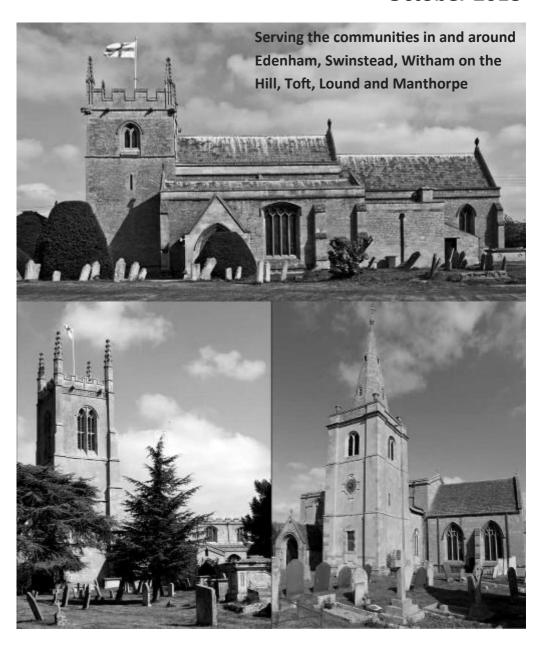
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CONDOLENCES to family, friends and neighbours of Rosemary Sismey, who passed away on 27 July. Rosemary lived in Manthorpe for many years and will be greatly missed.

BIRTH CONGRATULATIONS to Sam and Will Ewer of Elshorpe on the birth of Woodrow on 15 June. May he bring you much joy.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS to Lucy and Thomas Bentley, of Manthorpe, on their marriage on 25 August in All Saints Church, Stamford. They will make their home in Corby Glen. Wishing you both much happiness together.

EDENHAM CHRISTMAS COLOURS: The colour for this year's Christmas decorations in church is Blue, So, please can we have blue or white candles that will last for at least 3 services and blue decorations where possible. There will be a flower arrangement list in church nearer the time. Please come and help decorate for Christmas and put your name down. Thank you.

LINCOLNSHIRE CHURCHES TRUST RIDE AND STRIDE Saturday 8 September

I have participated in this event for many years, and this was the most disappointing year yet! As I had to work on Saturday, I set off early and cycled to Edenham in the morning. Once I had finished, I set off for Bourne at 4pm. It was an overcast day, with some light drizzle, but as the temperature was warm I didn't wear my raincoat – I would have been too hot – so it was tied around my waist. I visited all the churches in Bourne, and each one was locked except for Bourne Abbey. None of the churches had any posters, leaflets nor refreshments, no indication that they even knew of the event at all! Bourne Abbey was open, and the couple of people working in the chancel showed no interest in welcoming me. I headed off to Thurlby, and at St Firmin's church I was very glad of the drink on offer in the porch – but there were no biscuits! The church again was locked, as was

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Thurlby Methodist. I headed back home and got to St Andrew's Witham on the Hill at 6.05pm, and ate a couple of my own biscuits! No one appeared to have visited Witham either. Despite the resurgence of cycling in England, has the National Churches Ride had its day? What can we do to inspire a bit more interest in the local communities to take part? Thank you to all my very generous sponsors. Once I have collected all the money, I will have raised over £150; half of which goes to St Andrew's Church, and the other half to the Lincolnshire Churches Trust. Jane Clark

SAMARITAN'S PURSE A Christian charity which helps children who have been made homeless or have suffered as a result of war or natural disasters. Hopefully, enclosed in this mag is a leaflet, explaining how to fill a shoe box with gifts, goodies and useful supplies for children. These shoe boxes are crucial for children who have been made homeless and have nothing. Please read the leaflet carefully as some items are not allowed – eg no chocolate, liquids nor war related items. There are various collection points, the nearest being the Nottingham Building Societies in Bourne and Stamford, and Shoe Zone in Grantham, but if you are unable to get there please contact me. The boxes have to be completed ready to ship abroad by early November. Also, if you would like more leaflets please ring Jane Clark 01778 590232.

NATIONAL JUNIOR ROAD RACE CHAMPIONSHIPS The final total raised was £1,056 which was shared equally between the Parish Hall and the Church. A magnificent effort – well done all!

HARVEST FESTIVALS

Please make a note of the following dates – details available from the usual sources. All are welcome to one or all events!

Swinstead: Friday 5 October harvest festival 6pm followed by supper.

Edenham: Friday 12 October harvest festival 6.30pm followed by supper.

Witham: Saturday 13 October harvest festival 6.30pm followed by supper.

