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December 2014 & January 2015



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DIARY DATES

Monday 1st December at 7.30pm, Swinstead Village Hall. **Whist Drive**

Saturday 6th December at 5.30pm, Witham Village Green.
Christmas Tree lights switch-on. Then fun in St Andrew's Parish Hall

Sunday 7th December at 3pm, Steam Action Christmas Pantomime. Adults £3, Children £1. Please get your tickets in advance. Call Nikki on 07908 111690 or Pat 01778 591004.

Sunday 7th December at 3.30pm, St Mary's Church, Swinstead, **Christingle**

Monday 8th December at 7.30pm, Swinstead Village Hall. **Bingo**

Friday 12th December at 7.0pm, St Andrews Parish Hall. **Christmas Whist Drive**

Wednesday 24th December at 4.30pm, St Andrew's Church, Witham, **Christingle and Crib Service**

Wednesday 24th December at 11.30pm, St Andrew's Church, Witham, **Midnight Mass**

Friday, 2nd January 2015, 10am start, meet outside the Parish Hall.
Witham Winter History Walk. To follow the route of the Society's walk leaflet and check route before re-publishing – All welcome, bring your friends, family and dog.

Monday 16th February 2015 at 7.30pm, St Andrew's Parish Hall, **Historical Society members meeting.**

Parish Notices

CONDOLENCES to Gill Stanford and family on the loss of Arthur Stanford on 7 November.

WELCOME to Tara and Rory Todd and children to West Thorpe House, Witham on the Hill. We hope you will be very happy here.

GOODBYE to Margaret Elmore of Redlands, Witham on the Hill; moving to pastures new in Felixstowe.

THANK YOU to 9 generous people in Witham on the Hill parish, who donated shoe boxes filled with gifts, for the Samaritan's Purse appeal.

FATHER DAVID BRATLEY wishes all parishioners a blessed and peaceful Christmas and new year. He would also like to thank all those who have enquired after his wellbeing during 2014, and with God's grace will still be around for a few more years.

JANE CLARK would like to wish all readers of this magazine, friends, neighbours and villagers, a joy filled festive season. I will not be sending Christmas cards, but will send a donation to the Salvation Army in lieu.

CAROL SINGING will take place in Witham on the Hill on Sunday 21 December, meeting at the Church at 6.30pm. Singers of all ages, plus musical instruments, most welcome. Come and join in the fun to raise funds for St Andrew's Church. If you can't join us, we would be glad of any hospitality enroute!

CONGRATULATIONS Danielle and Martin Clifford on the birth of Beatrice Rose on 13 November. A second granddaughter for Angela and David Clifford.

THANK YOU Bob Ray and family would like to say a big thank you to the village community for the enormous support and love shown throughout such a difficult time.

THANK YOU says Jean Croft to all the supporters of the Macmillan Coffee Morning held in St Andrew's Parish Hall on 18th November. You raised the super sum of £400.

THANK YOU says Mr D Atter to all who donated to the Poppy Appeal. The total sum raised between Edenham and Grimsthorpe was £419.26

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The Committee for Edenham Village Hall would like to offer the Friday evening booking slot at a discounted rate to anyone who wishes to use the hall on a regular basis. Friday night is currently offered out at a higher rate than other weekday evenings; we would like to be able to offer a regular slot to someone of the Parish who may be interested in running a regular event in order to ensure the hall is serving its purpose as a local community building. If you are interested in booking the hall please ring Nikki on 01778 591197.

