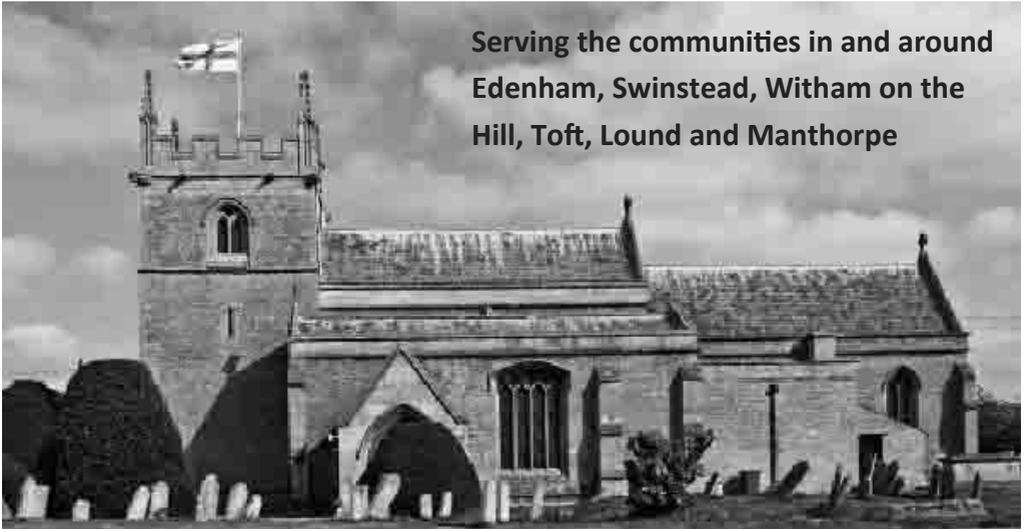


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# Parish News

**Let's Play Darts!** Swinstead Village Hall recently hosted the Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance, who received a fabulous donation of £1,220 raised by the Swinstead Marathon Darts Team via a 12-hour Charity Darts Marathon.



**WELL DONE** to Jodie Whitehead for organising such a successful Afternoon Tea on Saturday 22 July. Jodie and her helpers raised £1,010 for Cancer Research UK and Alex's Wish (Conquering Duchenne).





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**CONGRATULATIONS:** Swinsteadite Sylvia Curtis turned 80 recently and her close-knit family and friends turned out for a fancy afternoon tea at the Village Hall, continuing to a lively evening of DJ and dancing. Rumour has it that Sylvia hit the dance floor with some great singing and moves. Congrats Sylvia – you are loved by many.

**CONDOLENCES** to family, friends and neighbours on the loss of Michael (Mick) Batchelor of Witham on the Hill, who passed away peacefully on 12 June.

**CONDOLENCES** to family and friends of Debbie Joyce (eldest daughter of Bob and the late Jill Ray, formerly of Witham on the Hill) who passed away in Thorpe Hall Hospice in June.

**CONDOLENCES** to family and friends of Cilla Hibbins of Stamford, who passed away in June. Cilla and family have been supporters of St Andrew's Church, Witham on the Hill, for many years since their children attended Witham Hall School.

**BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who helped with St Andrew's Church working party in July. The entrance to the Church looks stunning, with beautiful lavender beds and weed free paths. And the brass and silver inside is gleaming. Well done all!

## **Dates for Your Diary**

**Every Thursday & Friday, 6.30pm and Saturday, 7pm** - The Swinstead Village Bar has new Summertime opening hours. We have a pool table, a dart board and an electronic score board, along with a great mix of low background music. Our volunteer Bar staff will be sure to greet you with a nice cold beverage, or you may like to try an IPA or Craft Beer from one of our newly installed beer pumps which change weekly – there's even an outdoor table and chairs for summer evenings.



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**Wednesday 2, 16 & 30 August, 10.30am to noon, Swinstead Village Hall**

**Coffee Morning.** Come and meet some new friends and enjoy some banter accompanied with coffee, tea, scones, cake and a raffle ticket, for £3.00.

