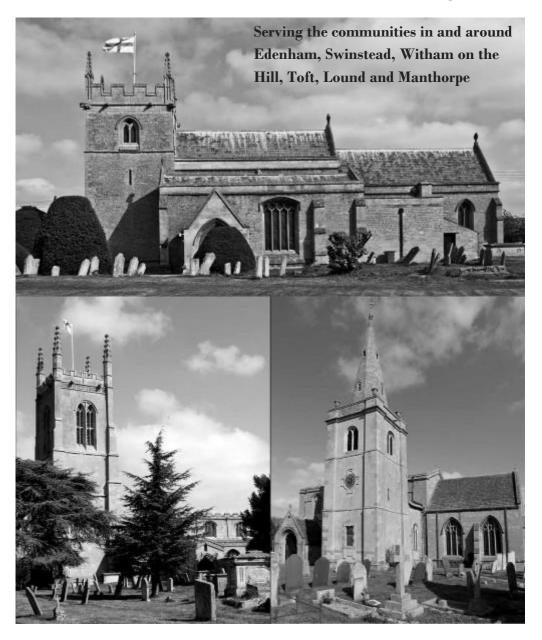
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**THANKS**: Smugglers Jack Concert - £367.00 was raised at the concert in aid of St Mary's Church, Swinstead. Many thanks to all who attended and helped in various ways.

**THANKS** to Mr Larry Clayton for all his hard work in his spare time for clearing All the rubbish from the road sides in Elsthorpe, Grimsthorpe and Edenham. Great job well done Larry!

**THANKS**: The Christingle service at Edenham Church on 20th December raised £140 for the Children's Society. Many thanks to the children of Edenham School for helping to make up 100 Christingles.

**GOODBYE** to Ann and Martin Taylor. Good luck in your new home in Yorkshire. You will both be greatly missed in our community.

**CAROL SINGING** in Witham on the Hill raised £100.15 for Church funds. Thank you to all the generous people and to those who gave refreshments. Well done singers!

**CAROL SINGING:** The final amount collected on the "Manthorpe Carol Evening" was £210.32. Obviously, the Vicar's voice attracted a few additional pounds to the pot!

Wednesday 10th February, 7.30pm at the Village Hall, Edenham - Steam Action AGM

**Wednesday 16th March, 7.30pm in the Toft Hotel** - Toft cum Lound and Manthorpe Parish Council meeting.

**Wednesday 17th February, 2pm** - Visit to Witham Hall. Guided tour. Meet in the Hall Car Park at 1.50pm. All Welcome.

Monday 7th March, 7.30pm, St Andrew's Parish Hall - "Iron Age Camps and their Environs" by Tom Lane. £2 members, £3 non-members.

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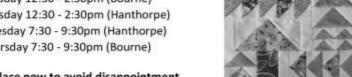
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'Do you know the difference between right and wrong?' Most people would answer 'Yes, of course!' We all have a view about what is 'good' or 'bad' behaviour. The problem we have is that our categories are as varied as there are people. The idea of 'common sense' or 'common decency' is now one that has no currency. As a priest firmly embedded in traditional Christian ethics I sometimes think that I live in a parallel universe! It is increasingly difficult for me to understand and empathise with many more people than is healthy. I did remark to the Bishop of Lincoln over a year ago that 'I was completely at a loss as to how to deal with some of the situations I come across in parish life.' It is often the case that I have to respond to people and their dilemmas by starting from basic principles of Christian teaching about morality.

There are two fundamentals. The first is that we are part of a created order. Certain aspects of individual and community life are 'Divinely

ordained' – in other words the 'the way things are' have a rationale about them found in the mind of the creator. To give one example of this: The Book of Common Prayer (still the foundation document of the Church of England) reminds those gathered at a Marriage service that 'marriage was ordained by God for the pro creation of mankind that children might be brought up in the fear and nurture of the Lord.' This has pretty clear implications for what is a marriage and what is not!

The second fundamental in Christian moral understanding is that in Jesus God has revealed his mind and purpose in the physical life of a human being with all the constraints and challenges to living a 'good life.' This foundation of faith means that not only Jesus' example provides moral guidance but that also his teaching has an authority not constrained by time or place: for the orthodox Christian it is nonsense to say that 'Jesus is a man of his time.' Jesus is a man for all time.

In Jesus we see that living a life

which experiences all the glory and freedom of being a child of God is one of self-discipline and reflection, of generous service to others and a special care for those in the greatest need. In Jesus' own life this began with the forty- day period that followed his Baptism. In those six weeks he refined his response of his Father's call to him and immediately on leaving the wilderness began his dynamic ministry.

