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December 2013 & January 2014

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Parish Notices

EDENHAM CHURCH

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS Please note that the Christmas candle decoration will be Gold this year. You can use a gold or white candle and whatever decoration/ greenery you like. Please can you have them in place in Church ready for the Christingle service. We need at least 20 arrangements to make a colourful display for Christmas.

CAROL SINGING will take place in Witham on the Hill on Sunday 22 December, starting from the Church at 6.30pm. Singers of all ages, and any musical accompaniment will be most welcome! Do come and join us if you are able, or any refreshments offered will be appreciated.

BAPTISM Adam Wilson's and Paige Rowe's son Connor Andrew was baptised on 20th October in St Michaels and All Angels Church, Edenham.

BAPTISM Erin, baby daughter of Clare and Darren Walker, at St Andrew's Church Witham on the Hill on 24 November.

WELCOME Elaine and Duncan Brock and daughter Hannah to Ragrose, Bottom Street. We hope you will be very happy in Witham on the Hill.

CONDOLENCES to the family and friends of Ross Haddow, who passed away in Scunthorpe on 8 November.

CONDOLENCES to Peta Cordial, family, and friends, on the loss of her mother, Heather Duncombe.

THANKS to the ladies who served teas to Market Deeping U3A Church visiting group on the afternoon of 12 November at Witham on the Hill. A delicious assortment of cake was enjoyed by the members – their appreciation was shown by a generous donation of £95 for Church funds!

THANKS to the band of helpers who cleaned the Church and tidied the Church yard on 20 October in Witham on the Hill. The Churchyard had its autumn cut backs and the Church was prepared for Christmas. You all did a brilliant job – it looks so much better, and well cared for. Well done!

THANKS to everyone who contributed to the house-to-house collection along School Lane, Edenham, for Marie Curie, which raised £20.

THANKS from Marie Curie to everybody who supported the recent house-to-house collection in Witham on the Hill. A total of £84.58 was donated.

THANKS to everyone who donated to the Clothing Collection. The £93.75 raised boosted the Witham on the Hill Church roof appeal.

THANKS to all who assisted and contributed to the MacMillan Coffee morning held in St Andrew's Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill on 2 November. You raised an amazing £518 and, judging by the chatter, everyone had a great time!

SAMARITAN'S PURSE 9 shoe boxes from Witham Parish were handed on to Lynda Wilson, for the international charity which gives goodies to children who are the victims of disasters. Thanks to the caring parishioners who

donated these boxes of gifts.

CHARITY AUCTION DINNER in aid of Cancer Research on Friday 21st March 2014 in the Toft Hotel. £15 per head for a two course meal and a bar will be available (profits will also go to cancer research). Contact Pamela on pamela.adams123@icloud.com or 01778 590544. Places are limited to 100.

FATHER DAVID BRATLEY would like to wish all parishioners a very blessed, peaceful and happy Christmas and new year. He would also like to thank everybody who sent cards and best wishes after his time in hospital. Progress is slow but sure. God bless.

JANE CLARK, on behalf of all who contribute to the success of The Three Towers, would like to wish all readers and all her friends in the parishes a joyful Christmas, and a very prosperous 2014. Jane will not be sending Christmas cards; instead, she will make a donation to the Salvation Army, her Dad's favourite charity.

THE VICAR'S WRITES

In St Andrew's Church, Witham on the Hill, is a stained glass window in the south aisle and is from the first decades of the last century, given in memory of the Fenwick family who lived in Witham Hall. The window explains the meaning of Christmas. The central part of the window depicts the stable at Bethlehem with Mary and Joseph and the baby lying in the manger. The left hand panel shows the Vicar of the time, Canon Cooley, lifting up the chalice at the Altar in Witham Church with two servers kneeling on the steps behind him. The right hand panel shows carol singers stood at the main entrance to Witham Hall, lit by lantern light on a snowy evening. Above them all, Angels look down and hold a banner saying 'Gloria in excelsis Deo' – 'Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth.'