Witham: Sunday 14 October harvest all-age family eucharist 10.00am.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 5 October 7pm - <u>Harvest Festival Supper</u>, the Village Hall, Swinstead. Tickets £7 from Mollie Lunn - 01476 550393.

Sunday 7th October 11.30am - Churchyard Maintenance, St Andrew's Church, Witham on the Hill. A working party will take place and all help will be gratefully appreciated — any time you can spare - if only for an hour or two. Please bring some food to share for lunch.

Saturday 13 October 6.30pm - <u>Harvest Festival Supper</u>, St Andrew's Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill. Tickets £5 (includes a casserole, jacket potato and a pud). Please contact Edenham Regional House 01778 590232 for further information or to book a place.

Thursdays: 18 October, 15 November, 13 December 11am - Food for Thought, St Andrew's Parish Hall. Bible study followed by a simple lunch at noon – donations to Christian Aid. A big welcome to one or all!

Saturday 20 October 7.30pm - Pudding Competition and Quiz Night, St Andrew's Parish Hall, Witham. Creative baking skills are put to the test. Join your friends and taste these wonderful delights. Plus raffle, supper & free glass of wine. Tickets £7.50. Book by Thursday 18th October through Janet Kirkwood on 01778 590203 / email: janet@kirkwood.demon.co.uk or Kevin O'Hara on 01778 590315. Please state if you are vegetarian and if you are entering a pudding in the competition. Proceeds towards the St Andrew's Parish Hall fund.

Saturday 3 November 8.30am-11am - Big Brekkie, St Andrew's Parish Hall. Come and enjoy a full English breakfast before heading to the shops! Donations to Christian Aid.

THE VICAR WRITES

Fr Andy has now retired and in his last message "in charge" below he sends his and Siân's sincere thanks to all. I know that he will be much missed but we are blessed and thankful to have had this wonderful couple in our community for all these years.

Thank you

Siân and I have had a rich time in taking leave of our lives as teacher at Edenham School and Vicar of the Parishes and Warden of the Regional House. It has been a time of enormous thankfulness for all the blessings of the past thirty years. We have had some wonderful parties and glorious worship with different communities within the wider one of the eight villages and two schools in the Benefice.

We have been very humbled by the letters, cards and gifts we have received. Everyone has been so generous and thoughtful. When I opened the fantastic weather station from Edenham and Swinstead I realised how well people know me! With the money we have been gifted we will be buying a greenhouse and a summer/play house for our new garden. I look forward to raising different flags on my new flagpole!

We feel doubly blessed to be staying in the area and remain in the community - and even more blessed that we know well the family moving into the Vicarage after us, and we know that they will make the very best of living in that amazing place Editor and all the opportunities it brings.

> We are looking forward to a holiday and establishing ourselves in our new home and then seeing what the Lord has in store for us!

With prayer and thankfulness,

Fr Andy and Siân Hawes

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Major Edward Corringham (Mick) Mannock VC DSO** MC* RAF First World War One Fighter Ace

On 27th July this year I was privileged to attend the unveiling of the Victoria Cross Stone of Major Edward Corringham Mannock at the Glasnevin Cemetery in Dublin. Major "Mick" Mannock is recorded as being the first of four Royal Air Force (RAF) Victoria Cross winners and the infant RAF's most decorated officer who, in addition to the Victoria Cross, was awarded the Distinguished Service Order 3 times and the Military Cross twice. Regretfully, it was only after a concerted campaign by his former colleagues that the then Air Minister, Winston Churchill, was persuaded to support the award of our highest honour nearly a year after Mannock's death on 18th July 1919.

Representing the governments of Ireland and the UK were the Minister of State for Defence for Ireland, Mr Paul Kehoe and His Excellency Ambassador Robin Barnett respectively. Also in attendance were the head of the Irish Air Corps, Brigadier General Sean Clancy, and the head of the RAF, Air Chief Marshal Sir Stephen Hillier. Just to show that air travel does not respect rank, the ceremony was 45 minutes late in starting caused by the late arrival of Sir Stephen's flight into Dublin. To make matters worse, Sir Stephen's flight arrived without his luggage and so he had to perform his duty in the clothes that he travelled in. I must stress that he travelled to Ireland in a commercial flight – he was not let down by his own Service!

