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July 2021

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24th July 2021 at 3pm for show

If you are able, , please photograph your exhibit on or about the 17th July 2021 and send to Alison– in case your flowers wilt within the week or you are not now able to attend!

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We look forward to seeing you all there

Any Questions ? email alison.whitehead45@btinternet.com

Parish News

TOFT CUM LOUND AND MANTHORPE PARISH EMAIL DISTRIBUTION LIST To complement the new Parish website, there is a parish email distribution list. Should you wish to ensure that you receive timely news of events via email, **residents of Toft, Lound and Manthorpe**, who are not already on the list, **are asked to send their email address, name and house address to the editor: the3towers1@gmail.com**

FOODBANK We continue to collect for the Foodbank both in the Church porch and at Manor Cottage, Witham. Please let us have your donations as and when you can and we will ensure they get to the Foodbank. Many thanks.

BOOK EXCHANGE I am going to try to move some of the books on the shelves out and put some new ones in so if anyone has books to donate please leave them in Witham Church porch (even if the box and shelves are full). Many thanks Frances

MOBILE LIBRARY Edenham Parish Council is working with the Mobile Library team to assess the level of interest in having this service re-introduced. In order for this to be progressed we require at least 6 people to visit the library vehicle during the one hour that it is parked. If you are interested in this service please register your interest with the Parish Clerk by telephone or email: Edenham.pc@gmail.com / 01778 591435.

STEAM ACTION COFFEE MORNINGS Join us for coffee mornings at Edenham Village Hall and help to raise funds for Steam Action! Coffee is from 10am to noon on Saturday 3rd July, Saturday 17th July, Saturday 7th August and Saturday 21st August.

CONGRATULATIONS Ben and Armande Darley are very happy to announce the arrival of their son, Arthur Ben Illan born on 29th May. A very welcome grandson for Andy and Hazel.

CONFIRMATION Congratulations to Sebastian Setchell, Martin & Hannah Godbert and Clive Robinson (from the Bythams group of parishes) on your confirmation by Bishop Norman on Sunday 6 June at Witham on the Hill. Welcome to the Church family.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS Jennifer Taylor (daughter of Ann and Martin Taylor, formerly of Manthorpe) and Huw Woolley on 26 June at St Mary's Church, Tansor.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped at the Church working party at Witham on 13 June. Many hands make light work! Some hands were busy polishing brass, silver and wooden pews; other hands strimmed, weeded, pruned and did a good job sprucing up the churchyard. A special thank you to Gene Plews who strimmed prior to the event, which made the whole job much easier. Also grateful thanks to Lisa Lord who refuelled us with mini cupcakes! Well done all! The next working party will be on **Sunday 22 August** from 11am.

EDENHAM, GRIMSTHORPE, ELSTHORPE AND SCOTLETHORPE PARISH COUNCIL Our new Parish website is now live where you can find lots of useful information such as Parish Council business including meeting agendas and minutes, Parish Information, the latest news and links to other sites such as South Kesteven District Council, Lincolnshire County Council, Lincolnshire Police and many others.

[Homepage – Edenham, Grimsthorpe, Elsthorpe and Scotlethorpe Parish Council \(lincolnshire.gov.uk\)](http://parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk)

If there is any other information that you would like to see on the website please contact the Parish Clerk via email Edenham.pc@gmail.com or telephone 01778 591435.

Councillor Vacancy - We currently have a Councillor vacancy full details on how to apply can be found on the Parish website.

Next Parish Council Meeting - 13th July 2021 at 19:30 hours the full agenda and place of meeting will be published on the Parish Website and the Parish Notice boards at least seven days prior to the meeting taking place.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE – OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

With this magazine you should find a leaflet, asking you to pack a shoebox full of gifts for children who are suffering as a result of war, flood, drought or famine. This is a wonderful way to help children in desperate need of love and care. The boxes go to collection centres during the week 15-22 November, so you have plenty of time to choose suitable items. This year flip-flops, socks, t-shirts, four suit playing cards, books and handmade toys can be included; but no sweets nor chocolate, no toothpaste nor liquids, though solid soap is allowed. The venue to take your boxes to will be notified in September. If you need any help or advice regarding this please contact Jane Clark tel 01778 590232. Thank you for taking part in this project.



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The Vicar Writes

So, what next?!

Last month's article about the proposed changes to the provision of clergy and the organisation of Parishes in the Diocese of Lincoln (and in the Church of England at large) provoked the largest number of responses I've ever had to one of my offerings for the Three Towers!

It certainly was encouraging. But, having glimpsed what the future holds and with many telling me that "Something *must* be done!", the obvious question is "*What* can be done?"

