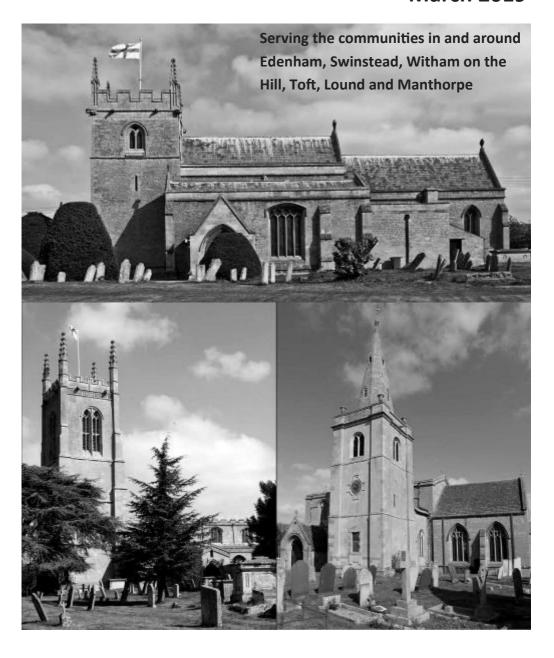
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Parish News

Editor's note: It is well worth reading the "100 Years ago" section as it has a most interesting bit of detail on the St Andrew's WWI stone cross memorial and its association with King Henry VIII.

CONDOLENCES to family, friends and neighbours on the passing of John Bee who died on 9 January, aged 83.

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped to clean St Andrew's Church on Sunday 10 February. A small team did a wonderful job polishing and vacuuming; making the church sparkle and smell of beeswax, ready for Father Ed's big day. Thanks to the flower arrangers who produced stunning arrangements to beautify the church. Also, thanks to all those who helped to organise the ceremony, moving chairs, welcoming visitors and showing people to their seats. Finally, a very special mention to lan Lawrie who masterminded the whole event, spending endless hours on the phone, producing the order of service and liaising with all the various dignitaries. Well done land

THE INSTITUTION AND INDUCTION of Father Ed was a solemn, moving and very joyous occasion, presided over by Bishop Nicholas of Grantham, Bishop Norman of Richborough, Archdeacon Justine Allain Chapman and the Rural Dean Rev Chris Atkinson. Father Ed was presented to the Bishop by Lady Willoughby D'Eresby. The service was well attended by friends and supporters from far and wide. The Dibley Singers and Witham Hall School choir, led by Sue Nicholls and Miriam Forbes, sang beautifully. Thank you to Witham Hall school for providing such excellent refreshments afterwards. Welcome to Father Ed and his wife Lesley.

CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL 2019 Every 6 years a new electoral roll is made for each parish church. Each person who wishes to be an official member of their parish church will have to fill out a form. You must be over 16 years old, baptised and live or work in the parish or attend church regularly. Collect a form from your church or electoral roll representative: Jane Bradley in Edenham, Jane Clark in Witham or Angela Percival in Swinstead. Being on the electoral roll allows you to vote on any matter relating to church business and to be elected as a member of the Parochial Church Council.

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Friday and Saturday evenings, 7.30pm to 11pm, Swinstead Village Hall - new licensed bar.

Monday 11th March & 8th April, 7.30pm, Bingo, Swinstead Village Hall.

Wednesday 13th & 27th March, 10.30am - 12 noon, Coffee Mornings, Swinstead Village Hall - Tea / Coffee and Cakes - £2.00 - All Welcome

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Friday 5 April RACE NIGHT, St Andrew's Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill, organised by the Hall Management Committee. Details to follow.

Saturday 27 April 8.30am-10.30am BIG BREKKIE St Andrew's Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill. All welcome - donations to Christian Aid.

September 2020 - PASSION PLAY in Oberammergau, Bavaria. Julia Pirie, who belongs to a Wives Fellowship group near Nottingham and is known to many in Edenham, is looking for people interested in joining a trip to the world famous Oberammergau Passion Play in the foothills of the German Alps. The villagers of Oberammergau have put on this play once every 10 years since 1634 as a thank you pledge to God after they were spared from the ravages of the bubonic plague in 1633. Over 2000 villagers take part in the production which tells the story of Christ's Passion covering the short final period of his life from his visit to Jerusalem until his crucifixion.

There are leaflets both in St Andrews church and in the Edenham Regional House. Further information from Julia Pirie - email: Julia.pirie@outlook.com

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YOUR VICAR WRITES

Moving house is never easy! Before Lesley and I were married she'd pretty much lived in the same (farm) house all her life, attended the same local village Primary (just next door) followed by the same local Comprehensive (Tuxford) where we first met at the tender age of twelve (!). By the time Lesley and I became acquainted I'd moved house once and school four times (my father was a teacher). Stability and continuity shaped much of her early life, whereas change and relocation had been a prominent



feature of mine and eventually became a part of hers too.

