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Parish News

EDENHAM CHURCH Christmas Arrangements - If you wish to do a Christmas arrangement in Edenham church ready for the Christingle service, the colour scheme this year is gold. So, white, yellow or gold candles please that will last over the Christmas season. Also, if you would like to send a Christmas card to all your church family with a donation, the money will be sent to Christian Aid and can be left on the table in church.

WELCOME to Manthorpe's newest residents, Julia and Ed Minton with their 3 sons, Harry, Archie and baby Hugo. We hope that you enjoy your new home and our community.

THANK YOU very much to all who contributed to the Harvest collection for the foodbank. We managed to fill the cross on the church floor! Please continue to give as you can. The need for the foodbank is ever increasing. Donations can always be left in the church porch in Witham.

ADVENT WINDOWS If anyone in Witham on the Hill is interested in decorating one of their windows for Advent please let us know: We've had a lot of fun with it over the past couple of years! Please contact either Frances Plummer on 590308 or Jane Clark on 590232.

MANY THANKS to all who helped, contributed and attended the Macmillan Coffee Morning on 15th of October. Thanks to your wonderful generosity, we raised £650 for this very worthy charity. Well done everyone.

WELCOME to Hannah at Stonecot, Witham on the Hill. We hope you will be very happy here.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped polish brass, vacuum the Church, weed, trim and plant bulbs in the Churchyard at Witham on the Hill. Many hands made light of the work! Well done all of you, and a very special thank you to Val Calabrese who did a magnificent job a few weeks ago of painting the Churchyard gates.

WITHAM CHURCH AND SCHOOL ESTATE EDUCATION FUND makes small grants to those residents of Witham on the Hill Parish (including Manthorpe, Toft and Lound residents), who are undertaking courses at colleges and universities or apprentice schemes. If you wish to make an application please write a letter, setting out the nature of your course and the reasons for seeking a grant and send it to: The Clerk to the Trustees, Witham Church and School Estate, c/o The Vicarage, Church Lane, Edenham PE10 0LS

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SAMARITAN'S PURSE SHOE BOXES - I hope your shoe boxes are now almost complete! Anything you can give would be greatly appreciated – small toys, toiletries, pencils, writing books, etc. Please note: no sweets nor toothpaste. Boxes can be taken to Nottingham Building Society in Bourne or Stamford from 14-21 November. If you would like to help by donating things to fill a shoe box, need a box or would like the boxes collecting contact Jane Clark, Copse View, Witham on the Hill tel 01778 590232. Thank you in anticipation of your kindness.

HUGE THANK YOU - The Fire Fighters Charity - 12 Hour Darts Marathon, was a great success and some generous donations were collected. A huge thank you firstly to the players who were such amazing troopers to keep going for 12 hours, and to everyone else who came and cheered them on. Finally a big thank you to the Fire Fighters who dropped in and out throughout the day sharing their support, which spurred the players to keep going for such a worthy and important charity.

BIG THANK YOU - Our Harvest Festival and Supper on Sunday 2nd October was a lovely evening of fellowship - thank you to everyone who helped set up and clear up afterwards and to all those who attended, donated food and raffle prizes and helped in any way. The Church looked especially beautiful with all the lovely flower arrangements.



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Friday 4 November, 8pm - Swinstead Fireworks display. Come along to our free family event. Everyone will gather opposite the Village Hall on The Green in Bourne Road. The Village Bar opens at 7.30pm if you fancy a drink beforehand, and Hot Dogs and Chilli Dogs are available.

Saturday 5 November, 8.30am – 10.00am BIG BREKKIE St Andrew’s Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill. Again on 14 January and 15 April 2023. All welcome. Donations to Christian Aid.

Wednesdays 9 and 23 November, 10.30am to noon - Coffee Morning Swinstead Village Hall. All welcome - come and meet some new friends and enjoy some banter accompanied with coffee, tea, freshly baked cakes and raffle prizes.

Saturday 19 November, 10am till 3pm - Edenham Village Hall - Annual Christmas Fayre. Various craft and gifts stalls, Henna, cakes and bakes, raffle and Santa will be making an appearance from noon. Refreshments will be available including some Christmas food.

Wednesday 30th November, 7pm - St Andrew’s Church Witham on the Hill. We will celebrate St Andrew’s Day with a service followed by a fish and chip supper in the Parish Hall - all are welcome to attend. Please put your name on the list in the Church or call Trudy on 0775 449 3792 to book.