Mr Fothergill's Gardening Club. I have the seed catalogues for 2015. If anyone would like to order seeds please let me know. I will submit an order early in January. If the bulk order is over £300 in total, each person gets discount of 40%, and if over £150 discount is 20%. This applies only to seeds – onion sets, potatoes, plants, and trees get a 10% discount. In addition, for every 5 packets you order, the cheapest one is free. What a good deal! Jane Clark tel 01778 590232

Operation Christmas Child. I would like to thank everyone who filled a shoebox from all the 3 parishes. A special thank you to my mum, Elsie Kiely, for coordinating and collecting the boxes from Swinstead and still finding the time to fill several of her own. Also to Jane Clark for handing out the leaflets and collecting the boxes in Witham parish over the past several years, plus making up her own shoeboxes. In total, we collected 72, which was down on previous years. Swinstead - 30, Witham - 6, Edenham/Grimsthorpe - 19 and Edenham C of E Primary School - 17. This year the shoeboxes have gone to Serbia.
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THE VICAR WRITES

Readers may well now be writing or receiving Christmas Cards. This is a task that can be time consuming and sometimes expensive but it was one that I particularly look forward to. I do not find it a burden at all; rather I find it an opportunity for a spiritual exercise or to be more exact a series of exercises. I share my experience because it is something that I have always found helps me enormously in my spiritual preparation for Christmas and some readers may find it might help them.

First, I always make my own cards. This usually means writing a poem on paper and copying it on to cards. This in itself creates an opportunity to reflect on the Christmas Gospel and draw some fresh insights from it; to read around a little and spend some time early in Advent reacquainting myself with the Gospel narratives.

Secondly, I write the addresses on the envelopes. This is my first opportunity to pray for the recipients – some of whom I have

not seen for years. In a profound way the Christmas cards are Christ-centred and writing the addresses and reflecting on my relationship with the addresses invites me to put Christ at the centre of our connection - however it may have come about.

Thirdly, I write the cards and, when I can, I write a short message. In the parishes I serve, it is usually a note of thanks for their help or I might pledge a specific prayer of intercession for them. This is not an overly pious exercise but has a quiet domestic setting usually accompanied by a mug of tea at the kitchen table! As soon it becomes 'hard work' I stop and go back to it later. I do prefer it to be a labour of love rather than an act of duty. By the time this article is published I will have been pecking away at my list for a few weeks. My pleasure in sending them is matched the joy of receiving them. I do realise that some cards that are received are the outcome of some office's Christmas routine, and I also recognise that some arrive out of mixture of motives, but that does



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not account for the majority. The majority are from people who have affection or regard for me and my wife. They are tokens of love and thankfulness and sometimes a reconnection with precious times past. We have a nightly Advent ritual of reading cards received during the day after supper. This often provokes conversation and discussion that in turn can inform our prayer and actions, helping us order some priorities for the next few months, or the next year.

Last but by no means least some of the cards received are beautiful. We receive several each year that are works of art in their own right, often bringing to us light and insight into the Nativity of our Lord. In addition, there are the wonderful reproductions of paintings, some of them unknown to us, that open up new perspectives on the Christmas Gospel. We have a collection of favourites from over the years that are part of our Christmas decorations. For me, Christmas cards are not 'humbug' or a waste of time or money but one of the most rewarding aspects of Advent and Christmas.

Confirmation

If you are interested in finding out more about preparing for Confirmation please contact the Vicar – minimum age 10, no maximum age.

Invitation

Fr Andy and Siân invite parishioners to refreshments after the service of Epiphany Carols and Readings on Sunday 4th January.

Tickets for Vanburgh Hall Carol Singing

Tickets are available from the Estate Office for those who are either resident in the parishes of Edenham or Swinstead, or are on the Electoral Rolls of St Michael and All Angels or St Mary's parish churches, and any guests resident on Christmas Eve.

Quiet Days at the Regional House

Priorities and Presents: A day of reflection in preparation for Christmas. Friday 12th December 10.00am – 4.00pm

As we approach Christmas where do we discern what is important for

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www.windingquest.wordpress.com

Suggested contribution for a day is £12.50 - To book contact 01778 591358 or edenhamoffice@gmail.com

A quiet day for Epiphany

Saturday 10th January 2015: Led by Canon Andrew Hawes – 'A Hard Coming we had of it'. A day with T S Elliot's 'The Journey of the Magi'.

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THE PROGRAMME

The Week begins with an introductory session on Sunday 1st February 2015 at 1800 and ends with a meeting on Sunday 7th February 2015 at 1800

The initial meeting provides an opportunity to meet your Prayer Guide. The final meeting is chiefly an act of thanksgiving for the work of God's Grace!