Whatever our experience has been, change and relocation eventually find their way into our lives. It's an unnerving experience and one that forces us into unforeseen emotional and spiritual situations. Seeing what was once a home become merely an empty house evokes a mixture of feelings and memories both good and bad. Discovering the dust behind the dresser left me more than a little embarrassed and reaching for the vacuum before anyone saw what filthy creatures we really are! Moving reminds us of the need to slimdown our operation and how we've failed miserably to do this over the years. The amount of stuff we've amassed requires careful and creative shelving wherever we go (which inevitably leaves a mass of rawl plugs dotted all over the walls). The Diocesan Housing Officer once commented how there appeared to have been a Western-style shootout in most the Vicarages we've lived in! Leaving an area also reminds you of all the things you intended to do when you first arrived (i.e. the garden). Worse still, a friend took us out for a goodbye-meal to a wonderful Thai restaurant in Cleethorpes that we'd somehow missed over the last ten years in Grimsby! If only we'd known...

The Church can often resemble something 'fixed and immoveable' but in truth the Church is never static and is always 'on the move'. By the time you

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So what do we do?

Well, in my experience there's nothing like an immoveable feast to inspire us and to cultivate the kind of dogged determination that we simply can't muster by ourselves. It's somewhat ironic that, by the time we'd confirmed the moving company, it was exactly forty days before they were due to arrive. Forty days to sort it all out, forty days to pack and be ready, forty days before the end of one thing and the beginning of another. The clock was ticking and there was no going back. The truth is that, whatever your circumstances, you can do a lot in forty days and the forty days of Lent provide us with an extraordinary opportunity to do a great deal before a cumbersome stone is removed and an empty tomb is revealed. Easter is coming! New light and hope will dawn, but we're going to have to put in a shift in order to be ready. We have to take this God-given moment to deal with the reality of who and what we are (dust and all) and strive for what, by the help of God, we can be. We all have the capacity to be more than the stuff we've amassed and the habits we've fallen into. This Lent and Easter are an invitation to discover afresh the momentum and focus that this holy season provides and the change that it can bring.

So, do consider joining us within the Three Towers Parishes as we retrace the steps of the man Jesus who brought hope, healing and restoration where previously there was darkness, depression and death. Not everything will be different, there'll be plenty of stability and continuity in much of what we do, but there will also be new things, new challenges and new opportunities along the way.

The clock is ticking. The forty days are counting down...

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Proposed Memorial. - The Public Meeting called to consider this, was held on February 11th, at the Hall, by kind invitation of Capt. Fenwick, as there was no fuel at the school. There was a good attendance, and all parts of the parish were represented. It was unanimously decided to erect a tall cross in some conspicuous position, preferably in the churchyard, between the church porch and the road. A design for the cross will be prepared in the near future by Mr. A. N. Prentice, who designed the church pews. Capt. Fenwick has offered the ancient stone which stands at present in the Park, as a base for the cross, if it can be utilized. This old stone, on which a portion of the shaft is still in position, is said to have been brought from Lound many years ago, where it once formed the village cross, standing beside the ancient chapel, demolished in the reign of Henry VIII. It would thus be restored to its original sacred use. The farmers' committee have kindly

offered the whole of their remaining funds (some £29) for the purpose, and the Vicar has in hand about £5, while the balance would be met by subscriptions.

Social Evening. - On February 21st, a Whist Drive and Dance was held in aid of the Soldiers' and Sailors' help Society (the King's Fund). In spite of the most inclement weather the affair was a great success, and was very largely patronized. Our congratulations and thanks are due to Mrs. Creasey and Mrs. Gourley who were chief organizers, assisted by other willing helpers. The proceeds amounted to over £10, a splendid result. Mrs. Fenwick kindly presented the prizes.



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Rosemary Trollope-Bellew (Clerk)

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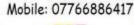




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<u>Section A – Flowers</u> (Grown by the exhibitor for at least 2 months)

- 1. One rose (any variety)
- 2. Vase of six roses (any variety)
- 3. Vase of mixed flowers cut from open border (any variety)
- 4. Tallest Sunflower (judged on premises)
- 5. Flowering pot plant
- 6. Vase of five dahlias
- 7. Vase of five chrysanthemums
- 8. Vase of sweet peas
- 9. Foliage pot plant
- 10. Hanging basket (judged on premises)
- 11. Cactus

<u>Section B – Decorative</u> (Completed in the last 12 months)

