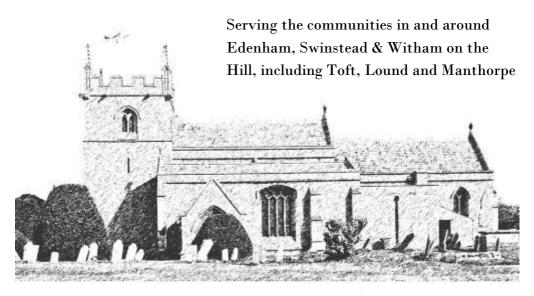
# The Three Towers

#### **April 2012**





#### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Afternoon Tea in aid of
Breakthrough Breast Cancer 7th April 3pm to 5pm in Edenham
Village Hall. Tea, raffle, gift-bag
tombola - donations of prizes,
cakes or tea very welcome. Also,
if anyone has any pretty gift bags
they might not want, they would
come in very useful for the
tombola. Contact Hazel on 01778
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way.

Edenham Arts, Craft, Needlework and Fellowship Group - April 27th 2pm to 4pm in the Vicarage.

Ringstone Players present 'Just the Two of Us' - May 17th, 18th and 19th in Edenham Village Hall.

**80's Quiz Night** - May 19th at 7.30pm in Witham-on-the- hill Parish Hall. A fun evening to include an 80's Quiz, and a raffle. Entry £7.50 per person, to include a two-course meal and a glass of wine.

Edenham Arts, Craft, Needlework and Fellowship Group - May 25th 2pm to 4pm in the Vicarage.

# Queen's Diamond Jubilee 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 plus hog roast and bar.

5th June, Songs of Praise in the Church.

# The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations at St Andrew's Church, Witham on the Hill

The Church will be open all weekend for the '60 Years of Life in the Parish' display

#### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June2012

10am Church service - Parish Communion

6pm Church service – Songs of Praise and the Revd. Canon Andrew Hawes will bless and distribute the commemorative Jubilee mugs

Jubilee tree planting ceremony – more details to follow

All are warmly invited to all of these events

#### THE VICAR'S WRITES:

Last month we hit one of the exhausting roller coaster rides that happen in family life from time to time. One daughter-in-law was in hospital having emergency surgery with unsure outcomes, another daughter-in-law at the very same time went into labour with the happy outcome of a grandson named Jack. For several days the car didn't cool down as it charged from one hospital to another. These times of crisis and change in life suddenly strip down everything to the essentials and priorities become clear. They are times of an opening up of the heart and mind to the pain and possibilities of loving and being loved. For me it was a time of deep gratitude for the gift of faith and for the community of faith.

Faith is a gift that I have cherished all my adult life. In childhood it made perfect sense to receive all that I was learning and experiencing as a gift from God. As a teenager and in my early twenties it was crystal clear to me

that alternatives to the Christian
Faith had very little to offer in
helping understand the human
situation blighted as it is by
wickedness, pain and death. Now
after thirty plus years as a Priest, I
can say with all honesty I have
never seen Christ fail to give help
to those who come to Him for
strength or guidance.

The death and resurrection of Jesus, which we celebrate this month in the Festival of Easter, is the foundation of Christian Faith and the source of life for the Christian Community – the Church. The death of Jesus is the means by which death and the fear of death is overcome, the resurrection of Jesus is the means by which the eternal recreating love of God – the source of all life – breaks into the world here and now.

To live in this life is to know the peace of God that passes all understanding, and to live always in the hope that God works for good in all things for those who love Him. My daily prayer has always been that every household

of these communities will come to know the Risen Christ, the source of true healing and peace; this is the gift that God gives to all who are willing to receive it. May the joy and peace of Easter be yours now and always.

#### EDENHAM EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to remember a particular family occasion this Easter, we are planning to decorate Edenham Church with lilies as a symbol of remembrance and thanksgiving. Take a prayer card for your dedication from church and return it with £3.00 for each lily by Maundy Thursday 5th April.

# EDENHAM CHURCH EASTER CLEAN

Please spare an hour on Holy Saturday, 7th April, to help give the church an extra special polish and clean. Any time after 09.00am. Please bring your own cleaning kit!