If you would like to know more please feel free to contact the convenor of the 'Prayer Guides' – Fr Andy Hawes 01778591358; edenhamoffice@gmail.com

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO TAKE PART IN THE WEEK OF GUIDED PRAYER PLEASE FILL THIS IN AND RETURN TO THE VICAR LEAVE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH OR HAND IN AT THE VICARAGE OR SEND AN E-MAIL WITH THE FOLLOWING INFO:

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Witham on the Hill Report November 2014

This coming month's walk will be starting at the village of Dyke followed by lunch, of course! Gustave Flaubert and Thomas Hardy are the two authors we shall be discussing at our next Book Club meeting. Our speaker, Tony King had us glued to our seats with all the anecdotes of his amazing journey from one end of the country to the other!

Starting from Cornwall, he followed the Welsh borders, Offa's Dyke, the Lancaster Canal then, traversing the Lake District he finally arrived into Scotland to reach John o'Groats with a champagne reception! Quite breathtaking, - he had us all exhausted just listening!

Tony also whizzed up Snowden, Scafell and Ben Nevis en route! The talk was accompanied with splendid slides. This epic journey involved walking up to 37 miles a day and covering 874 miles. What a major accomplishment. He could, of course, have hitched a lift on a jump jet and arrived in 1hr 17mins. but where would be the fun in that?

Sue Cork celebrated her 60th birthday this month. Jane Clark won the competition for a walking

stick and Jean Croft the raffle.

December 2nd will see us celebrating Christmas with supper and a "do it yourself" party - should be fun! Have a wonderful Christmas with family and friends and we look forward to the New Year with renewed vigour, when the February meeting we will all have a go at circle dancing with Julie Bell. Visitors and new members always welcome.

For further information contact Jane Clark 01778 590232.

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This charity, established in 1908 from lands and property bequeathed by former generations, now administers invested funds. The income of this fund is designated for the upkeep, improvement and insurance of the Parish Church and Hall of the parish of St Andrew, Witham on the Hill, which includes Manthorpe, Tot and Lound.

The charity can also makes grants to support the education of parishioners. Recently five trustee posts have become vacant and applications are invited from any resident parishioner or from anyone who has property,

business interests or works in the parish. The Trustees meet twice a year in March and October.

Please contact the Clerk for more details.

Educational Grants

The Trustees would welcome applications for a grant from any parishioner of any age undergoing any educational or training course, including apprenticeships.

For more information about grants contact the clerk to the Trustees:

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Bonfire Night

Manthorpe 5th November

In keeping with tradition, the Toft cum Lound and Manthorpe annual fireworks display took place on the Parish Playing Field on 5th November.

This year's display was even better than last year's and the kind weather made it all the more fun.

So that you can place a mark in your diary—the Toft cum Lound and Manthorpe fireworks display is **ALWAYS on the 5th November**.

It is free to all members of the Parish and their friends. Soup and sausages are provided and cash buckets are available for those who wish to make a voluntary contribution towards the event.

Thanks to everyone who helped – special thanks to our soup and sausage ladies – Sarah Ellis, Sue Cork, Liz McWilliams, Kathy Collett and Lorna Cook (with a little help from a couple of husbands...)

Plus, of course, the usual culprits who always turn out to make our Parish parties on the playing field such a success. These are the worker fairies who magic everything into place then clear up afterwards. You know who you are, so thanks again.

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Edenham School News

This term has seen some fantastic learning taking place – PGL, visit to Flag Fen, book week, visits from local farmer with tractors and the PCSO Stuart Bowden, Star Lab, Zoo Lab, Street Dance, cross country and football tournaments and a shared Maths day of problem-solving brilliance with our local partner schools.

We also celebrated Remembrance activities in the past few weeks. Our annual book week theme was WW1. We shared film footage with the children about the outbreak of war, life in the trenches and Armistice Day. Costumes on the dressing up day were amazingly creative with pupils dressed as ration books, soldiers, nurses and even a tank rolled into town!

