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ASSISTANT CURATE

Later this month, David and Sarah Pickett will move, with their three children, from Mirfield Theological College, in South Yorkshire to Corby Glen. David is to be ordained on July 3rd to be the Assistant Curate in Beltisloe Deanery. I am designated as his 'training incumbent' and therefore a great amount of his time, at least initially, will be spent in and around the 'Three Towers' villages. My role is to help him adjust to life as an Ordained person, to teach him the practical, administrative tasks that are part and parcel of a Parish Priest's life,

to mentor him as he begins pastoral ministry and in the leading of worship, It is my task also to oversee his ministry as a teacher and preacher of the Faith.

David will join in the daily rhythm of prayer and worship of our communities, and as relationships and opportunities develop will spend time in some of the other thirty four parishes in our Deanery. All this is in place to enable David to prepare to take on responsibility as a Parish Priest in four years time.

Next month David will introduce himself; this month provides an opportunity to write something about ordained ministry in general.

HOLY ORDERS

During the Reformation of the mid sixteenth century, and the ensuing secession from the authority of the Bishop of Rome, the Church in England was very careful to keep unbroken the Apostolic Succession of its Holy Orders of ministry. From the time of the Apostles the authority to preside at the Eucharist, to Baptise, to teach the Faith, to bless and forgive in the name of Christ was conferred by prayer with the laying on of hands, by those who had received this commission by Christ himself. In this way men were ordained or 'set apart' for this role in the life of the Church. This gift of authority, and the ministry that flows from it was passed on from generation to generation by the sign or sacrament of the laying on of hands – this physical continuity ensuring the integrity of the ministry of those ordained.

There are three orders or types of ordained ministry – Deacon, Priest and Bishop. All ordained ministers

are ordained Deacon first. This is the foundation for all ordained ministry. David will be ordained Deacon in Grantham on the 3rd July. As soon as he is a Deacon he will become a member of the clergy and be addressed as The Revd or Father – depending on local custom. He will not be a 'Vicar' or a 'Rector' as this is a 'job title' of an ordained person – as would be 'Chaplain' or 'Padre'.

A Deacon is given authority by ordination to preach and teach the Christian Faith, to exercise pastoral care, to lead worship – including funerals. A Deacon in the Anglican Church does not Baptise or conduct weddings except in exceptional circumstances. Being a Deacon is usually a time of preparation for ordination as a Priest, although some men and women are called to remain as 'permanent Deacons'. All being well, after a year, David will be ordained Priest and then he will be given authority to preside at the Eucharist, to Baptise, to give absolution to those seeking forgiveness (hear confessions) and to give a blessing in Christ's

name. The order of Bishop can only be conferred on those ordained Priest and a Bishop has oversight of the pastoral care of the Clergy, has authority to ordain people to Holy Orders and to confirm people. The minimum age for ordination is twenty four, for Bishops it is thirty years of age.

Having a newly ordained Deacon in our communities will be a new experience for us all and it is important to realise that David will learn a great deal from his day to day encounters beyond the routine of Church life. Everyone will play a part in the development of his ministry – knowingly or not! He will be encouraged to make himself known to as many households as possible, and I am sure he will find a welcome in all our villages. Speaking personally I am looking forward to what will be a new challenge and opportunity, and I look forward to having a clerical colleague to share the daily round. My confident hope is that we all will be enriched by his time with us. Please join with me in remembering the whole Pickett family in your prayers.

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THE ORDINATION

There will be no 'main' Sunday service in 'Three- Towers -Land' on the 3rd July and everyone is encouraged to come to Grantham for the Ordination. Transport will be coordinated and we may provide a Coach if there is a demand. Please do look out for details in next month's Three Towers.

FRIDAYS AT EDENHAM

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I found this recipe when searching for ideas to use up gooseberries from the freezer, before Bob pinched them all to make wine (they do actually make an excellent wine though!) With the gooseberry season coming up, the ripe pink ones are best, so leave them on the bush longer – don't use hard green ones.