#### PARISH ANNUAL MEETINGS

Each year every Parish Church has an annual meeting. These meetings include the election of church wardens, and the Church Council and Officers. We also receive reports on every aspect of church life for the past year. This year the Annual Meetings will discuss the reintroduction of Holy Communion according to the Book of Common Prayer as a regular Sunday Service. The meeting will take place:

Swinstead 19TH April 7.00pm in church

Edenham 24TH April 7.30pm in the Vicarage

Witham on the Hill 25TH April 7.30pm in the Parish Hall

#### 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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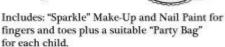
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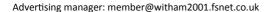
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The Regional House has a programme of days of reflection, open to all. They begin at 10am with registration and refreshment.

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#### "EASTER IS UNPAINTED" -

Friday 20 April. Rev Peter Garland explores the ways in which artists have explored the Resurrection of Jesus.

"BEARING WITNESS" – Friday
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the prayer and teaching of
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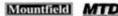
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#### **HM The Queen's Diamond Jubilee**

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#### Your story

We may still be having to cope with some cold weather but spring and Easter are now upon us. The promise of longer days and renewal is being fulfilled and, hopefully, optimism and energy levels are rising. The Domesday project is going really well; there is now a ring binder at St Andrew's Church in Witham with some of the entries. Everyone is welcome to go in and have a look.

All entries will be gathered together as part of the Jubilee celebrations, these will be displayed and then, subject to funding, bound into a book, one for the Lincoln archives, one to be sent to Buckingham Palace and others for sale to interested individuals.

If you are still wondering how to get started, here are some topics which you may like to cover: Your name, house name and who lives there with you. Have you always lived there? If not, where did you come from? How long ago did you move here and why did you choose your particular house and location? Was the house new when you moved in and do you know who the builder was? If your house is older, do you know who lived there before you. Is your house a conversion from a different kind of building or do you know its history? How do you feel about living where you do and what changes have come about since you moved in?

Just a reminder of your contacts: Jane Clark, Witham: 590232; Jenny and John Gilbert, Toft: 590273; Jean Croft, Lound: 590249; Doreen Whittaker, Manthorpe: 590547; Trudy Templeman, 01780 754943; Gill Stamford, 591224.

Trudy and Gill are your contacts if you live outside the area but you come in for work or to worship at the church.

ALSO NEEDED: OLD PHOTOGRAPH OF THE VILLAGES AND ANY MATERIAL RELATING TO THE SILVER JUBILEE, WE WOULD LIKE TO USE THESE FOR A DISPLAY DURING THE JUBILEE WEEK END

#### **EXAMPLES 'YOUR STORY'**

#### The "Adams Family". 16 Fairways Toft

Neal & Pam along with their 2 children Ellen & Callum moved to Toft in December 1998 from RAF Coningsby following Neal's retirement from the RAF. The decision to settle in Toft was made primarily on the fact that there was a pub & golf course located within walking distance of the front door!

The previous owner of the house had at one time apparently been the lady mayor of Bourne. As far as we're aware, our house was one of several built on the "Fairways" to fund subsequent development of the Toft Golf Course. As a family, we quickly settled into local life & rapidly built up a rather considerable network of close friends in the village. This feat was made all the more easier by virtue of the fact that our new friends were so interested in the by products of grapes & hops. Both kids completed their secondary education at the nearby Bourne Grammar & Robert Manning schools.

From our vantage point on the hillside we have seen numerous accidents on the precarious 6121 bend that leads down into Toft. Fortunately, we have only witnessed minor prangs over the years. The first amusing incident involved a lady who overshot the bend & ended up peeling the side of her car open like a sardine tin. When the ensuing crowd advised that she really shouldn't attempt to drive the car home she replied that "it was ok, she was a driving instructor". Another incident took place during a rather cold snowy winter when SKDC announced it was unable to replenish grit supplies due to lack of availability. A passing gritter truck lost control on the bend & subsequently became lodged between the banks on either side of the road. After some gentle police persuasion the village duly had the roads gritted!

