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Monday 6th November, 7.30pm – St Andrew’s Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill. Historical Society talk by Dave Mainwaring “Pease, Puter and Piggs - life in a Lincolnshire village in 16th & 17th century”. Members £2, visitors £3.

Friday 10th November, 7.30pm - Swinstead Village Hall Quiz Night. Cash prizes - all welcome - Please see notices at the Village Hall and around the village for further details.

Friday 1 December - St Andrew's Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill. **Wine Tasting** by Adnams.

Food for Thought –Thursdays: 9 November & 21 December. Bible study at 11am in St Andrew’s Parish Hall. Followed by a simple lunch at noon – donations to Christian Aid.

Saturday 9 December, 8am to 11am - St Andrew’s Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill. **Big Brekkie** - come and start your day with a Father Andy special, before you head to the shops for your Christmas shopping! Donations to Christian Aid.

Friends of Regional House Craft & Creativity Days (Edenham Vicarage)

All events: Days will run from **10am to 3pm**. A suggested contribution of £5 to cover materials, unless specified. Refreshments will be provided but bring your own lunch. To enquire about any of these events or **to book call 01778 591358 or email edenhamoffice@gmail.com**

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8th December - Messiah in Art and Music with Neil Batcock. Neil, an art historian and priest, will use the music and text of Messiah by Handel to accompany illustrated talks on Advent and the Nativity painting & sculpture.

26th January - A baking day with James and Marlene Briggs. After the success of the previous baking day, James and Marlene will be returning to provide another great day!

Parish News

BAPTISM Imogen, daughter of Nicola and Simon Lawton of Manthorpe, on 24 September at St Andrew's Church, Witham on the Hill.

BAPTISM Ralph, son of Laura (nee Holdup) and James Powell on 15 October at St Andrew's Church, Witham on the Hill.

GOODBYE to Bridget and Taff Lovesey. All the best in your new home in Corby Glen – not too far away!

WELCOME to Brenda and Don to Ashridge, Witham on the Hill. We hope you will be very happy here.

THANK YOU to all the helpers for the magnificent job cleaning St Andrew's Church and Churchyard on Sunday 8 October. Well done everybody.

Busy weekend - St Andrew's Church. The Sunday clean-up was preceded by Saturday evening's Harvest Festival complete with a very enjoyable "bring and share" supper for 30 people. And the Sunday morning service included the dedication of the beautiful new green vestments in memory of several members of the Munton family.

Samaritans' Purse – Operation Christmas Child. Some of you may receive a leaflet "How to pack your shoebox gift" with this magazine. If you would like to make up a box and don't have a leaflet, please contact me and I will give you one. I do have some spare shoe boxes too. The boxes go to children in need in disaster zones or war-torn areas – which seem to be more than ever

this year! Please give what you can to help those worse off than ourselves. If you can't do a full box please hand any supplies to me, to help make up other boxes. Items required include toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, flannel, comb, hairbrush, hat, gloves, pens, pencils, writing pads, colouring books, sweets, and toys such as skipping rope, yoyo, small ball, musical instruments. **Do not include war-related toys, liquids or chocolate.** The completed shoeboxes can be dropped off at various venues between 1-18 November. **The nearest drop off venue is the Salvation Army in Bourne.** Many thanks. Jane Clark tel 01778 590232

Lincolnshire Churches Trust Sponsored Ride & Stride. Many thanks to my generous sponsors, I have raised £155, half of which goes to St Andrew's Church roof repair, and the other half to the Lincolnshire Churches Trust. Thank you everyone! Jane Clark

St Andrew's, Witham on the Hill:

Thanks to all who contributed to the Harvest Festival food bank collection. Everything will go to the Bourne food bank to assist those in need in our own area.

Saint Michael and All Angels,

Edenham: This year's Christmas colour for decorations in church will be gold. So yellow, gold and white candles and yellow and white flowers with lots of greenery please. There will be a list up in church nearer the time so please come and help decorate and put your name down ASAP.





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THE VICAR CONFESSES

I have been asked a few times recently; 'How have things changed since I began training for ordination forty years ago?' The short answer to that question is; 'More people were on my side then!' By that, I mean, a larger percentage of the population were sympathetic to, and had some understanding of, the Christian Faith and the clergy had a fairly well-established role in community life. What people never ask me is; 'How have you changed in your understanding of a Vicar's role since you began your ministry?' That is a very hard question to answer honestly. Trying to be honest I don't think I have really got to grips with the very changed situation and the revolution in social attitudes that shape the present context of ministry. This is partly because these changes are so rapid that it is difficult to keep abreast of them, and partly because there is a kaleidoscope of responses with the Christian church, even within the Church of England itself. The result is that I find myself pruning down my life and work to the fundamentals of being a priest.

