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Saturday 9 November 8.30-10.30am
BIG BREKKIE St Andrew's Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill. All welcome. Donations to Christian Aid.

Thursday 14 November & 12 December FOOD FOR THOUGHT
Eucharist at 10.15am in St Andrew's Church, Witham on the Hill, with bible study at 11am in St Andrew's Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill. Followed by a simple lunch at noon – donations to Christian Aid. All welcome to one or all!

Friday 6 December, St Andrew's Parish Hall - 2 plays on one night!!
The St Andrews Parish Hall committee have arranged for a play at the Parish Hall. The group, Last Chance Saloon, will perform a 'Sherlock Holmes' double bill, The Blue Carbuncle and Curse of the Mummy. Tickets are very limited due to the capacity of the hall and are available at £9.95/each on a first come first served basis. Contact Richard on 01778 590433 or David on

01778 590331 for further details and bookings.

Sunday 8th December, 2pm and 6pm, Edenham Village Hall - Steam Action presents **PETER PAN** Pantomime - Adults £4, children £2 Please contact Nikki Gunn for tickets.

Tuesday 10 December, 6.30pm.
Christmas Carols around the Tree in Edenham. Please meet in the field between the church yard and the bridge. Light refreshments available. Don't forget a head torch! Carol sheet provided.

Sunday 29 December, WOTH Historical Society Grantham Canal Winter Walk. Meet at 9.45 at St Andrew's Parish Hall in Witham to arrange lifts. Vaughan will lead a longer walk starting near Harlaxton, and walking to the Dirty Duck pub at Woolsthorpe by Belvoir, approx. 1 hour walk (each way).

Peter and Sue will lead a shorter walk at the same time, setting off from the Dirty Duck pub and meeting up with the other group on the towpath before turning back and returning to the pub. The pub is open and you can view menu and book yourself lunch by going to pub@thedirtyduckpub.co.uk. However, walk timing is only approximate, so don't book lunch too early!

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Parish News

THANK YOU to everyone who attended and helped in any way for the St Andrew's Harvest Festival Services and Supper - another lovely time of fellowship at St Andrew's and the Church was beautifully decorated and thank you to all who donated for the Bourne Food Bank - the goods were placed in a Cross on the floor and we had to expand it to accommodate it all which is lovely news to report and the Food Bank were very grateful for the car full of goods!

Events at St Andrew's in November are - Big Breakfast on Saturday 9th November 8.30 - 10.30am, Food for Thought on Thursday 14th November - 10.15am Holy Communion, 11am Bible Study and coffee, 12 Noon Lunch - come to part or all of this. Then on Saturday 30th November it is our St Andrew's Patronal Festival with a Service at 6pm followed by a Fish and Chip Supper (St Andrew was a Fisherman!) in the Parish Hall.

All are welcome to all of these events - please call Trudy on 0775 4493792 to book, ask questions or to discuss any dietary requirements - we can cater for all. All proceeds go to Christian Aid.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS to Tom Marshall Roberts and Tiree Jade McLeod-Nolan on 28 September at St Michael and All Angels Church, Edenham.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS to David Murray (eldest son of Denis Murray and the late Christiane Murray) and Sarah Jackson on 21 September in the Lake District.

BAPTISM Philippa Primrose Tarver, baby daughter of Jessica and James Tarver of Witham on the Hill, on 29 September at St Michael and All Angels Church, Edenham.

WITHAM HALL FIREWORKS Thursday 7 November, gates open at 5.15pm fireworks at 6.20pm. Tickets £10 adults, £5 children. ****PLEASE NOTE THIS DATE TO LOCK YOUR ANIMALS INDOORS TO KEEP THEM SAFE****

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THANK YOU to all who helped, donated and supported Jean Croft's Macmillan Coffee morning on 19 October. Over £400 was raised. Well done everyone.

St Michael's & All Angels Church Edenham- The colour for this year's Christmas arrangements will be red. So, red or cream candles that will last for at least 4 Services please and need to be in church for the Christingle (whenever that is!) Any problems or advice please contact Ruth Atter 591328.

