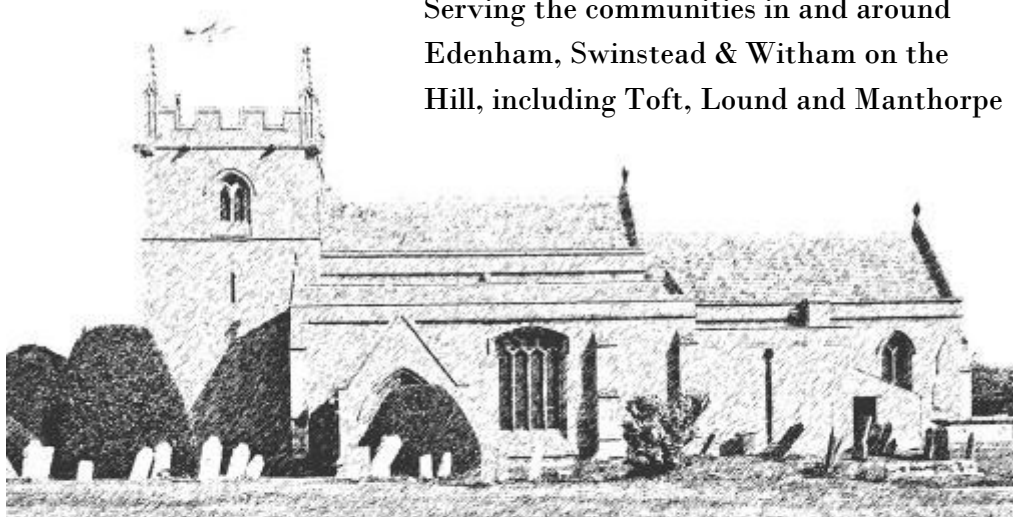


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BREAKING NEWS

HAPPY 60TH BIRTHDAY David Clifford on 15th July. Hope you had a great celebration!

CHRISTIAN AID Thanks to all the collectors and donors. £139.63 was collected in Edenham and Swinstead; £213.91 in Witham on the Hill and Manthorpe; and £70.50 was raised in Witham on the Hill during Lent lunches . Thank you all for your generosity.

JACK WAINWRIGHT R.I.P

Bertha wishes to thank all her friends and neighbours for the care and support she received before and after Jack's funeral. Revd Canon Andy has been a great help with his prayers and understanding to all the family. Our thanks also go to Sally Bennett, and her staff, for the lovely selection of refreshments that were served up on the day. Thank you.

WITHAM ON THE HILL VILLAGE LUNCH

The next Village Lunch will be on Thursday 29th September at 12.30 pm. Price £ 7.50 per head. All Welcome.

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

Tuesday 13th September 7.30pm – Bell Ringing lessons and practice begin for details phone Jane on 590232

Saturday 24th September meet 10.00am Church and Churchyard working party – please bring your own kit!

VICAR'S MENTIONS

The Revd Canon Andrew Hawes M.A. SSC
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THE VICAR WRITES: I notice that the comedian Marcus Brigstock has joined those other wits Stephen Fry and Ricky Gervase by opening up an income stream titled 'mocking religion' (see latest best sellers list)! It's easy to make fun of religion – I do it all the time; when clergy get together we usually end up in hilarity having a good laugh at church life – someone usually has a good funeral, wedding or baptism story to tell, most of which couldn't be published.

But there is something serious here about intelligent, well educated, middle class Englishmen ridiculing the foundations of the society that nurtured the freedom of expression they enjoy. In a celebrity culture it is the Frys, Bonos and Brigstocks that act as the contemporary prophets and soothsayers and they deserve to be taken as seriously as they take

themselves. So being serious I would like to make two observations.

The first is that what they satirise is not the life of faith and spirituality as most people of faith experience it. It is one thing to pillory established religion, it is another to belittle the encounter of the human with the divine, which has been and is the catalyst for the highest expressions in art and the source of inspiration in many areas of knowledge.

This leads me to a second observation. These are clever people whose capacity to reason has somehow become disconnected (perhaps wilfully) from the spiritual experience which is the well spring of consciousness. Until the eighteenth century, and the ironically named 'enlightenment,' the purpose of human reason was 'illuminated' by the life of the Holy Spirit. Even the pagan philosophers of the classical world saw that human reason without spiritual enlightenment was handicapped – without spirituality

humanity is destined to be 'one-eyed' and 'one-lunged'. (For any reader who is interested in exploring this further see Eric Mascall –'Whatever happened to the human mind?')