As alluded to during the ceremony, confusion and argument remain over the life and death of Major Mannock. We cannot say for sure whether he was born in England or in Ireland, nor do we know where his remains lie. Some records state that he was born in Ballincollig, County Cork, others state that he was born in Preston Barracks, Brighton. Shot down over German lines on 26th July 1918, German Intelligence reported that he had been "buried at a point 300 metres north west of La Pierre-au-Beure" some 250 yards from the

wreck of his aircraft. Never verified, later post war research suggests that his remains are in the grave marked "A British Airman of The Great War" in the Laventie War Cemetery. Either way, his name is recorded on the Arras Memorial of the Missing.

We do know that he came from Irish parentage through his mother, Julia Mannock, nee O'Sullivan, and that his father was Corporal Edward Mannock a regular soldier in the 2nd Dragoons Royal Scots Greys. The young Mannock regarded himself as Irish and was a keen supporter of Irish Home Rule. As such, he is commemorated along with another 26 Irish recipients of the Victoria Cross for valour during the "Great War",

At the outbreak of war Mannock was working as a telephone engineer in Turkey. After the Ottoman Empire's entry into the war on the side of the Central Powers, he was interned, badly treated and soon fell ill. Thanks to pressure from the US Ambassador, the Turkish authorities repatriated Mannock to Britain believing him to be unfit for war service.

Back on home soil Mannock soon recovered and he joined the Royal Engineers and then Royal Army Medical Corps. He moved services again and in 1916 joined Royal Flying Corps. After completing his training he was assigned to No 40 Squadron taking him into combat on the Western Front where he completed three separate combat tours. After a slow start he began to prove himself as an exceptional pilot, scoring his first victory on 7 May 1917.

By February 1918 Mannock had achieved 16 victories and was appointed Flight Commander of No 74 Squadron. He was assimilated into the RAF on its formation on 1st April 1918 after which he amassed 36 more victories during the period 12th April to the 17th June. After returning from a short period of leave, Mannock was appointed commanding officer of No 85 Squadron in July 1918 and scored nine more victories that month:

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On 17th June: He attacked a Halberstadt machine near Armentieres and destroyed it from a height of 8,000ft.

On 7th July: Near Doulieu, he attacked and destroyed one Fokker (red-bodies) machine, which went vertically into the ground from a height of 1,500ft. Shortly afterwards he ascended 1,000ft and attacked another Fokker biplane, firing 60 rounds into it which produced an immediate spin resulting, it is believed, in a crash.

On 14th July: Near Merville, he attacked and crashed a Fokker from 7,000ft and brought down a 2-seater damaged.

19th July: Near Merville, he fired 80 rounds into an Albatross 2-seater which went into the ground in flames.

20th July: East of La Bassee, he attacked and crashed an enemy 2-seater from a height on 10,000ft.

22nd July: Near Armentieres, he destroyed an enemy triplane from a height of 10,000ft.

Regrettably, only days after warning fellow Fighter Ace George McElroy about the hazards of flying low into ground fire, Mannock ignored this vital aviators' "rule", and was killed dogfighting too close to the ground on 26th July 1918. By this time he had shot down 73 enemy aircraft and become one of the most decorated British officers of World War One.

The ceremony on 27th July in the Glasnevin Cemetery was a careful balance of celebration of Mick Mannock's service in the UK military and his history of a supporter of Irish Home Rule. Minister of State for Defence Paul Kehoe, who unveiled the plaque, said it was a chance to "reflect on the shared history of our peoples and the responsibility that we share to maintain peace and stability". This theme of cooperation and common cause were reflected throughout the day and showed how easy it is for the military to work in harmony and overcome their governments' political differences in the face of evil.

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October 1918

War Aims. - A public meeting will be held in the school on Tuesday, 1st October at 7 p.m. by the local War Aims Committee, which is likely to prove most interesting and helpful. We need to understand with utmost clearness *why* we are fighting.

The National War Aims Committee (NWAC), a cross-party parliamentary organisation established to conduct propaganda within Britain, aimed at maintaining civilian morale in the last and most draining months of the First

NATIONAL WAR AIMS COMMITTEE.

SPEAKER'S DAILY REPORT.

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World War. British civilians had endured years of disruption to their lives. Alongside anxiety for relatives and friends in the armed forces or other dangerous occupations, civilians had to contend with more intense pressures of work (not only longer hours or changing practices but also ideological associations of all work with the war effort); restrictions or curtailments of leisure; shortages of supplies of all kinds, economic pressure; and, for the first time in a Continental war, a credible prospect of wartime death or injury at home from

enemy action. The new prime minister, David Lloyd George, was convinced by December 1916 that more was required to bolster civilian morale than 'autonomous propaganda' undertaken by the press and voluntary organisations. By the time the NWAC began operations in July 1917, Russia had experienced the first of two revolutions and Britain had witnessed several strikes over working conditions and the advocacy, at a socialist 'convention' at Leeds, of the creation of workers' and soldiers' councils, making the establishment of such an organisation appear all the more urgent. Over the last 15 months of the war, the NWAC held thousands of meetings and distributed over one hundred million publications, propagating a wide-ranging and flexible patriotic message reflective of the total-war environment in which civilians found themselves.

