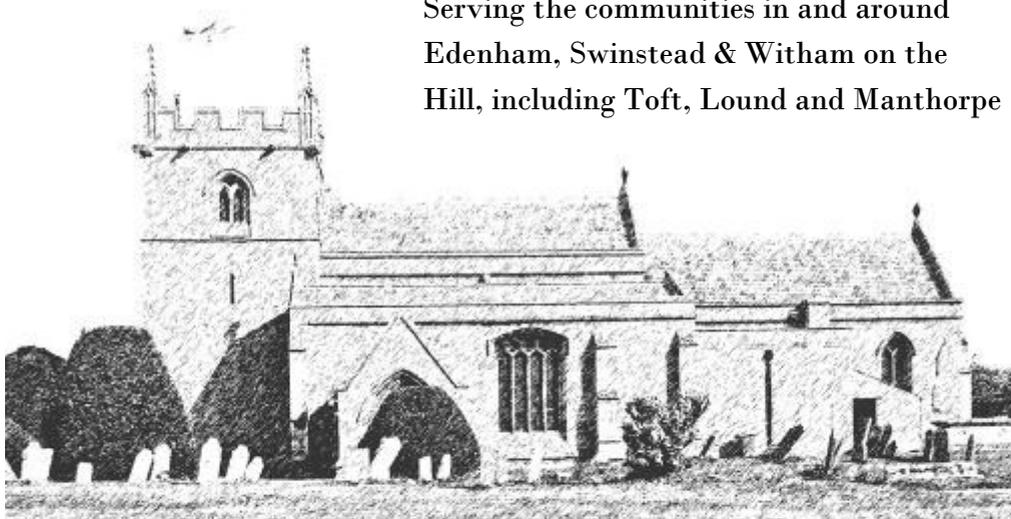


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PARISH NEWS

Helen and Chris Goulding would like to thank The Three Towers community for their continued prayer support. Helen writes:

A recent visit to our GP turned into a celebration when he spent most of the consultation marvelling at Chris's recovery. We came out walking on air and our first thoughts were to thank you all. We have been grateful to Father Andy for his quiet reassurance and to Heather and Ron who have been there for us 24/7 and to all of you for your prayers. Thank you so very much for your support and thank God for his Goodness.

Baptism - baby Noah James Styles of Thurlby on 11th September.

Baptism - Nancy Clark, baby daughter of Angela and Ivan Clark of Aunby, on 18 September.

Welcome Noah and Nancy to our Church family.

Wedding - Claire Renner & Gareth Burley on your marriage at St Andrew's Church, Witham on the Hill on 30th July.

Wedding - Robbie and Holly Longstaff on your marriage in Norfolk on 17th September.

Wishing all 4 newlyweds much happiness in their new lives together.

Wedding Vows - Sandra (nee Lock, formerly of Witham on the Hill) and Wayne Brown on the renewal of your wedding vows on 3rd September.

Congratulations to Michael and Rosemary Wilson who arrived at Grimsthorpe in August /September 1961 making it 50 years in the village. Michael has worked on the Estate for 50 years and joins a group of three others he would have worked with ,John Green, Bill Dale and not forgetting John Armstrong ,all who have worked on the Estate for 50 years.

VICAR'S MENTIONS

The Revd Canon Andrew Hawes M.A. SSC
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It is said 'a problem shared is a problem halved' and there is indeed some truth in that. I have never heard it said that 'a joy shared is a joy doubled' but it is certainly true. To share good news or simply to share good things with others does increase both a sense of appreciation and the experience of thanksgiving. Sometimes it is impossible to keep causes of celebration to ourselves. 'I just had to tell someone' a friend might say about a piece of goodness.

I would like to think that the life of the church community is one where joys are shared, and thanksgiving is offered both with and on behalf of those we know and even those we don't. Each Sunday we hear the phrase 'it is our duty and our joy to be thankful at all times and in all places.' To the best of my knowledge there is no other organisation that is so 'geared up' for saying thank you.

From a Christian point of view God is the source of all things and therefore is the object of our thanksgiving. In the same way as joy shared with a friend increases our happiness and celebration, joy expressed to God, with others, lifts our heart and mind into the heart of our Heavenly Father.

