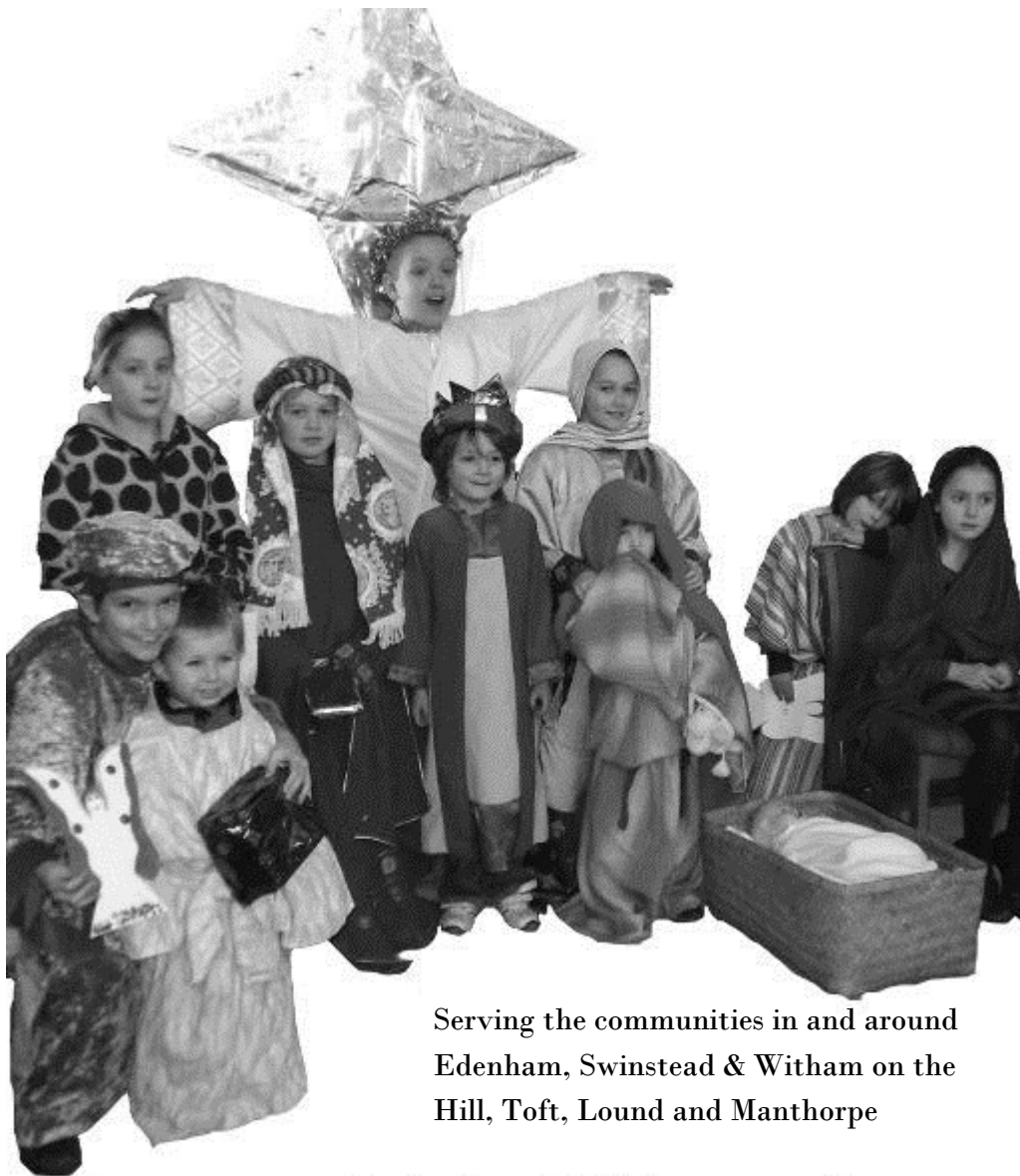


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Witham on the Hill - Thursday 22 December, 6.00pm onwards

Starting from St Andrew's Church. Do come and join us, or offer hospitality! Contact is Jane Clark on 590232.

Edenham - Monday 12th December, 6.30pm onwards

Grimsthorpe - Monday 19th December, 6.30pm onwards

Christmas Greetings - Grimsthorpe welcomes Colin, Jenny and Hanna Scott to their first Christmas in their new home.