Samaritan's Purse, Operation Christmas Child - You should have found a leaflet in this magazine last month, asking you to pack a shoebox of goodies for a child in need, suffering as a result of war or natural disaster. PLEASE NOTE: this year toothpaste and sweets are not allowed due to tighter restrictions. But please fill with extra items of toys and school supplies. Shoe boxes can be dropped off at various sites between 11-18 November. If you need any further information or help dropping off a box, contact Jane Clark tel 01778 590232. The nearest collection point is the Nottingham Building Society in Bourne, between 11 & 18 November.



HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY on 12 October to Miss Peggy Pease of Stamford, a regular visitor to Edenham Regional House and to St Andrew's Church Witham on the Hill. Many happy returns!

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The Vicar Writes

“Days became weeks, weeks became months, and months became years...”

Those of you who were with us for one or more of our Harvest Festival services will be all too familiar with that refrain! It was part of the story of the ‘Wishing Tree’ that I told as part of the sermon. The refrain indicates the passing of time as the main character, a boy, grows from lonely child, to petulant youth, to love-struck young man, to desperate fugitive. Although I haven’t been among you quite that long (only weeks and months so far) Easter, Pentecost, Michaelmas and Harvest have all come and gone, Remembrance Sunday beckons and Christmas will soon be upon us.

A great deal has happened in that time – especially at the Regional House and Vicarage! It wasn’t until June that the building works got underway but, during that time, there’s been a kitchen-swap with the Regional House whilst most of the Vicarage rooms have been gutted, a bathroom or two added and a small extension built where the brick lean-to used to be. Along the way the building has yielded-up one or two interesting secrets. It was originally intended that the door of one of the

first floor bedrooms (previously occupied by the Hawes children) should be moved a couple of metres along the wall but, when the hole for the new door was knocked-through, a wood-frame wall of considerable age was uncovered. This rather scuppered the intended door relocation but when the existing door frame was removed it turned out to be holding-up (or propping-up) a good portion of the ancient wall. This rather suggested that if the former occupant of the room (Hannah, I think) had given the original door a good slam then the resulting drama could have been mighty indeed. In the end, the ‘door issue’ was solved when the back of an internal cupboard on the landing was pushed through revealing a previously blocked up doorway emerging through a recess into the bedroom in question. Problem solved! Fr Andy and Sian were unaware of the concealed doorway through the back of what was their games cupboard (they came and had a look) and the wallpaper suggested it had been blocked up for some time.

The passing of time and the discovery of previously hidden things is very much a characteristic of the Church’s year as we move from the end of October and into November. At the end of October each of our

Churches celebrates its Dedication Festival – the date when each Church was first dedicated and brought into use. The actual date of each dedication has been lost in the mists of time so, instead, we mark them on the last Sunday of October. Having observed our Dedication Festivals, we move on to All Saints (1st November) as we remember those who, having been faithful on earth, have now made their home in Heaven. After All Saints, it's only natural that we should call to mind our loved ones departed, commending them once more into God's safe keeping on the feast of All Souls (2nd November). The time of looking back concludes with Remembrance Sunday as we recall those who made the ultimate sacrifice to secure the freedoms, rights and privileges that we enjoy today.

It's a truly busy time, a time when we call to mind the contribution that so many have made in our lives and perhaps discover new people who might encourage and inspire us afresh. Whether you're someone who likes to research their family history on the internet or the kind of person who has just discovered the life and writings of someone like Saint John Henry Newman, time seems to continually reveal new people who speak to us, be they long-passed

relatives or holy people whose insight and vision touches our hearts and lives. In some respects, I think our capacity to discover such people is linked to our openness to be moved or to discover new and different ways into the spaces of our lives where we can contemplate something more than just 9 to 5 or the week-in week-out domestic routine. We all have those spaces! The late Cardinal Basil Hume used to describe it as the 'God-shaped hole' within all of us; the space that only God can fill.

Whatever or whoever it is that moves you and helps you to see beyond yourself and beyond the humdrum, I hope and pray that the coming month reveals something new to you; a new avenue, a new inspiration or new way past the blockage through to the richness of something more – something of that God-shaped space in our lives. And if you feel so-moved, don't forget that each and every service listed on the back of the Three Towers is an opportunity to seek more of the God who longs to fill our lives with the love, grace and mercy revealed to us in the life of his Son Jesus Christ. God has plenty to give. Search for him and you won't stay empty for long.