This, I fear, is where the excitement and concern will probably wane... Why? Because the answers aren't new, nor are they radically different from anything you may have heard in the past. The difference now is that a failure to act will result in an irredeemable loss. If we do nothing, our Churches will cease to offer regular worship and the buildings will suffer as they fall out of regular use. Their overall future will be in doubt and with it the availability of grave spaces, baptisms, weddings, funerals and the yearly liturgical highlights loved by many including, Christmas, Easter, Harvest and Remembrance Sunday (the Church's 'greatest hits'

as some refer to them).

More than that, pastoral links with the clergy will also be severed irreparably. People used to find security in the knowledge that a familiar face (or even someone they regarded as a friend) would be the one who presided over family weddings, baptisms and funerals. That will go. The Church will function more like a care agency; when you need a Priest they'll send someone but you won't know who and they probably won't send the same person twice. Above all, we stand to lose continuity of worship and care that has always been there and, seemingly, always would be.

The challenge is to safeguard that continuity by valuing it, owning it, maintaining it and investing in it before it fades away and dies.

Village communities are littered with houses known as 'The Old Bakery', 'The Old Post Office', 'The Old Forge'..... Their demise was a simple case of economics – people took the convenient option to shop elsewhere and those who ran them saw no future. But now we rejoice in new community / village shops popping up and pubs beginning to sell some of the everyday necessities. We've learned to value and reclaim some of what we'd lost but, even now, the

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future for such initiatives isn't so secure.

The truth is that communities are more appealing to others when there are shops, amenities, schools, social groups, village halls and good transport links. Churches are part of that rich tapestry but they also offer more. The Church of England remains the spiritual guardian of the nation. We reach the places that others cannot! We cater for the deeper things in life; space where longings can be expressed, questions asked and hurts healed. We are concerned with the things of God! We have a message of hope for all and that hope radiates into the community through the people who try to live and embody it.

So, down to brass tacks... What *can* we do?

Well, the first challenge is for those who have faith, whether you be a regular, occasional or even annual attendee at Church. And the challenge? Be *more* faithful! It sounds blunt and almost unappreciative (for which I must apologise) but it remains crucial. The key element in all of this is to turn faith, even the smallest faith, into action and growth.

We need congregations that are

vibrant and viable! If you're holding back expressing your faith for a rainy day then, you risk the storm clouds overwhelming that noble intention. If you consider attending twice a month to be enough, then the reality is that you're relying on others to keep the show on the road in the meantime. If you consider twice a year to be enough then chances are there will still be something for you at Christmas and Easter but quality and continuity will undoubtedly suffer.

If services being offered on the internet has revealed something worrying it's that the quality of what passes for worship these days has dropped considerably. If you don't want to sing your carols to a CD and be left wondering why the worship seems as saccharine as Coca-Cola, then you'll need to invest your time and resources in maintaining the quality of what the Church does.

It's not just about having able Vicars. The clergy are being spread ever more thinly but with the support and direction of committed laity, we won't be consumed by mediocrity. Furthermore, the powers that be have decreed that variety in worship is now essential! What this unwittingly provides us with is the possibility of a return to well-known

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and well-loved traditional forms of worship, together with sensible and dynamic provision for younger children and families.

Finally, if I can't persuade you to join us, might I implore you to support us financially? A regular monthly donation can (and does) make a huge difference and will help to preserve what we do for the future.

What can we offer in return? We can offer our prayers, our thanks and the promise that we will try to use each and every gift we receive wisely and for the benefit of all.

If you intend to be buried in the Churchyard then please support us. If you imagine your children or grandchildren being married or baptised in the Church then please support us. If you've ever wandered into Church because nowhere else was open (or seemed to make sense) then please support us. If you enjoy walking or driving past the Church and seeing it looking well-loved or well-kept then please support us.

The time is now. Your support can and will make a difference.

Fr Edward

Diary Date...

Saturday 24th July, 3pm to 5pm, The Vicarage garden Edenham. Celebrate the end of lockdown (or be encouraged to persevere a little longer) with the Church Garden Fete. We hope to have all the traditional games and stalls, raffle, tombola etc. together with homemade teas. COVID contingency plans just in case and plenty of space / wiggle-room even if it rains! Please contact Fr Ed (01778 591358) or Ruth Atter (01778 591328) with offers of help or prizes. Items can be collected, left in the Church or dropped off at the Vicarage.

Notice

Swinstead Treasurer: We need a new Treasurer at St Mary's in Swinstead. The role involves banking collections at regular / quarterly intervals, signing the occasional cheque and keeping the congregation up to date with money matters. It could be done remotely and isn't terribly arduous but it would make a huge difference to everyone at St Mary's. Please drop Fr Ed a line if you might be able to help (edenhamoffice@gmail.com).