THE VICAR'S WRITES:

No doubt the 'feeding frenzy' of Christmas will be sweeping us all away before too long. Most of us find it difficult to resist the impulse to 'buy and then buy some more.' At last this year, my own family have come to a common mind to prevent spending ludicrous amounts of money on stuff people may not want and definitely not need. We have resorted to the 'secret Santa system'; we have all drawn one name out of the proverbial hat and are tasked to buy that person a present – within an agreed budget.

This is very necessary in a family with young married couples and young families – a line has to be drawn somewhere to limit the amount we spend. Like most households these are times for having a good think and pray about how we use our resources and how we plan for the future. Times are changing and I, for one, have no difficulty in believing the analysts who predict that we shall never know the same prosperity as Britain knew in the 'noughties'.

I also believe the economists who are warning politicians not to plan policies predicated on the constant expansion of the economy. We ought to be looking to do more with less and rethinking our whole way of life. We must look away from the needs of the individual and our own household to the community and world beyond us seeking for ways to live that are more co-operative and less exploitative.

This renewing and reshaping of relationships is at the heart of the message of Christmas – God has come to dwell among us, and in His coming has given a clear bias towards simplicity and poverty – a reliance on simple love and hospitality. The angels proclaimed 'peace on earth to all people of good will.' It seems to me that all people of 'good will' should be looking very hard at their priorities in life, and at their responsibilities to the community. It will take people of good will of all faiths and none to make happy and stable communities in which the children born this Christmas can grow and thrive.

I hope and pray for the Spirit of the Christ Child to be at work in our homes and workplaces, that we may learn to honour and serve one another as His brothers and sisters, and let go of thinking of ourselves alone; that we may all come to know the love that lasts for ever which is His gift to us and not believe the lie that what we own matters more than how we live.

EDENHAM CHRISTMAS

COLOUR! For decorations this year will be red.

NEWS FROM THE REGIONAL HOUSE.

Hopefully by the time you read this the new lawn at the house will be coming through in a fresh green sheen and all the 4000 narcissi and croci bulbs will be safely under ground – what a show they promise to be.

All are welcome to the next events in the Regional House. Simply

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ring 01778 591358 to book a place.

ADVENT QUIET EVENINGS

Advent Poetry: Tuesdays 29th November, 6th and 13th December with Fr Andy. The evenings begin with Holy Communion at 7.30pm followed by a talk, some quiet time and ends with Compline at 9.00pm

A GREAT AND MIGHTY WONDER - Friday 2nd December

The Revd Peter Garland, leads a day using art to approach and contemplate the mystery of the Incarnation of Our Lord.

Suggested Contribution £12.50.

ONE PRAYING DAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS - Friday 16th

December - Sister Rachel, a solitary religious supported by the Annunciation Trust, leads a day of quiet preparation for Christmas.

Sister Rachel is an accomplished musician who has ministry in leading retreats and spiritual direction. Suggested Contribution £12.50

ACCORDING TO LUKE - an adult Nativity Play - Wednesday 21st

December at 6.30pm in Edenham Church. The performance will include carol singing by the audience. If anyone would like to take part, rehearsals will take place on Mondays 5th and 12th of December and Tuesday 20th December at 7.30pm. No auditions – just ring Fr Andy 01778 591358 for more details.

THE VICARAGE FAMILY AT HOME - Fr Andy, his wife Siân and their family invite parishioners old and new to the Vicarage for drinks anytime after the Nativity

Play on the 21st December. Just turn up!

A QUIET DAY FOR EPIPHANY
Saturday 7th January. Fr Andy asks the question 'what can I give Him, poor as I am? 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.

EDENHAM BRITISH LEGION COLLECTION - Geg Atter thanks everyone for their generosity – a total of £318.56 was collected. £145.27 in Edenham Village, £76.37 in the School, £25.57 in the Five Bells and £73.37 in Grimsthorpe and Elsthorpe. Thanks also to Geg for all his cheerful hard work.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL - Thank you to the generous people in the Witham on the Hill parish – we collected 9 shoeboxes of goodies for children in need abroad.