Some readers might respond by saying 'I can be thankful without the help of the church!' Indeed you can but you can't be thankful unless you have someone to thank; furthermore it would be a shame if all you could ever be thankful for was found in the tiny part of the universe you inhabit.

There is one time of the year in which the Church excels in thanksgiving and that is harvest time. Sadly, the past twenty five years have seen the celebration of harvest diminish, even in rural areas. This is partly to do with the gradual separation of communities from the land but it is also a reflection of an attitude to life that takes the fruits of the earth and the labour of humanity for granted.

This year our parish churches are putting even more effort into Harvest Thanksgiving. I hope that many readers will come along to enjoy the unique sight and smell of a church dressed for harvest and enjoy singing the wonderful harvest hymns including: 'all good gifts around us, are sent from heaven above, so thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all his Love.' Amen

HARVEST CELEBRATIONS

Witham on the Hill:

Sunday 2nd October 10.00am – Harvest Thanksgiving for all ages, followed by coffee etc. and at 12 noon a Bring and Share Lunch in the Parish Hall.

Monday 3rd October 7.30pm – Traditional Harvest Supper in the Parish Hall – catering by 'Mill Farm Catering'. Tickets £10.00 BYO drinks. Raffle and sale of produce for St Barnabas Hospice. Tickets from Church, Mill Farm 01778 590263 or the Vicarage 01778 591358.

Swinstead:

Friday 7th October 7.00pm –

Harvest Festival followed by Harvest Supper in the Village Hall. Tickets £6 from Church or phone 01778 550512 or 01778 591358.

Edenham:

Sunday 9th October 11.15am – Harvest Thanksgiving for all ages.

Friday 14th October 7.30pm – Harvest Supper, tickets £5 from the Post Office, the Vicarage or at Church.

8th OCTOBER - DAY PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

Walsingham in north Norfolk has for centuries been known as England's Nazareth. In the eleventh century the Lady Richeldis had a dream in which the Virgin Mary showed her the house in which Jesus had grown up in Nazareth and asked her to build a copy as a place of prayer. This she did and in so doing discovered a spring. The little house and the spring soon became a place of pilgrimage and healing. Until 1539 the Augustinians managed a huge church and complex for visitors – in that year Henry VIII (once a

Walsingham pilgrim) dissolved the house and the shrine was closed. In the 1930s the Vicar of Walsingham revived the practice of pilgrim and built another 'Holy House' and, as a thousand years before, a spring was uncovered. This much smaller shrine church is now a very popular place of pilgrimage and has a newly opened visitor centre and restaurant. It also provides educational opportunities for children and young people. Children from Edenham School have visited Walsingham twice in recent years.

On our day-pilgrimage we will join in the 12 noon Pilgrims' Eucharist, have a choice of a picnic lunch (there is a room set aside for this) or lunch in the Pilgrims' refectory or in a local pub. The children will have their own post-lunch activity and adults will have time to look around or pray the 'stations' in the grounds. At 2.15pm we will join in the service for healing and leave for home at 4.00pm. The coach leaves Edenham Church at 8.30am and returns at 6.00pm.

The cost is £10.00 for adults – the first child in any family is free, subsequent children £5 each. To book a place please contact Fr Andy or fill in a booking form to be found in church.

ADULT NATIVITY PLAY

The Vicar plans to produce a Nativity Play with an adult cast to be performed in Edenham Church on the 21st December at 7.30pm. If you are interested in helping in any way please let him know ASAP.

CONFIRMATION

Next year's Confirmation will be at St Andrew's Witham on the Hill at 1030am on Sunday 29th April. Preparation Groups will begin before Christmas so please let Fr Andy know if you are interested sooner rather than later.

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The work on the garden and the wheelchair routes through grounds is now well underway.

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The autumn programme of events is now underway and includes the following:

Saturday 1st October: the Annual Apple Day, – bring your wellies! Help pick, wrap or chop apples from the orchard – lunch and worship provided – all ages welcome.

The day is free but please book. Phone 01778 591358 or email edreghouse@tiscali.co.uk to make a booking.

Friday 7th October: **'The Lord is My Light and My Salvation'**.

