant and is nervous about giving birth, Emma already has children. Alice questions her about childbirth – she wants honest answers – is labour horrific ..... well Emma says it like it is, but then says to Alice .... I loved giving birth – it is amazing, it is an extraordinary experience, and extraordinary is the only word I can think of .... You wait all this time and then it's just .....and then words fail her ... this was a thin place – indescribable moments where there is something of 'the other' present

Thin places transform our lives. They don't just appear in the wonder of a new child, they can appear in moments of sadness, in moments of celebration – in fact at any time - the veil parts, the scales fall from our eyes and we know ourselves to be different. We and our whole world now stand in a different light. There are many of those moments described in the Bible. One such event is the Transfiguration of Jesus. Jesus takes his three closest friends to the top of a mountain where they experience a thin place, Jesus seems to change in form and they hear a voice affirming that Jesus is God's beloved. They are enveloped in the cloud of God's presence.

I believe that experience is the great longing of humanity. We long to stand in the thin place, We want to come face to face with that which is beyond ourselves and step through the veil when it parts. That longing is what has encouraged pilgrims to journey to holy places. It called our spiritual ancestors to the desert. It is why we persevere in prayer.

I wonder if you have recognised the thin places in your life? Encounters that have left you silent, because they are too real for words. Those moments of transfiguration live eternally within us. When was a time the veil parted for you and you knew that you stood in the presence of the holy and your life was changed? Maybe it was the first time you held a child or grandchild, or a sunset that revealed more than the movement of a burning star. Perhaps it was forgiveness that opened the possibility for a new life or a time when you knew beyond a doubt that you were loved not because of what you did but simply because you are. Maybe you sat in the deep silence of God's presence and knew that all was well. These are the thin places of our life, moments of transfiguration that leave us astounded at the greatness of God.....

By the time this Newsletter reaches you, we will have started the season of Lent. and that season presents us with an opportunity to focus, to encounter God as we follow Jesus into the desert. Lent is often seen as a place of austerity, and yet I think it the place for great spiritual richness because it invites us away from distraction, to clear out some of the clutter and place to focus on our walk with God. It's not about giving up chocolate – it is about getting rid of the clutter that we stuff into our lives so that we can make ourselves more present to God and allow God to lead us into those thin places.

So as we enter Lent, commit to that walk and ask God to lead us into thin places – and let's see what comes to us during this coming season.....

Every blessing  
Penny

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## **Children in Squirrels Class have been producing their own newspaper reports.....**

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### **The intact tomb of Tutankhamun!**

Howard Carter finds tomb after over 3000 years hidden away!

By Constance Erin Millns

Yesterday, Howard Carter and his team of archaeologists made a historic breakthrough whilst digging in the valley of the Kings, Luxor, Egypt. They stumbled across a set of stairs that led to an undiscovered tomb.

Previously, Theodor Davis had been digging in the Valley of the Kings for many years finding very little. Lord Carnarvon got the licence to excavate in 1914 but couldn't start the project due to world war 1. In 1917 Carter finally began the dig for Lord Carnarvon. He didn't find anything for five years. Lord Carnarvon was becoming impatient and set an ultimatum for Carter, he had to find something or come home. Carter, instead of searching new areas, went back to bits he had already excavated hoping to find something he had missed.

One day a water boy was walking by and tripped up on what he thought was a

stone. Smartly, Howard went back to take a closer look and made his first step towards his great discovery. What was a stone turned out to be the top of a stairway leading to a mud sealed door.

However the real discovery was twenty two days later when Howard broke through two doors and entered a burial chamber. There were items worth millions of pounds along with the tomb of Tutankhamun.

As Howard Carter peered through a small gap in the door Lord Carnarvon called down to Howard "what can you see?" To which Howard replied "I can see wonderful things."

This is a major discovery for archeologists and will help us discover more about the Ancient Egyptians.

The mummy and artifacts found in the tomb will be put on display in the museum.

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### **Dead mummy dead!**

**Archaeologists, led by Howard Carter, dig up a pharaoh's tomb.**

Reporter: Katie Whitt

**Tutankhamun is dead in the Valley of the Kings!**

Behold Tutankhamun's tomb!