MARIE CURIE HOUSE TO HOUSE COLLECTION, WITHAM ON THE HILL - Thank you to everybody who gave so generously to the above collection. A grand total of £73.44 was received and has been forwarded to the charity.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING - Many thanks to everyone who helped and supported this event in St Andrew's Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill. £350 was raised.

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View from the Pew

We experienced another “first” at St Andrew’s on Sunday 6th November, involving a Baptism of a very special kind. As many of you were enjoying fireworks displays on Saturday night, some might have noticed that the lights were on in Church. Had anyone ventured in, they might have been taken aback to find the Vicar and a Church warden busily rigging up a paddling pool near the Lady Chapel. By Sunday morning some light was shed on the nocturnal activities for it was plain by then the pool had been transformed into a very solemn space.

All Baptisms are moving and joyous occasions but seldom have I felt the Grace of God so powerfully as I did that morning.

As usual, Father Andy brought his gift of the sacred to the occasion, mixed with just the right amount of humour. He kindly agreed to hold this ancient version of Baptism for a young mother who had decided that only immersion was right for her. In doing so, she brought a

very real sense of what it is to belong to an all enfolding Christian community to the rest of us .

Not only was our new member received into the Church in such a special way but her small child was also baptised that day too. To add utter glory to the proceedings, they were supported by a large number of their family and friends - not all of them church goers, yet clearly filled with a wonderful sense of pride and joy for them. It was a measure of the uniqueness of the day and the generosity of all who were in Church that almost everyone came to the altar to receive communion or a blessing.

Of course, no celebration is complete without a bit of a “do” and to our delight the Baptism party provided us with a most splendid buffet after the service.

Baptism by immersion may not be unusual in other traditions but I wonder whether one has ever been performed in our Church or indeed in many Anglican churches in this country in recent times.

Ann Taylor

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Witham on the Hill Parish Council Meeting Notes 14th November

One topic of the Public Forum was a motocross event which had taken place on land behind the Nature Reserve. The councillors were unsure what to base the complaint on but agreed that the organizer would provide further information to the January meeting.

Daffodil bulbs have been planted around the Stocks and Bywell area which should provide lots of colour for coming years.

Highways - temporary road closure notice - Main Street - 1st December 2011 to 31st January 2012 for kerbing and footway work. Diversion would be put in place but it was hoped that the road would be closed for one week only, date unknown.

It was agreed not to object to the following planning applications:-
Witham Hall School to extend the teaching block, Mr C Banks, repairs to the Dovecote behind Palace Farm, Mr Higgins, Longacre, to reduce the height of a Copper Beech and the Witham

Church Hall Committee to the thinning of the Spruce. An appeal has been made in respect of the Golf Course which was refused planning permission.

Another meeting has been held to discuss activities to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012. There will be a beacon, in the form of a bonfire, on the grass field behind the Village Green on the Monday evening.

Unfortunately a child had been caught by a window which opened over a footpath, no harm done, but it was suggested that a restrictor be placed on the window.

County Councillor Martin Trollope-Bellew informed the meeting that it was a myth that a member of the public could not clear snow from outside their own property without getting sued if someone had an accident. He also reported that there was to be more self help and this is where the Parish Council could become involved. He reported that the

County had been successful in a bid to receive money to help bring better broadband connection to the whole of the county. Finally he reported that there had been an overspend of £38 million in the building of the new Peterborough City Hospital. They did have a three star financial rating but this

had been lowered to one and had received a warning. The County have a meeting with them in the near future.

The next meeting will take place on Monday 16th January 2012 at St. Andrew's Parish Hall starting at 7pm. All welcome.

Rosemary Woolley- Clerk

A Whist Drive was held in the Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill on Friday 18th October when £65 was raised for Church funds. The Christmas Whist Drive with refreshments will take place on Friday 9th December at 7.0pm. We are always grateful for donations of prizes.

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EXCITING NEWS

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Saturday 2nd June 2012

7pm – 11pm Barn Dance (Ceilidh) with Moggy in the Wood

To be held in Witham on the Hill School Sports Hall for all the family and friends. Final details in progress and further announcements will be printed in Three Towers.