The birth of Jesus lends itself to such a tender depiction; it is tenderness and vulnerability; it is full of faith and hope. The window gives a very clear sense that in

this moment in history, heaven and earth and time out of time and our time meet. The same expression of power that created all out of nothing is born a baby.

This is a cause for the greatest joy and this is what is expressed in all our Christmas Carols and in the offering of hospitality and coming together of family, neighbours and friends. The coming of Jesus should influence in a profound way our life together. This is contained in the picture of carol singers of all ages gathered around the doorway.

In the remaining scene the parish priest adores Jesus, made present in the bread and wine of Holy Communion; the God who chooses to become part of his creation by the Virgin Mary, becomes bread and wine. Each celebration of Holy Communion is a renewal of the Lord's partaking of our human situation; it is another expression of what one carol calls His 'great humility.'

The window reminds us that Christmas is not just the story of a baby being born – it is the

revealing of the nature and purpose of God's relationship to creation. Through this glorious window we see into the mystery of the Love that sustains all things – the Love that made us for itself , and for whom we are always restless, until we let it find us and bring us peace. This is the Love that 'loves us first that we may love.'

May the God of Peace give us all joy in believing, and bless and guide us in the year to come.

EDENHAM REGIONAL HOUSE

ONE PRAYING DAY BEFORE

CHRISTMAS Friday 20th
December 10.00am - 4.00pm led
by Father David McKenzie.

A traditional quiet day, talks interspersed, with worship and lots of quiet. An opportunity to treasure the unfolding mystery of Emmanuel – 'God with us.'

Suggested contribution –
including lunch £12.50

THIS IS MY SON! Saturday 11th
January 10.00am – 4.00pm led by
Canon Andrew Hawes.

A quiet day for Epiphany to be spent by the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the 'one to come'. An opportunity to explore the revelation of Christ to each of us, in our own life and living.
Suggested contribution –
including lunch £12.50

THE GREAT FORERUNNER

Three Advent Bible Studies on the Life and Ministry of John the Baptist, led by Canon Andrew Hawes -Tuesdays: 3rd, 10th and 17th of December. The evenings will begin with Holy Communion at 7.30pm and end at 9.00pm with Night Prayer.

Would you like to be in a Nativity Play? Are you fourteen or above?

For the third year running the Vicar is organising a Nativity Play to be performed by an adult cast. This year there will be a twelfth night performance in Edenham Church on Sunday January 5th at 6.00pm. Integral to the performance will be songs and anthems by the Three Parishes Choir as well as carols sung by all present.

If you would like to take part please come to the Vicarage on Monday 2nd December at 7.30pm, there will be rehearsals on the 9th and 16th December and one more before the performance to be arranged by the cast nearer the time.

Last Call for Confirmation

Candidates - If you would like to know more about being confirmed at the confirmation on May 18th at Witham on the Hill, please contact one of the clergy as soon as possible.


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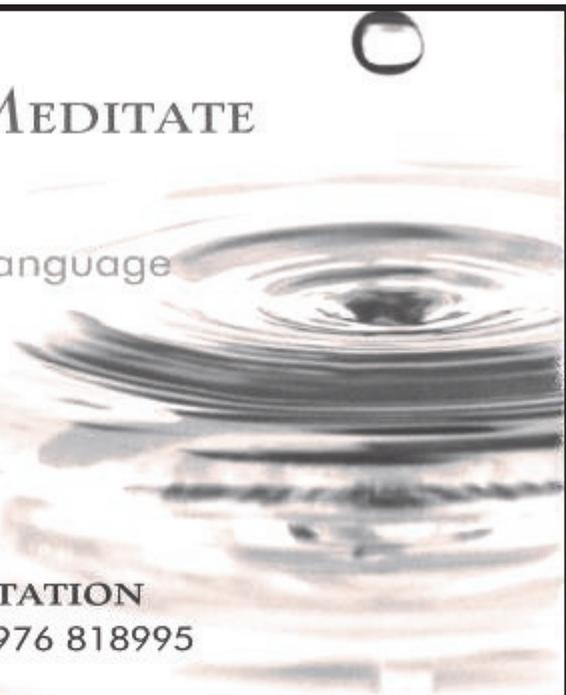
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WITHAM ON THE HILL WI NOVEMBER 2013

The next walk is on 13 November, from Bourne to Thurlby and back for lunch (this walk had been postponed last month); also 30 November is our Flower arranging day in St Andrew's Parish Hall from 10am till 4pm. This includes a soup and apple pie lunch.