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(From entries made by the Rev L H Cooley into the Parish Magazine—reproduced by kind permission of The Witham on the Hill Historical Society)

November 1914

The Fallen. – November – the month consecrated by ancient custom to the remembrance of the blessed dead – should this year have a special message for us. Prayer for those who have passed away is a universal Christian practice, and happily it finds its place in the intercessions ordered for use by the bishops in this time of war. The least we can do for those brave fellows who lay down their lives for us and perish to purchase our peace is to pray for them, and ask GOD to receive their souls in peace and grant them His eternal rest. Let us then include them in our intercessions at the Holy Eucharist Sunday by Sunday. There will also be a Requiem Celebration each Monday in November, at 8-30.

With the Colours. – We give below the names of those who have gone

forth from our own parish and are now serving with the forces –
Walter Archer, Lincolnshire Regiment
William Birch, Lincolnshire Regiment
Lieut. K.R.G. Fenwick, Royal Horse Guards

Lieut. A.L. Fenwick, Lincolnshire Regiment

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William Holmes, Northumberland Fusiliers

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Edgar Pick, Staffordshire Yeomanry

Albert Saunders, Lincolnshire Regiment

H. Thacker, East Yorkshire Regiment

Cecil Woolmer, Lincolnshire Regiment

Howard Woolmer, Lincolnshire Regiment

To all these we shall give special place in our thoughts and prayers and wish them a safe and happy return at the conclusion of the war.

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but have purchased the wool themselves. Their work is all the more welcome as it is entirely voluntary. May it be an incentive to others. Lady Ancaster appeals for cuffs, mittens, mufflers, and body-belts, which are urgently required at the Front at once. Who will help? Meanwhile Mrs. Metcalfe will gladly receive any small contributions in money to procure more wool for the girls in school to continue to make these articles.

The Lincolnshire Hut at Netley Hospital. This contains 20 beds, and is entirely supported by this county. The Vicar asks for monthly subscriptions of sixpence a month towards its maintenance. Thus - say - 20 subscribers would enable us to send ten shillings a month as our share.

The **Royal Victoria Hospital**, or **Netley Hospital** was a large military hospital in Netley, near Southampton, Hampshire. Construction started in 1856 at the suggestion of Queen Victoria but its design caused some controversy, chiefly from Florence Nightingale. The hospital was extensively used

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Toft cum Lound and Manthorpe Parish Council Meeting

3 October - Clerk's Notes

A meeting was held at Toft Country House Hotel on 3rd October with six members of the public in attendance.

During the public forum, the following issues were raised:

The Lound Road had been re-surfaced but puddling still occurred at the Y-junction and holes had not been filled in at the side of the road;

HGV's were again using Manthorpe as a shortcut;

The play area at Manthorpe was not as impressive as Witham's;

Difficulty of using the public footpath along the Thurlby Road if disabled;

When would the parish boundaries be walked?

C.Cllr Robert Reid gave an update on highways issues. The main concern

was the delay in painting double white lines at the Witham/Manthorpe crossroad. We are still awaiting a date for this to be done.

The following planning applications were discussed with no objections:

Dwellings at Lound Road, Toft;
Retrospective change of use of agricultural buildings to drying & log storage plus biomass boilers;

Change of use of building from Class B8 to Class R (Councillors asked that a condition be included, if approved, for a contribution towards cost of resurfacing the main road A6121).

Concern was again expressed about the removal of trees at Ryefield, Manthorpe.

It was agreed that the Parish's street furniture would be painted in the spring by R A Spencer & Sons.

It was reported that the village party was well attended. The Parish had purchased new goal posts and it was agreed to purchase a new baseball

hoop. The fireworks had been ordered for the event on 5th November. If you are able to help please contact one of the Councillors.

After a discussion with residents who attended the meeting, it was agreed that the Council would purchase the Manthorpe BT Kiosk for £1. Should anyone have ideas for its use, please contact the Clerk or Councillor. If you feel that the Toft Kiosk should also be saved please contact the clerk before 10th December.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on 16th January 2020 in the Toft House Hotel at 7.30pm, all parishioners are welcome.

Rosemary Trollope-Bellew, Clerk to the Council.