Fr David Mackenzie – a former RAF padre with many years' experience of retreat ministry leads a day exploring ways to live in the 'light of Christ'. Fr David uses both visual art and music to illustrate his talks. Suggested Contribution £12.50

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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MUSIC IN QUIET PLACES

Simon Thacker, head of Guitar at Edinburgh Napier University, entertained a large congregation on a beautiful summer evening in July in St Andrew's Church with a variety of music from around the world; from Spain to Brazil, Paraguay to Mexico, then to Japan and a final piece by Benjamin Britten. What a treat! Refreshments provided by Church members raised £165 profit for Church funds. Thank you all.

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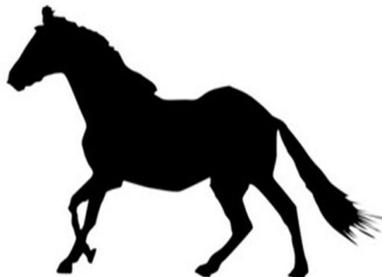
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Operation Christmas Child – Shoebox Appeal

It is getting to that time of year again to find an empty shoebox and to fill it with toys, educational supplies, hygiene items, sweets (not chocolate) hat, scarf and gloves etc and then it will be sent to a child in need across Africa, Eastern Europe and Central Asia. Last year our 3 parishes, including Edenham primary school, filled 122 shoeboxes and they were delivered to Belarus.

Hopefully, with your parish magazine you will find a leaflet which tells you all about Operation Christmas Child and a very easy step by step guide of how to pack your shoebox and exactly what to include in it. If you feel you are not able to fill a shoebox any donations of the items included in the leaflet would be most useful.

Your filled shoeboxes or individual items can be left with the following people:

Lynda Wilson - 1 Blackhorse Bungalow, Grimsthorpe. Tel. 01778 591309 (Lynda can also collect if you are unable to drop shoeboxes off.)

Jane Clark - Witham on the Hill. Tel. 01778 590232

Elsie Kiely - Swinstead . Tel 01476 550512

It would be appreciated if the shoeboxes could be dropped off by Sunday 23rd October. If you need any more information please do not hesitate to contact Lynda (phone number above). Let's try and beat last year's total.

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Clerk's notes of the Witham on the Hill Parish Council Meeting, held at St Andrew's Parish Hall, 12th September 2011

The Clerk informed the meeting that the majority of the land which contains the Stocks and Sinks area was unregistered with the Land Registry. After considerable discussion it was decided that the Parish Council would monitor the situation. Cllr. Stanton informed the meeting that he had spoken to Ray Thompson in regard to the site and he was prepared to help with some remedial work when time allowed. The Clerk reported that Lincolnshire Highways had sent their Maintenance Team to remove the weeds along the side of the road towards the crossroads. She also reported that South Kesteven District Council had confirmed that it had inspected the blocked drain at the bottom of East Green car park and arranged for it to be cleaned out. The hedge along the footpath towards the crossroads had been trimmed.

It was decided that the Council

would not open a Melton Mowbray Building Society Account as it was hoped that work would start on the extension to the car park on the Green, which at last had been approved with conditions. It was agreed that the Clerk and Cllr. Stanton would obtain quotations.

There was a long debate in regard to the planning application from Mr Soar, Palace Close – demolition of existing dwelling and garage, replaced with private dwelling house and garage. Concern was expressed about the height in comparison with the original building and colour of bricks. It was agreed that there would be no representation for the removal of one Eucalyptus tree at Brook Field House, and pollard of Willow, The Chilterns.

It was reported that pigeons were using the seats of the swings as a defecating area by perching above.

The councillors discussed the possibility of joining with other organizations of the parish to provide a village event to celebrate the Queen's Diamond

Jubilee in June 2012. It was agreed that an Open Meeting be arranged in early October. Please come and show your support or contact a member of the Parish Council, contact details available on the notice boards or parish website – <http://parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/WithamontheHill> .

If you are holding an event within the village or have interesting historical facts about the area

please forward to the Clerk for inclusion on the parish website, the site is only as useful as the information provided. This is a parish website not just for the Parish Council.

The next meeting will take place on Monday 14th November 2011 at St. Andrew's Parish Hall starting at 7pm. All welcome.