Thanks, for a successful coffee morning to raise funds for Peterborough Women's Aid, were given to all concerned. Eve Marshall, our speaker, introduced us to the art of wet felting. After layering, spraying, kneading, pummelling and really giving our work a hard time, we were rewarded with a magical flower shape, each unique both in colour and design. Jane Clark gave our vote of thanks to Eve. Frances Plummer won the raffle and also the competition, 'a corsage'. We look forward to being entertained by a choir at the Christmas party on 3 December and, of course, Santa's Secret Sack! We had another new member join our happy band this month, and look forward to meeting other ladies in the future. The next meeting will be in February when Vic Lilly will speak to us about Wind Farms. Visitors and new members are always most welcome. For further

information contact Secretary:
Jane Clark 01778 590232.

PUDDING NIGHT Cranberry frangipan tart, raspberry choux ring, chocolate cherry roulade, chocolate pear tart, or syrup tart – which would you chose as the winner? They were all delicious, and it was extremely difficult to select the best; but Martin Hyde's raspberry choux ring was victorious. Before tasting the puds we enjoyed a selection of excellent quiches, served with tomato salad, couscous, and waldorf salad. Thanks to Janet Kirkwood and her team of helpers for their hard work preparing and clearing up after the supper. The entertainment, a food quiz, set by Leon Price was very taxing, and kept us occupied for some time! Did you know that a whole lemon is in the middle of a Sussex pond pudding, that kulfi is Indian ice cream, or that eight treasure pudding comes from China? The winning team consisted of Angela and David Clifford, with Ann and Richard Burbidge. 32 people enjoyed the evening, and £171.61 profit was made for St Andrew's Parish Hall funds. Thank you to everyone who supported the event.

A WHIST DRIVE was held on Friday 17th October at 7pm when £93 was raised for Church funds. Among the winners were:

GENTS

LADIES

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| 1. Mr. M.Brace | 1. Mrs. T.Brace |
| 2. Mr.S.Osborne | 2. Mrs.P.Collier |
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Among the raffle winners were Mr. S.Osborne, Mrs. A.Blanchard, Mrs. G.Stanford, Mrs. P.Garrard, Mrs. S.Hartley, Mrs.M. Imminck and Mrs D. Xavier (Blanchard). Many thanks to all those who support this event and to everyone who kindly donate prizes, this is a tremendous help. The Christmas Whist Drive is on Friday 13th December at 7pm - please come along and enjoy the evening not to mention the mince pies, sausage rolls etc. The January Whist Drive will be on Friday 17th January 2014.

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We have been called upon to use the defibrillator on more than one occasion and have been pleased to see bystanders starting first aid and CPR before we get there. To perform CPR before the arrival of the emergency services is vital to the chances of a casualty's survival. The defibrillator will detect two abnormal heart rhythms - in true "Casualty" terminology they are VF – ventricular fibrillation and VT ventricular tachycardia. It is much misunderstood that the defibrillator jump starts a heart that has stopped beating when in fact it actually delivers a shock which stops the heart when it is in VF or VT which gives the heart a chance to restart in a normal rhythm.

Our animal rescue speciality has been called out to incidents all

over the county, mostly horses. We have seen numerous horsebox incidents where horses try to jump the middle rail, only to become beached with front legs over one side of the rail, and hind legs to the other side. Because of the confined space involved, it is almost impossible to gain access to the horse box safely without getting kicked by the powerful hind legs; and plans have to be quickly drawn up between fire service, vet and owners to get the best outcome.

With experience now in these circumstances, the best plan is for the vet to deliver staggered doses of anaesthetic until the animal is calm enough for firefighters to enter the horse box, and using crooks, help the horse to clear its back legs over the middle rail – it is not an exact science but is one that usually works.