Many of our pupils visited London with their families to see the poppies at the Tower of London. They really enjoyed sharing their experience and everyone made clay or foil candle holders in the shape of poppies ready for our Act of Remembrance service. The candles looked beautiful in church

– thanks to all parents and grandparents who attended with us.

In preparation for Christmas celebrations our Advent season kicks off a little early (last week of November). A Posada (crib set) will begin its journey soon – this is a Mexican tradition where families take turns to take a Nativity set home for a night or two and families share the story of Christmas, other Christmas or wintery stories, music and craft if they want to. Glitter on the carpet is not to everyone's taste!

Pupils from Reception to Year 2 have begun enthusiastic preparations for our traditional musical Nativity play which this year will be held in the village hall rather than church due to the roof repairs. Meanwhile, in KS2 pupils are retelling the tale of the Christmas Truce – set in the trenches of WW1. The backdrop has been prepared (a Jackson Pollock style night sky!) and character roles assigned. Good luck everyone.

Our Christmas Bazaar is to be

held on Friday 5th December, between 5-7pm. We'd be delighted to see you if you'd like to join us for a mince pie and mulled wine, visit Father Christmas or do a spot of Christmas shopping.

The school's Carol Service will be held on Thursday 18th December, 2014 beginning at 1:30pm in Edenham Church. This service is always lovely with Christmas readings and often musical performances.

This year will be particularly special as we bid farewell to Mrs Kong. Mrs Kong has been part of our school staff for somewhere in the region of 6 years. She has taught with dedication across all year groups in the school and her love for Art and Music has impacted significantly on learning in our school. We wish her and her children, the very best of luck in all

future endeavours.

Starting School

The window for applying for school places for those into Reception in September 2014 will be open by the time you read this. If you would like to come and have a look around our school before making your final decisions you are very welcome.

Contact me directly to arrange an appointment or to ask any questions you might have about the application process – 01778 591207, enquiries@edenham.lincs.sch.uk

We have a few places available further up the school at the moment and would be happy to welcome you if you are moving into the area. Have a look at our website to see what we get up to – www.edenham.lincs.sch.uk

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**WITHAM ON THE HILL
PARISH HALL COMMITTEE**

**Switching on the Christmas
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WITHAM-ON-THE-HILL PARISH COUNCIL

Acting Clerk's Notes of the Meeting on 10 November.

As advertised in the November issue the Parish Council discussed a number of matters affecting the village.

Car Parking on the Village

Green. Planning Consent for an extension to the existing parking area has now expired and before renewing the consent the PC wished to know whether local residents still felt that the proposal was worthwhile. The PC received very little response from residents on this. The PC is uncertain whether extending the parking area will actually resolve the problem of parking along the road outside the church and Village Hall. Often cars park there when spaces are available in the existing parking area. In practical terms, the PC has only a fraction of the funds needed to carry out the proposed extension and previous efforts to obtain grant aid have not been successful. The PC will discuss the matter again at its next meeting but is minded not to renew the application for Planning Consent unless stronger expressions of support for the scheme are received.

The Boules Pitch. Maintenance of the pitch is not a responsibility of the PC but, as there seems to be some support for retaining it, the PC will make enquiries to see if anyone is prepared to keep it in order.

Street Lights. It had been suggested that the lights between the village and the cross-roads at the bottom of the hill (on the A6121) should be turned-off between the hours of midnight and 5am, for ecological reasons. A similar proposal was rejected by the PC, after consultation, in 2009. There still seems to be little support for this idea but the PC will consider the matter again at the next meeting.

Road Safety. The PC has asked County Councillor Trollope-Bellew to liaise with LCC's Highways department to see what can be done to reduce the risk of accidents occurring at the cross-roads on the A6121 and in the West Farm area.

All these matters will be discussed again at the next Parish Council meeting which is due to be held in the Village Hall at **7.00pm on 12 January, 2015**. The PC would still like to hear the views of as many local residents as possible on these issues.

SOME SEASONAL PHOTOS FROM OUR READERS



Clerk's Notes from the Edenham services are involved.