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#### Doreen Whitaker, Ramsdale House, Manthorpe

The reason we came to Manthorpe in the first place was because my husband heard through the grapevine that a local builder, Lloyd Kemp, had the option to buy a plot in Manthorpe. We were living in Bourne at the time and wanted to move to a larger house in a village. We met Lloyd on site and were surprised to see a derelict cottage and a lovely old barn full of turkeys and pigs. He told us he was planning to knock the buildings down and build 4 modern brick 4-bedroomed houses. Horrified, we asked him to convert the old barn and told him our neighbours in Bourne might like the cottage. They were moving to Algeria for 6 months, so Lloyd modernised and extended the cottage (now Deacon Hill House) while they were away. In September 1974 we sold our house in Bourne and my husband, George and I, with our 2 boys, David, aged 8, and John, aged 4, moved to Manthorpe. We stayed at Deacon Hill House with our friends, Peter and Diane Heywood and their 2 boys, Max and Tom for 5 months while The Barn next door was being converted and moved into The Barn on my birthday, 1 March, 1975.

We had some very happy years at The Barn while the children were growing up, but we started to consider downsizing when David was getting married and John was away at university. John Munton came to the rescue with an offer of the stockyard, which we bought with no hesitation in about 1989. Unfortunately, it took us 7 years to sell the Barn, eventually selling it to John and Mary Washington-Smith, offering to take their house in Woodhall Spa in part exchange. We moved into our son's house in Stamford which he'd been renting out whilst working abroad. We had enough cash to start the build and were lucky to sell the Woodhall Spa house just when the money was running out. It took us 14 months of hard work managing the building of Ramsdale House, but it was well worth it. Our team of contractors couldn't have been better and we were able to move in on 21 February, 1997. Ramsdale was my maiden name, so it seemed an appropriate name for the

house, considering the sheep in the field behind. After 38 years here, I can't imagine living anywhere but Manthorpe. This is a great community.

#### Roy, Lorna & Mollie Cook, Butchers Arms, Toft

The 'Three Cooks' moved to Toft in July 1998 having bought the Butchers Arms from our now dear friends John & Jenny Gilbert. The Butchers Arms is noted in a few local history books being one of the oldest properties in the area. The property build ranges from the 1600s to 1800s. The village has a wonderful social scene. The Butchers Arms was named as such as it was an old pub where meat was also sold. It ceased being a pub in the early sixties. From time to time, we have had complete strangers knock on the door. One was recently a gentleman who wrote a book which mentioned Toft and our house — Lincolnshire in Chains. Just previous to this was a gentleman whose parents had lived in the property as long as 50 years ago, they were the last landlords of the Butchers Arms. I was also told that local voting used to take place in our front room and often the sheep would just wonder in. The house has lovely views of the golf course to the front. We would be delighted if anyone has got photographs of the house when it was a pub to share with us, particularly the interior.

#### John & Jenny Gilbert, Chapel Rise, Toft

John and Jenny Gilbert live next to the Butchers Arms at Chapel Rise which was built in 1989 on the site of the old village Chapel cum Schoolroom. John has been in Toft since 1984 and remembers when Toft was cut off for two days with 4 to 5ft snow drifts: Now we wake up to fine views of the golf course and enjoy much good friendship in the village.

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#### **SWINSTEAD News**

Village Hall bingo on 9th April at 7.30pm. The Easter Fayre will be on Saturday 7th April at 2.30pm in the Village Hall. Refreshments, Easter egg tombola, and other stalls - all proceeds go to St Mary's church.

The recent sausage and mash night held in the Village Hall was a great success; sausages, mash and peas followed by a numerous choice of desserts, then cheese and biscuits with seconds to follow. Father Andy and John Wand acted as stand-in barmen and the meal was followed by a quiz compiled by Father David

and subsequently a raffle was held where nearly everyone won a prize. A truly enjoyable evening and special thanks must go to Yvonne and her helpers for all their hard work. A profit of £265 was made.

There is now a coffee morning once a fortnight in the Village Hall on Tuesday from 10am to midday. The last coffee morning included a raffle and a light-hearted quiz (with prizes) come along enjoy a cup of coffee and have a bit of fun. All proceeds go to the Air Ambulance. The next one will be held on Tuesday 20th March, coffee, tea plus biscuits will be served from 10am.