We have also been called to rescue horses who have become stuck on their sides in the bottom of a dyke or brook. This gives us a chance to use our specialised equipment and become proficient

in the use of halters, threading bars, straps and lifting harness. The service also provides its own Manitou loader, but we always try to get local help in the form of a farmer in the first instance.

A recent animal rescue was a little more unusual, when a member of the public tried to rescue a cat which had become stuck up a tree, only for them to become marooned themselves! We first rescued the young lad, followed by a somewhat calmer cat – all in day's work!

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Pease book your tickets no later than Tuesday 10th December.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

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MR FOTHERGILL'S GARDEN CLUB SERVICE

I have been running this seed order service for a few years now; I took over from Edenham School gardening club. It is open to anyone in the parishes. Bulk orders of over £300 received before the deadline of 31 December, will get discount of 50%; so it is well worth doing if you are a gardener. The more people that order, the greater the discount. This applies to seeds only – not gardening equipment, plants, shrubs, trees, seed potatoes, onion sets etc - these attract a lower discount. Postage is free if all the seeds are delivered to me. Invoices must be paid within 30 days. If you would like a catalogue, please contact Jane Clark 01778 590232.

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View From The Pew

I have been to Walsingham on a number of occasions. Each time I felt it was an interesting place but not much more. This time it was all so different, each waking hour throughout the whole weekend was filled with a wealth of experiences, thoughtful remembrance and delightful fellowship. I do very much want to say to you all if you have never been there as a pilgrim, try it, if you have been there and have not felt how special the place is, go back and give it another go!

We were a small group and we shared a most comfortable cottage, with all the features and charm of an old building and all the comforts of a modern home. We attended many of the services but this was not a retreat, silent or otherwise, it was a pilgrimage, so we enjoyed each other's company with laughter as well as some serious and heartfelt conversations. We took our place at the Norton bar where a couple of pints were consumed, happy in the knowledge that we were not

required to drive, the cottage being but a few steps from the whole complex. The food in the Pilgrims' refectory, home cooked, was plentiful and delicious, the atmosphere around the Shrine always quiet, even with a good number of visitors present.

Fr Andy celebrated the Eucharist in the Holy House, a very beautiful service, intimate and reflective. He led us through the Stations of the Cross with the solemn and prayerful attitude appropriate for the occasion. What a wonderful and rich time it was!

It is expected that another such pilgrimage will be organised for next November when the prices are discounted, making the cost very reasonable indeed. I hope you can be there.

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Swinstead Parish Council Meeting - 7th November 2013

Machams Close:

The local residents reported that nothing further had been heard from SKDC since October when an on-site meeting had been held with Mr Reid the Planning Officer.

Proposals outlined by Mr Reid at the site meeting were discussed. These included the possibility that the contractor would agree to demolish the partially-built structure following the granting of planning permission for three dwellings. It was agreed that the planning permission issue must be considered as a separate entity, especially as permission for three dwellings had been turned down in the past.

Originally, Mr Reid had been asked to consider demolition on three grounds – i) environmental health issues (vermin control), ii) eyesore in a conservation area and iii) that the structure had not been built to the specification outlined in the planning permission. After an elapsed time of 13 months it was especially frustrating that Mr Reid could still only respond that he “thought” that the latter point had been complied with. This remained highly questionable given the

close proximity to the existing property at the rear and its “skewed-looking” position within the plot. Further, Mr Reid had agreed that February 2014 was a realistic deadline by which demolition would be achievable in the light of his working relationship with the contractor.

District Cllr Robins reported that he had had a meeting with Mr Reid. The structure of the rules relating to planning permissions within conservation areas had been changed since the original approval. The building is currently defined as “being under construction” and as such SKDC did not have powers to pull it down as it was not causing an obstruction. However, anyone needing to commence building on the plot would have to demolish it as the roof timbers are rotten and walls are frost damaged. In view of this, it may be possible to re-define the structure as “derelict”, in which case, SKDC would then have powers under Section 215 of the Building Regulations Agreement for demolition. Accordingly a Building Inspector will be coming out next week to ascertain if it can be so defined.