Saturday 10 December, 7pm - Swinstead’s Rocking Xmas Party. Get your party outfits ready and your dancing shoes ready! Save the Date. We have a high energy band playing songs from the 60’s right up to modern chart hits, mulled wine, mince pies and some top raffle prizes. Tickets cost £8 – over 18’s only. Book at swinsteadvillageevents@gmail.com – tickets limited.

Thursday 15 December, 6.30pm - Christmas Carols around the tree in Edenham. We look forward to welcoming everyone on the evening; mince pies and mulled wine will be served. Please meet in the field between the churchyard and the bridge. Don’t forget a torch! Carol sheets are provided.

Sunday 4 December Steam Action pantomime. See opposite page for full details. We are also looking for donations of raffle prizes. If you have anything you would like to donate please contact Pat Smith.



Edenham

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Christmas Fayre

Saturday 19th November

10am till 3pm

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Entertainment

Monthly Quiz - Domestic Cat breeds (1-8) and (9-12) Wild cats

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| 1. Sapienr | 7. Esemrub |
| 2. Nimea Noco (2) | 8. Xman |
| 3. Glanbe | 9. Theranp |
| 4. Xynphs | 10. Hateehc |
| 5. Draglol (2) | 11. Pleardo |
| 6. Sursnia Lube (2) | 12. Rajagu |
- Answers on page xx

The Vicar Writes

Grantchester or Bust

Whenever I'm out and about on Sundays driving between services or off to do home communions, I usually encounter a good number of cyclists along the way. Most, if not all, are kitted out with modern lightweight bikes, sunglasses, and brightly coloured lycra outfits. I don't think I would be speaking out of turn if I were to suggest that cycling these days has more to do with exercise and fitness than to the need to cycle to school, work or even to the shop for bread or milk. But that is exactly what I miss. I run for exercise and I cycle for pleasure. One is a hit-and-miss attempt at staying fit and losing weight, the other is to enjoy again the sense of freedom and fun that I first tasted when the stabilizers came off aged four-and-a-half. I stumbled back into cycling just before the first lockdown when

a 1950s American made Raleigh Speed Rat came my way. After that I soon discovered that even earlier bikes were still available in workable condition on Facebook Marketplace or eBay for as little as £20. Before too long I'd picked up a handful of bikes ranging from the 1930s to 1960 and, with the help of someone in the know from Bourne, returned them to working order. A favourite soon emerged in the form of a 1960 Hercules complete with a shopping basket on the front. It had been languishing in the back garden of a chap in Cambridge who kept it as his 'pub bike'. It was the most comfortable of all the bikes to ride and the basket gave me the opportunity to offer to drop by the Co-op as justification for popping out on a quick bike ride (once you get a bike with a basket, you'll never look back). Characteristically, my imagination began to get the better of me and I started



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dreaming of cycling adventures beyond the odd trip out to Morton or Market Deeping. I'd long been a fan of the Grantchester TV series but reserved my true affection for the books written by James Runcie (son of Robert Runcie the former Archbishop of Canterbury). Vintage bicycles occasionally featured in the ITV adaptation, and I began to picture riding my favourite bike out to Cambridge and beyond to Grantchester itself. A quick glimpse at Google Maps suggested that a varied and scenic route of sixty-one miles was possible. However, before my aspiration got the better of me, I soon realised that I'd need help. Aspiration is nothing without practical ability and when it comes to mending punctures or putting chains back on my ability is sadly lacking. Fortunately, my dad and his wife Barbara came to the rescue and offered to meet me along the way in their campervan, to help if I got into

trouble and to carry a spare bike (just in case).

We fixed the date for Friday 2nd September to coincide with the annual Lincolnshire Churches Trust Ride and Stride and to provide a valuable opportunity to raise funds both for the Parishes and for LCT. A new helmet, hi-vis vest, battery powered pump, two different puncture repair kits and a pair of well-padded cycling shorts were purchased and a set-off time of 8am agreed. According to the Google Maps cycle route the journey was likely to take five and a half hours. I added five planned stops along the way (including at least one visit to Starbucks).

Twelve miles in I made my first stop at Willow Brook Farm Shop for a cuppa. The legs were feeling fine and I resisted my father's kind offer to stop for a full (veggie) breakfast (another time perhaps?). Next up, I passed through Ailsworth and left Dad and Barbara behind as I

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disappeared along the cycle path into Nene Park and then making my way through various housing estates and avoiding the Peterborough traffic. It had only been six miles since my first stop and it felt a little indulgent calling in at Starbucks on Paxton Road but I was making good time and felt like I could miss the next scheduled stop and push on. After passing through Orton Southgate industrial estate, I was out onto New Road which ran parallel to the A1. Some miles later I passed by RAF Alconbury and into Stukeley Country. Huntingdon proved a little tricky as the route asked me to take the pavement in the opposite direction along a one-way street (!) but after Godmanchester the terrain opened and I found myself ambling through a nature reserve, crossing the Great Ouse at the lock before Houghton Mill before a final rendezvous at the Cattle Market Carpark in St Ives and a well-earned sandwich before pushing on towards