It has been said of me by others 'that you are far too religious to be a Vicar'! By that they mean (I think)

that my priority has always been the fostering of the spiritual life, of helping individuals know and love God and experience the liberty and fullness of life that comes from being alive in Christ. I have never really been interested or gifted in social action, or building up community or 'playing the parson' as some kind of community leader. It just isn't my vocation. I know this must have disappointed lots of people over the years but I never set out to please anyone but God!

I think that to pray, to deepen knowledge of Scripture and the Holy Tradition of the church is even more vital. It important to be committed to offering worship that expresses the beauty of holiness, and to preach and teach the Gospel with honesty and integrity. This I believe is what the ministry of a Priest is built on.

In these parishes now, the church communities and the wider communities in which they are set are very distinct in a way they weren't thirty years ago. The church has to relearn how to reach out and communicate the Gospel, how to be of service to their neighbours, and how to be truly welcoming to all.

If I were involved in training Priests now I would want to see a greater emphasis on mission and evangelism

– again something I am not geared up for! What I can do and hope I am in a little way effective in is helping others ‘bear witness to hope that lies within them.’

I have always placed nurturing people of all ages in the Faith at the top of my list, and one of the ways we can do this is through Confirmation. Next year’s Confirmation is in May and if anyone would like to know more about what Confirmation is, and how we prepare for it, then please do contact me.

THE ORDER OF ST JOHN CAROL SERVICE

By kind permission of Lady Willoughby, the Order of St John in Lincolnshire, which includes St John Ambulance, The Orders of St John Care Homes (Digby Court is one), and The Eye Hospital in Jerusalem, will hold a Carol Service in Grimsthorpe Chapel. This year the service is on the 10th December at 6pm. The service is supported by Stamford Brass, Harmony Lincs Choir and concludes with wine and canapés. This is a ticket only event and numbers are very limited. If you would like to buy tickets (£10 per person) then please contact the Vicar.

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Toft cum Lound & Manthorpe Parish Council Clerk's Notes

Parish Council meeting, 19th September

The major concern was again HGVs travelling through the parish and it was agreed to arrange a meeting with the director of Maynell Plant Hire Ltd. It was proposed that the Parish Council look at the possibility of taking over the maintenance of the Y Junction at Toft.

The following planning applications had been received and agreed no objection: Toft Lodge, prior approval of change of use of agricultural building to dwelling, 1&2 Waterworks, erection of porches, replacement pitched roof to garage & external alteration. 4 Waterworks, erect single storey detached triple garage. Alteration to access at Manor House Farm at Lound was allowed by SKDC.

Councillors agreed to look at the condition and possible replacement of the shed in the Playing Field. The Annual Fireworks at Manthorpe would be on 5th November, usual venue & time. It was also agreed that parishioners could use the field for any private functions on condition that they took out separate insurance and provided evidence. The Council's assets had been inspected, nothing to report.

D.Cllr Martin Wilkins reported on the Big Clean, Stamford Georgian Festival and the New Local Plan. He also said that he was hoping to arrange a meeting for residents of the Ward and Planning Officer from the District.

C.Cllr Robert Reid reported that the County Council were calling for support for Fairer Funding for Lincolnshire. He also said he would be attending a highways meeting next week at Thurlby.

And More

Since the September meeting the application for an erection of a single

storey detached triple garage at 4 Waterworks House, Bourne Road, Lound has been approved. Councillors are looking at an application from Mr Collett, Amberley Barn, Manthorpe for an erection of a single storey side extension.

A reminder to all residents of the parish that the Annual Fireworks will take place on Sunday 5th November starting at 6pm. Please come along and support the event, which is organised by the Parish Council, and is a good way of meeting old and new friends.

Next Council meeting will take place on 16th November at Toft Country House Hotel at 7.30pm, all Welcome.

Rosemary Woolley, Clerk to the Council
Telephone 01778 560634 (answer machine) or email-tlampc2@gmail.com

WHIST DRIVE

A Whist Drive was held on Friday 15th September in the Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill when £46 was raised for Church Funds. the winners were:

GENTS

1st Mrs. M. Imminck
2nd Mrs P Cranfield
3rd Mrs G Stanford

LADIES

1st Mrs B Carter
2nd Mrs S Olley
3rd Mrs P Collier

The raffle winners were Mrs M Imminck, Mrs G Stanford, Mrs P Cranfield, Mrs S Olley and Mrs P Collier. Thank you to those who supported the evening. The dates for the November and December Whist Drives are Friday 17th November and Friday 8th December.

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November 1917

The Darkened Church. - In addition to screening the windows we have now shaded all the lights, so that no rays fall upon any of the windows. We wish to remind the congregation of the step *in the porch*, also of the iron door stop in the centre, and to exercise caution in entering the church. These will be whitened for greater safety. The four steps below the level of the ground, one of which is *outside* the door, and three *inside*.

No Bells may be rung after dark, so we must rely on our own clocks and watches to be in time for the evening service. The organist will commence to play a few minutes before the service begins, as a guide to those outside.