- 12. Arrangement of flowers (not to exceed 24" overall)
- 13. Wreath
- 14. Button hole used for a wedding (man or woman)
- 15. A collage of leaves or fruits (maximum size A4)
- 16. A flower or foliage arrangement in an unusual container
- 17. Arrangement of flowers, fruit or vegetable not to exceed 12" overall
- 18. Arrangement of garden materials (no purchased blooms)
- 19. One vegetable and one bloom (open to any interpretation)

20. Greenery arrangement not to exceed 18" overall

<u>Section C – Fruit and Vegetables</u> (Grown by the exhibitor for at least two months)

- 21. Box of mixed vegetables (maximum box size 18" x 12")
- 22. Cucumber
- 23. Three potatoes any colour
- 24. Three quality carrots with 3" tops
- 25. Pepper (any variety)
- 26. Three onion sets
- 27. One large onion
- 28. Three greenhouse tomatoes
- 29. Three pods of runner beans
- 30. Unusual shaped, or sized, fruit or veg
- 31. Pair of marrows, courgettes, squash or pumpkins
- 32. Five shallots
- 33. Three beetroot
- 34. Tied bunch of three herbs
- 35. Three dessert apples
- 36. Three cooking apples
- 37. Bowl of dessert fruit

<u>Section D – Homemade</u> (Completed in the last 12 months, wrapped in Clingfilm)

- 38. Homemade beverage (alcoholic or non-alcoholic)
- 39. Jar of curd any flavour (must have cellophane top)
- 40. Jar of jam any flavour (must have cellophane top)
- 41. Jar of marmalade any variety (must have cellophane top)
- 42. Jar of chutney any variety (must have cellophane top)
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- 47. Four fruit scones
- 48. One rich fruit cake
- 49. Savoury quiche in foil container
- 50. Apple pie in foil container
- 51. Loaf of bread
- 52. Decorated chocolate cake
- 53. Bake off cake (see recipe on last page)
- 54. Five pieces of Shortbread
- 55. Five decorated cupcakes
- 56. Lemon tray bake
- 57. Six sausage rolls

<u>Section E – Handicrafts</u> (Completed in the last 12 months)

- 58. Drawing or Painting (oil or watercolour)
- 59. Sewing machine item
- 60. Wood crafted item
- 61. Hand knitted item
- 62. Item of patchwork
- 63. Wind chime
- 64. Article of embroidery or cross stitch
- 65. Crocheted item
- 66. Upcycled / recycled item
- 67. Item of paper craft

<u>Section F – Children</u> Under 7 years (key stage 1)

- 68. Item of cookery
- 69. Vegetable model
- 70. Colouring competition (See sheet attached or speak to Show Secretary)
- 71. Photograph of an animal
- 72. Miniature garden (maximum size 12" x
- 18". Traditional or modern. Be creative!)
- 73. Home grown fruit, flower or vegetable
- 74. Item of handicraft (e.g. cross stitch, sewing, knitting, crochet)

Section F - Children 7 – 15 years (key stage 2 and 3)

- 75. Item of cookery
- 76. Vegetable model
- 77. Colouring competition (See sheet

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- 78. Photograph of an animal
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<u>Section G – Photography</u> (Taken within the last 12 months with the exception of class 82) (Maximum size of photo 7" x 5")

- 82. Recreated photo (include old and new photo see rules for example)
- 83. Squares
- 84. A landscape
- 85. A Historic Building
- 86. Animal/s

Section H - Disaster

87. Planned entry that ended in disaster



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Roman Day

Classes 3 and 4 had a great day learning about the Romans, on Wednesday 6th February. We learnt about Roman medicine and surgery – no anaesthetics! How to build a Roman arch and write on wax tablets – very environmentally friendly! In



the afternoon there was dressing up as a rich Roman woman or as a soldier – the armour was heavy and the weapons scarily effective. Finally, we took part in a mock battle, using the tortoise formation. It was a memorable day.

World Book Day

On Thursday 7th March it is World Book day and we shall be celebrating the joy of books and reading in our school. Our theme is 'Bedtime Stories' and children and adults are invited to come to school in bedclothes, dressing gowns and onesies. There is no cost for this. They can also bring in their favourite bedtime story to share in class.

Comic Relief

On Friday 15th March we shall be raising awareness and helping the charity. We invite children to come to school dressed as a DIY (made at home) superhero!!! Think rubber gloves, pants over trousers, leotards and sheet capes!!! We would like the heroes to follow the themes of our school values. Superheroes Hope and Faith, Captain Compassion, Thankfulness, Hero Honesty etc. This will be a great day and we appreciate your support!

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Message from Friends of Edenham

As I am sure you agree, the Friends and our supporters make a tremendous contribution to our school. The latest events have raised a great amount, These funds will help the school to update its IT equipment and this will soon benefit all the children across school. We thank you again for your continued support.