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August , 6pm , Grimsthorpe Castle - A Midsummer Night's Dream Outdoor Theatre.** Tickets start at £10 and can be bought online at <http://grimsthorpe.co.uk/>

**Friday 18 August, 7pm 'till late, Edenham Vicarage Garden - Smuggler Jack.**

Tickets £10 from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on?q=Edenham%20Vicarage&date=2023-08-18](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on?q=Edenham%20Vicarage&date=2023-08-18) - Under 16s free entry!

**Sunday 20 August 2pm rounders match and boules on the village green,** Witham on the Hill. All welcome. Bring a picnic and a chair, come for a chat or join in the games.

**Monday 28 August 3-5pm Afternoon Tea in the Garden, Swinstead Hall.**

Raising funds for St Mary's Church, Swinstead. Raffle, Tombola, games. If anyone would like to donate something to the tombola, please contact Isobel - 07962 216082 or Louise - 07484 715067

**Saturday 9 September, 7.30pm, Swinstead Village Hall Race Night.** Giddy Up and get ready for Swinstead Race Night, including fish or sausage & chips, and £1 free bet for £10pp. Book your ticket via [swinsteadevents@gmail.com](mailto:swinsteadevents@gmail.com)

**Wednesday 13 & 27 September, 10.30am to noon, Swinstead Village Hall**

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**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September, 6pm, Grimsthorpe Castle – “The Archaeology of Castles” .** Tickets are £10 and can be bought online at <http://grimsthorpe.co.uk/>

**Saturday 23 September, 9am onwards, Swinstead Village Hall Pop Up Salon - Pamper Day.**

**Friday 29 September 7pm, St Mary's Harvest Supper** in Swinstead Village Hall after the Harvest Service.

# Afternoon Tea in the Garden At Swinstead Hall

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**Saturday 30 September, 10.30am to 12.30pm, Swinstead Village Hall Macmillan Coffee Morning.** Join our Coffee Morning raising monies for Macmillan Cancer. Lovely cakes and slices available, along with a raffle. Everyone is welcome.

**Sunday 1 October, 6pm St Andrew's Church, Harvest Festival and Supper.**

**Saturday 7 October, 3pm onwards, Swinstead Village Hall, Mad Hatter's Cream Tea Party.** Did somebody say Mad Hatter? Dust down your headwear and let's have some fun! We are hosting our own Mad Hatter's Cream Tea Party complete with obligatory hats – the crazier the better. Children and adults are all welcome to join in this Alice in Wonderland 'Mad Hatter's' afternoon party. Tweedle Dee Cream Tea £7 and Tweedle Dum Prosecco Cream Tea £10 - tickets available via [swinsteadevents@gmail.com](mailto:swinsteadevents@gmail.com). Why? Well it's always tea time .... (and we are raising monies for the Village Hall Refurbishment project).

**Saturday 14 October, 8.30am to 10am, BIG BREKKIE, St Andrew's Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill.** All welcome. Donations to Christian Aid.

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**Saturday 28 October, 7.30pm to 11pm, Swinstead Village Hall Halloween party.** Get your best Halloween Costumes out for a spooky night of naughtiness. Guest DJ, Best fancy dress prize, vodka jelly shots - all for £5 a

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### **Saturday 26 August, 2pm - Guided Walk - Bourne Castle** with Steve Giullari.

A site visit to explore the locations of the various discoveries. £5 each to be paid to Steve on the day. Why not visit Baldock's Mill as well during the afternoon. Meet at War memorial. All Welcome.

### **Monday 2 October, 7.30pm - Talk**, Malcolm Scriven, '**Bourne on the Eve of the First World War**' which is based on the 1911 Census of Bourne.

Members £2, visitors £4, on the door. All Welcome.

**Monday, 30 October, 7.30pm - next members' meeting** After the meeting a social session with refreshments - bring an interesting article or topic to discuss.