L.-Cpl William Holmes is home after a long spell of hospital treatment and an operation. We are unfeignedly glad to see him. It is some two years since he was last home.

Gunner A. Pick (Alfred) is (we have just heard) in hospital in Scotland, suffering a slight wound received in France. We shall look forward therefore to seeing him home before long.

4th October Germany asked the Allies for an armistice

29th October Germany's navy mutinied

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Swinstead News

Flower rota:

13 - 20 October: Elsie Keilly

28 October - 4 November: Pat Wright

Garden Fete

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We would also like to encourage these groups to refer into us if they should feel that one of their group could do with further support by going through our online referral process or contacting our business support at Grantham.

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Notes from the Edenham Parish Council Meeting

11th September 2018

Open Forum. One member of public present - no issues raised. Chairman closed the Open Forum and opened the Parish Council Meeting. All parishioners are reminded that the Open Forum at each Parish Council meeting is their opportunity to voice concern/raise local issues with their councillors. Details can be obtained by contacting the parish clerk at *edenham.pc@btinternet.com* – or contacting any of your current councillors.

Parish Council Meeting.

Interactive Speed Warning Sign (SID): Data downloads are emphasising the high volumes of traffic along the A151. For the period 11/07/18 to 31/08/18 there were 110,700 vehicles passing along the A151 in Edenham (Bourne to Corby direction only) with 35% of drivers breaking the 30mph limit (average speed of those doing so was 34.5 mph). The maximum speed recorded during the period was 95 MPH! The equipment is now located in Grimsthorpe.

Children's Play Area: The recent rain has given the grass some encouragement and the site is starting to look like a play area again. Once the replacements for the stolen chains have been installed in the next couple of weeks, and provided the grass is satisfactory, we hope to re-open the area soon. Final portion of the SKDC grant has now been received so thanks again to SKDC Community Fund whose kind help has made it possible for us to retain the facility for families within the parish.

Financial Matters:

Cheque signed:

HMRC - PAYE 2nd Qtr 2018/19 - £74-20p

Clerks - wage Admin/Street Cleaning 2nd Qtr 2018/19 - £297-52p

Purchase of 2 larger installation Clamps (SID) - £16.59p

Maintenance Grant (Churchyard) - Edenham PCC - £300-00p

Maintenance Grant (Village Hall) - £450-00p

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Application S18/0966 - Vehicular Access -No 1 Ivy Cottages, Grimsthorpe. Applications S18/1001 & S18/1051 (Listed Building Consent) - Edenham Vicarage. Demolition of lean-to + rebuild along with internal alterations.

Xmas Tree/Carol Singing: It is hoped to have a parish tree again this year and initial planning is underway. Date for the event will be Tuesday 11th December at 6:30 so pencil that in your diary, more details to follow - it is still only September!

Councillor Vacancy: It is with regret that due to personal circumstances Cllr Angela Schwarz has resigned as a member of the council with immediate effect. This means that there is an opportunity for someone to join the council and take part in local government. For further information contact the chairman Cllr Ray Biggs or any other of your councillors or the parish clerk.

Local Crime: There have been a small number of incidents within the parish of attempted break ins - farm buildings etc. Please pass on any details of suspicious vehicles or activities that you see to the Police on their 101 tel no.

Highways: School Lane, Edenham - re-surfacing works completed. Lincolnshire County Council Website (https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/) holds a lot of information on Lincolnshire Highways such as planned works/ road closure etc along with an online defect reporting system that anyone can use to report things such as potholes, damaged road signs, street lighting faults (please use website - especially for potholes!!)

The next meeting of the Edenham Parish Council will take place in Edenham Village Hall on Tuesday 13th November 2018 commencing 7:30pm.

Council Meetings take place on the second Tuesday in Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep & Nov in Edenham Village Hall at 7:30pm.

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EDENHAM GARDEN FETE

Edenham Church Garden Fete went ahead on 14th July in the Vicarage garden on one of the hottest days of the summer. The weather, the football and the tennis kept a lot of people away but those that came seem to enjoy it and found lots of shady places to enjoy lovely homemade teas.

So, I was very pleasantly surprised to count up and record a total of £766.60 raised, which has now gone up to £788.60!