Rosemary Woolley, Clerk to the Council

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Edenham Parish Council Meeting Notes 13th September 2011

Open Forum: A member of the parish raised the issue of the condition of the BT kiosks in the parish – Secretary to contact BT about cleaning/painting. Also the issue of poor broadband service to rural residents/business was raised. Secretary gave details of current scheme to improve such services by Lincolnshire County Council under a government initiative. All local residents/businesses seeking improvement to their internet service are encouraged to visit www.onlincolnshire.org and clicking 'register your interest'

Parish Council Meeting:

No objection/comments made to planning application for interior changes to listed property Grimsthorpe (Ivy Cottages)

Annual Audit Report from the auditors, Clement Keys, was read – Audit satisfactory, report accepted by meeting.

Annual Maintenance Grants to Edenham Parochial Church Council and Edenham Village

Hall/Playing Field were considered, it was agreed to make a small increase in these grants from £450 to £465 each for the forthcoming year.

Queen's Diamond Jubilee: It was reported that 'Steam Action' are considering organising an event to celebrate the Jubilee on Saturday 2nd June 2012 such as a family fun day at the village hall/playing field. Possible attractions would include musical entertainment, hog roast, children's games etc. The Council think this would be a great idea and fully support the proposal. It is also hoped that all residents get involved in marking the occasion by offering help during the preparations and participating on the day itself. Make a note in your diary!!

To make a more permanent reminder of the day it was proposed that a weather vane, depicting the year 2012, be purchased and erected on the Village Hall. Cllr Stanford volunteered to construct the vane.

Agreement on design to be discussed at the next meeting, subject to permission/agreement from the Village Hall committee being granted.

The next meeting of the Edenham Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 8th November 2011 at 7:30pm in Edenham Village Hall.

Steam Action News

Friday 11th November - Murder Mystery Evening at the Village Hall, Edenham. Tickets £6.50 including lasagne and salad supper, bring your own drinks.

Pudding Club

On a fine and sunny June evening, Liz and Dave and William and George Unwin welcomed us to Dairy Farmhouse for another meeting of the Pudding Club. Twelve delectable desserts were displayed divinely on the dining room table, awaiting expert tasting. This was preceded by Pimms on the lawn to get our palates in the mood. Then we descended...sampling each of the offerings - hot and cold, soft and sweet, crispy and sharp, beautifully constructed, decorated and so tempting. We tasted champagne jelly, coconut,

honeycomb, pecans, almonds and chocolate of course and decorated with beautiful summer fruits. Heaven on a plate! So difficult to choose a single winner. We really needed many different classes for complexity of construction; design and decoration; novelty but in the end all we could go on was taste. The honeycomb cream made by Jane Bradley stole the honours. Look out for our next recipe book coming soon with recipes for all the puddings.

Remember that the Pudding Club is open to everyone - either to bring along a pudding or just to come along and taste all the marvellous entries.

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Notes of the Swinstead Parish Council Meeting 7th July 2011

Anchor Farm Development, High Street: As there were no further developments regarding signage at this site, it was agreed that this matter will remain in abeyance.

Cheques signed since last meeting:

£96.00 E. Walsingham (supply and fix plaque to shelter); £100.80 PJH Landscapes (grass cutting); £40.00 T. Bradley (grass cutting)

Cheque signed at the meeting:

£50.40 PJH Landscapes (grass cutting)

Butter Cross: The application submitted to English Heritage had lapsed due to insufficient time to obtain plans and quotes. Two quotations have now been received for the work, the first for £2,080 and the second for £800. It was agreed to go ahead with the quotation for £800 from Neil Dolman, Architects in Grantham. The Parish Council has been informed that there will be an increase in this sum but that it will not be more than 5%. It was agreed that Neil Dolman be asked to go ahead with this quotation plus the 5% maximum increase. There will also be the builders' costs after the architectural plan is agreed. It was pointed out that there may be a requirement for an archaeologist to inspect the site and the costs involved will need to be investigated. Mr Somerville will investigate the various options.

H.M. The Queen's Golden Jubilee Celebrations in 2012: It was agreed that a draft notice be prepared to present to the next meeting in September relating to village celebrations.