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# The Siege of Burghley House

Few will disagree that Burghley House in Stamford is the finest Elizabethan country house in England and richly deserves its fame and its grade 1 listing. Most of the rooms and interiors received make-overs in the 18th century but the exterior largely retains its original period appearance. The magnificent 1,300-acre park surrounding the house was laid out between 1755 and 1780 by the celebrated landscape architect Capability Brown who also built the lake and the Lion Bridge. The house was built between 1555 and 1587 for Sir William Cecil, later 1st Baron Burghley, Lord High Treasurer and Secretary of State to Queen Elizabeth I. Queen Elizabeth was succeeded by King James I (also King James VI of Scotland – son of Mary Queen of Scots) in 1603, followed in turn by his son Charles I in 1625.

Charles was a very different monarch to Elizabeth. In religion he was uncompromising, enforcing the High Church form of ritual worship. He believed in the "the Divine Right of Kings", meaning he was above the law and answerable only to God. Rather than cooperate with his Parliaments Charles treated them with contempt and levied taxes without their consent. In early 1642, he tried, unsuccessfully, to arrest five members for treason. This action, and his unyielding attitude to religion and politics enraged Parliament and his subjects who saw his actions as those of an absolute and tyrannical monarch, which soon led to riots breaking out and eventually to civil war.

In its early years the war was a series of skirmishes and battles fought locally between local forces. In 1643 the Royalists, who supported the King, were in a strong position in the East Midlands having occupied Newark Castle in December 1642 and Belvoir Castle in January 1643 and large-scale raids were launched into the area from these strongholds.

On the 11th April 1643 a raid on Grantham led to a Royalist victory at

Ancaster Heath, prompting a southern offensive led by Viscount Baptist Camden. On 19th July, Camden took command of a 1,000 strong force from Belvoir and Newark Castles and assaulted Peterborough, held by the Parliamentarians. The attack was repulsed by Colonel Palgrave commanding a regiment of foot (infantry) from the Wisbech garrison. The Royalists retreated in disarray to Stamford. Palgrave was reinforced by Colonel Oliver Cromwell who arrived from Northamptonshire with seven troops of horse (cavalry) and three companies of foot.

After a vicious skirmish around Wothorpe House, the Royalists retired to the grounds of Burghley House, held by the Countess of Exeter for the King, and sheltered behind its stone walls. Cromwell suffered no losses in the skirmish but several Royalists were killed or captured.

On the 23rd July the Parliamentarians were further reinforced by 4,000 men and 14 cannon from East Anglia. In the pitch dark early the following morning they opened a two-hour bombardment but made no impression on the defenders. The Royalists were offered quarter but they refused. The fighting then resumed until the afternoon when the heavily outnumbered Royalists finally surrendered. Cromwell took them all prisoner: two Colonels, six Captains, four hundred foot, two hundred horse and all their weapons. Cromwell later sent the Countess of Exeter a portrait of himself by Robert Walker, which still hangs in Burghley House, out of the high regard he felt for the lady.

Marching towards Grantham, the Parliamentarians were attacked by four hundred “clubmen” two miles outside Stamford at Great Casterton. Clubmen were local civilians who supported neither side but who just wanted to defend their property and their families from attacks by rapacious armies. The clubmen killed some of the Parliamentarian scouts but then Cromwell sent four troops of horse to drive them off. Fifty clubmen were killed and the rest fled into nearby woods.

No siege damage to Burghley House can be seen. The south front may have been destroyed in the bombardment and, as has been suggested by some architectural historians, was rebuilt in its entirety in the late seventeenth century.

Further rebuilding took place during the period of the 9th Earl of Exeter's ownership in the eighteenth century when, guided by Capability Brown, the south front was raised to alter the roof line and to allow better views of the new parkland he had designed.

The south front is a bit difficult to get at (see opposite). The west side of the house is protected by what is known as a ha-ha (pictured below), comprising a 6-foot-deep trench, revetted on the house side with a stone wall. The ha-ha keeps the



wandering deer away from the house and garden but unlike a hedge or fence does not interrupt the view. The south end of the ha-ha is hard against a



fence and the lake. The south face of the house is also protected by the same fence and lake. Sadly, all this protection prevents close examination and photography of the south side of the house.