Fr Edward

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Witham on the Hill WI

The speaker at the June meeting, held by Zoom, was Jane Napper who demonstrated chocolate making. The committee had purchased her home made chocolates and distributed them to members prior to the demo. They were delicious! Jane gave lots of tips for tempering chocolate, and encouraged all to have a go.

The next WI walk will be on Thursday 24 June, starting at Swinstead, with lunch at the Griffin Inn at Irnham. There will be an afternoon tea at the President's home on Sunday 4 July to celebrate the 73rd birthday of the NHS and to raise funds for NHS

charities. Ideas are requested for a project for Big Green Week 18-25 September.

The next meeting will be by Zoom, hosted by Carlby WI on Tuesday 13 July at 7.30pm when the speaker will be Steve Seabrook, a retired Policeman, with a talk titled "Missing Persons". Hopefully, this will be our last Zoom meeting, as games on the village green are planned for August, and it is hoped that normality will resume in September when Mutts Nutts, the dog charity, will give us a talk in the parish hall. For more information on the WI, or to join the Zoom meeting, contact Secretary: Jane Clark tel 01778 590232.

Witham on the Hill Parish Council Parish Meeting 14 June A summary of the Chairman's Annual Report

Last year's annual Parish Meeting had to be deferred, because of the pandemic so this report covers the Parish Council's activities over the last two years.

Firstly my thanks to all Councillors for their support during the last twenty four months. The pandemic has presented challenges but the Clerk has been able to organise nearly all the usual meetings via Zoom. My special thanks go to Andrew Greenwood who after five years decided to step down but we welcome Paul Smith who joined the Council in May.

At the local elections Cllr Bob Adams and Penny Robins were elected to represent our community at County and Local level.

Planning applications discussed have mostly related to arboreal work and

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none were considered to be contentious. Applications for infill or back land development, remains an issue of concern for the Parish Council and will be closely monitored.

For the last four years the Parish Council has been lobbying for improvement works to the A6121, due to the regular accidents at the crossroads. Bob Adams (LCC) has been especially helpful and as a result vegetation was cut back to improve sightlines. The illuminating warning sign on the approach from Toft was recommissioned and new warning signage installed with an advisory 40mph speed limit. More recently double white lines have been laid on the approaches. It may be too early to draw conclusions but it does appear the accident rate has dropped. However, residents should still take extra care and warn any visitors that traffic coming from Toft is easily obscured by the left windscreen pillar.

Although the village has access to the defibrillator at the school, this is rather remote. So it was decided to purchase our own defibrillator and install it externally on the Village Hall, by the entrance door.

Concern was raised about the speed of traffic through the village, so the Parish Council has agreed to purchase a reactive speed sign which it is hoped can be installed this summer. The sign will record vehicle speeds and its location changed periodically.

The Parish Council continues to follow a policy of maintaining the annual precept on residents at the lowest level, but the foregoing items have been paid for out of reserves.

The village has benefited from SKDC's Big Clean initiative in particular the footpath down to the crossroads which was cleared of overgrowth. Cllr Benn's (SKDC) support was much appreciated in getting this work approved, as is the cooperation of local landowners in maintaining the footpaths.

A village WhatsApp group has been set up. We also have an up to date village map thanks to Lisa Lord, on the noticeboard outside the Village Hall. My thanks to Frances Plummer who has organised volunteers to paint the play equipment on the Green and Parishioners have come forward in a show of great community spirit, from clapping the NHS to the splendid efforts made to celebrate the 75th anniversary of VE day last year.

New Defibrillator

Although the school has always made it clear their defibrillator is available to residents in an emergency, it was felt that we needed something a little more visible and in a central location. So the Parish Council has purchased a new defibrillator which is mounted externally on the Village Hall next to the entrance door. Although it is in a secure cabinet, the ambulance service has the key code, which they will pass to anyone dialling 999 and nearby residents have also been given this information.

The defibrillator is designed so that anyone can use it, with simple voice instructions to talk you through the procedure. It is also designed so that you can grab it and run to the patient bearing in mind time saved at this point will be critical to the outcome. I would encourage anybody interested to watch the IPAD SP1 AED (defibrillator) training video on YouTube, but it really is simple to operate if you had to.