Parish Council Meeting

11th November 2014

Open Forum: The chairman welcomed one member of the public. There were no issues raised. All parishioners are again reminded that Open Forum at each Parish Council meeting is their opportunity to voice concern/raise local issues with their councillors. They are also reminded that next May will see local elections, hence an ideal time for anyone interested in contributing to their local community to step forward to become a member of your council. Details can be obtained by contacting the parish clerk at edenham.pc@btinternet.com – or contacting any of your current councillors.

Highways: Minor works to correct defects reported at last meeting to be carried out. Chairman requested that details of any road traffic accidents witnessed/ reported (however minor) within the Parish should be passed to the clerk. This will allow a more accurate account of the road safety to be passed to Highways/ Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership who only receive reports if police/emergency

Street Cleaning: On-going Grant from SKDC for 2nd half of year received. Recent instances of fly tipping have been reported to SKDC. All are reminded that anyone can report fly tipping directly to SKDC either by phone (01476 406680) or online reporting (www.southkesteven.gov.uk)

Children's Play Area: Annual safety inspection carried out; minor remedial works to be undertaken.

Financial Matters: Cheques signed for Play Area Inspection (£54) and ground maintenance (£195).

Play Area Maintenance: Review of the maintenance contract to be carried out in conjunction with Edenham Village Hall committee to consider a contract to cover both the Play Area and Village Hall surrounds. To be discussed/ agreed at the next council meeting.

Property Address: Recently it has been highlighted that some household properties within the parish have been difficult to identify by couriers etc due to poorly sited/ marked house

numbers or names. The Parish Council would therefore request that householders consider their properties and ask themselves, "Is it clearly identified?" Could the **emergency services** easily find you if the unfortunate should happen and you called on their services?

The next meeting of the Edenham Parish Council will take place in Edenham Village Hall on Tuesday 13th January 2015 at 7:30pm.

Meetings take place on the second Tuesday in Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep & Nov in Edenham Village Hall at 7:30pm.

Parishioners can register for e-mail reminders of meetings with the parish clerk at edenham.pc@btinternet.com.

Clerk's Notes of the Swinstead Parish Council meeting 6th November 2014

Financial Report: The report was presented and agreed.

Community Speed Watch

Camera: An initiative whereby the camera would be joint-purchased had not been progressed further by Corby Glen at this stage. It was agreed that the Parish Council could not justify the expense of purchasing the camera from its own resources at the moment.

Buttercross: Feedback from

quotation requests for the base have indicated that this work would not be able to be commenced until 2015. The work will require approval from LCC Highways.

Highways: Yellow road markings have been made in Park Road to indicate the extent of forthcoming much-needed carriageway repairs.

Community Wildlife Orchard:

The only outstanding task for 2014 is the hedge trimming and this will be arranged. Weather fluctuations from wet to dry have had an effect on the gateposts and gate-mountings; the movement from this needs to be monitored. Some of the plastic tree ties had been chewed, presumably by mice, and these had been replaced or tightened as required. Some tree replacements may need to be made by next season.

Croake Hill: Monitoring relating to anti-social behaviour continues.

Date and Time of next meeting: Thursday, 8th January 2015 at 7pm.

Swinstead News

Shoe Box appeal. 30 boxes were sent from Swinstead. The boxes are going to Belarus. Thank you from Elsie Kiely and Lynda Wilson.

JANE'S SEASONAL RECIPE

Thanks to Karen Lawrie for this quick & easy pud. A good way of using some of your glut of apples!

Apple and Cinnamon pudding (Serves 6)

BATTER

- 1 ½ oz butter
- 2 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 1 egg
- 5 oz plain flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon vanilla essence
- 2 ½ fl oz milk

TOPPING

- 1 ½ lb cooking apples, peeled & sliced
- 3 oz butter
- 7 oz brown sugar
- 2 tsp cinnamon

Grease 8ins x 10ins tin with 1½ oz melted butter. Mix ingredients to make a thick batter. Spread into the tin. Layer apples over the batter. Melt butter, brown sugar & cinnamon. Spread on top of the apples. Bake at 220c for 25mins. Serve warm with ice cream, or crème fraiche.