The siege is a fascinating part of the history of Burghley House but strangely the attack is not mentioned anywhere, neither at Burghley itself nor in its website nor in any of its publicity. Nevertheless, a visit is always rewarding. Although a charge is made for a tour of the house, entrance to the grounds is free. A new car park opened in May 2023 and is also free, at least for the moment. The grounds are wonderful to walk around with many ancient trees particularly oaks, sweet chestnuts and sequoias dotted about, and some stately tall conifers at the west end of the lake. The herds of deer appear to wander at will and are very photogenic, providing they are not approached too closely. It's all very calm and very peaceful, a far cry from the sounds of cannon fire and conflict from times long ago.

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## The Vicar Writes

“Liberate yourself from the Original Mumbo-Jumbo that liberated you from the Original Sin you never had!”

Such was the header being used by the National Secular Society (NSS) on its website a few years back selling ‘official’ De-Baptism certificates. For while the NSS had been asking the Church of England to provide a formal procedure for the cancelling of baptisms (including the removal of names from Baptismal Registers). In the face of obvious resistance, the NSS came up with a document of its own.

The “Certificate of De-Baptism” was designed to have a deliberately ‘home-made look complete with mock-official decoration and quasi-official language’. It read:

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The then NSS president, Terry Sanderson, said the certificates weren’t designed to be taken too seriously. Despite this, the NSS claimed that more than 60,000 copies had been downloaded. Given that each certificate cost £3, basic mathematics suggests that the initiative provided the NSS with revenue of more than £180,000. Not bad for something that ‘should not be taken too seriously’ (especially when you consider that Baptisms are free).

When Pope Benedict visited Britain in September 2010, he spoke of what he identified as being the secularisation of Europe and the



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wider western world and how, increasingly, indifference to Christianity has given way to both hostility and derision. In his first letter, St John reminds us of the contrast between the Spirit of God and the spirit of the world, which he calls “the spirit of falsehood” (1 John 4). The reality today is that we live in a world that’s becoming increasingly disinterested in what the Church has to say.

When people stop listening, what do you do? Give up and retreat into your own private world or club? Well, no. When Jesus embarked on his public ministry he not only spoke to people but he also actively went about doing good and making a difference in the lives of others. He met people where they were, both physically and spiritually. They saw and heard him, and this brought them hope and certainty in a way that nothing else could.

If we find it hard to put our faith into words (or when those words seem to have little or no impact), then we need to try find ways in which our actions can (and will) speak for us.

We need to ask how we can manifest our faith in a way that will not only get the message across but also bring with it a real and positive outcome for our hearers. In some sense it takes us back to the basic principle of ‘actions speaking louder than words’.

If you think that this sounds a little too secular (or even that it sounds a lot like cheating) then don’t forget that the very same dynamic and intention led to the birth of Christ himself. The whole point of the Incarnation (God becoming man) was to show and demonstrate God’s loving intention to all mankind together with his plan for conquering Original Sin once and for all, free of charge.

Jesus paid the price for us so that we don’t have to pay it ourselves. He’s not asking for £3 in return; all he’s asking is that we entertain the possibility that there’s something more to all of this than simply what we can see and know by ourselves. It’s an invitation that’s never struck me as being a particularly hard sell (nor has it ever sounded to me like a load of mumbo-jumbo). Freedom



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[www.willoughbygallery.com](http://www.willoughbygallery.com)

# Parish Council of Edenham, Grimsthorpe, Elsthorpe & Scottlethorpe

## Clerk's Notes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11th July

**Attendees:** Parish Councillors Mrs P Cranfield (Vice Chairman), Mr A Wilson, Mrs M Marshall, Mrs A Treacy, Mr D Hawes, & Mrs C Sands (Parish Clerk).

**Apologies:** Mr T Clarke (Chairman) & Councillor Mrs M Avis.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from meeting 16th May 2023 were accepted as a true record, proposed by Councillor Mr A Wilson, seconded by Councillor Mrs A Treacy.

**Parish Clerk and Councillors update from previous meeting:**

**Christmas Carol singing event:** The date will be agreed at the next meeting when all Councillors are present.

**Lincs Police Speed Awareness signs:** A number have now been installed around the village by the Parish Clerk

**New Meeting Matters:**

**Five Bells Public House Garden:** Parish Clerk has contacted the company that are dealing with the lease to ask that action is taken to tidy the garden.