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Charles Henriques. Chair; Witham on the Hill Parish Council

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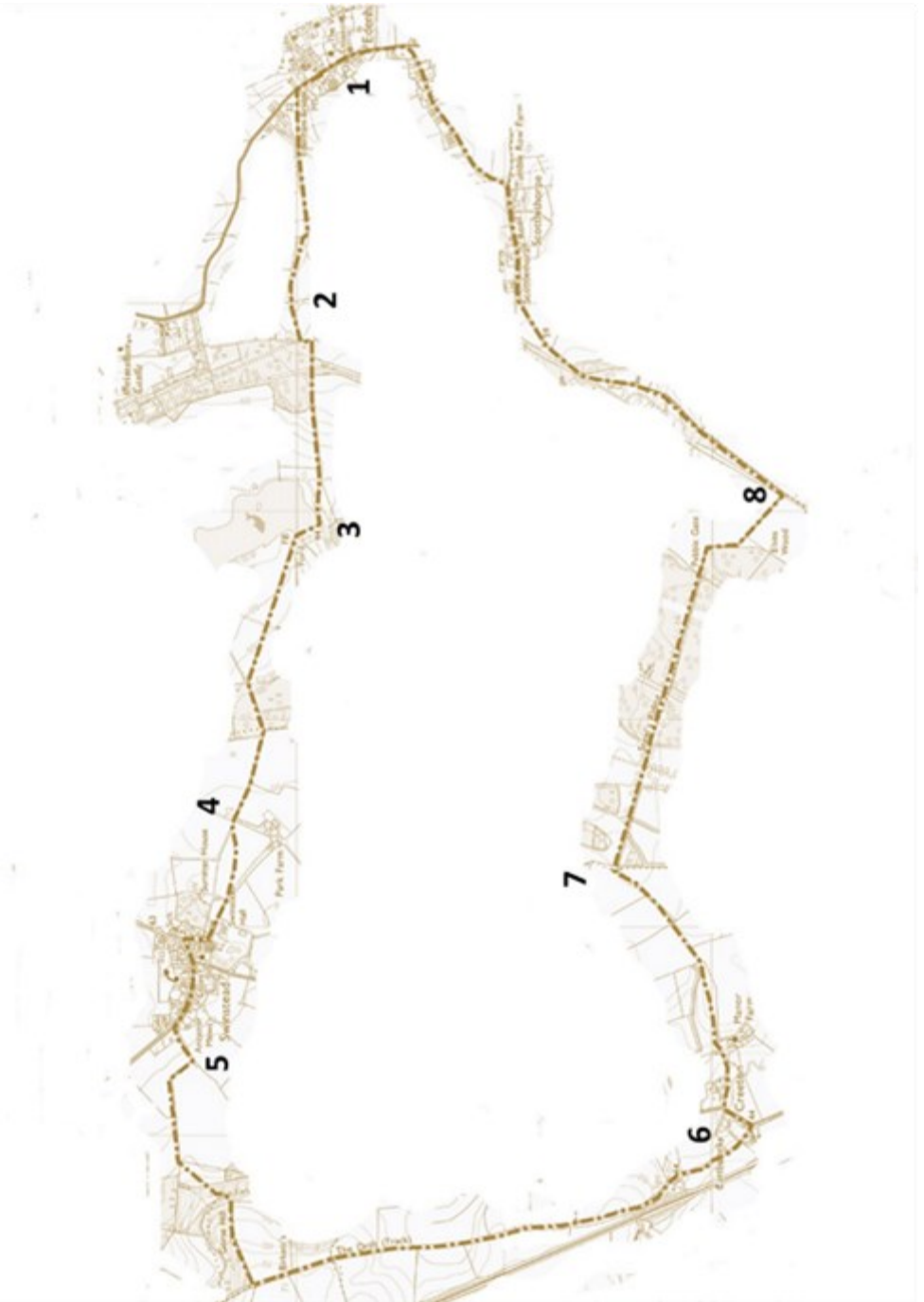
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2. Turn right through the gap, then left again towards a small bridge and a gate. Turning left after the bridge/gate, take the obvious path to the right following the ditch line towards the wood. The path bends left then right again following the wood boundary. Go straight ahead into the wood and follow this well-made path down to the Grimsthorpe lake. In addition to great views of the castle, there are also some benches on the lake-side.
3. Follow the path around the lake over the bridge and past the shepherd's hut. Turn left here, following the yellow signed footpath. Walk up the hill turning left into the wood. Through the wood and on towards Swinstead Hall.
4. Turn left off the main track just after Park Farm through a small wooded area then across the field. At the end of the field, turn right onto the road past the Hall and right again at the bottom into the village. Turn left onto the High Street. Continue through the village and turn left at the end of the High Street following the footpath sign.