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#### SWINSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk's Notes of the Parish Meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> January 2012 in the Swinstead Village Hall

The Butter Cross: Several organisations approached regarding grant aid and outcomes are awaited. English Heritage had a few outstanding minor queries regarding the stone which have been resolved. They will meet with the chosen contractor to clarify work. The meeting agreed that quotations will be sought from three local stonemasons who will be sent the plans and specifications.

**Community Wildlife Grant:** The matter is awaiting a response from

the owners of the paddock.

HM The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations: This matter will be considered further at the AGM in May.

Road Sweeping and Gravel from roads on to pavements: A visit was made by the Highways Department and the gravel was cleared before the recent snowfalls but further attention is now required following the gritting programme.

**Litter:** This matter is to be carried forward to the AGM.

**Next meeting**: The next meeting will be the AGM - 10th May at 8pm

#### Witham on the Hill Whist Drive

A Whist Drive was held on Friday 17th February in the Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill when £70 was raised for Church funds. Among the winners were:

GENTS LADIES

1st Mrs.A.Blanchard 1st Mrs.T.Brace

2nd A.Stanford 2nd Debbie

3rd Pam 3rd Mrs.J.West

Among the raffle winners were Mrs.A.Blanchard, Mrs G Stanford, Mrs M Imminck, Mr S Osborne, Mrs J Osborne, Mrs J Templeman, Mrs T Brace.

Once again thank you to all those who supported the evening and to all those who donated prizes. The next Whist Drive is on Friday 16th March, followed by one on Friday 20th April, which will be the last one until the autumn.

# Ceilidh Dancing for your family & friends with Moggy in the Wood

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2012
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# The Witham on the Hill Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

# Fun on the Village Green for family and friends Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2012

#### PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

1.30pm - Start

#### TUG of WAR Witham on the Hill v Manthorpe

2.00pm Children's Fancy Dress

3.00pm Mini Olympics

4.00pm Children's Prettiest Pet Competition

4.45pm Group Parish Photograph

5.00pm Tea Party – bring and share

6.00pm Rounders

7.00pm BBQ – bring your own food BBQs provided

#### **ALL DAY EVENTS**

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#### Edenham Parish Queen's Jubilee Celebration.

#### <u>"60 Glorious Years" - Decorated Wheelbarrow Competition</u>

#### Kindly supported by Travis Perkins Ltd - Bourne

You are invited to decorate and display a wheelbarrow with the theme "60 Glorious Years". It is hoped that the displays will be attractive to those who pass through our villages and that we will be sending out a positive message about our community.

#### **RULES**

Ensure your wheelbarrow is positioned so as not to cause an obstruction or be unsafe to others.

Wheelbarrows must be displayed from Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2012.

Judging will take place during this period and the judges' decision is final.

Where possible, wheelbarrows will be displayed at the 'Fun on the field' event on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June from 1200-1700.

A £10 donation to village funds (Steam Action) will secure eligibility for the competition.

The organisers reserve the right to use photographs of wheelbarrow displays for future publicity.

Each entrant will be given a registration number (for judging purposes) to be attached to the wheelbarrow.

Prizes will be awarded to the winner and runner-up. There will also be prizes for the best wheelbarrows decorated by a child aged under 16.

Please sign the declaration below and return to Ray Biggs with your £10 donation.



#### **ENTRY FORM**



I......wish to enter the above competition and will abide by the rules as listed and enclose a £10 donation to village funds to secure eligibility.

I do/ do not require loan of a wheelbarrow for the competition (delete as appropriate).

Signature

Address

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# Minutes of the Edenham Parish Council Meeting 13th March

Open Forum. With there being no members of the public present, the Chairman closed the Open Forum and opened the Parish Council Meeting.

Update from Previous Meeting. Secretary reported that Play Area in good condition but play surface still requires remedial work.

Community Cleaner. Secretary gave a summary of the SKDC Scheme to support the provision of a community cleaner. It was agreed that entry into the scheme should further investigated by the secretary who had volunteered to carry out the 2 hours per week allowed under the scheme.

Children's Play Equipment.

- i. Secretary presented quotations for replacement 'Cushionfall' safety surface material for the play area price £960 inc VAT offered by Giffords.
- ii. Secretary reported that Mr D Dean had quoted £180 for the maintenance of the play area surrounds (12 visits).
- iii. Secretary reported after discussion with Playdale the company had agreed to carry out remedial work/delivery of the damaged posts for the sum of £150 ex-VAT instead of the initial quote of £295. The work has now been completed.