It was discovered on November 4th 1922. Howard Carter discovered the tomb and saw many wonderful things. Let's see what Howard Carter has to say for us. "Well when I first saw it I was amazed". "It was so amazing I just can't explain how amazing it was to see Tutankhamun's tomb". "I mean he's like the most famous pharaoh". Now let's check in with Lord Carnarvon.

"Now let me tell you a secret. I'm really jealous that I wasn't the first one to see Tutankhamun's tomb, how fair is that hmph". Well that must not seem fair to Lord Carnarvon.



## Pharaoh in his lair-oh!

**Tutankhamun's tomb is found by a group of archaeologists.**

Reporter: Murray Finch

Yesterday, in the old, hot and dusty Valley of the Kings, a magnificent discovery occurred. A team of archaeologists led by Howard Carter

found King Tut's tomb. After years of searching, a bit of luck helped them find the first ever intact tomb.

An expedition paid for by Lord Carnarvon has finally found the treasure it was looking for. After many years since Theodore Davis found a gold cup showing Tutankhamun and his wife, a water boy found some steps two yards from the very spot. The expedition lead

Howard Carter, was first to see inside. "It was a thrilling moment for an excavator" he said, and as he looked in the chamber which contained the sarcophagus of King Tutankhamun, he described seeing "wonderful things".

**There is a rumour of a mysterious curse which affects everyone who opens the tomb. Is it true or false? We will have to wait and see.**

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### TUTANKHAMUN'S TOMB CURSE!

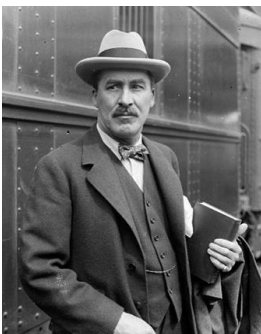
Tutankhamun's gold tomb has been discovered.

Reporter: Isaac Baker

Yesterday, In the Valley of the Kings, on the opposite side of the Nile river in Egypt, a water boy was sweeping with an old broom. He spotted some steps to a buried tomb. In the past people excavated near where the tomb was but stopped because they were afraid of the curse. Howard Carter was not afraid and his team carried on digging and found the tomb of Tutankhamun. Carter found the tomb with his workers and had a look inside. Lord Carnarvon paid

for all the work to be done and attempted to find a tomb, which they did. Carter released a statement saying, "I saw Tutankhamun's coffin with him in and lots of precious gold things....I didn't care about the curse, I just walked into the tomb without thinking about that."

All the priceless things are going to be moved out of the tomb into the London museum to be safe.



Howard Carter who was staying at the historic winter palace hotel, rushed to the dig site.



The objects that were in a room in the tomb.

### **Friends of St. Clement's Church Lottery: February Winners**

£25 No: 18: Mrs S Massey

£10 No: 9: Mrs C Johnson

£ 5 No: 7: Mr P Forman

£ 5 No: 37: Mrs M Cook

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### **Do You Have Good Furniture that you no longer want and don't know what to do with?**

During Lockdown it has not been possible to take **furniture and other household items** which can still be used, to Charity Shops.

However, if you have items which are still in **good condition** and could be of use to someone else, then please contact L F Connell and Son. TEL: 01522 521582

They will come and collect anything from one fork to a full house clearance and it all goes to people who have nothing and are in desperate need – usually within a very short time of collection.

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### **FISKERTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS – MARCH 2021**

Update from the Parish Council's meeting held on 8<sup>TH</sup> February 2021:

**FINANCE:** Payments were made in January 2021 of £2101.87 including VAT.

Receipts came in over the same period of £121.49

January accounts are to be paid of £1075.60 including VAT.

A grant request from the Scouts was approved of £1100.00 to help complete electrical and safety work on the Scout Hut

**PLANNING:** Consideration was given to planning application 142117 for the old airfield regarding a proposed construction and operation of a solar photovoltaic farm. This, as with all, planning applications can be viewed on the WLDC website.

Councillors resolved NOT to support this planning application. Residents' feedback following a subsequent leaflet drop to every household will help inform the Council's response to WLDC.

**VILLAGE HALL:** Interim repairs are being carried out on the village hall roof whilst grant funding continues to be pursued for the larger body of work. Since the February meeting some funding has been secured from WLDC; and an application to another grant provider is due to be considered by them in March.

Village Hall wall repairs – at time of writing these repairs are due to be carried out early April.