Cambridge. The way to Cambridge lay along the NCN51 Busway; a set of concrete tracks stretching for miles and providing a direct route for buses into Cambridge. The walking and cycle path was clearly popular with plenty of people out in the summer sunshine. It did dawn on me though that with no other vehicular access possible on the Busway, a puncture at this point would really scupper things. It was also around this time that my legs and back began to complain and the monotony of a seemingly dead straight path began to wear me down a little. At last, I emerged into the village of Impington Mill and made a necessary stop at a shop for some Lucozade and Ibuprofen. The lady behind the counter saw my bike and the way I was dressed (cycling shorts and a clerical shirt and collar) and asked what I was doing. I explained the whole thing and she kindly announced, "No charge!" for the drink and

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As I left Cambridge behind, and Grantchester drew ever nearer Dad called to say that he thought a wedding was taking place at the Church of St Andrew and St Mary (my final destination). He let me know that he had parked the campervan at a carpark just outside the village and that Barbara would meet me near the Church. As the Church came into view, I quickly realised that it wasn't a wedding taking place, they were filming outside the nearby Vicarage for the Grantchester television series! There was Tom Brittney (the star of the show as Rev Will Davenport) receiving the attention of makeup artists before filming a scene three or four times in which he sat smoking a cigarette on the steps of the Vicarage before a schoolboy ran down the garden path to show him a letter. I couldn't quite believe it. This was the reason I had chosen



Grantchester as my destination and here it was being filmed! Never one to pass up an opportunity, I enquired if Tom would mind posing for a quick photo and twenty minutes later, he popped over and kindly obliged. He was a true gent and when I later tagged him on Instagram (as you do), he

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returned the favour and wrote "Great to meet you! And congratulations on the 61 mile cycle! (on a 1960's bike nonetheless). From one fake vicar to a real one."

Meeting Tom really was the icing on the cake of a most enjoyable day. In the end it took just under seven hours with four stops (and no punctures). I would never have got there without the help and encouragement of Dad and Barbara. In the end we raised just over £700. I'm already plotting my next adventure. Perhaps I should head to Pinewood Studios? It's only one hundred and sixteen miles from Edenham...

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Our volunteers have tackled hundreds of items over the years, including toasters, vacuum cleaners, Christmas lights, ceramics, toys, pushchairs, wooden furniture, sewing alterations and roman blinds - we also sharpen garden tools such as shears, lawn edgers and secateurs, which is very popular during the summer months.

It's not all about repairing though, we offer refreshments so all are welcome to pop along for a cup of tea or coffee, a piece of cake and a chat, we are a very friendly bunch. We have also recently started the Book Exchange and have built up a large collection of books and jigsaws that are available for swapping.

No booking is required for repairs (or refreshments!), so if you have something you'd like us to look at, please pop along - it's worth getting there early as we do get busy. We meet on the last Sunday of each month (except August) from 2-5pm in St Firmin's Church Hall in Thurlby. If anyone would like any further information then please email - thurlby.repair.cafe@gmail.com

A MESSAGE FROM OUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR PENNY ROBINS

South Kesteven District Council (SKDC) is taking steps to provide support for those living in South Kesteven who are struggling with the cost of living. The Council has set up a dedicated section on its website containing a wide range of information and advice. This can be found at www.southkesteven.gov.uk/costofliving.

SKDC is supporting small businesses signing the Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) Local Leadership Partnership on behalf of the Council, pledging to work with the FSB to mutually support those wonderful independent businesses in our district. It is important because they contribute to local economies by bringing growth and innovation and providing employment opportunities.

Former senior Army officer, Cllr Richard Dixon-Warren, has been appointed SKDC's Armed Forces Champion. His role gives extra impetus to the Council's prestigious Defence Employer Recognition Scheme Gold Award announced in July, recognising the Council's exceptional levels of advocacy and support for the Armed Forces. Richard, who was elected as ward councillor for Aveland in February, retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in 2017 after 40 years of service.

More on SKDC's work with the Armed Forces community:

www.southkesteven.gov.uk/lincscommunitycovenant

Group leaders at SKDC have signed up to a campaign aimed at raising public awareness of the role of councillors in their communities.