GOOSEBERRY & WHITE CHOCOLATE FOOL

12 oz gooseberries
3 tablespoons sugar
2 tablespoons water
1 large tub natural yogurt
150g white chocolate

Poach the gooseberries, sugar and water gently. Remove 4 whole gooseberries for decoration, before they turn to pulp. Leave to cool. Melt white chocolate gently until smooth – in a bowl over a pan of simmering water, or for 1 ½ mins in microwave, stirring halfway, taking care not to let it burn. Put half the cooled gooseberries in the base of 4 individual dishes; and stir the rest into the yogurt. Gradually stir the yogurt mixture into the chocolate and mix well. Spoon onto the gooseberries in the dishes, then leave to set for about 1 hour in fridge. Decorate with reserved gooseberries.

I did try this recipe with raspberries, but it didn't work so well – too sweet!

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A Whist Drive was held in the Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill on Friday 15th April at 7.0pm when £61 was raised for Church funds. Among the winners were:

GENTS HAND

1st Mr A Stanford
2nd Pam
3rd Mr L Stratton

LADIES HAND

1st Debbie
2nd Mrs P Stevens
3rd Mrs J Templeman

Among the raffle winners were Mrs A Blanchard, Mr S Osborne, Mrs M Imminck, Mr A Stanford, Pam, Mrs S Olley, Mrs G Stanford and Mrs P Stevens.

Thank you to all those who support these events and to everyone who kindly donate prizes, as I have mentioned before any prizes that are donated are a tremendous help towards funds. This was the last Whist Drive until the autumn when we will begin again on Friday 16th September at 7pm.

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News items to Tom - e-mail: lizandtom9@tiscali.co.uk

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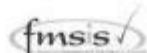
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We are proposing to offer the following:

Breakfast Club

Starting at 7.30am, we aim to provide children with a healthy breakfast before taking them to their schools.

After School Club

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service after school and parents will collect their children from the afterschool setting.

They can be provided with a hot meal before being collected by their parents at 6.00pm.

Holiday Club

This will be held for four weeks during the summer holidays within the grounds of Grimsthorpe Castle providing an idyllic setting, perfect for adventures.

Children will be involved in a variety of fun activities to ensure that they enjoy this learning experience. The club will start at 8.00am and finish at 6.00pm. All the clubs will be run by qualified staff and will offer a wide range of activities for your children to participate in.

To help us to provide a service that will work for your families, we would ask you to take a little

time to collect a questionnaire and return it to us as soon as possible. You can collect from and return directly to Edenham Pre-School or via the school office at Edenham CE Primary School if that is more convenient. You could also simply send an email and we will forward a questionnaire to you.

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St Andrew's Parish News

St Andrew's Parish Hall Management Committee AGM St Andrew's Parish Hall WITHAM ON THE HILL at 7.30pm on Tuesday 10 May

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HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY Eileen

Thompson. Hope you had a very happy day.

CONGRATULATIONS to Sarah and

Michael on the birth of a baby boy on 30 March. First grandson for Barbara and Jeff Vann.

WELL DONE to Glyn Tutt on getting St Andrew's church clock fixed. It is great to hear the chimes again.

GOODBYE to Glyn, Frederique,

Clementine, Pierre and Camille. We

wish you all much happiness in

France. Glyn will be sadly missed at St

Andrew's Church for all his hard

work, enthusiasm and cheerfulness – his willingness to turn his hand to any

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LENT LUNCHESES Thank you to

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REFERENDUM AND LOCAL ELECTION

The Village Hall will be the venue for all eligible parishioners to vote in the forthcoming referendum and local election. Both the Witham on the Hill and the Toft cum Lound and Manthorpe parishes will see their new Parish Councillors take their places on 9 May. There will be no opportunity for parishioners to vote for their Parish Council members as all those who put their names forward in both parishes were elected without competition. Congratulations to all our new councillors, we are sure that they will serve us well.

Witham on the Hill

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Neil Rogers

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Gary Anderson
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Tom McWilliams
Dave Stock

The Referendum — 5 May 2011

The Referendum is our opportunity to make clear our views on the future voting system for our Parliament in Westminster. The question will be:

“At present, the UK uses the 'first past the post' system to elect MPs to the House of Commons. Should the 'alternative vote' system be used instead?”

