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Saturday 9th July 6.30pm onwards Gig in the Garden, Edenham Vicarage garden £7.50

Sunday 24th July, 2.30pm, Swinstead Village Hall, Church Fete

Witham on the Hill Historical Society - meetings in the St Andrews Parish Hall unless otherwise stated.

Thursday 18th August,, Macbeth at Tolethorpe. Show starts at 7.45pm, hopefully with a picnic beforehand (depending on the weather) Please book your own tickets, but let Vaughan Roberts know on **01778 426255** if you would like to participate in the picnic, so who brings which food can be co-ordinated. Book via Stamford Arts Centre on 01780 756133, or www.stamfordshakespeare.co.uk £13 per adult, £12 concessions.

Monday, 12th September, 7.30pm - "Flag Fen and Must Farm Log Boats" with Caroline Davies, and Sarah Wilson. £2 members, £3 non-members. All Welcome.

Monday, 3rd October, 7.30pm - Members Meeting

Monday, 17th October, 7.30pm - Jean Townsend "The Medieval House" £2 members, £3 non-members. All Welcome.

Thursdays monthly: 21 July, 18 August, 15 September, 20 October, 17 November, & 15 December: "Food for Thought" – bible study at 11am, followed by a simple lunch at noon, in St Andrew's Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill. Donations to Christian Aid.

Friday 7th October, 7pm, Swinstead Village Hall, Harvest Festival followed by Harvest Supper.

Sunday 13th November, 6pm, Swinstead Church, Remembrance Service

Saturday 19th November, Swinstead Village Hall, Smuggler Jack



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Her Majesty the Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations

Parish Hall - THANKS to everyone who came, helped, donated and helped make the Queen's Birthday Tea on 12th June in the Parish Hall such a success. Tables decorated in red, white and blue, along with some vintage china, provided a patriotic setting for the event. The atmosphere was very convivial, as everyone tucked in to a selection of tasty sandwiches, lovely scones and delectable cakes, as well as a glass of bubbly. It was a most enjoyable afternoon, and very well attended (despite our competition in the Mall!).

Witham on the Hill - Just like at the picnic in the Mall, Witham was drizzly and wet, but in true British spirit, we were undeterred, and the rounders match went ahead on the Village Green. Two teams battled it out, stopped for cake and drinks under the shelter of the trees during a heavy burst of rain and resumed somewhat diminished in size to 6 per team. Having had great fun, with some excellent batting and fielding, we called it a day about 8pm, only slightly damp, but rather soggy feet! A good end to a very joyful day. Thank you to everyone who came and joined in the fun – especially all the Templeman clan!

Toft cum Lound & Manthorpe - THANKS to the organisers and everyone who participated for making the Parish Party in the Field in commemoration of Her Majesty The Queen's 90th birthday such a resounding success. No rain, loads to eat, games to play, Hurricane flypast and lots of fun was the order of the day. The organisers had built a brilliant and creative Windsor castle entrance to the playing field where we were greeted by a life-size effigy of The Queen. Parishioners and their guests were well looked after as the party fairies had done their usual great job of erecting marquees and providing a free BBQ. A fun cake competition, including our own look-alike Mary Berry and Paul Hollywood, traditional track races, pedal tractors and the inevitable Boules competition kept everyone amused, engaged and happy.



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THE VICAR WRITES

Since last November the three Church Councils of the 'Three Towers Parishes' have been meeting together about every three months. The purpose of these meetings has been to explore how we can support one another, and also to consider the common challenges and opportunities we face. This has proved to be a very valuable exercise – and very enjoyable. Initially we discussed how the financial responsibility for the ministry of the parishes should be met. The three parishes have to pay a 'parish share' to the Diocese of Lincoln: recently we have been paying £32,000 a year and this is increasing to £36,000 or £3,000 a month. This money supports the ministry across the whole of Lincolnshire including here in our parishes. The sharing of this contribution was very straightforward involving a small adjustment.

Another area for discussion was how the Church Councils were responding to the changing provision of ministry as a result of the decision of the Church of England to move forward with ordaining women bishops. In January 2015 a

questionnaire was distributed to the 200 people on the electoral roll of the parishes which asked people for their views. The responses revealed a 50/50 divide between those who wished to embrace the new provision and those who would like to see a continuation of orthodox ministry in the parishes. It is up to each parish church council to vote on this issue and recently Edenham and Witham have both voted to ask the Bishop of Lincoln to help them maintain a traditional ministry in order to foster the optimum unity in church life. Representatives of these parishes have yet to see Bishop Christopher although it is expected he will continue asking Bishop Norman (the Provincial Visitor) to have a watching brief on what happens and visit us for our Confirmation and other special occasions.