District Cllr Robins will inform the Parish Council and residents closely involved of the outcome of

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Noise Nuisance - Barking Dogs:
Attending residents also reported that barking dogs were heard persistently on the North side of the High Street. The barking appeared to be coming from inside a shed. It was agreed that the clerk would make arrangements with SKDC to deliver dog barking leaflets in the area.

Allotment Association: Mr Brackenbury reported that ten people had signed up to join the Allotment Association – three from Swinstead, one from Castle Bytham and six from Corby Glen. Eight of the plots would be of standard size (90' x 30') and two half-size. The annual charge would be £70 p.a. covering costs of ploughing, water, grass cutting, general maintenance and security of the field. Cultivation would be exclusively organic in nature providing an assurance for legatees of each plot. There would be regulations regarding size and position of any shed and other structures.

He was currently making arrangements for the plots to be ploughed over. Once this was completed a fence would need to

be erected and the issue of funding for this was discussed. Although he had already written to the National Lottery Trust, it was suggested that Mr Brackenbury also apply to the National Allotments Association and surf the internet for other potential sources. DCllr. Robins suggested that contacts within the villages of Colsterworth and South Witham could provide valuable knowledge regarding funding and their experience of running Allotment Associations.

It is envisaged that hard core will be put down inside the gate to facilitate car parking and future discussions will ascertain the appropriate dates from which the Association will take over mowing the field and payment for the water supply which will need to be metered and tamper-proof.

It was also requested that Mr Brackenbury contact Tim Clarke, the Grimsthorpe Estate Land Agent, to discuss requirements to register the change of use of the land which is owned by the Trust.

C. Cllr Hill said that it may be possible to help provide Big Society funds to help establish the Allotment Association in the next financial year, but a Business Plan would need to be submitted for consideration.

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AON Insurance: The Council's insurers had written to outline the legal issues involved were the Council to undertake any snow clearing initiative this winter.

SKDC Electoral Review: SKDC had written outlining their proposals to reduce the number of District Councillors from 58 to 56 and the resulting Parish Council boundary and Ward Name changes this would involve.

Planning Seminar: Planning Officer Pat Reid invited Councillors to a Planning Seminar be held in Castle Bytham Village Hall on 18th November.

Roadworks: SKDC wrote regarding planned roadworks at Forstedd Hill on 1st Nov and repairs to the Rising Main Replacement which will commence on 18th November until Jan 2014.

Financial Report: A report was circulated and approved.

Butter Cross: Cllr Somerville reported that problems still continue in obtaining delivery of the right quality of stone. It was agreed to approach English Heritage to gain their approval to use stone from Clipsham quarry instead. C.Cllr Hill agreed to meet

£500.00 of the cost from the County's Big Society budget if the work could be completed by 31st Mar 2014.

Highways and Flooding: Notwithstanding the remedial work notified above, it was agreed that a letter be sent to the County Council to remind them of the outstanding work required on the storm drains on Creeton Road.

The Diamond Jubilee Community Wildlife Orchard: Following the successful Community Tree Planting Day in October, there are 12 empty holes dug for the remaining trees and this will be made known to residents should they still wish to provide a tree. Cllr Lunn reported that progress had been made on the design and supply of a sign and a form of wording was agreed. It was also agreed that the remaining 30 tree guards should be ordered. Another day to install the existing tree guards will be planned.

Councillors' Reports:

Cllr Brown reported that there was a hole in the roof of the bus shelter at the top of the High Street.

County Councillor Hill reported that repairing pot holes remained a high priority across the County and extra funds had been

provided and improved machinery deployed to fix the problems as soon as possible after they were reported.

The mild weather so far this winter meant that the County retained a good supply of road salt.

Overall County Council funding remained extremely tight with a likely cut of 10% in expenditure. New ways of working were being considered to reduce the impact of this by examining the combining of fire and ambulance emergency response services; and in looking to provide a single-person response where the elderly and vulnerable receive services from a number of different agencies. These initiatives will require considerable training for emergency responders and much closer working between Health and Local Government.

