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So, PLEASE, if you have something that you may wish to share with the rest of the Parish then please offer them to us for publication. **Contributions should be sent to:**

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Parish News

BIRTH CONGRATULATIONS to Hannah (nee Hawes) and Patrick King on the birth of Noah on 9 October. Another grandson for Andy & Sian!

CHURCH MAINTENANCE A working party took place at St Andrew's Church, Witham on the Hill, on Sunday 7th October. A big thank you to all who helped – you did a magnificent job on the churchyard, and even some useful jobs in the church too, despite the internal work still not complete!

HARVEST FESTIVAL St ANDREW'S WITHAM ON THE HILL Joyful hymns and prayers of thanksgiving were sung and said with gusto, led by Heather Lee and Judy Watson. The church was beautifully adorned, with hips, haws and hops, with generous donations of produce for the Food Bank. Afterwards we retired to the Parish Hall for supper – a selection of delicious casseroles, jacket potatoes, with puds to follow. A very sociable event enjoyed by all. Thank you to everyone who helped with setting up, catering and clearing up. At the Harvest Family Eucharist on Sunday morning, the Sunday school gave a thought-provoking presentation of a day in the life of a child in England, and a day in the life of a child in Africa. Well done all of you!

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.

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. 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.

Dates for your Diary

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.

Saturday 10 November 10am-12noon MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING St Andrew's Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill.

Thursdays: 15 November, 13 December, FOOD FOR THOUGHT. Bible study at 11am in St Andrew's Parish Hall, followed by a simple lunch at noon – donations to Christian Aid. All welcome to one or all!

Monday 3 December 7.30pm - What Lies Beneath. Collyweston Historical and Preservation Society's final talk for 2018. Claude Smith will reveal some of Collyweston's slate mine locations along with rumoured secret tunnels.

Friday 7 December 7.30pm - Wine Tasting Evening. St Andrews Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill. Tickets £8 - see advert later in this magazine.

REMEMBRANCE

On a mid-November morn
we stop and mourn
the loss of life
in war and strife.
The bodies torn apart,
it really breaks your heart.
All to save the face
of a so called cultured race.
Of minds rent asunder
To satisfy some blunder.
Wounds that will never heal
that was not part of the deal.

Men and women went to war
they cannot tell what they saw
their minds seared with scenes
that fill their dreams,
their cries in the night
project an awful plight.
We remember on that mid-November
morn.
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Friday 9 November: a day of reflection on “God and Leisure” led by Valerie Rampton.

Friday 14 December: “Maranatha - Come Lord Jesus”. How to find Christ amidst the tinsel and turkey – led by Rev Stephen Buckman.

Both these days start at 10am with coffee, include Eucharist at noon, lunch, and finish at 3.30pm with tea and cake. Suggested contributions is £16, but you may pay more or less according to your circumstances.

Friday 23 November: Christmas wreath making morning with Karen Lawrie.

This is currently fully booked, but do contact the house if you would like to go on the reserve list.

Friday 7 December: Card making, creating gift tags and wrapping paper with Liz Partridge, an artist from Corby Glen. 10am-3pm with a bring and share lunch. Suggested charge £5, plus extra for materials.

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Commemoration of WWI in the Parish of Witham-on-the-Hill

The First World War saw 65 men and 1 woman from the area join the armed forces, mostly the Army but also the Navy and Royal Flying Corp. Of these, 15 died (23%). The following monthly extract is from the booklet compiled as a record of the war as seen by the parishioners at the time, in date order and in the language, grammar and sometimes spelling of the period. There is a heavy religious theme in all the entries by the Vicar, Canon Leonard Cooley, not surprising for a clergyman of the time. Entries are unedited, as it gives an interesting insight into the thinking of the time, from a social history view point.

The booklet was produced by Witham-on-the-Hill Historical Society (Incorporating Manthorpe, Toft and Lound). The Society is a registered charity - No. 1078244

100 years ago this month

(From entries made by the Rev L H Cooley into the Parish Magazine—
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November 1918

"The Turning of the Tide." - On August 4th we prayed for victory and peace. The nation was on its knees in a united effort of prayer greater and more universal than ever before. Since that day we have never looked back, our armies have gone from victory to victory. Can any thinking man fail to see the hand of God in all this? Our prayers have been answered, answered so wonderfully that we are filled with awe and gratitude. The great day is coming at last. Praise be to God! But we must not slacken effort, rather redouble it. We are asked not to talk or think too much of peace, lest, in that very way, we even hinder its coming.

The "Boys" - A large number of our soldier boys have recently been home on leave, among them have been J. Lound, F. Rawlings, W. Dalby, W. Archer, G. Archer, A. Pick, A. Francis, W. Haddon, and L. Harmston. It has been a real pleasure to see them, and to wish them God-speed and a safe and speedy return. By-the-bye, Christmas is on its way. Before long we shall begin to think of those gifts which hitherto we have never failed to send them all at this festive season.



November 3rd Austria made peace

November 9th Kaiser William II abdicated

November 11th Germany signed an armistice with the Allies - the official date of the end of World War One.