Queen's Diamond Jubilee

- i. Secretary gave details of the extra costs involved in setting up a spinney/ copse under the Woodlands Trust Community Tree Planting offer. After much discussion it was agreed that these and the anticipated on-going costs made the project unjustifiable and hence it was rejected.
- ii. Cllr Hill reported that County Councillors had decided that they would make a grant of £100 for Parish Councils to use in supporting Jubilee activities.

Clerk's Re-numeration 2011-12. Secretary presented breakdown of incurred administration costs and salary for the year - £532-82p. Mr Clayton agreed to continue as clerk for the forthcoming year based on 72hr paid iaw LALC recommended rate.

Other Business.

Cllr Cranfield reported; damaged bend chevron sign damaged on entry to village from Grimsthorpe.

Cllr Edwards reported; Pedestrian gate on footpath down to sewerage works tied up.

The next meeting of the Edenham
Parish Council will take place on 8th May
in Edenham Village Hall immediately
following the Annual Parish Meeting
that commences at 7:30pm.

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#### Pampered Chef & "For Lucie"

We want to thank all those people who supported the Pampered Chef party in the Parish Hall on 24th February. We would particularly like to thank Sarah Lambert who organised the whole event and put a great deal of work into a very successful evening. Many people either attended or kindly donated raffle prizes. Participants got the opportunity to try the various dishes and share a drop of vino too!

The evening raised £110 through a raffle. All proceeds will go directly to the work of "For Lucie" - a charity dedicated to help those who have or are suffering with the aftermath of meningitis and its consequences. It has a particular focus on working with families who have suffered a bereavement through this terrible disease. You can follow our work: <a href="www.forlucie.com">www.forlucie.com</a>: <a href="www.forlucie.com

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#### **Coffee Morning for Anthony Nolan Charity**

Shaun and Karen would like to thank everyone for their generous support at the coffee morning on 3 March. It was very well attended and raised a total of £394. Thanks to everyone who donated cakes and time, and a special thank you to Angela Clifford who manned the urn so efficiently!

#### **ITEMS FOR FREE!**

Box of outdoor play equipment, including cricket bat and stumps, baseball bat, footballs, rope quoits, etc. Wall mounted basketball backboard & hoop, free to anyone who can take it down and clean it (it won't be easy) good quality fibreglass, from John Lewis, who still stock replacement nets. Contact Teresa Tel 01778 - 590397

#### Edenham Arts, Craft, Needlework and Fellowship Group

The Edenham Arts, Craft,
Needlework and Fellowship Group
will meet on 27th April and 25th
May at the Vicarage from 2 pm to
4pm. If you would like to help
design church kneelers or stitch
one, come and join us for a chat
and cup of tea. Edenham PC is
providing the canvas and wools.
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and if you cannot sew we will
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#### **Edenham Village Hall**

Edenham Village Hall committee has set a date for their AGM which will be on 25th April in the hall meeting room. Please make a note of the date and come and support us and find out all the news.

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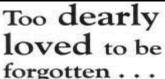
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# HM THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE 2012

# Toft cum Lound and Manthorpe Parish

The Toft cum Lound and Manthorpe Parish is co-ordinating its celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee with its partners in Witham. Witham has kindly opened its events to the neighbours and has challenged the Toft cum Lound and Manthorpe community to kick-off their respective parties on Monday 4th June with an inter-parish tug-of-war.

The Parish is still looking for ideas from the community as to what they wish to organise for the event. The suggestions so far include an old-fashioned fête on the Parish playing field with

'Olympic-type' challenges for the children (and adults if up for it), a fly-past, commemorative tree planting, boules, community photograph, and lots of eating and drinking!

The Parish is also participating in the Beacon lighting. More details to follow when available.

During one very wet morning on 3 March a few stalwarts of Manthorpe planted the Manthorpe Diamond Jubilee Oak in the Parish playing field. The tree was kindly donated by Mrs Penny Dawson. A second tree was purchased by the Parish Council for Lound. Unfortunately, a suitable site for a Parish oak tree could not be identified in Toft.