View from the Pew

As the year draws to a close and we look back on past joys and sorrows, I wonder how many of us tend to feel gloomy. Often the negatives cling very close to us, clouding memories of the brighter aspects of life. To cap it all, the days are becoming increasingly short and cold and we may be inclined to look upon the “Season of Goodwill” with trepidation as too many demands are made on our time and patience!

Well, I have just returned from a trip to London, I went with the express intention of seeing the display of ceramic poppies and I would like to share my thoughts with you.

Consider for a while, if you will, the extraordinary vision of the artist, Paul Cummins, and the stage designer, Tom Piper, who conceived and developed the installation, and the generosity of the hundreds of volunteers who made the whole thing possible, I for one was lost in the wonder of it all. This expression of abundance and beauty created to honour those who bought our freedom with their lives.

Destruction has given way to creation. Imagination, determination, skill and generosity have come together to remind us that the Soul can rise to meet even the most daunting challenge. Horror has given way to beauty.

This passage, by John Keble, was recently printed in our Pew Sheet:

New perils past, new sins forgiven, new thoughts of God, new hopes of Heaven. If on our daily course, our mind, be set to hallow all we find, new treasures still, of countless price, God will provide for sacrifice.

I pray that the sacrifice of my children and their children be that which is willingly offered to God and not that imposed by man.

Hope, beauty and generosity, such fertile medium in which to grow the young shoots of 2015.

WHIST DRIVE

A Whist Drive was held on Friday 17th October in the Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill when £94 was raised for Church funds. Among the winners were:

GENTS

1st Mrs G Stanford
2nd Mrs D Bennett
3rd Mrs H Strickson

LADIES

1st Mrs T Brace
2nd Mrs B Carter
3rd Mrs E Basden

Among the raffle winners were Mrs P Cranfield, Mrs G Stanford, Mrs D Blanchard-Xavier, Miss E Munton, Mrs A Blanchard, Mrs T Brace, Mrs H Strickson. The Christmas Whist Drive will be held on Friday 12th December at 7.0pm. Thank you to everyone for your support and to all those who kindly donate prizes, which are always very appreciated.



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PARISH SERVICES FOR DECEMBER 2014

	Swinstead	Witham	Edenham
7 th December Second of Advent	8.45am Parish Communion 3.30pm Christingle	10am Parish Communion	11.15am Parish Communion 6.00pm Evening Prayer
14 th December Third of Advent	8.45am Parish Communion	10am Parish Communion 6.00pm Evening Prayer	11.15am Parish Communion
21 st December Fourth of Advent	8.45am Parish Communion 6pm Evening Prayer	10am Parish Communion	11.15am Parish Communion
24 th December Christmas Eve	4pm Crib Service	4.30pm Christingle and Crib Service 11.30pm Midnight Mass	9am Holy Communion 6pm Carol Singing at Grimsthorpe (Ticket holders only)
25 th December Christmas Day	8.30am Parish Communion and Carols	9.30am Parish Communion and Carols	10.30am Parish Communion and Carols
28 th December The Holy Innocents	10.30am Three Parishes Communion		

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PARISH SERVICES FOR JANUARY 2015

	Swinstead	Witham	Edenham
4 th January 2 nd Sunday of Christmas	8.45am Parish Communion	10am Epiphany Service for all ages	11.15am Epiphany Service for all ages 6pm Readings and Carols for Epiphany
11 th January Baptism of Christ	8.45am Parish Communion	10am Parish Communion 6.00pm Evening Prayer	11.15am Parish Communion
18 th January 2 nd Sunday of Epiphany	8.45am Parish Communion 6pm Evening Prayer	10am Parish Communion	11.15am Parish Communion
25 th January Conversion of St Paul	8.45am Parish Communion	10am Parish Communion 6.00pm Evening Prayer	11.15am Parish Communion
1 st February Candlemass The Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord		10.30am Three Parishes Candlemass Service	6pm Evening Prayer

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