Looking to the future - those involved regularly in the worshipping life of our three parishes are very aware of the challenge of maintaining both the frequency and the content and style of the worship. These parishes are very unusual in providing a weekly service at the same time on a Sunday –

these services (with a few exceptions) being Holy Communion. Most parishes with a population of 500 or less in our area may have one or two services a month. Given the change in social attitudes, the 'churn' in the make up of our village communities, as well as other factors affecting the number of those attending and the frequency of attendance, has stimulated a discussion about the future provision of weekly worship.

At our last get together we addressed this challenge by returning to fundamentals – we gathered around the Bible and we spent time in quiet prayer and reflection: then we shared any insights we had gained. In a remarkable expression of a common mind and heart the outcome was a deeper appreciation of the worship we shared, and a definite understanding that we must keep up our meeting together around the Lord's Table, praying and praising in spirit and in truth. There was a recognition that simple trust and obedience to Jesus in the present was all that really mattered. We were reminded that 'he who calls you is faithful' and 'why worry about tomorrow – today has

enough problems of its own'. If you are looking for a place of hope and peace then you will find it in a church near you!

MUSIC AT EDENHAM CHURCH

At the time of writing Edenham Church is still without a regular organist. If there is anyone who may be able to help with the leading of singing on a Sunday the Vicar would be very pleased to hear from them. There is a very good organ in Edenham Church but there is also an electric piano – but there are many other instruments which could lead and support the singing – before organs were in churches the parish would have a 'band' of anything that was available – we would quite happily go down this route!



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CONDOLENCES to Barbara Vann, family, neighbours and friends on the very sad loss of Geoff Vann.

CONGRATULATIONS Philippa Longstaff and Alex Walton on your marriage at the Register Office, with a blessing at St Andrew's Witham on the Hill on Friday 10 June. We wish you both much happiness.

CONGRATULATIONS to Amy Alice (nee Gandy) and Lewis Alan Wright on the safe delivery of their son, Lincoln Alistair on 29 April. Thanks be to God.

BAPTISM Ralph Blanchard, baby son of Nicola and George Blanchard at St Andrew's, Witham on the Hill on 29 May.

FUN OF THE FETE

Edenham and Swinstead hold their fetes – Edenham on 9th July at 3.00pm at the Vicarage: Swinstead the 24th July at 2.30pm at the Village Hall.

SMUGGLER JACK – THE GIG IN THE GARDEN

Saturday 9 July Smuggler Jack play from 6.30pm in the garden at Edenham Vicarage – bring your own picnic – entry £7.50 in aid of Edenham School and Edenham Regional House – tickets from 01778 591358

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Swinstead	Croake Hill	14.45	15.15

Tuesday route 2

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5	3/31	28	26	23	20
Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
18	15	13	10	7	7

Community	Stop	Arrive	Depart
Witham on the Hill	East Green	12.00	13.00

Friday route 2

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10 th July Seventh after Trinity	08:45 Parish Communion	10:00 Parish Communion	11:15 Parish Communion 16:00 Evening Prayer at Grimsthorpe Castle Chapel
17 th July Eighth after Trinity	10:30 Three Parishes Eucharist at Grimsthorpe Castle followed by bring and share picnic and rounders! 16:00 Evening Prayer in the Castle Chapel		
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31 st July Tenth after Trinity	08:45 Parish Communion	10:00 Parish Communion	11:15 Parish Communion 16:00 Evening Prayer at Grimsthorpe Castle Chapel

PARISH SERVICES FOR AUGUST 2016

	Swinstead	Witham	Edenham
7 th August Eleventh after Trinity	08:45 Parish Communion	10:00 Parish Communion	11:15 Parish Communion 16:00 Evening Prayer at Grimsthorpe Castle Chapel
14 th August Twelfth after Trinity	No service 16:00 Evening Prayer at Grimsthorpe Castle Chapel	10:00 Parish Communion	11:15 Parish Communion
21 st August Thirteenth after Trinity.	08:45 Morning Prayer	10:00 Morning Prayer	11:15 Parish Communion
28 th August Fourteenth after Trinity	08:45 Parish Communion	10:00 Parish Communion	11:15 Parish Communion and Holy Baptism 16:00 Evening Prayer at Grimsthorpe Castle Chapel
4 th September Fifteenth after Trinity	08:45 Parish Communion	10:00 Parish Communion	11:15 Parish Communion 16:00 Evening Prayer at Grimsthorpe Castle Chapel

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