WITHAM-ON-THE-HILL.

CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES.

SUNDAY NEXT, November 17th,

Will be observed in our Parish Church as a
SOLEMN DAY OF

Thanksgiving

to Almighty God

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24th Advent no Flowers

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Celebration Assembly

We had a great turn out for our first Celebration Assembly for parents today, and would like to thank you all very much for attending. The children were extremely well behaved and supportive of each other and we hope you enjoyed your morning. Children are very welcome to bring in any awards they have achieved outside of school, which will be shared and celebrated. We will be in touch in the near future with further dates for next term.

Harvest Festival

Our annual Harvest Festival took

place on Thursday 11th October at St Michael's and All Angels Church, Edenham at 2.00pm. All parents/carers, grandparents, governors and friends of the school were invited to join us.

Diary Dates

Please note the following upcoming dates:

Paper copies of our list of important school events are available from the reception area/main entrance to the school.

Please note: our **KS1 Nativity** will take place on Tuesday 18th December at 10.30am and Wednesday 19th December at 1.30pm if you need to arrange time off from work.

PGL (Parents Get Lost!)

We had a fantastic week at PGL. All the children were a real credit to the school and it was great to see them all supporting each other when conquering their fears. They all

experienced some amazing activities and certainly enjoyed the mass of food that was made available to them! The week was full of laughter and smiles. The children will be making 'mini movies' based on the trip which you will all get a chance to see in the near future; further information will be sent out about this nearer the time.

SciFest

Over the SciFest week each class has had the opportunity to attend a science workshop. These workshops have been an amazing opportunity for the children to acquire knowledge in an exciting manner. The whole school enjoyed a Science Magic Show for the golden time treat! Thanks must go to the organisers of SciFest for bringing these workshops into school, and to Miss Jarvis, our Science Leader for organising the week.

Peterborough Mosque trip

This term Class 3 are learning about the Islamic religion. As part of this unit of work, the children are learning about the Mosque, the

Prophet Muhammad, prayer rituals and the Five Pillars of Islam. In relation to this, and to extend their learning, a school trip has been organised to a mosque in Peterborough. More details to follow in due course.

Flu Vaccinations

Parents of pupils in Reception to Year 5 should have received an email regarding the Flu Vaccinations in November. Please visit the website (detailed in the letter) to provide consent, as required.

Sports for Champions

On Friday 19th October, Leon Baptiste (Sprinter and Boxer) joined the school for a day of fun activities in school. Children took part in a fun fitness circuit.

Hot Dog Lunch

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Witham on the Hill WI October 2018

We always enjoy listening to our speakers but this month we decided to share our crafting talents with others in the group. There was a hand sewing group making Christmas decorations; the machine sewing group were doing decoupage on bags for women's health at Peterborough Hospital; some members enjoyed making a glittery mess with embossed greeting cards; and two of our members successfully tutored crocheting. Our ex-president brought a selection of her cards and crafts and sold in aid of WI. It was good evening with many of us challenging ourselves to learn a new skill. Our President, Melanie Russ, won the raffle prize. The competition for a hand-crafted item was judged by our members. It was won by Jane Wilmot, 2nd Juliette Renner and Anne Cork, Kaye Mundy and Dorothy Stewart came 3rd. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 6th November at 7.30. David Mainwaring will be coming to talk to us about Pease, Putter and Pigs – Life in a 15/16th Century Village. Visitors and new members are always most welcome. For further information contact Secretary, Jane Clark tel 01778 590232

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Jane's seasonal recipe

A delicious cake using up a glut of plums at the Regional House.

Plum and Almond cake

175g butter

300g halved plums

150g caster sugar

3 eggs

125g sr flour

100g ground almonds

2 tablespoons toasted flaked almonds

2 tablespoons plum jam

Line the base of a 20cm baking tin with parchment. Chop 200g plums into small dice. Cream butter & sugar until light & fluffy. Beat in eggs, one at a time. Fold in flour & ground almonds, until just combined. Spoon some of the mixture into the tin to just cover the base. Fold the diced plums into the remaining mixture & spoon into cake tin. Cut the rest of the plums into wedges & arrange on top of mixture. Bake for 50-60 mins at 170c, until skewer inserted comes out clean. Cool in tin for 10mins then turn onto wire rack to cool completely. When ready to serve, warm the jam with 1 tablespoon water, brush over cake to glaze & sprinkle with flaked almonds.

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	Swinstead	Witham	Edenham
4 th November All Saints Sunday	10.30am Three Parishes Eucharist		4pm Commemoration of the Faithful Departed
11 th November Remembrance Sunday	Remembrance Service 6pm	10am Parish Eucharist and Act of Remembrance 6.15pm Evening prayer and "Ring Out for Peace"	10.55am Act of Remembrance followed by Parish Eucharist
18 th November Second before Advent	8.45am Parish Eucharist	10am Parish Communion	11.15am Parish Communion
25 th November Christ the King	8.45am Morning Prayer	10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist
30 th November St Andrews Day		7pm Patronal Festival	

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