For us Lent begins on the 10th February. This is not just an excuse to give something up. This is an invitation to reflect on our whole life and to seek to reorder and rebuild it on one fact: God made each of us for himself and our lives are restless until we find our purpose in His. May God grant us a Holy Lent and joy in believing.

**Lenten Invitations**: There are several opportunities to meet with others to learn and reflect on the call of the Christian life in Lent.

Every Thursday at St Andrew's Witham on the Hill come to all or part(s) of 10:15am Eucharist (in church) 11am Coffee and Bible

Study on next Sunday's Gospel Reading. 12 noonLent Lunch in aid of Christian Aid – suggested donation £3.

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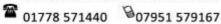
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### A Day to Begin Lent at Edenham Regional House

10th February: Ash Wednesday: A day of silence and worship.

Begin Lent with a day being caught up in the rhythm of worship and quiet. The day begins with Morning Prayer and the Litany. At midday there will be a celebration of the Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes. Lunch will be a simple lunch accompanied by a reading. The day will end with Evening Prayer. Canon Andrew Hawes will lead the day. To book a place ring 01778 591358 or email: edenhamoffice@gmail.com Suggested Contribution £15.

#### 2016 The Jesus Story

The exciting biblical story of Jesus Christ has been retold in 18 songs with narration, in a new musical entitled The Jesus Story. The musical was written by Richard Rice-Oxley, now a retired priest living in Swinstead, South Lincs. The first performances, given by a local choir and musicians in Swayfield and Corby Glen, were warmly received by packed audiences. We have been invited to perform The Jesus Story again in 2016.

GRANTHAM Methodist Church, Harrowby Lane, Friday 18th March at 7.30p.m.

EDENHAM Village Hall, Sunday 20th March at 4.00p.m.

MORTON Church, Saturday 25th June, time t.b.c.

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instrumentalists from the Methodist church. The rehearsals are a mixture of dates beginning in February at Corby Glen Methodist Church, starting at 7.30. New singers will be made very welcome – and you don't have to be able to read music! If you would like to join us please keep these dates free and let me know your availability:

February Wed. 3, Tues 9, Wed. 17, Tues 23

Janet Roberts 01476 550374, 07852 790023, jtrongar@yahoo.co.uk

#### CONFIRMATION

Each year our parishes hold a confirmation service (in 2016 it is on May 8th at Witham on the Hill). 'Confirmation' is one of the signs or sacraments of the church by which God touches the lives of individuals with his own life. In the sign of Confirmation our Bishop lays his hands on the head of each candidate and prays for them that God's Holy Spirit will

strengthen them in their spiritual life and faith.

In most years we have a mixture of ages. The youngest age permitted is ten but we have had people in the eighties confirmed in past years. Sometimes, when individuals are not baptised, they are baptised at the same service. This is becoming ever more usual.

Before the confirmation, candidates take part in a course lasting about three months – children, young people and adults all have separate groups. This course is an opportunity to learn all about the Christian Faith and it really doesn't matter how little knowledge you start with!

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#### **Exciting News from Steam Action**

#### 'To Foster a Community Spirit'

For anyone new to our parish of Edenham, Steam Action is a small committee of currently 13 people, who, for the last 40 years, have raised funds in a number of different ways to give treats, perks of the parish, to ladies over 60 years of age and gentlemen over 65 years of age. Our committee ranges in age from 27 to 74 years, ladies and gents, who have the enthusiasm and passion to bring our community together with various events such as the Family Fun Day, the Vegetable and Produce Show, barn dances, murder mysteries, race nights, quizzes, and this year, our pantomime sold out 2 performances!

However, times they are a-changing – 60 is the new 40 and all that! We feel the time is right for a relaunch of Steam Action to fully live up to it's motto – 'To Foster a Community Spirit'. So, we need you. We have various ideas, but we would like to hear your ideas – what would you like? Could you help? How can we bring this community together?

Our AGM will be held at The Village Hall, Edenham at 7.30pm on Wednesday 10th February 2016 – please come and share your ideas, comments, criticisms – we would love to talk to you. If you can't make the meeting, but are interested, please ring Jane Bradley on 01778 591209 or Nikki on 01778 591197.