**MEETING DATES:** The next two council meetings will be held remotely via Zoom at 7.30pm on Mon 8 March and Tues 6 April. The April meeting will be preceded at 6.45pm by the Annual Parish Meeting.

Meetings are advertised on the parish council noticeboard at the entrance to the village hall car park, and also on our website at [www.fiskerton.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk](http://www.fiskerton.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk).

**WEBSITE:** We are still in the process of completing the transfer of information from the old to the new website so, in the immediate future, you will still be able to access some Parish Council information on both sites. *Please note that any parish council information from January 2021 will only be available on the new website.*

**FRANK JOHNSON:** Councillors remembered resident Frank Johnson; a kind gentleman who loved Fiskerton and did a lot of work in the village; and who was well-known in the community.

Michelle Vail, Parish Clerk

## Councillor Darcel writes.....

Local issues Matter!

Here are three for starters. The Solar Farm, the river bank and Covid 19.

Covid, we are delighted to report we know of two further residents in the village who have either recovered or are well on the road to recovery. Which is great news. But, one other piece of news that we find surprising, is that a nurse at the Nettleham Practice told me this morning that not one member of staff had caught the bug. Family members had but no one on the staff. It would seem the rules, masks, visors, hand washing, keeping surfaces clean and the wearing of protective clothing and 2m spacing rule do work.

The Solar Farm. At the time of writing we have no way of knowing what the outcome to the application for the solar farm will be. What is clear is that our planning system does not handle such applications well. Should the application go to the Planning committee there are no options, the application is either accepted or rejected. While planning conditions will be applied, there is little opportunity at the meeting to specify the width of the footpaths or the set back from the road. The space between Primetake and the new panels, or the width of the planned footpath and screening to the west of Reepham Road or how the view from the memorial will be screened from the development are issues of great concern to many residents. These are details need to be sorted in advance of the "decision" and specified in the application. The decision will just be a Yes or a No and either way a number of residents will be unhappy.

Some residents are not concerned either way but others are, and in the village survey, October 2020, over 70% of the residents gave the rural environment as the feature they liked best about living here and over 2/3rds gave the countryside and footpaths the next highest mark. Green energy is important and Covid 19 and mental health issues have proved the importance of accessible open space, pleasant country walks and the need for people to get out doors and exercise, even if it is only once a day. As councillors we believe we should go green, enhance the village environment and protect the open space feel to the village at the same time. Not easy, but it can be done. The panels on the Viking Way have little impact the walk. The deer fence is perhaps 15m or 20m from the centre of the footpath and the panels are well screened by both hawthorn bushes and lime trees. If Reepham Road was so screened a lot of No's would likely change to YES.

The other Green Open Space is the River Bank between Five Mile Bridge and Cherry Willingham. What would it be worth to you as a resident if the farmer were to permanently remove his cows? It is a popular walk for residents, bird watchers and dog walkers and now and the farmer may be prepared to remove his cows. For a price. Once the new marina at Cherry Willingham is opened the number of residents walking the riverbank will most certainly increase. Without the cows making a mess and churning the ground, it might even be accessible to those with mobility problems as well, and if the bank was planted with a few cherry trees and a couple of seats the number of residents who might wish to exercise their lungs on that stretch of the river would certainly increase.

But how much would you be prepared to pay? Would you wish the parish council to spend some of your parish council tax on such a project? The farmer is talking about £500 per year loss of profit by not grazing that stretch of riverbank. He may have other reasons for moving the cows, which will need to be explored, but cow free access and the other improvements will cost money. It would not necessarily mean putting the precept up – but if it was, it may would represent a cost of about £1 per year per household or a little bit more. Please let us know your thoughts.

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](mailto:chris.darcel1@gmail.com) or simply knock on my door at No 3 Holmfield. Or please phone Councillor Cherie Hill on 01522 751245 or [cheriehill@btinternet.com](mailto:cheriehill@btinternet.com), Cherie will be delighted to hear from you.