The Local Government Association's "Debate Not Hate" campaign also calls for more support for local politicians facing abuse and intimidation. During these politically turbulent times, it's important to remember that anyone, regardless of their background or political affiliation, should feel safe to become a councillor and be proud to represent their community.

Following the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, we are mourning the loss of a monarch who dedicated decades of her life to her duty. Thanks must go to our Parish Councils and all those volunteers who worked tirelessly to ensure that residents across South Kesteven were able to mark the occasion and pay their respects.

Notes for the Edenham, Grimsthorpe & Scottlethorpe Parish Council Meeting 27th September 2022

Attendees: Parish Councillors Mr Clarke (Chairman), Mr Wilson, Mrs Marshall, Mrs Treacy, Mrs Avis and Mrs Sands (Parish Clerk).

Apologies: Councillors Mr D Hawes & Mrs P Cranfield (Vice Chairman)

Christmas Carols & Christmas Tree: Date confirmed as Thursday 15th December 2022. Parish Clerk to contact Heath & Pam Cranfield to check if the field can be used and ask Grimsthorpe Estate if they will donate a Christmas tree.

NALC & LALC Civility & Respect Project: Parish Clerk to draft a policy on behalf of the Parish Council for approval at the meeting 8th November 2022.

LALC New website: This website is now fully operational and the Parish Clerk is inputting the Parish Council contact information.

TRS Building Grimsthorpe: Tree height reduction Parish Clerk is awaiting information from BT/Openreach.

Pillar Wood Farm: Anglian Water has carried out planned works. The Parish Council will monitor the situation during the next few months to ensure the works have been successful.

Play Area Inspections: Councillor Treacy raised concerns with regard to exposed concrete where animals have burrowed near the play equipment.

ROSPA Annual Inspection Report: the report was shared with the Councillors in advance of the meeting. It was agreed that the Parish Clerk get quotes for work identified in the ROSPA report and the concerns raised by Councillor Treacy.

Financial Matters:

Expenditure: Due September 2022

HMRC 2nd Qtr Payment £45.40

Community Street Clean 2nd Qtr salary £181.32

Parish Clerk 2nd Qtr Salary £171.00

External Play area Inspection £84.15

Platinum Jubilee Photo framing costs £49

Bank Reconciliation Report:

Treasurer's Account Balance: £3168.66

Business Account Balance: £3440.92

Anglian Water: Reservoirs & Pipeline updates

Highways: Temporary traffic restriction- Lound, Grimsthorpe, Elsthorpe, Edenham, Bulby, Irnham & Ropsley

External Auditors: Procurement exercise is underway to appointment auditors for the next 5 years from 2022.

Polling Station Review: Consultation changes and recommendations within this review do not affect our Parishes.

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The gallery will close for the winter on the 25th November and reopen on 22rd March 2023

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The Flodden Plaque

The small village of Tickencote lies in the east of the county of Rutland, two miles north-west of Stamford. The village is mentioned in the Domesday Book of 1086 with the Countess Judith of Lens, a niece of William the Conqueror, listed as Tenant-in-Chief. From the 17th century the Lordship of the Manor was held by the Wingfield family. The first of that name was John Wingfield who moved into Tickencote Hall in 1602 with his wife Elizabeth. John originated from the Suffolk branch of the family who came from the village of Wingfield in Suffolk. They in turn descended from Sir Henry Wingfield of Letheringham, also in Suffolk. The Tickencote Wingfields were great benefactors of the local church, financing its restoration in 1792.

For such a small village to have a church at all is surprising. What is even more remarkable is that the church is exceptionally fine with superb architectural features. The massive Norman chancel arch is rightly regarded as the finest in England, the stunning rib vault in the chancel is certainly

unique in the country and there is a 600 year old wooden recumbent effigy, sadly now showing its age. For these features alone the church is well worth a visit.

Easily overlooked amongst these attractions is a small oak plaque on the south wall of the nave. Inset into the plaque is a brass tablet commemorating the death of Sir Anthony, one of the Suffolk Wingfields, who was killed at the battle of Flodden in 1513.



The brass tablet reads, in translation from the old northern English:

“At Flodden field did bravely fight and die,
Of Wingfield sons, the brave Sir Anthony,
But death he counted much gain since he,
Over the Scot did gain the victory”.

The inscription on the oak plaque reads:

“The above was given to this church in 1938 by John Parry Wingfield.
It was probably first fixed in Letheringham church in Suffolk.
The battle was fought on the 9th September 1513”.

According to the Church guide book, the brass tablet was found in a shop in Lowestoft in 1862.