Co-option of Member of Parish Council: Stephen Webb was co-opted onto the Council

Next Meeting: Thursday 8th September 2011 commencing at 8pm

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Memories of a Village Summer Wedding 30th July 2011 St Andrew's Church, Witham on the Hill

Grateful thanks for all the community effort and support put into helping to make Claire and Gareth's wedding day so wonderful. Family and friends were enthralled! The Rev Canon Andrew Hawes officiated with great love and sensitivity. The flowers in the Church were so beautifully arranged by the flower arranging team, masterminded by Jean Croft. The singing of the Three Parishes Church Choir, ably conducted by Sue Nicholls, was most harmonious and heavenly. Gill Stanford, organist, adapted to and accompanied the other musicians with grace; which finally culminated in a rousing rendition of Widor's Toccata, which she played with great gusto as the Bride and Groom proceeded down the aisle emerging into brilliant sunshine. At that point, the bell ringers led by Jane Clark struck up and rang out with great joyous zeal. What a wonderful memory! One definitely felt God's overpowering presence, which was enhanced by the dulcet tones of the harp, played by Andy Lowing, and Jo Hingley's velvety soprano voice; and also of the flute so beautifully played by Claire's friend, Caroline. Love was in the air and all around. It was a magical time! How fortunate we are to be living in such a fantastic community, surrounded by its rural charm. In these things, I thank God for all that is good.

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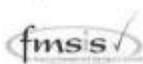
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Witham on the Hill Historical Society

All events held in the St Andrew's Parish Hall in Witham on the Hill

Tuesday the 4th of October 7.30pm The Women's Institute has invited all our members and supporters to a talk by Mr N Lance who is speaking on "The Luttrell Psalter" cost £2.50

Monday 17th Oct 2011, 7.30pm talk by Tina Lee on "Victorian Village School Days in Kesteven".

Monday 21st November 2011. 7.30pm, talk by Ray Biggs on "Grimsthorpe: a quintessential English Estate"

Next Members Meeting: Monday 7th of November at 7.30pm

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I am not fond of chutney (I don't like a strong vinegar flavour), but I often make it when I have a glut of fruit or veg as Bob loves it. However, this recipe is one of my favourites, as it is quite sweet and fruity. The recipe originally came from my Dairy Diary, and I first made it last year when I was given a bag of plums and pears. Chutney isn't difficult to make, just very time consuming, chopping all the fruit & veg, and having the patience to cook it for long enough. Chutney must be fairly thick – not runny!

Autumn Fruit Chutney (Makes about 4 x 1lb jars; if you are short of jars, I have plenty - please ask!)

500g bramley apples - peeled, cored & chopped

6 large conference pears – peeled, cored & chopped

8 large plums – stoned & quartered

600g blackberries

50g fresh ginger – finely chopped

red & green chilli 1cm piece of each - deseeded & finely chopped

600g onions – peeled & roughly chopped

750g granulated sugar

450ml distilled white vinegar

Put all the ingredients in a large stainless steel preserving pan.

Heat gently, stirring often, until it comes to the boil. Reduce heat & simmer for 3-4 hours, stirring occasionally to prevent it sticking to the bottom of the pan, until thick and reduced. Spoon into clean jars, warmed in the oven on a low temperature. Store in a cool dark place for a minimum of 1 month, to allow the flavour to develop, before using. Serve with bread, cheese & cherry tomatoes.

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Witham on the Hill WI

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

WI Coffee Morning - 11th June 2011

The morning went very well and everyone enjoyed themselves. We raised £326.14 and will be donating £178.58, a little over half of the money raised, to St Barnabas Hospice in the Home. Members of the WI think that St Barnabas is a very worthy and compassionate cause and we are pleased that it covers our area. In addition to a seemingly endless supply of delicious coffee, scones and muffins, there was a Cake Stall filled with our WI members' delicious homemade cakes, a Bring and Buy Stall, and a table loaded with raffle prizes, all donated by our members. We were delighted that over 55 people attended.

Catherine Gee, a delightful young mother who lives in Lincolnshire, opened the event. Catherine's time is precious; more especially at weekends when she is often busy filming. Nevertheless, she gave her time freely to our event and brought her two sons along too. Catherine has a warm and friendly personality and we were all delighted that she opened our Coffee Morning. We are

a small WI with 26 members and are very pleased that we have raised this money for such a worthwhile cause. We would like to thank everyone that contributed to our many stalls and gave their time to come and support us.