**Cllr. Ian Fleetwood's – March brief:**  
**The latest on, what's happening in the public sector in Lincolnshire.**

**Extra funding for Business support, Flooding and our single lane roads:**

The Council Executive have agreed revised budget proposals to include millions of pounds of additional funding to support businesses, respond to flooding and repair roads for 2021/22 - <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/news/article/545/extra-funding-for-businesses-flooding-and-roads>  
A £12m package of support for our local economy that has been ravaged by the pandemic is now available. Local businesses could benefit from up to £10,000 of funding through a new grant scheme being planned by the County Council. I'm sure you will have been as concerned as I have about the impact on smaller businesses who might not have been able to benefit from the Government's Covid support schemes. We've decided the time is right to draw on some of our reserves to provide this support to smaller businesses. <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/news/article/546/council-unveils-12m-package-of-support-for-local-economy>

**Our Green Masterplan:**

This is part of our global effort to help tackle climate change and the County Council's commitment to be 'net carbon zero' by 2050. My fellow executive colleagues will be talking about the initiatives in their areas to help us reduce carbon emissions so look out for them on our social media channels. [Lincolnshire's Green Masterplan](https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/news/article/536/lincolnshire-s-green-masterplan)  
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**Covid update:**

Lincolnshire's overall infection rate is now significantly below the national average and has not reflected the rapid transmission seen in other parts of the country. Schools in England will not be reopening to all pupils until the 8 March 2021. The final decision will depend on meeting vaccination targets and schools would be given two weeks' notice.

**Care homes update:**

Working with Lincolnshire's NHS and partners, all care home residents over the age of 65 and care home staff have now been given the first dose of the Covid-19 vaccine. It means Lincolnshire meets the first of the national target dates in the vaccination programme and has protected the highest percentage of its care home residents across the Midlands Region. There are those staff and residents who couldn't have the vaccine due to illness or outbreak but they are being re-visited when it is safe to do so.

**Vaccination Roll-out:**

More good news on the vaccination front with a second large vaccination site in the county going live at the Lincolnshire Showground in addition to the main site in Boston. With 13 other general practice hubs and the two hospital hubs in the County the vaccination programme continues to gather pace. For the latest information about the vaccination programme visit [lincolnshireccg.nhs.uk](https://lincolnshireccg.nhs.uk)

**Transport issues:**

There has been a lot of queries regarding transport to vaccination sites, as well as some general misunderstandings. Just to reiterate the Transport Helpline is NOT a booking service for transport. The Lincolnshire Transport Helpline provides information and advice on a wide range of transport options including community car schemes and CallConnect. The helpline can be contacted on: [0345 456 4474](tel:03454564474) or by <https://lincsbus.info/accessing-lincolnshire-transport/transport-helpline/>. The helpline operates from 9am-6pm Mon-Fri and 9.30am-4pm on Saturday.

Our CallConnect on-demand bus service is paid for by the customer. If someone has a concessionary bus pass due to age or disability then they can access CallConnect free of charge. For the purposes of the COVID – 19 vaccination programme only, Transport Services have agreed to extend this free to anyone aged 67 and over, regardless of whether they have a bus pass or not. For further details go to our website: [here](#)

<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/coronavirus-support-services/health-advice-support/9?documentId=416&categoryId=20126>

### **Looking after your mental health**

A comprehensive range of support is available. A good place to start for self-help information and mental wellbeing guidance is Public Health England's Better Health – [Every Mind Matters NHS website](#) which has just launched its “When things aren’t so good out there, make inside feel better” campaign. This encourages people experiencing difficulties to create [a free NHS-approved ‘Mind Plan’](#).

Locally Lincolnshire Partnership Foundation Trust (LPFT), the county's mental health and learning disability NHS trust, is offering a variety of wellbeing support, this includes a confidential emotional and mental health support line 0800 001 4331 available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This enables callers to speak to an experienced support worker who will provide you with emotional support, advice and guidance.

LPFT also provides a talking therapies service [steps2change](#) . This service provides National Institute of Clinical Excellence (NICE) recommended, evidence based interventions for people experiencing depression and a range of anxiety disorders. You can self-refer through the [steps2change](#) website or by phoning 0303 123 4000.

### **Arts funding for Lincoln's heritage sites to help digital learning:**

The Collection Museum has scooped £35,000 from the Respond and Reimagine Art Fund grant to help develop more online learning resources to help museums, galleries and cultural organisations respond to immediate challenges connected to the Covid-19 crisis, and offers support to adapt and reimagine ways of working for the future.

For more information on the Collection Museum or to find out about the live streamed sessions, please visit [www.thecollectionmuseum.com](http://www.thecollectionmuseum.com) or follow The Collection Lincoln and Usher Gallery on Facebook.

Thank you

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