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Swinstead News

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Notes from the Witham on the Hill Parish Council - September 2019

Present: Cllrs Charles Henriques (Chair), Andrew Greenwood, Janet Kirkwood, and Sue Pennant-Jones.

Apologies: Lynne O'Hara.

Residents: Roy Lyon.

Others: Bernard Champness-Clerk, Cllr Bob Adams.

Mr Lyon expressed his thanks to the PC for arranging path clearing from Six Bells to the crossroads.

It was reported that a car has remained parked on Main Street for a long period and had not moved during recent resurfacing works which had been compromised as a result. Cllr Greenwood would report it to SKDC.

Cllr Pennant-Jones reported the area behind East Green was still being missed by the grass cutting team. **Cllr Henriques** would email **Cllr Chris Benn** to clarify who is responsible for the area.

Cllr Kirkwood gave an update of discussions with the footpath officer and work that had been carried out and where it still needed to be done.

Cllr Bob Adams reported that, following 9th August meeting with WOTH PC and Highways officers over the safety concerns about the

crossroads on the A6121, he was now hopeful the following improvements might be implemented, possibly next year:

- Double White lines on the approach to the crossroads from Toft
- A maximum speed sign, 40mph on the approach - advisory not mandatory.
- Hedge work on NW side of the road by the bend, cut back to improve sight line.

He also informed the meeting that Lincs Road Safety Partnership was keen on a speed watch scheme to reduce speeding through the village.

All Cllrs arranged to walk round the village 6pm 19th September starting at Main Street to identify appropriate locations for passive speed signs following a formal application for membership scheme.

There were no Planning applications to consider.

The date of the next Parish Council meeting is Monday 18th November 2019 at 7pm in the St Andrews Parish Hall, Witham-on-the-Hill.

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Melanie Russ gave the vote of thanks. Raffle winner was June Dandridge. The competition was a headscarf. Doreen Whitaker won, Jane Wilmot came 2nd and Vicky Cox 3rd.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 5th November at 7.30pm. Sue Jakeman will be talking to us about Bee Keeping. All visitors are sure of a warm welcome.

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Left Maria Pasinato, right Bill Pepper, entries from the 2018 Competition

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Jane's seasonal recipe

Bob planted about a dozen red pepper seeds from a packet labelled sweet peppers, but showing a picture of red chillies. They turned out to be all chilli peppers, except for one sweet pepper plant! So now I have to use up about a hundred very hot red chillies. It was suggested I could give out a red chilli with each mag!

Chicken Jalfrezi

3 tablespoons oil

1 ½ teaspoons cumin seeds

2 ins piece of fresh ginger, chopped

1 onion, finely chopped

1 teaspoon ground turmeric

2 tablespoons mild curry paste

4 chicken breasts, cubed

1 red chilli finely chopped (seeds & all!)

1 green pepper, chopped

1 red pepper, chopped

8ozs cherry tomatoes, halved

6floz coconut milk

1 tablespoon garam masala

Heat oil, stir fry cumin seeds for 1 min. Add onions, ginger & turmeric. Stir fry 1 min, add 2 tablespoons water & mild curry paste, stir well. Add chicken pieces, stirring & coating well. Add chilli, & peppers, stir fry for 10 mins, gradually adding coconut milk. Stir in garam masala. Cook gently for 10 mins until chicken is cooked through. Serve with rice & poppadoms.

SERVES 4

PARISH SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER 2019

	Swinstead	Witham	Edenham
3 rd November All Saints Sunday	8.45am Parish Eucharist	10am Parish Eucharist 4pm All Souls Service of Remembrance	11.15am Parish Eucharist
10 th November Remembrance Sunday	8.45am Parish Eucharist 6pm Remembrance Service	10am Parish Eucharist (Act of Remembrance at 11am)	10.55am Act of Remembrance followed by Parish Eucharist
17 th November 2 before Advent	8.45am Parish Eucharist 4pm Evening Prayer	10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist
24 th November Christ the King	8.45am Parish Eucharist	10am Parish Eucharist 4pm Evening Prayer & Benediction	11.15am Parish Eucharist and Baptism
30 th November St Andrew		6pm Patronal Eucharist followed by Fish n' Chips	
1 st December Advent Sunday	8.45am Parish Eucharist	10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist 6pm Advent Readings and Carols

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