#### CONTRIBUTIONS TO YOUR PARISH NEWSLETTER ARE WELCOME

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

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

Adverts to Jane - e-mail: member@witham2001.fsnet.co.uk

Good old fashioned paper copy is also acceptable - drop into Fr Andy

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# HM THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE 2012 Grimsthorpe Castle

Throughout the summer Grimsthorpe Castle will host a display of grand objects connected with Royal Coronations. In addition to these pieces of memorabilia, it is intended to display items of a more general nature that have a connection with Royal jubilees and coronations. We are looking for everyday items like mugs, biscuit tins, souvenir programmes and other interesting objects that people would be prepared to loan for display in the Castle from March through to September 2012. The display will use a museum-quality secure display cabinet located in the information room in the Coach House Yard. Ray Biggs would be delighted to visit you to look at your objects or you are welcome to take them to the Estate Office.

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May 2012 Evening Trip to John Clare's Cottage, Helpston. Date to be announced.

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4 oz caster sugar

2 eggs

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1 teaspoon baking powder

**SAUCE:** 

1 oz plain choc (Bournville is best)

1/2 oz butter

1 small tin evaporated milk (170g)

2 oz soft brown sugar

2 tablespoons golden syrup

Mix all ingredients for sponge by hand or in an electric mixer until smooth & is a soft dropping consistency. Bake in a dish at 180c for 35 mins until cooked through. Melt all the ingredients for the sauce in a pan over a low heat. Bring to the boil stirring all the time. Lower the heat & simmer for 10 mins until thickened & glossy. Allow to cool slightly. Pour into a warm jug, & serve with hot pudding.

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You can hold a fish and chip supper in your own home, at work or hold a larger supper at your local community centre.

SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes. By inviting 7 friends and asking them to donate an additional £5.00 means you will raise at least £35.00 from your supper but we will also give you additional fundraising ideas to raise even more money for SIA.

Last year we had over 100 suppers taking part in England and Wales and we raised £6,000. In the three years we have been running the event we have raised £20,000 to support spinal cord injured people.

The money raised from the suppers will help the Spinal Injuries Association offer support to individuals who become paralysed and their families, from the moment a spinal injury occurs, and for the rest of their lives by providing services and publications which enable and encourage paralysed people to lead independent lives.

Every year in the UK over 1,000 people experience a spinal cord injury and there are an estimated 40,000 spinal cord injured people in the UK alone.

Community Fundraising Officer, Elizabeth Wright, says, "The Fish and Chip Supper is a wonderful opportunity for a great evening with friends and family. We are also encouraging people who work to hold a Fish and Chip Lunch in their work places to raise even more funds. You may be even a local community group wanting to run a fun evening with your group.

Be a part of something special and make a real difference to help spinal cord injured people gain access to the information and support they need to enable them to live full and independent lives."

For more information or request a fundraising pack call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 071 4350 or email <a href="mailto:fishandchips@spinal.co.uk">fishandchips@spinal.co.uk</a> or visit <a href="mailto:www.spinal.co.uk/fishandchips">www.spinal.co.uk/fishandchips</a>

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Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday in Holy Week			7.30pm Eucharist (Tuesday with prayers for healing)
Maundy Thursday			7.30pm Liturgy of the last supper followed by vigil in the Stable Chapel
Good Friday			9.00pm Mattins and Litany 10.30am All Age Service 1.30pm Good Friday Liturgy 7.00pm Meditation at the foot of the Cross
EASTER DAY 8 <sup>th</sup> April	8.45am Parish Communion 10.00am Village Service	10.00am Parish Communion 6.00pm Evening Prayer	5.00am Easter Vigil 11.15am Parish Communion
15th April 2 <sup>nd</sup> of Easter	8.45am Parish Communion 6.00pm Evening Prayer	10.00am Parish Communion	11.15am Parish Communion
22 <sup>nd</sup> April 3 <sup>rd</sup> of Easter	8.45am Parish Communion	10.00am Parish Communion 6.00pm Evening Prayer	11.15am Parish Communion
29 <sup>th</sup> April 4 <sup>th</sup> of Easter		10.30am Parish Confirmation.	6.00pm Evening Prayer