Sunday 3rd June 2012

Church Services

Monday 4th June 2012

Starting 2pm

Fun on the Village Green for everyone

Activities suggested include:-

*Children's Fancy Dress, Mini Olympics, Face Painting, Bouncy Castles,
Dog Agility Display, Tea Party, Rounders, Boule Competition, BBQ*

Also a challenge to Manthorpe for a 'TUG OF WAR'

The day will end with Lighting the Queen's Beacon (massive bonfire)

Further details are in progress. If you would like to help with the arrangements for this memorable event, the next meeting will be in the Parish Hall on Monday 19th December at 7pm.

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Edenham Parish Council Meeting Notes 8th November 2011

No members of the public were present. All parishioners are reminded that they are invited to attend Parish Council Meetings to voice concern/raise local issues with the Parish Council. Next meeting – 10th Jan 2012, Edenham Village Hall at 7:30pm.

Queen's Diamond Jubilee design for weathervane (donated by Cllr & Mrs Stanford) for the Village Hall agreed on – this will include a horse pulling a plough, incorporate a crown along with a plaque detailing the Queen's Jubilee.

The Jubilee Committee is to meet again on 5th Dec 2011 to progress plans for the parish's celebrations. This will be a family fun day held at the village hall/ playing field, commencing with a 'Parish Photograph' followed by attractions such as; musical entertainment; children's games, 'decorated wheelbarrow' competition, hog roast; etc. The council would again emphasize that the celebrations are an opportunity for all parishioners to

get involved in marking the occasion by both offering help during the preparations and participating on the day itself. Make a note in your diary, 2nd June 2012. Interested in helping? - please contact; any Parish Councillor or Steam Action/Village Hall committee member.

The new School Safety Zone in Edenham is working well – thanks to all involved; Edenham School, Lincolnshire Road Safety Team and Highways Dept.

Children's Play Equipment annual inspection report received – minor remedial actions to be carried out.

Highways are to install a new roadside salt/grit bin on Gunborough Hill.

Invoice (£77-00p) from SKDC for re-imburement of Local Election costs for the May elections paid.

THANK YOU to the Steam Action team that organised the Murder Mystery night - it was great fun, a jolly good evening of entertainment! By the end of the night and after 3 murders, we got the hang of what was going on (despite the alcohol consumed) and are convinced we will do better next time! A delicious pasta and salad supper was included in the price - thank you to those who prepared and served it. The star of the night was Ray Biggs, aka Sherlock Holmes, who looked magnificent in his costume. We look forward to his next performance - perhaps in a panto?

Hymns for People Over 50

'Give Me the Old Timers' Religion'

'Precious Lord, Take My Hand,
And Help Me Up'

'Just a Slower Walk with Thee'

'Go Tell It on the Mountain, but
Speak Up'

'Nobody Knows the Trouble I
Have Seeing'

'Guide Me O Thou Great Lord
God, I've Forgotten Where I've
Parked the Car'

'Count Your Many Birthdays,
Count Them One by One'

'Blessed Insurance'

'It Is Well With My Soul, But My
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Good old fashioned paper copy is also acceptable - drop into Fr Andy

THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE - WEEKEND SATURDAY 2ND JUNE 2012

An Edenham Parish Diamond Jubilee Committee is co-ordinating plans for the celebration next year, combining members of the Parish Council, the Church, the Village Hall committee and Steam Action. Together we have created a fantastic weekend of Diamond Jubilation so please put the date firmly in your diaries - Your Village Needs You!

The weekend will begin on Saturday 2nd June 2012 with a village photograph in front of the Village Hall - a professionally taken parish record, so please be there. This will be followed by the unveiling of a specially commissioned addition to our Village Hall - a permanent reminder of this auspicious occasion.

Then there will be Fun on the Field for the rest of Saturday afternoon - cricket, rounders, football tournament, tug-of-war, fancy dress competitions and the newly refurbished village hall games. Afternoon tea will be served, along with Pimms, and a jazz band will play.

On Saturday evening, The Elusive Black Dog Ceilidh Band will play at a barn dance, along with a hog roast and bar.

There will also be a decorated wheelbarrow competition, the winner of which will be announced on the Saturday. Details of entry will follow - watch this space.

The church will be hosting a photographic display - 'Six Decades of Parish Life', throughout the weekend.

The weekend will be rounded off with a rousing Songs of Praise in church on the evening of Tuesday 5th June.