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#### Witham on the Hill WI

Witham on the Hill WI had an evening of Christmas entertainment to finish off a very successful 2015. We have been collecting for The Women's Refuge in Boston, we have been able to send 74 bras to Zimbabwe and a group of talented ladies have been making fabric bags which has raised £44 for Associated Country Women of the World

Over the year we've had some fantastic speakers. One was from Travel Eyes which inspired one of our members, Vicky Cox, to go as a guide for visually impaired people on a walking holiday in Italy. She told us about her experiences as part of our meeting.

During the evening we drank mulled wine and were entertained by the WI committee. June Dandridge read a Christmas poem by Pam Ayres, Julia Haynes read about a WI's winter evening from "The Magic Apple Tree" by Susan Hill, and Elaine Brock led singing of The 12 Days of Christmas complete with actions. We had some very talented French Hens and Geese-a-Laying! The food supplied by the members was superb and we enjoyed a very sociable evening.

We are continuing our celebrations with a Christmas lunch on Tuesday 15th December at the Woodhouse Arms, Corby Glen.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 2nd February 2016 at 7:30pm. Richard Haynes will be talking about Boarding at Schools through the decades. The competition is a school memento. All visitors are sure of a warm welcome.

On Saturday 27th February 2016 from 10.30-12.30 at Witham Parish Hall we are holding a Swishing Morning. This involves swapping an item of clothing or an accessory for another one. Bring something to swap and you're free to choose something of interest from what others have offered. £2.50 including coffee & cake, non-members & visitors welcome.

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1st	Mrs A. Blanchard	1st	Mrs W. Stratton	
2nd	Mrs M. Immick	2nd	Mrs E. Brewster	
3rd	Mrs P Cranfield	3rd	Mrs J. Templeman	

There was a splendid raffle and the winners were: Mrs J. Osborne, Mrs G. Stanford, Mrs M. Imminck, Mrs B. Carter, Mrs P. Collier, Mr S. Osborne, Mrs S. Olley, Mrs E. Strickson, Mrs W. Stratton, Mrs J. Templeman, Mrs E. Brewster, Mrs H. Strickson and Mrs P. Cranfield. Thank you to all those who so generously donated prizes for the raffle and to those who gave such wonderful refreshments. The next Whist Drive will be on Friday 19th February at 7.0pm. It is always good to see new people - do come along.

#### Willoughby Gallery

The Willoughby Memorial Trust Gallery is now closed till just before Easter 2016

The 2016 Exhibition Programme will start once more on 23 March to 20 April with work from Keith Andreetti.

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This was Martin Hyde's winning recipe at Witham on the Hill's pudding night in November. It is a recipe that I used regularly for special occasions years ago when my girls were still at home; though I made it in a loaf tin, which made it easier to slice. It is quick and easy to make, though has to rest in the fridge for 24 hours.

Please be warned: this recipe uses raw eggs – unsuitable for elderly or the very young.

#### **LEMON BOMBE**

- 2 packets of trifle sponges
- 4oz butter

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- 6oz caster sugar
- 4 large eggs, separated
- 2 large lemons, rind & juice
- 🍾 ½ pint double cream
- Cream butter & sugar until pale & fluffy. Beat egg yolks into mixture. Add lemon rind and juice, a little at a time, beating well. Don't worry if it curdles, it doesn't matter. Whisk egg whites until they form soft peaks. Fold into butter mixture. Split the individual sponges in half, lengthwise & place a layer in the base of a 1 litre bowl, follow with a layer of mixture, another layer of sponges & so on, finishing with a layer of sponges. Cover with foil or cling film, place a plate and a weight on top. Refrigerate overnight. To serve, turn onto a plate and smother with whipped cream. Decorate as you wish with nuts, cherries,

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#### Witham on the Hill Parish Council

#### Clerk's Notes of the Open Forum Meeting, 16th November

Present:

Councillors: C Henriques (presiding), A Greenwood, J Kirkwood,

D MacMillan and S Pennant- Jones

Residents: P Smith

Others: Bernard Champness – Clerk, District Councillor M Wilkins and Mr Kevin Brumfield (LCC Highways)

Mr Brumfield from LCC Highways was asked about the problem of the junction on the A6121:

Faulty interactive sign. Mr Brumfield advised that he had asked the Street Lighting department to repair the sign. He would chase them on this subject.

Overtaking on the bend. Mr Brumfield advised that the area did not meet the criteria for double white lines, a reduced speed limit or a mini roundabout.