Date of Next Meeting: 2nd
January 2014 at 7.00pm

Swinstead News

Whist drive in the Village Hall on
Monday 2 December at 7.30pm

Christmas Bingo is on the 9
December at 7.30pm in the
Village Hall.

Thank you to everyone who gave
a shoe box for the Operation
Christmas Child. Altogether we

received 36 boxes from
Swinstead, which was very good
as last year 21 boxes were
donated. From Linda Wilson, who
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JANE'S SEASONAL RECIPES

Pumpkins have grown well this year and we have about a dozen of varying sizes. There are many varieties of pumpkin soup – chilli & butterbean, tomato & red kidney bean, and I have recently made pumpkin & red pepper, as all the red peppers in the greenhouse have come at once! If you have a bread-making machine, try making pumpkin bread too! This is one of my favourite pumpkin recipes:

Pumpkin risotto (serves 4)

2½ pints chicken or veg stock

2 tablespoons olive oil

1oz butter

1 small onion finely chopped

4 slices chopped smoked bacon (can be omitted for vegetarians)

1 tablespoon chopped fresh sage

1lb chopped pumpkin (or butternut squash)

8oz risotto rice

2oz grated Parmesan cheese

Heat oil & half butter in a large pan, add onion & bacon (if using) & cook over a medium heat for 5 mins until soft but not brown. Add pumpkin & sage & cook for 1 min. Add rice & stir well until all the grains are coated in butter. Add a ladleful of hot stock, stir until it has all been absorbed before adding another. Continue adding stock for about 20 mins until the rice is creamy and tender, but still with a bit of bite. Stir in the rest of the butter, Parmesan and seasoning. Spoon into warm deep plates & serve scattered with shredded sage leaves.

SWINSTEAD COMMUNITY

ORCHARD Twelve holes remain in the Community Orchard for those who still wish to plant a fruit tree. There are also lots of trees already planted which can be "adopted" for only £6. Please contact Mrs Jane Hunt-Webb (Clerk) for further details and access to the Orchard.

WITHAM ON THE HILL

HISTORICAL SOCIETY Alan Stennett, from BBC Radio Lincolnshire will be giving a

talk entitled "Changes in Lincolnshire Farming, over the last 100 years" on Monday 18th November, 7.30pm in the St Andrew's Parish Hall. Tickets are available on the door for £2.50, £2 for members. For more details please phone Sue on 01778 590204. All Welcome.

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Edenham School in the Autumn

Our pupils have enjoyed a really busy start to the school year. KS2 pupils have embarked on a Viking Voyage – dragons adorn classrooms and a trip to Jorvik inspired a future generation of historians and archaeologists. KS1 pupils have also been transported on a journey to the moon with Baby Bear, reading and retelling Whatever Next! Whilst the new pupils into our reception class get to know us all.

Our Forest School is now fully fledged – David Hawes is leading sessions for each year group over at least a one-term period of time and continues to work with Class 1 every Friday afternoon. The woodland area and the Forest School garden area are slowly being subtly transformed into tool working areas, a village of woodland shelters and evidence of brilliant creativity hangs from every tree. Parents – you have all been wonderful in your tolerance of muddy trousers and wellies returning home on a Friday.

David is now also working

regularly in two of our partner schools – we are really proud that he is leading some fantastic developments for them and bringing some fascinating insights back to our own school.

Edenham School at Christmas

The Friends of the school are hard at work preparing for our school's Christmas Fayre. This will be held on Friday 29th November from 5pm - 7pm in the school hall. Father Christmas will be visiting, small stalls will be set up for a spot of Christmas shopping with mulled wine and cakes to enjoy. Carol Singing by the choir at 5pm to open the event and plenty of other fun games and activities for children and families to enjoy. Please feel free to come and along and enjoy this event with us.

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The pupils Christmas Productions have rehearsals well underway – this year sees Noah Harwood as the emperor in The Emperor’s New Clothes and the Foundation Stage and KS1 pupils are preparing The Christmas Story. Tickets for these events can be hard to come by; so if you are a Parent or family member of a pupil in school, make sure you return your ticket requests as soon as you can.