New Water Cooler

We have installed a brand new water cooler in school, which will be accessible to all pupils every day. Please can you make sure your child comes to school with a named water bottle as they will be able to refill their water bottle during the day. Thank you.

New Appointment

Miss Amanda Wade has joined the school office and will be working two days a week. Miss Wade is already an established part of the school team due to her current role as part of the Midday Controller.

Diary Dates

Wed 6th March Ash Wednesday Service – 2.00pm (Church, all

welcome)

Thurs 7th March World Book Day **Fri 15th March** Celebration Assembly – 9.00am (all welcome)

Fri 15th March Comic Relief

Thurs 21st March Class 1 & 2 Trip to Burghley House (details to follow)

Thurs 28th March KS1 SATs Parents' meeting – 3.30 – 4.00pm

Thurs 4th April Easter Service – 2.00pm (Church, all welcome)

School Closure due to bad weather

The decision to close the school is never taken lightly. We appreciate that many of our pupils live within walking distance of the school but we also have to take into account where our staff live and their ability to travel to and from school.

If a decision is made to close the school, the information will be broadcast on local radio:

- Lincs FM and
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Witham on the Hill WI - February 2019

Nicholas Watts came to share his knowledge about how modern farming has unfortunately taken its toll on many farmland bird species which are finding survival difficult as farms are becoming ever more efficient at reducing weeds and insects. After doing bird surveys since 1970, by 1990 he noticed a drastic drop in corn buntings, skylarks and swallows but now Vine Farm Deeping Fen is alive with farmland birds. Nicholas' conservation work has improved habitat around his farm including wildlife margins around his fields, a wildlife meadow and a spinney. He has built brick nest boxes and they quite often have five species nesting in them: barn owl, kestrel, stock dove, jackdaws and tree sparrows. Tree sparrows were mainly around some ponds Nicholas had made, so he started to feed them on red millet. The bird numbers have greatly increased and he has over 200 birds on his feeders. Nicholas is also a gifted photographer. We were all fascinated by his excellent talk.

We followed Nicholas' talk with our WI Annual Meeting and this one was entered into with trepidation because our President, Melanie Russ, was stepping down. She thanked the committee for all their hard work, especially Anne Marie Lilly, Barbara Vann, and Delia Holland Jones who were also standing down from committee. The new committee is Lou Blaes, Elaine Brock, Ann Burbidge, Jane Clark, Vicky Cox, Margaret Rine, Trudy Templeman, Jane Wilmot and Wendy Wooldridge. A secret ballot for President was held, which was supervised by Rebecca Main, our WI adviser. Ann Burbidge was nominated and agreed to take the role.

Our treasurer, Anne Marie Lilly, presented the audited annual accounts which showed a healthy balance. Jane Clark read the committee's annual report which told of a very busy year with some great social events and interesting speakers.

The next meeting is Tuesday 5th March when Mark Jessop will talk about Chiropractics and Spinal Health. All visitors are sure of a warm welcome. For further information contact Jane Clark, Secretary, 01778 590232.

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Jane's seasonal recipe

With Shrove Tuesday coming up, this savoury filling is a good variation on traditional sweet pancakes.

Spinach Pancakes

8 ready-made pancakes
200g baby spinach leaves, very finely chopped
25g butter
50g salted peanuts
½ teaspoon paprika
50g stilton cheese
4 teaspoons plain flour
150ml single cream

Heat butter in a small pan, add peanuts and paprika, fry gently for 1 minute. Add spinach and most of crumbled stilton. Stir in flour and cream. Bring to boil and cook gently for 3 mins, stirring. Divide filling between warmed pancakes and sprinkled with remaining crumbled stilton.



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	Swinstead	Witham	Edenham
3 rd March Sunday next before Lent	8.45am Parish Eucharist	10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist
6 th March Ash Wednesday	9am Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes	7.30pm Sung Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes	2pm Edenham Primary School service - all welcome.
10 th March First Sunday of Lent	8.45am Parish Eucharist	10am Parish Eucharist 6pm Deanery Evensong – Bitchfield	11.15am Parish Eucharist
17 th March Second Sunday of Lent	8.45am Parish Eucharist	10am Parish Eucharist 6.30pm Deanery Evensong – Bourne Abbey	11.15am Parish Eucharist
24 th March Third Sunday of Lent	8.45am Parish Eucharist	10am Parish Eucharist 6.00pm Deanery Evensong – ngoldsby	11.15am Parish Eucharist
31 st March Mothering Sunday	8.45am Parish Eucharist	10am Parish Eucharist for all ages!	11.15am Parish Eucharist for all ages!

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