In this way our prophetic comic social commentators are more the result of society than its opinion formers (which is why they are so popular). It is, however, a society which in Christian terms knows how to exist but has forgotten how to live. The New Testament echoes the Old in having quite a lot to say about the 'fool who says in his heart there is no God.' St Paul points out that the 'wisdom of God is foolishness to man.' Jesus was, before his death, 'satirised' by being dressed and revered as a King – a Monty Python moment in the Gospel accounts.

This comedy business is deadly serious – I wonder who will have the last laugh?

For your diaries – Swinstead Harvest Festival is on Friday 7th October at 7.00pm followed by supper in the Village Hall at 8.00pm.

Edenham Patronal Festival is on 29th September (Michaelmass) at 7.30pm followed by supper in the Vicarage – please let the Vicarage know if you would like supper (01778 591358)

Edenham Harvest Festival is on Sunday 9th October at 11.15am. The Supper is on Friday 14th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Witham's Harvest Festival is on Sunday 2nd October at 10.00am followed by a bring and share lunch for all ages!

Advanced notice - Patronal festival 30th November – service at 6.30pm followed by Supper at 'The Toft House Hotel.'

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

Saturday 8th October. Leave Edenham Church 08.30am return 6.00pm. Coach fare for adults £10 - first child in a family free and subsequent children (under 14) £5. Please sign up in Church – more details to follow.

More on Pre-payment Funeral Bonds

It was with interest as a Funeral Arranger working for R J Scholes Funeral Services, that I read the article by Revd Canon Andrew Hawes on the funeral service of the late Mary Roberts. I totally concur with his comments regarding the advantages of arranging your own funeral by way of a pre-payment Bond. When I see a family to arrange a funeral, they are understandably keen to ensure the service meets the wishes of their loved one who has passed away. This creates additional pressure on the family at a difficult and stressful time, and this can be alleviated if a pre-payment Bond has been completed. In the Bond a person may detail exactly the type of funeral they require, by specifying if it is to be cremation or burial, along with any personal requests such as hymns to be sung and the type of coffin. The Bond is guaranteed against inflation and you are protected against the rising cost of funerals. Therefore there is no financial burden on the family when the funeral is arranged, unless they request extra services that are not included in the Bond. Revd Canon Andrew Hawes has kindly offered to discuss Bonds with any one who is interested and similarly the staff in our offices at Deeping (01778 380659), Stamford (01780 763092) and Bourne (01778 394687) are available to provide guidance to anyone who wishes to know more about Funeral Bonds.

Kevin Bannister

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If you have any news or announcements that you may wish to share with the Parish then please offer them to us for publication.

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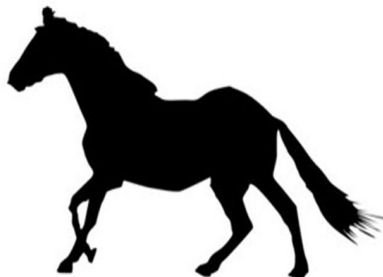
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GARDEN PROJECT

All things being equal the stone will arrive, the contractors will follow and all the work will commence in August. This is amazing considering the project was launched only last October and since then £12500 has been raised from various sources. We are all dying to see what it looks like and very excited to explore all the new possibilities it will open up.

The finishing touches are being made to our Autumn Programme. The event for September is 'something completely different!' We have invited Kate Austin of 'ChristArt' (www.christart.co.uk) to come and lead a day. This will be on Wednesday 14th from 10.00am to 4.00pm. Kate is an artist who enables an experience of prayer and contemplation through the use of art in various mediums. She provides all the materials and the day is suitable for absolute novices and practised artists. The day including lunch, tea and all other refreshments plus all the materials for the exercises is £20. To book a day ring 01778 591358 or call athawes@tiscali.co.uk.

FRIDAYS AT EDENHAM

Every Friday at Edenham, except Good Friday, there is a celebration of the Eucharist in the Stable Chapel at 12 noon. This service is quiet and reflective and includes a Homily. It lasts around 40 to 45 minutes. For those able and willing to stay, the Eucharist is followed by a bring and share lunch.