The battle of Flodden was fought in Northumberland. King Henry VIII was in



France having joined the Holy League formed by Pope Julius II fighting against French territorial ambitions in Europe, leaving the defence of England in the hands of the 70 year old Thomas Howard, Earl of Surrey.

King James IV of Scotland was obliged by a mutual defence treaty with the French to invade northern England. He raised an army of 30,000 men including the flower of the Scottish nobility and marched south from Edinburgh crossing the English border at the River Tweed.

The Earl of Surrey mobilised 26,000 men at his base at Pontefract Castle and then marched north to Wooler in Northumberland. Surrey was concerned that the Scots might retreat back across the border from their impregnable

position on Flodden Edge, a hill 500 feet high.

Surrey and his entire army undertook a daring march in foul weather to outflank the Scots and deployed to the north of the Scottish position. The English had cut off King James's supply line and his retreat to Scotland, leaving him no option but to fight.

A bloody battle ensued, with cannon fire, volley after volley of deadly arrows and vicious hand to hand fighting. The Scottish army was eventually destroyed, King James was killed, the last king in Britain to fall in battle, along with twelve earls, fourteen lords, at least one member of every leading Scottish family and 10,000 of her soldiers. The English lost no more than 1500 men.

There is a handsome memorial cross, erected in 1910, at the site of the battle with an inscription:

“Flodden 1513. To the brave of both nations.”

There is a memorial window in St. Leonard's Church in Middleton, Lancashire, commemorating the archers of Middleton who fought so valiantly under Sir Richard Assheton in Sir Edward Stanley's division of the English army. The window is claimed to be the oldest war memorial in England. Perhaps the Flodden Plaque in Tickencote Church, Rutland, can challenge this assertion?

A visit to the battlefield at Flodden is highly recommended. An equal recommendation can be made for Tickencote Church, which has the benefit of being much nearer. Prepare to be amazed by the chancel arch and the rib vaulting, but spare a glance for the Flodden Plaque and spare a thought for those brave men of long ago.

Dick Mundy



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Witham Hall's Winter Fair will be taking place on Saturday 12th November from 10am—4pm. There will be over 60 stalls showcasing small and independent businesses – a full list of stallholders can be found at www.withamhall.com/winterfair. **Entry to the Fair is free** – hot food and a café will be available, along with a children's area and raffle.

This year's event will be supporting Alice's Arc, Witham Hall's school charity for the 2022/2023 academic year. Alice's Arc is an organisation 'dedicated to finding a cure and kinder, more targeted treatments for those affected by the childhood cancer, Rhabdomyosarcoma'. In the summer of 2021 a Witham Hall Year 1 pupil began a fierce battle with Rhabdomyosarcoma. We have chosen Alice's Arc in his family's honour to support all that they are going through and to get behind the fight against this horrible and very specific form of childhood cancer.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Fair and raising money for such a worthy cause.

Jane's Seasonal Recipe

This is a recipe from a Waitrose newspaper. At the time of going to print, I haven't actually made them, so I do hope they are ok! We have parsnips in the garden and intend to dig up the first ones in a few days, so I look forward to trying out this recipe. Let me know what you think of them.

Parsnip & Parmesan Scones

*320g sr flour
1 tsp baking powder
1 tsp dried sage
75g butter
1 large parsnip
30g parmesan
½ teaspoon wholegrain mustard
150ml milk
1 egg*

Mix flour, baking powder and sage in a large bowl. Rub in butter to make fine breadcrumbs. Stir in coarsely grated parsnips and 25g finely grated parmesan. Mix mustard with milk, stir into flour with a round bladed knife, combining well. Tip dough onto a floured board, bring together and roll out to 2.5cm thick. Use a 5cm cutter to cut 15 scones. Put on a baking sheet, brush with beaten egg and scatter over remaining parmesan. Bake at 220°C for 12-15 mins until risen and golden. Serve warm, spread with butter.

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Answers to the Quiz

1. Persian. 2. MaineCoon. 3. Bengal. 4. Sphinx. 5. Rag Doll. 6. Russian Blue.
7. Burmese. 8. Manx. 9. Panther. 10. Cheetah. 11. Leopard. 12. Jaguar

PARISH SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER 2022

	Swinstead	Witham	Edenham
6 th November <i>Third Sunday before Advent</i>		10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist 4pm Evensong (Stable Chapel)
13 th November <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	6pm Remembrance Service	10am Parish Eucharist followed by 11am Act of Remembrance	11am Act of Remembrance followed by 11.15am Parish Eucharist
20 th November <i>Christ the King</i>		10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist 4pm Evensong (Stable Chapel)
27 th November <i>Advent Sunday</i>		10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist 6pm Advent Readings & Carols

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