**Play Area Information:** Councillor Treacy reported several posts require attention, along with areas of matting, concrete and grass. The damaged matting is believed to be because of the grass cutting, Councillor Wilson to contact the contracted company. The Parish Clerk confirmed that the annual inspection is booked for August. It was agreed that we should wait this report and then action any necessary works.

**Financial Matters:**

**Expenditure:**

Agreed at the May meeting. Parish Clerk, Community Street cleaning salaries & HMRC PAYE: Paid June 2023 total £412.66

(Due July & August agreed) Parish Council Admin: VAT form postage & cable ties for speed signs total £4.59 payable to the Parish Clerk Play Area Annual Inspection: Estimated £100

**Bank Reconciliation Report:** Treasurers Account (30th June 23) £4,163.52, Business account £3,455.76

**Correspondence:** Offer of free litter picking kits, Parish Clerk to follow up.

**Next Meeting Date:** 12th September 2023 at 19:30 hours.

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# Swinstead Parish Council

## Clerk's Notes—13 July 2023

**Draft Minutes** of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 11th May 2023 were agreed and accepted unanimously.

**Matters Arising.** Highways has approved the installation of two dropped kerbs in Park Road at no cost to the Parish Council, thus enabling safe crossing for those with mobility issues. The Clerk confirmed that he had spoken with the Airfields of Britain Conservation Trust, in relation to the Consecration of the WW1 Plaque in Creeton Road. The Trust advised that a number of villages have held a Consecration service. Fr Edward has kindly offered his services for the service. Cllr Hoodless will liaise with Fr Edward to confirm a date for the service, all those interested will be welcome to attend.

**Cheques to be signed.** Clerk's salary expenses £514.07, Village Hall hire £48. Both were agreed and signed.

**New Bank Mandate.** New signatories are required. The appropriate forms were passed to Cllrs Whitworth and Robinson for completion.

**Neighbourhood Plan.** The Parish Council is keen to investigate the possibility of creating a Neighbourhood Plan for the village. Cllr Vernon provided valuable information on the subject, time scale and the availability of grants to cover costs. Cllr Vernon suggested speaking with Cllr Nick Robins to confirm details of parish councils that have completed the process.

**Highways. New Estate Flooding.** The Clerk confirmed he had spoken to Highways regarding the ongoing problem of flooding at New Estate. Despite the Clerk suggesting the possibility of a collapse in the drain, Highways advised it will clean the drain on the next cycle.

### **Planning.**

S23/0923, Mr T Harrison, 33 High Street, Swinstead, Lincolnshire, NG33 4PA,

1. Fraxinous excelsion. (Ash tree) T1, fell to ground. (SKDC Work Allowed 14th June 2023)

S23/0691, Mr & Mrs Michael Sylvester, 28 High Street Swinstead, alterations to rear extension to include the removal and replacement of two windows, remove flat ceiling and replace with sloping ceiling, remove internal walls and doors, change bathroom suite and utility units. (SKDC consent has been granted)

**Jubilee Orchard.** Cllr Whitworth proposed installing a rabbit fence at the base of the deer fencing to prevent rabbits and muntjacs getting into the orchard, this was seconded by Cllr Robinson. After discussion, the councillors agreed unanimously. The councillors also discussed the future use of the orchard with the possibility of an “Orchard Fest” in September to celebrate the fruit harvest. The Clerk to speak with the Grimsthorpe Estate for clarification. Residents, watch this space.

**Additional Litter Bins.** Cllr Robinson asked if additional litter bins could be purchased from SKDC as the village only has one, currently located at the bus stop. He suggested they be positioned at the three entrances to the village. The Clerk to investigate.

**AOB.** Cllr Whitworth confirmed she is trying to confirm a date with the engineers who will service the defibrillator. The Clerk advised he is waiting to receive a quote to replace the signage on the planter in Creeton Road as it has degraded significantly. To be added to the September agenda for discussion.