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View from the Pew

St Andrew's church is no stranger to special celebrations; be they the marking of a Christian festival, a wedding, a baptism or even someone's birthday, we do celebrations! One weekend in June this year saw a celebration of a somewhat different kind; we celebrated "life in the community". That is to say, we celebrated one another.

On the Friday, much activity could be seen as displays were erected and flowers arranged into every nook and cranny. The church was transformed as people told one another of their interests and skills. Embroidery, pictures, sculptures, books, services of different kinds. From a wonderful display (including edible samples!) from the Munton's Farm Shop and catering business in Manthorpe, who celebrate 30 years of service to the community, to a display of lovingly reconditioned hand tools destined for Africa, the church told the story of ordinary people and their extraordinary talents.

Countless times that weekend someone said to me : " I did not know so and so did such and such" No, nor did I, and what a joy it was to

discover it all!

This was not a fund raising activity; no entry fees and even the most delicious teas in the village hall were free to all. It was, rather, an awareness-raising event, a time to enjoy one another's company and make use of that most beautiful of buildings, the church, which belongs to us all.

On Sunday evening the festival concluded with a wonderful Evensong service, the ladies' choir from Lincoln joined by a ladies' choir from Sweden sung joyfully and added their musical talents to those on display. I am sure they will have gone back home thoroughly impressed by our welcome, not least because of the refreshments on offer, as St Andrew's Parish Hall was still brimming with all the generous contributions to the feast.

Thank you all for taking part and now that all is back to normal, I hope many of us feel we have created new bonds which will enrich our life. When you are passing by, do pop into church and read the delightful messages left in the visitors' book.

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Toft cum Lound & Manthorpe Parish Council - Clerk's Report

Meeting held at the Toft Hotel on 12 July 2011.

Planning application details were updated; full details are available on the SKDC planning web site.

Playing field in Manthorpe rabbit infestation is being resolved and anti bird fouling spikes will be installed above the swing frames to reduce bird droppings on the children's swing seats.

New village signs for Toft have been ordered and will state "Welcome to Toft, Please Drive Carefully". Further warning signs on the approach to Toft from Bourne are being considered including a reactive speed sign.

A **Parish community cleaner** has been appointed and the scheme is working well.

The Parish Council is proposing to purchase 2 marquees for communal use during Parish functions. The Council is also considering making these available for hire to local parishioners.

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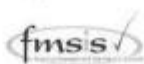
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Many thanks to all those who supported the event by preparing signs and paperwork, those who opened their gardens, the helpers who manned the car park, helpers, including members of the Witham on the Hill WI, who served tea and cakes. A special thanks to Witham Hall School for the use of their car park and for opening their gardens to our visitors.

This is the third time open gardens has been held in the village. Not only was it really enjoyed by all the visitors but also by those who participated – and of course it was a good reason to ensure that all the gardens were at their best. Previously it has been held every 2 years but, due to the success this year, we now hope that it will become an annual event.

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Edenham Parish Council Meeting 12th July 2011

Open Forum - A member of the parish raised the issue of traffic and car parking along School Lane Edenham expressing concerns over safety and inconvenience caused to local residents. This issue has been on-going for some time and it is hoped that the 'soon to be installed' School Safety Zone will help alleviate the situation. Council will monitor the situation once the Zone is in operation.

Parish Council Meeting - Councillors re-elected during the recent uncontested local elections were; Cllr Jean Joyce (elected as Chairman), Cllr Tony Martin (elected as Vice Chairman), Cllr Anna Edwards, Cllr Angela Schwarz, Cllr Pamela Cranfield, Cllr Ray Biggs and Cllr Arthur Stanford.

Annual Parish Insurance policy renewed after a substantial reduction in the premium due to revised cover.

It was reported that the **Edenham Village Hall/Playing Field Committee** has agreed to continue to manage the facility. However, it and the Parish Council would still appeal to anyone who has the enthusiasm to put something back into the community and to volunteer their services on the committee. Every little helps! Interested? Contact the Chairman - Michael Wilson, Secretary - David Johnson, or any Parish Councillor who will only be too glad to hear from you !