Wounded. - We deeply regret to hear of several casualties to our lads during the past month. Pte. J. W. Haddon (Sherwood Foresters) has received a shrapnel wound in the left shoulder, and is now in hospital in England. Mercifully no bones are broken, and he is going on well. Pte. Walter Archer as been slightly wounded again, in the face, but not badly enough to "get a Blighty." There's a report too that Pte. Harold Holmes (attached to the R. Fusiliers) is wounded, but at the time of writing his parents have received no official intimation. Enquiries are being made, and we earnestly hope that reassuring news may soon arrive of his whereabouts and condition. Mr Tony Fenwick has recently also been slightly



wounded in the left leg, from a shell which exploded only two yards from him. The wet condition of the ground undoubtedly saved his life, we hear. Had the ground been less water-logged, he must have been killed. As for Mr. Monty, he is to continue in splints for another month, and then to be put in plaster. Except for his leg, he is well and cheery. We all sympathize with him in his long and wearisome detention in hospital.

Captain W.D. Johnson, only surviving son of the late Squire Johnson, who was wounded and taken prisoner in 1915, has now been released and is in England. About a year ago he was fortunate enough to be sent to Switzerland from Germany, where he was interned at Murren as a prisoner of war, and now under arrangement made with the German Government for mutual exchange of prisoners he has obtained his release. He writes to say he is well but thin, and hopes to pay us a visit ere long.

November 6th: Britain launched a major offensive on the Western Front

November 20th: British tanks won a victory at Camrai

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the talk so much that many of us are now keen to go to visit the ospreys at Rutland Water next summer. Vote of thanks was given by Hazel Darley. The competition was a bird item: Sue Budden won, Sandie Streets came 2nd & Trudy Templeman 3rd. The raffle winner was Sue Hartley. Our next meeting is on 7th November. Annie Hall is talking about Hamlin Fistula Hospital in Ethiopia. All visitors are sure of a warm welcome. For further information contact Jane Clark tel 01778 590232



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Swinstead News

Coffee Mornings at Swinstead Village Hall - 8th and 22nd November - tea / coffee and cakes £1.50 - All Welcome

Christmas Fayre in Swinstead Village Hall Saturday December 9th 2-

4pm.Book a table top stall for £5 if you wish to sell your craftwork, home-made produce, Christmas cards, decorations, books, in fact anything you wish people to buy. Ring Ethel Brown 01476 552169 .Tea will be served and there will plenty of people to browse and buy.

Christmas Supper with Vocal Entertainment - Saturday 9th December 7.30pm - see posters around the village for further details

1st Monday of each month - whist drive, 7.30pm, Swinstead Village Hall

2nd Monday of each month - bingo 7.30pm, Swinstead Village Hall

Clock Fund - Thank you to everyone who donated to the clock fund. The clock is once again working. Special thanks to Brian Lynch for his generous help.

Flower Rota

28 Oct - 4 Nov Pam Somerville

11 Nov - 18 Nov Mollie Lunn

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Jane's Seasonal Recipe

Courgettes have been abundant this year, and cake recipes are common too; but this is a delicious variation. It is very important to squeeze out the liquid to prevent the cake being too soggy.

Courgette, lemon & pistachio cake

325g grated courgettes

120g butter

180g caster sugar

juice & zest of 2 lemons

50g pistachio nuts

½ teaspoon vanilla extract

3 eggs

280g self raising flour

½ teaspoon baking powder

60g icing sugar

Place the grated courgettes in a tea towel & wring out as much moisture as you can over the sink. This may take a few mins. Melt the butter with sugar; stir in courgettes, lemon zest, chopped pistachios, & vanilla. Beat in eggs. Add flour & baking powder, stir in gently – do not overmix. Tip into a greased & lined 2lb loaf tin. Bake at 180c approximately 1 hour, until skewer inserted in the centre of the cake comes out clean. Mix lemon juice & icing sugar. Using a fork, gently prick the top of the cake & pour over the lemon drizzle, so that some soaks in & the rest forms a light glaze on top. Cool in the tin.

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	Swinstead	Witham	Edenham
29 th October All Saints Sunday	Three Parishes Eucharist 10.30am	6pm Commemoration of the Faithful Departed	
2 nd November All Souls Day			7.30pm Requiem Eucharist
5 th November Last After Trinity	8.45am Parish Eucharist	10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist 4pm Evening Prayer
12 th November Remembrance Sunday	8.45am Parish Eucharist 6pm Remembrance Service	10am Parish Eucharist and Act of Remembrance	10.55am Gather at War Memorial followed by Parish Eucharist
19 th November 2 nd Before Advent	8.45am Parish Eucharist 4pm Evening Prayer	10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist and Holy Baptism
26 th November Christ the King	8.45am Parish Eucharist	10am Parish Eucharist 4pm Evening Prayer and Benediction	11.15am Parish Eucharist
3 rd December Advent Sunday	8.45am Parish Eucharist 4.30pm Advent Carol Service	10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist

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