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Swinstead Parish Council Meeting Notes 3rd November

No objections have been made in respect of the planning application for the erection of new gates to 15 High Street Swinstead.

A new planning application for an outdoor equine schooling area at Tower Farm, Forstedd Hill, Grimsthorpe is being considered by the Parish Council.

Neighbourhood Watch: The theft of lead from the roof of the church porch was noted.

Butter Cross: Mr Robbs sent a letter with plans to English Heritage on 12th September; he has heard nothing from them yet.

Creeton Quarry: A considerable number of objections raised by the County Council need to be

resolved before the Parish Council can debate its concerns about the early and late vehicular movements through the village.

HM The Queen's Jubilee 2012: a notice will be delivered to every resident in Swinstead village asking for any comments or ideas they may have relating to celebrations. This will be sent out before Christmas and a follow up around the beginning of February.

Community Wildlife Grant: The Chairman will write to Lady Willoughby, as owner of the paddock, with initial ideas regarding the future use of the small paddock on Creeton Road.

Date of next meeting: 12th January 2012.

The Swinstead Harvest festival service in the church was well attended, and a big thank you to all those who prepared the church. The service was conducted by Fathers Andy and David P, the readers included Elsie Kiely. The service was followed by the harvest supper in the village hall where diners were treated to a delicious salad buffet. This was followed by a quiz and a raffle which raised £76. Thanks goes to Yvonne and Ann and all those who helped to prepare and serve the supper.

Swinstead Parish celebrations of HM The Queen's Jubilee – 2012

Swinstead Parish Council invites residents to submit suggestions regarding local celebrations and/or commemorations to mark HM The Queen's Jubilee next year. The Council will consider suggestions at their meeting on 8th March and residents are also invited to present their proposals to the public forum at 8pm before commencement of the meeting. Please send your suggestions to –

Mrs Jane Hunt-Webb, Parish Clerk, Croake Hill Farmhouse,
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LINCOLNSHIRE CHURCHES TRUST says well done to Denis Murray on raising a magnificent £240 doing the sponsored cycle ride. Half goes to Edenham Church and the other half to The Lincolnshire Churches Trust. And well done to Kim Lowery and Ray Biggs who did the ride for the first time and raised £60.

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I've also never been in Cognito. I hear no one recognizes you there.

I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport; you have to be driven there. I have made several trips there, thanks to my friends, family and work.

I would like to go to Conclusions, but you have to jump, and I'm not too much on physical activity anymore.

I have also been in Doubt. That is a sad place to go, and I try not to visit there too often.

I've been in Flexible, but only when it was very important to stand firm.

Sometimes I'm in Capable, and I go there more often as I'm getting older.

One of my favourite places to be is in Suspense! It really gets the adrenalin flowing and pumps up the old heart - at my age I need all the stimuli I can get!

But one place I don't ever want to be is in Continent!

Father Andy and the 2 Father Davids along with your magazine team, Jane and Tom, wish all our readers a very Happy, Blessed and Peaceful Christmas and New Year.

As Father Andy says, perhaps it is time to spend less but do more! Enjoy the celebrations and think of those who are less fortunate.

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*'Step forward now, you soldier,
How shall I deal with you ?
Have you always turned the other
cheek ? To My Church have you
been true?'*

*The soldier squared his shoulders
and said, 'No, Lord, I guess I ain't.
Because those of us who carry
guns, can't always be a saint.'*

*'I've had to work most Sundays,
And at times my talk was tough.
And sometimes I've been violent,
Because the world is awfully
rough.'*

*'But, I never took a penny,
That wasn't mine to keep...
Though I worked a lot of overtime,
When the bills got just too steep.'*

*'And I never passed a cry for help,
Though at times I shook with fear.
And sometimes, God, forgive me,
I've wept unmanly tears.'*

*'I know I don't deserve a place,
Among the people here.
They never wanted me around,
Except to calm their fears.'*

*'If you've a place for me here,
Lord,
It needn't be so grand.
I never expected or had too much,
But if you don't, I'll understand.'*

*There was a silence all around
the throne,
Where the saints had often trod.
As the soldier waited quietly,
For the judgment of his God.*

*'Step forward now, you soldier,
You've borne your burdens well.
Walk peacefully on Heaven's
streets,
You've done your time in Hell.'*