Queens Diamond Jubilee - It was proposed that the Parish should commemorate the Jubilee in some way, either by an event or the provision of a more permanent reminder such as wooden bench or planters etc. Parishioners are requested to consider the matter and put forward ideas to any councillor so that they can be considered at the next Parish Council meeting to be held on Tuesday 13th September 2011 in Edenham Village Hall at 7:30pm - all welcome.

Parish Council Notice - Could all landowners/tenants please be aware that there appears to be an increase in the presence of 'Ragwort' within the Parish and that it is their responsibility to remove these dangerous plants and dispose of them correctly iaw the appropriate Defra Code of Practice.

Local Community Police Team

Edenham Parish is now covered by the Grantham South Rural Community Police Team who can be contacted via the following:

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Swinstead News

Swinstead village fete will be held on Sunday 31st July starting at 2.30pm in the grounds of Swinstead Hall. Refreshments, traditional games, stalls and a raffle. Definitely fun for all the family young and old.

Bingo will be held in the village hall on Monday 8th August, Monday 12th September and Saturday 24th September; eyes down at 7.30pm for good prizes.

On Friday 7th October the annual Harvest Festival service will be held at St Mary's Church, Swinstead commencing at 7pm. This will be followed by the traditional harvest festival supper at the village hall. Tickets for the supper are available from Elsie Kiely on 01476 550512

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It is quick and easy to make, but it does have to be started the day before!

White Currant Tart

500g fromage frais
450g plain yogurt
3 tbsp icing sugar
grated zest of a small lemon
450g white currants
75g butter
300g lemon biscuits
icing sugar for dusting

Mix the fromage frais and yogurt. Line a colander or sieve with muslin or a new J Cloth. Pour the mixture into the sieve, place the whole thing on a shallow dish and put it in the fridge. Leave overnight. Melt the butter. Crush the biscuits, then mix them with the melted butter. Tip them into the tart tin and press down firmly. Chill for 20 minutes. To make the filling, discard the liquid, tip the strained cream cheese mixture out of the muslin into a bowl. Stir in the sugar and zest. Smooth the filling into the chilled tart crust. Pull the currants from their stalks and pile them on top of the tart filling. Dust generously with icing sugar and leave for a few minutes before slicing.

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4th October – 'The Luttrell Psalter' – Mr N Lance

The Historical Society

All meetings are in the St Andrew's Parish Hall at 7.30pm

Monday 26th September 2011 - Film Show by Lincolnshire Film Archive, local Historical motion picture clips

Monday 17th October 2011 - Talk by Tina Lee on "Victorian Village School Days in Kesteven"

Monday 21st November 2011 - Talk by Ray Biggs on "Grimsthorpe: a quintessential English Estate"

Next Members Meeting - Monday the 5th September 2011

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7 TH August Seventh after Trinity	8.45am Parish Communion	10.00am Parish Communion	4.30pm Grimsthorpe Chapel
14 TH August Eighth after Trinity	8.45am Parish Communion		11.15am Parish Communion 4.30pm Grimsthorpe Chapel
21 ST August Ninth after Trinity	8.45am Parish Communion	10.00am Parish Communion	4.30pm Grimsthorpe Chapel
28 TH August Tenth after Trinity	8.45am Parish Communion	10.00am Parish Communion	11.15am Parish Communion 4.30pm Grimsthorpe Chapel

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PARISH SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER 2011

	SWINSTEAD	WITHAM	EDENHAM
4 th September Eleventh after Trinity	8.45am Parish Communion	10.00am Parish Communion	11.15am Parish Communion Visit to Cathedral Evensong 3.45pm leave 2.30pm
11 th September Twelfth after Trinity	8.45am Parish Communion	10.00am Parish Communion and Holy Baptism 6.00pm Evening Prayer	11.15am Parish Communion
18 th September Thirteenth after Trinity	8.45am Parish Communion 6.00pm Evening Prayer	10.00am Parish Communion	11.15am Parish Communion
25 th September Fourteenth after Trinity	8.45am Parish Communion	10.00am Parish Communion 6.00pm Evening Prayer	11.15am Parish Communion
2 nd October Fifteenth after Trinity	8.45am Parish Communion	10.00am All Age Communion	11.15am Parish Communion 6.00pm Evening Prayer

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