On Tuesday 2nd August, members of the Witham on the Hill WI were entertained by a talk on 'The Humorous Side of the Air Force' from Peter Ball. He regaled members with anecdotes from his time in training, and apprenticeship as an aircraft engineer – Peter said his 'best job' was 'fixing' aircraft that rescued people as part of the Search and Rescue Unit.

The regular walks have resumed, and on 26th July members went from Morrisons through the countryside with views of Stamford and Burghley. Table Tennis was on 13th August in Manthorpe as usual. 'Welcome to your new Home' laminated cards have been prepared, to be delivered to anyone moving into the area – they will give useful phone numbers of local services. The Autumn Craft Day will be on Saturday 8th October, 10-4, covering appliqué work.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 4th October – 'The Luttrell Psalter'

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Saturday 1st October - Cider Making Day at Palace Farm. Contact Bob Ray 01778 590438 or Andy Cordial 01778 590088

Saturday 1st October - the Annual Apple Day at the Vicarage Edenham

Sunday 2nd October 10.00am - St Andrew's Harvest Thanksgiving service followed by Bring and Share Lunch at 12 noon.

Monday 3rd October 7.30pm
Harvest Supper St Andrew's Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill

Tuesday the 4th October 7.30pm
Historical Society talk 'The Luttrell Psalter' St Andrew's Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill

Friday 7th October 7.00pm St Mary's Harvest Festival and Harvest Supper at Swinstead Village Hall

Friday 7th October - day retreat at Edenham

Saturday 8th October - day pilgrimage to Walsingham

Sunday 9th October 11.15am - St Michael's & All Angels Harvest Thanksgiving service

Friday 14th October 7.30pm – St Michael's & All Angels Harvest Supper at Edenham Village Hall

Saturday 15th October 10.30 to 12.30am - Macmillan Coffee morning with raffle, cake stall and bric-a-brac stall in the St Andrew's Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill

Saturday 15th October 7.30pm
Strictly Come Dancing Special St Andrew's Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill

Monday 17th October 7.30pm
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Wednesdays 26th October, 2nd and 9th November 2011 - Free beginners computing classes for the 60s and over. St Andrews Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill, 10am - 12 noon or 1pm - 3pm. Book by calling Kathy Biggs on 07939 669308

Friday 11th November - Murder Mystery Evening at the Village Hall, Edenham

Saturday 12th November 7.30pm - Witham on the Hill 1980's Quiz Night, St Andrew's Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill

Monday 21st November 7.30pm
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Laurie Brown RIP

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Derek Burchenell RIP

To family, neighbours and friends on the death of Derek Burchenell of Manthorpe, who died suddenly at home in July.

Doris Biggs RIP 1920-2011

Ray, Kim and Alex would like to thank everyone who has contacted them with messages of condolence and support following the sudden death of Ray's mum, Doris.

It was of great comfort to them that the community which had welcomed Doris so readily in 2009 helped to ensure her final journey was a loving and respectful one. They would particularly like to express their gratitude to Father David Bratley and Heather who helped them find strength when they needed it most.

PARISH SERVICES FOR OCTOBER 2011

	SWINSTEAD	WITHAM	EDENHAM
2 nd October Fifteenth after Trinity	8.45am Parish Communion <i>Harvest Festival on Friday 7th 7.00pm</i>	10.00am All Age Communion for Harvest	11.15am Parish Communion 6.00pm Evening Prayer
9 th October Sixteenth after Trinity	8.45am Parish Communion	10.00am Parish Communion 6.00pm Evening Prayer	11.15 All Age Communion for Harvest
16 th October Seventeenth after Trinity	8.45am Parish Communion 6.00pm Evening Prayer	10.00am Parish Communion	11.15am Parish Communion
23 rd October Last Sunday after Trinity	8.45am Parish Communion	10.00am Morning Prayer 6.00pm Evening Prayer	11.15am Parish Communion
30 th October All Saints Sunday		6.00pm Commemoration of the Faithful Departed	10.30 am Three Parishes Eucharist and Holy Baptism

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