Younger pupils will be travelling to St Andrew’s Church to meet up with pupils from Witham Hall School in early December for a mini carol service and a chance to make some new friends.

Our school Carol Service takes place on the final day of term – Friday 20th December at 1:30 pm in Edenham Church. All Families and Friends of the school are welcome to attend.

New Pupils – Starting School in September 2014?

We have been visited by many families who are preparing to make a choice of school for their

children starting their education in September 2014. The application window for new starters is now open and applications MUST be received by LCC, by 13th January 2014. If you are particularly interested in naming Edenham School amongst your choices, you are welcome to visit us if you have not already, or visit our website to get a feel for what we are all about. Our admission policy is available to see on our website if you would like to access it.

The best way is to apply online for a school place at:

www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions You can indicate three preferences of school – a place will only be offered to one of them.

If you are unable to apply via the internet, please call admissions on 01522 782030 – they will accept a telephone application or arrange for you to receive a paper version of the form. We look forward to meeting you.

Mrs Kris Radford-Rea
Head Teacher

ANOTHER OF JANE'S SEASONAL RECIPES

Pumpkin, poppy seed & lemon loaf

8oz diced pumpkin	1 ½ teaspoons mixed spice
3 tablespoons milk	½ teaspoon nutmeg
1 egg	2oz butter
6oz s r flour	5oz caster sugar
½ tsp baking powder	2 tablespoons poppy seeds
¼ tsp bicarbonate of soda	finely grated zest of 1 lemon

Cook pumpkin in microwave until tender. Drain & puree until smooth. Mix flour, baking powder, bicarb, spice, nutmeg & sugar. Rub in the butter until like fine bread crumbs. Stir in poppy seeds, egg, milk & pumpkin puree. Spoon into a greased & lined 2lb loaf tin. Bake at 180c for about 50 mins until risen & golden. Cool on a wire rack. Remove paper & serve cut into thin slices. (This cake keeps very well)

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December 1 st Advent Sunday	8.45am Parish Communion	10.00am Parish Communion 6.00pm Service of Light	11.15am Parish Communion
December 8 th Second of Advent	8.45am Parish Communion 3.30pm Christingle	10.00am Parish Communion 6.00pm Evening Prayer	11.15am Parish Communion
December 15 th Third of Advent	8.45am Parish Communion 6.00pm Evening Prayer	10.00am Parish Communion	11.15am Parish Communion
December 22 nd Fourth of Advent	8.45am Parish Communion	10.00am Parish Communion 6.00pm Evening Prayer	11.15am Parish Communion
December 24 th Eve of the Nativity Christmas Eve	4.00pm Crib Service	4.30pm Crib and Christingle Service 11.30pm Midnight Mass	6.00pm Vanburgh Hall – Carol Singing (Ticket only)
December 25 th Christmas Day	8.30am Parish Communion with Carols	9.30am Parish Communion with Carols	10.30am Parish Communion with Carols
December 29 th Feast of the Holy Family	10.30am Three Parishes Communion .		

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PARISH SERVICES FOR JANUARY 2014

	Swinstead	Witham	Edenham
January 5 th 2014 2 nd Sunday of Christmas	8.45am Parish Communion	10.00am Parish Communion	11.15am Parish Communion 6.00pm Epiphany Carol Service and Nativity Play (Adult Cast) Followed by Drink at the Vicarage.
January 12 th 1 st of Epiphany	8.45am Parish Communion	10.00am Parish Communion 6.00pm Evening Prayer	11.15am Parish Communion
January 19th 1 st of Epiphany	8.45am Parish Communion 6.00pm Evening Prayer	10.00am Parish Communion	11.15am Parish Communion
January 26 th 3 rd of Epiphany	8.45am Parish Communion	10.00am Parish Communion 6.00pm Evening Prayer	11.15am Parish Communion
February 2 nd Presentation of Christ Candlemass		10.3am Three Parishes Communion .	

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