Mr Smith explained that he had spoken to Mr Clark at Grimsthorpe Estate and he was very receptive and said that it was in order as far as he was concerned for a sign to be put up, provided it was in the hedge line. There was another accident at the site since the last meeting and the area was considered a danger. Mr Brumfield was asked if it was illegal to put up a sign and he said it was not but it might be worth checking with Planning at South Kesteven District Council to see if it was likely to affect any planning laws if the height of the hedge was above 2.2 metres in height. Mr Smith was asked to get Mr Clark to put his agreement in writing to the Clerk.

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting that followed the Open Forum are available through the With on the Hill Parish Council Clerk.

#### **Edenham School**

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To find out more about the school and see for yourself what is on offer to your child, the Head Teacher, Mrs Kris Radford-Rea, would be delighted to meet you in person. Kris invites you to phone or send an email to book an appointment to meet with her. She will then arrange for you to have a good look around school, to get a feel for what the school is all about and, of course, answer all your questions. Kris feels that this really is the best way to get to know Edenham School.

Contact Kris on: Kris.Radford-Rea@edenham.lincs.sch.uk or call on 01778 591207.

Applications for places at the school can be made online through the Lincolnshire County Council website at <a href="www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/">www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/</a> <a href="mailto:parents/schools/school-admissions/do-it-online/apply-online-for-a-school-place">www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/</a> <a href="mailto:parents/schools/school-admissions/do-it-online/apply-online-for-a-school-place">www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/</a> <a href="mailto:parents/schools/school-admissions/do-it-online/apply-online-for-a-school-place">www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/</a> <a href="mailto:parents/schools/school-admissions/do-it-online/apply-online-for-a-school-place">www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/</a> <a href="mailto:parents/schools/school-admissions/do-it-online/apply-online-for-a-school-place">parents/schools/school-admissions/do-it-online/apply-online-for-a-school-place</a>.

Should you wish to apply through the post then please contact the LCC School Admissions on Tel: 01522 782030 (open 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday) or drop them an e-mail at <a href="mailto:schooladmissions@lincolnshire.gov.uk">schooladmissions@lincolnshire.gov.uk</a>.

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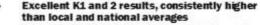




### Come and Visit!

We look forward to meeting you.

Contact our school to make an appointment and visit at a time that suits you.



- Historical links with Grimsthorpe Castle and estate
- Well-established partnership with Grimsthorpe Pre-school - Breakfast and Afterschool Clubs available.
- Great breadth of provision for ICT, Music, the Arts and Sport
- Excellent opportunities for out-door learning including a Forest School
- Dedicated and creative staff
- A committed local community
- Strong pastoral and spiritual links with our local church

Contact Mrs Kris Radford-Rea (Head Teacher) to arrange an individual visit — see contact details below...

Phone: 01778 591207

E-mail: enquiries@edenham.lincs.sch.uk

or, visit our website at www.edenham.lincs.sch.uk

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PARISH SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY 2016						
	Swinstead	Witham	Edenham			
7 <sup>th</sup> February: Sunday before Lent	8:45am Parish Eucharist *	10am Parish Eucharist	11:15am Parish Eucharist 4.00pm Evening Prayer			
10 <sup>th</sup> February Ash Wednesday	* The Eucharist is the oldest and most universal name for the Great Thanksgiving which concludes with Holy Communion – sometimes called the Lord's Supper or the Mass.	7.30pm Eucharist with Imposition of ashes	12 noon Eucharist and Imposition of ashes 2pm School Service			
14 <sup>th</sup> February First Sunday of Lent	8:45am Parish Eucharist	10am Parish Eucharist	11:15am Parish Eucharist 4.30pm Evening Prayer Colsterworth			
21 <sup>st</sup> February Second Sunday of Lent	8:45am Parish Eucharist	10am Parish Eucharist	11:15am Parish Eucharist  4.30pm Evening Prayer Corby Glen			
28 <sup>th</sup> February Third of Lent	8:45am Parish Eucharist	10am Parish Eucharist	11:15am Parish Eucharist 4.30pm Evening Prayer Morton			
6 <sup>th</sup> March Fourth Sunday Of Lent Mothering Sunday	8:45am Parish Eucharist including the blessing of gifts for Mothering Sunday	10am Parish Service for all ages	11:15am Parish Service for all ages 4.00pm Evening Prayer			

FOR BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS, BANNS OF MARRIAGE, CONFESSIONS, OR ANY OTHER PASTORAL OR SPIRITUAL NEED CONTACT: VICAR: THE REVD CANON ANDREW HAWES SSC 01778 591358 - athawes@tiscali.co.uk LICENSED READER: MRS HEATHER LEE 01778 591338 - beltislobelle@btinternet.com

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