Thank you to the stall holders, some have been coming for several years now. Also, thank you to Dennis Murray and Michael Wilson for setting up the games between you and for running them all afternoon with the help of Jane and Barry Wilmott and Simon and Joseph.

A big thank you to all the lovely tea ladies who worked so hard all afternoon and for producing wonderful cakes etc for us all to enjoy, I don't know how you do it every year! Well done.

Lastly, thank you to everyone else who attended or made the fete possible in any way.

That was my last fete as organiser after 17 years. I'm sure there is someone out there who is dying to take over and re-vamp it and make it more successful.

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Witham on the Hill WI July 2018

In August we had a very informal meeting with games of boules and quoits followed by a supper on a beautiful sunny summer evening.

At our September meeting Rebecca Main, our WI advisor, was given a warm welcome. Speaking at this month's meeting was one of our own members, Deirdre Dunne, who told us about an amazing adventure that happened to her family. Deirdre's son was born while she was living in Africa. She asked the villagers to suggest names for him and Mulenga was chosen. The Zambian President heard about Mulenga, they were invited for afternoon tea and the young boy was offered Zambian citizenship!

This accolade helped when Mulenga was 18 months old and his fingers were injured in an accident. In hospital his fingers were put in splints but he developed gangrene. The hospital said they needed to amputate but Deirdre was determined to find another solution. She organised flights to Johannesburg and, due to Mulenga being a white boy with a tribal name, he got special treatment of an Air Force escort through the no fly zone of Zimbabwe. The consultant surgeon operated by putting Mulenga's hand in his stomach to grow new skin. Deirdre was looked after and shown so much kindness while in South Africa, people lent her money and a car.

When the family returned to the UK a doctor said his fingers would have been amputated in the UK as South African surgery was much more advanced. Deirdre told her tale in such a moving way many of us felt emotionally involved.

Vote of thanks was given by Anne Marie Lilly. Raffle winner was Jane Clark. The competition for an African souvenir was won by Deirdre, Jenny Stanton came 2nd and 3rd June Dandridge. At our next meeting on Tuesday 2 October at 7.30pm in St Andrew's Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill, we are having a learning and sharing craft evening. Visitors and new members are very welcome. For further information contact Jane Clark, Secretary, tel 01778 590232.



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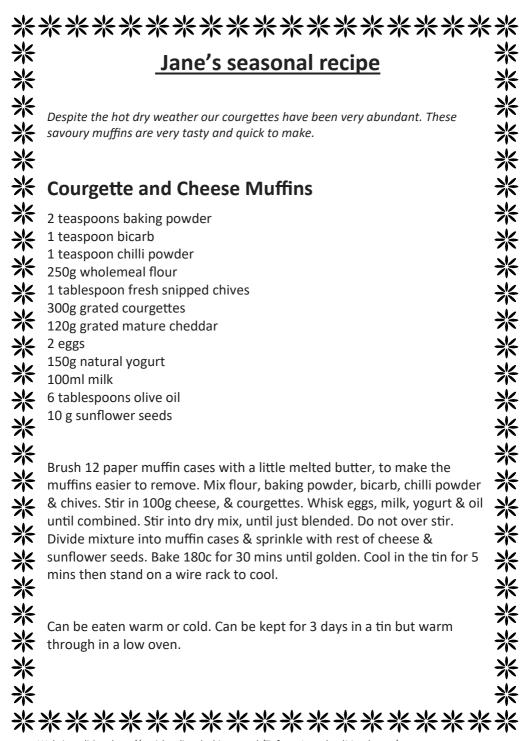


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PARISH SERVICES FOR OCTOBER 2018			
	Swinstead	Witham	Edenham
Friday 5 th	6pm Harvest Festival followed by supper		
7 th October 19 th after Trinity	8.45am Parish Eucharist	10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist
Friday 12 th October			Harvest Festival 6.30pm followed by supper
Saturday 13th		6.30pm Harvest Festival followed by supper	
14 th October 20 th after Trinity	8.45am Parish Eucharist	10am Harvest Festival Eucharist for all ages	11.15am Parish Communion
21 st October twenty-first after Trinity	8.45am Morning Prayer	10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist
28 th October Simon and Jude Apostles	8.45am Parish Eucharist	10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Communion

Pastoral Care and enquiries for baptisms, weddings and funerals should be directed to the office for the Regional House and parishes who will pass on details as appropriate.

The Vicarage, Edenham, PE10 OLS 01778 591358 edenhamoffice@gmail.com Administrator – Peter Knight - House Keeper – Jane Clark

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