Thanks to Fr David Pickett for this moving poem that formed part of his address during the Remembrance Sunday Service. Try reading this aloud without getting a lump in your throat -
Editor

EDENHAM C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL



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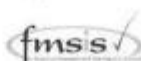
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Edenham Primary School

Ofsted at Edenham School

Edenham CofE Primary School welcomed Ofsted for a Full Inspection on the 3rd and 4th November. We were delighted with the outcome of 'Good with Outstanding features'. The inspectors recognised a rapid improvement since the last inspection and identified many high quality features of the school such as; - outstanding Care, Guidance and Support, well above average results at the end of Key Stage 2 in Reading and Writing, very high attainment in Mathematics, a rich and interesting curriculum and staff who work well as a team and support one another enthusiastically. Pupils received praise for being mature, reflective, well prepared for life in the future and actively involved in school life. Pupils and staff questionnaires were overwhelmingly positive about their part in school and parents provided many valuable comments such as 'school is like an extension of home', 'clubs – like gardening club – are brilliant!' and 'my children prefer being in school to being at home during the school holidays' in addition to a few interesting pointers for how we might improve in the future. Watch this space!

We would like to thank all families and Friends of the school for their moral and practical support – anything from completing a questionnaire, supporting in the class rooms to helping us with daily school life, week in, week out. We could not achieve so much without all of you. Please keep an eye out for the published report if you are interested – it should be available on the Ofsted website by the end of November or you can view it on our school website; www.edenham.lincs.sch.uk

Book Week

At the beginning of October, Edenham School enjoyed its annual Book Week. Events included reading with Buddies (children from older classes), hearing stories read by different adults, reading and enjoying a whole range of stories in classrooms, a visit from an excellent Book Fair; the event culminated in a Dressing-Up Day. The theme this year was Special Books and the costumes were stunning. There are some very talented costume creators out there. The overall winners were Leon West (Reception) as the Very Hungry Caterpillar, Neave Beardsmore (Year 2) as Dr Seuss, Sephia Giaracuni (Year 3) as The Mad Hatter and George Popple (Year 5) as Mr Strong. The Head Teacher says, 'Very well done everyone and thank you for a tremendous week.'



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JANE'S SEASONAL RECIPES

I am very partial to pork in any of its many forms – whether it be sausage, pork pie, belly pork, or spare ribs! I found this recipe in a booklet on the Mill Farm Shop stand at the Church “Celebrating our Community” event back in the summer. It is quick to prepare and can be just left in the oven to cook while you do something else! It is the most delicious pork recipe I have ever tasted - I think it is the chorizo that gives it the wow factor!

Slow Cooked Pork chops

4 pork chops

2 tsp olive oil

50g chorizo sausage, thinly sliced

½ pint stock

1 can butter beans

1 can baked beans

3 tbsp tomato puree

Heat oil in an oven-proof casserole dish. Brown chops on both sides. Add chorizo and allow oil to coat chops. Add stock, beans and puree. Mix well. Cover & cook in oven at 180c for 1 ¾ hours until meat is tender. Serve with green veg, jacket potato and/or crusty bread for dipping in the juices!

Heavenly!

Jane and Bob Clark wish all friends, neighbours and parishioners a joyful Christmas, and a very merry new year! As in the past few years, we will not be sending Christmas cards; but instead will send a donation to Peterborough Streets Day Centre, to help those less fortunate than ourselves.

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Witham on the Hill Women's Institute

The Witham on the Hill Women's Institute were entertained at their monthly meeting in November by Jane Barnes who spoke to the title 'Tales from a Farmer's Wife'. Jane is a third generation farmer's wife from Sowerby near Melton Mowbray. She explained how hard working cows are – they give milk for approximately ten months of the year, as well as producing many calves in their milking life. Jane also said she supplemented the farm's income by giving talks and arranging farm visits – which also educates future generations as it explains where food comes from and encourages them to protect our beautiful countryside.