**Date of Next Meeting.** 7 September 2023, 7pm at Swinstead Village Hall

<https://swinstead.pariah.lincolnshire.gov.uk/>

## WITHAM ON THE HILL WI

Our July meeting was a joint one with Carlby WI at Carlby village hall. The speaker, Jim Irvine, spoke of his Discovery of the Rutland Roman Villa. Jim explained that he is the son of the farmer who owns the 9-acre field near Ketton, where the villa was found. Early in 2020, severe flooding resulted in areas of the field being bare of crop. During lockdown in 2020, he met his family in the field. Walking along the river he noticed lots of bits and pieces, pottery and oyster shells that he hadn't seen before. He did some research, looked at aerial maps and LIDAR images from June 2018 during a very dry spell. He noticed crop marks. One Saturday in August 2020, after the wheat had been cut, he set out to locate the wall in the field. He dug a trench 2 feet down and found not a wall but one-inch square mosaic tiles! He expanded the trench and found more tiles, revealing a foot, then a person! At the end of the day he decided to call in an expert, Helen Wells, Leicestershire Historical Environment Records Officer. Alice Roberts, "Digging for Britain", came to look and did a TV programme. Archaeologists from Leicester University did the excavations. Various methods were used. Eventually the whole site was exposed – 11 metres long and 7 metres wide, showing 3 picture panels, depicting the story of Hector and Achilles fighting with spears. Coins dated 370AD, engineer's callipers, skeletons and pillar remnants have also been found. To preserve the mosaic, it has been covered in sand then with a protective membrane and is now a grass field!

What a fascinating talk! Carlby WI was thanked for hosting an excellent evening. Various outings are on offer for the coming months: a guided tour of Stamford on 4 September and a felting workshop on 23 September.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 1 August at 7.30pm in the St Andrew's Parish Hall in Witham, when Jean Jeffries will give us some recycling ideas. New members and visitors are always most welcome. For further information, contact Jane Clark tel 01778 590232.

# Jane's Seasonal Recipe

Who doesn't like strawberry ice cream? This is quick and easy to make and tastes heavenly!

## Strawberry and clotted cream ice cream

*600g strawberries*

*2 tablespoons golden caster sugar*

*275g clotted cream*

*400g tin condensed milk*

*300ml whipping cream*

Put chopped strawberries and sugar in a pan and simmer gently for 15 mins. Leave to cool for 10 mins, then whizz in a blender until smooth. In a large bowl beat the clotted cream until smooth. Gradually whisk in condensed milk until smooth and well mixed. Add the whipping cream and whisk until soft peaks form. Fold in the strawberry puree. Freeze in a container for at least 6 hours.



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	Swinstead	Witham	Edenham
6 <sup>th</sup> August <i>Trinity 9 / Transfiguration</i>		10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist  4pm Evensong (Grimsthorpe)
13 <sup>th</sup> August <i>Trinity 10</i>	<i>No service at Swinstead today</i>	10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist  4pm Evensong (Grimsthorpe)
20 <sup>th</sup> August <i>The Assumption</i>	10.30am Benefice Eucharist		4pm Evensong (Grimsthorpe Chapel)
27 <sup>th</sup> August <i>Trinity 12</i>		10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist  4pm Evensong (Grimsthorpe Chapel)

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**PARISH SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER 2023**

	Swinstead	Witham	Edenham
3 <sup>rd</sup> September <i>Trinity 13</i>		10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist  4pm Evensong (Grimsthorpe Chapel)
10 <sup>th</sup> September <i>Trinity 14</i>	8.45am Parish Eucharist	10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist  4pm Evensong (Grimsthorpe Chapel)
17 <sup>th</sup> September <i>Trinity 15</i>		10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist  4pm Evensong (Grimsthorpe Chapel)
24 <sup>th</sup> September <i>Trinity 16</i>		10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist  4pm Evensong with the Stamford Singers (Grimsthorpe Chapel)
29 <sup>th</sup> September	6pm Harvest Service & Supper		
1 <sup>st</sup> October <i>Michael &amp; All Angels</i>		6pm Harvest Service & Supper	10.30am Benefice Eucharist  4pm Evensong (Grimsthorpe Chapel)