You are asked to decide on just one of these options.

District Councillor Election — 5 May 2011

We are also being asked to vote for our District Councillor on 5 May. Let's ensure that we make our votes count by voting for the individual that we believe will best serve us at District level. Not voting means that you will get the representation that others think you should get. Don't let this happen; **make your vote count**.

There was a piece in the April issue of The Three Towers from Tony Martin re his resignation after ten years service as Chairman of the Village Hall Committee. I would like to bring to your attention the amount of "unpaid" work he has done on behalf of our local villages. There is no doubt that our Village Hall is probably the best facility of its kind in the Area. All it needs now is a changing and catering facility for the Village Field so that it can be used more regularly without affecting the Village Hall.

I hope we can find a suitable replacement or even 2 persons to share the load so that these facilities can be maintained and improved. Personally I would like to publicly thank Tony and wish him well in his future life.

David Johnson

'I would like to endorse everything David has said about Tony and encourage parishioners old and new to help maintain and improve all that builds and enriches up our common life.'

Fr Andy

Clerk's notes of the Parish Council Meeting held at St Andrew's Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill 14th March 2011 between 7.30pm-9pm.

Four members of the Parish Council, the Clerk, District Councillor & three members of the public were present.

One of the major issues was the proposed planning application to change agricultural land into a Golf course. Members of the public were able to give their opinions and it was decided that the District Councillor would apply for the application to be discussed at South Kesteven District Council (SKDC) Development Control Committee. Councillors were concerned about the removal of mature trees without applying for the correct consent and two letters of objection had been received which raised many valid points. Other planning issues discussed were the proposed Village Green car park extension and additional joinery and materials at The Old School House. The councillors agreed that they would provide no representation to either. The clerk was asked to contact SKDC regarding the proposed removal of the willow tree at East Green.

Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) Arboriculturalist had checked the chestnut tree at the junction of Bottom Street and High Street. He informed the clerk that a micro moth was responsible for the brown foliage and the tree would recover.

A village highways walkabout had taken place on Monday 7th March with LCC Officers, C.Cllr. Trollope -Bellew and members of the Parish Council. It had been agreed that various patching work would be carried out and road markings, but the doubling of the kerb and replacing the grass along Main Street was to be deferred until 2011/12. Sue Pennant-Jones had reported that the internal back wall of the Stocks required attention. She also stated that there was a problem with the catchment sink not holding

water. After a debate it was unclear who owned that parcel of land, if anyone is able to help identify the owners please contact the clerk 01778 560634 (answer machine).

The next meeting will take place on Monday 16th May 2011 at St Andrew's Parish Hall at 7pm, this

will include the Annual Parish Meeting. This is an occasion for electors to raise any concerns they may have. You may wish to discuss parish affairs, make resolutions & vote, but these are not legally binding for the council. Electors may speak & vote. All welcome.



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FESTIVAL OR SUNDAY	SWINTEAD	WITHAM	EDENHAM
Easter 2 1 st May	8.45am Parish Communion	10.00am Parish Communion	11.15am Parish Communion 6.00pm Evening Prayer
Easter 3 8 th May	8.45am Parish Communion	10.00am Parish Communion 6.00pm Evening Prayer	11.15am Parish Communion.
Easter 4 15 th May	8.45am Parish Communion 6.00pm Evening Prayer	10.00am Parish Communion	11.15am Parish Communion 6.00pm Evening Prayer
Easter 5 22 nd May	8.45am Parish Communion	10.00am Parish Communion	11.15 am Parish Communion 6.00pm Evening Prayer
Easter 6 29 th May	ALL AT EDENHAM 10.30am Three Parishes Eucharist Rogation procession follows for those able to stay. – all should be over by 1215 (No evening service)		
2 nd June Ascension Day	7.30pm Eucharist		
5 th June Easter 7	8.45am Parish Communion ATH c and p	10.00am Parish Communion DFB c and p	11.15am Parish Communion ATH c and p 6.00pm Evening Prayer

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