The Autumn Craft day, held the previous month, had been a great success, and table tennis practice was continuing on 26th November, in Manthorpe. 6 members thoroughly enjoyed a day out in London at the TV studio in October to watch "The Alan Titchmarsh Show". One show went out live and one was recorded for showing the next day. A varied selection of guests included Anita Dobson, Lord Alan

Sugar and Erasure. It is hoped to organise another such trip for the spring. An outing to the Lincoln Christmas Market has been arranged for 4th December and ten members will be picking up the coach in Bourne. A Christmas lunch has also been arranged for 7th December at The Toft House Hotel. The next walk will be Thursday 12 January - walking from Bourne to Thurlby, lunch at The Horseshoes, then walking back to Bourne.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 6th December at St Andrew's Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill – Christmas party and supper – bring a present for Santa's sack! The speaker at the February meeting will be Rev Peter Morrell, talking about his life as a Judge; and in March Marion Fraser will talk about her various craft hobbies including quilting.

New members and visitors are always most welcome. For further information please contact President Ann Burbidge tel 01778 590132.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Swinstead Christingle - 11th December at 4.00pm in the Parish church. The Christingle is fun, informal and relaxed. It is aimed at children, young persons and families alike. It is a beautiful service and all are welcome.

Swinstead Christmas Bingo - 12th December at 7.30pm. Good prizes plus the snowball; if anyone would care to donate further prizes (all proceeds go to Church funds) please contact Elsie Kiely on 01476 550512.

Edenham Arts, Craft, Needlework and Fellowship Group - 30th December 2.00 to 4.00pm in Edenham vicarage. The Group meets on the last Friday of each month for Design, Stitch, Chat and a cup of tea.

Visit our Facebook page for ideas for kneeler designs.

80s Quiz Night - 28th January at 7.30pm in St Andrew's Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill.

Valentine's Dance - 11th February in the Edenham Village Hall with John Parker's duo,

'Tomorrows Dream'; includes a light supper. Tickets available from Ruth Atter or Jane Bradley. ***Proceeds will go towards Diamond Jubilee celebrations***

Cider Tasting - 2nd March 2012 at 7.30pm - further details to follow.

HM The Queen's Diamond Jubilee - 2nd to 4th June 2012.

Witham on the Hill:

2nd June, 7.00pm to 11.00pm Ceilidh (barn dance with Moggy in the Wood) in Witham on the Hill School Sports Hall.

4th June, 2.00pm on the Village Green - village party

Manthorpe:

4th June, 2.00pm in the Parish Playing Field - Parish party

Swinstead: details to be decided

Edenham:

2nd June, Village photograph plus Fun on the Field. Barn dance (with the Elusive Black Dog Ceilidh Band) plus hog roast and bar. Plus more

5th June, Songs of Praise in the Church

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	SWINSTEAD	WITHAM	EDENHAM
4 th December Second in Advent	8.45am Parish Communion	10.00am Parish Communion 6.00 pm Advent Praise service led by 'Deanery Youth'	11.15am Parish Communion
11 th December Third in Advent	8.45am Parish Communion 4.00pm Christingle	10.00am Parish Communion 6.00pm Evening Prayer	11.15am Parish Communion
18 th December Fourth in Advent	8.45am Parish Communion	10.00am Parish Communion	11.15am Parish Communion 4.00pm Christingle 6.30pm Nine Lessons and Carols
24 th December Christmas Eve	4.00pm Crib Service	4.30pm Christingle and Crib Service 11.30pm Midnight Mass	9.00am Eucharist Stable Chapel 6.00pm Vanburgh Hall Carol Singing (By Ticket only)
25 th December Christmas Day	9.00am Parish Communion with Carols	9.30am Parish Communion with Carols	10.30am Parish Communion and Carols

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PARISH SERVICES FOR JANUARY 2012

	SWINSTEAD	WITHAM	EDENHAM
1 st January Naming of Jesus (circumcision)	10.30am Three Parishes Eucharist		6.00pm Evening Prayer
6 ^h January Epiphany (Friday)			12 noon Eucharist Stable Chapel 2.00pm School Service
8 th January Sunday after Epiphany	8.45am Parish Communion	10.00am All Age Communion	11.00 am All Age Communion
15 th January Epiphany 2	8.45am Parish Communion	10.00am Parish Communion 6.00pm Evening Prayer	11.15am Parish Communion
22 nd January Epiphany 3	8.45am Parish Communion 6.00pm Evening Prayer	10.00am Parish Communion	11.15am Parish Communion
29 th January		10.30am Three Parishes Eucharist	6.00pm Evening Prayer