5. Turn right just after the telegraph pole following the track as it bends left. Keep the hedge on your left and walk towards the wood ahead. Be careful you do not miss the left turn over a stile 50 m before the wood. Over the stile and head diagonally downhill. Turn left at the bottom of the hill and head for the wooden bridge. Straight ahead over a stile (or through the gate, if open) and up Gorse Hill. Follow the path past the wood until you meet a wide track. Turn left and follow the track all the way into Creeton.
6. Turn left into Creeton, over the bridge then right towards the church. As the road bends right go left following the footpath over a stile then turning right onto the footpath up the hill. Follow the hedge line towards the next wooded area.
7. Keeping the wood on your right, go through a gate heading along the path under the mistletoe laden trees. Go through the next gate and then a stile and across metalled-surfaced Chestnut Avenue where you have a decent view of Grimsthorpe once more on your left. Carry on along this route and over the stile at Pebble gate (an impressive high old wooden gate). Follow the path around the wood to the right. Half way along here the route bears left across a field towards a gap in the hedge.
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Map based on OS

GPX file available on Toft cum Lound and Manthorpe website

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Friday 10th September

6-7pm - Please bring your entries to the hall

Saturday 11th September

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2. Vase of six roses (any variety)
3. Vase of mixed flowers cut from open border (any variety)
4. Tallest Sunflower (judged on premises)
5. Flowering pot plant
6. Vase of five dahlias
7. Vase of five chrysanthemums
8. Vase of sweet peas
9. Foliage pot plant
10. Hanging basket (judged on premises)
11. Cactus or Succulent

SECTION B – DECORATIVE (Completed in the last 12 months)

12. Arrangement of flowers (not to exceed 24" overall)
13. Wreath
14. Button hole used for a wedding (man or woman)
15. A collage of leaves or fruits (maximum size A4)
16. A flower or foliage arrangement in an unusual container
17. Arrangement of flowers, fruit or vegetable not to exceed 12" overall
18. Arrangement of garden materials (no purchased blooms)
19. One vegetable and one bloom (open to any interpretation)
20. Greenery arrangement not to exceed 18" overall

SECTION C –FRUIT AND VEGETABLES (Grown by the exhibitor for at least two months)

21. Box of mixed vegetables (maximum box size 18" x 12")
22. Cucumber
23. Three potatoes any colour
24. Three quality carrots with 3" tops
25. Pepper (any variety)
26. Three onion sets
27. One large onion
28. Three greenhouse tomatoes
29. Three pods of runner beans
30. Unusual shaped, or sized, fruit or veg
31. Pair of marrows, courgettes, squash or pumpkins
32. Five shallots
33. Three beetroot
34. Tied bunch of three herbs
35. Three dessert apples
36. Three cooking apples
37. Bowl of dessert fruit

SECTION D – HOMEMADE (Completed in the last 12 months, wrapped in Clingfilm)

38. Homemade beverage (alcoholic or non-alcoholic)
39. Jar of curd any flavour (must have cellophane top)
40. Jar of jam any flavour (must have cellophane top)
41. Jar of marmalade any variety (must have cellophane top)
42. Jar of chutney any variety (must have cellophane top)
43. Jar of piccalilli (must have cellophane top)
44. Victoria Sponge (jam filled, sprinkled with castor sugar)
45. Six squares of flapjack
46. Showstopper (baked item with WOW factor)
47. Four fruit scones
48. One rich fruit cake

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49. Savoury quiche in foil container
50. Apple pie in foil container
51. Loaf of bread
52. Decorated chocolate cake
53. Bake off cake (see recipe on last page)
54. Five pieces of Shortbread
55. Five decorated cupcakes
56. Lemon tray bake
57. Six sausage rolls

SECTION D – HOMEMADE Class 53. Bake off cake recipe

Vegan Coffee Cake Prep: 15 mins | Cook: 30 mins

- 375g Self-Raising Flour
- 300g Light Brown Sugar
- 1½ tsp. Baking Powder
- 1 tsp. Cinnamon
- ¼ tsp. Salt
- 3 tbsp. Instant Coffee or Espresso Powder
- 360ml Oat or Soya Milk (any non-dairy milk)
- 3 tsp. Vanilla Extract
- 180ml Vegetable Oil
- 1½ tbsp. Apple Cider Vinegar

For the frosting

- 480g Icing Sugar
- 112g Dairy Free Butter
- 60ml Coffee Liqueur(non-dairy milk for less boozy!)
- 1 tbsp. Instant Coffee or Espresso Powder
- 1 tsp. Vanilla Extract

SECTION E – HANDICRAFTS (Completed in the last 12 months)

58. Drawing or Painting (oil or watercolour)
59. Sewing machine item
60. Wood crafted item
61. Hand knitted or crocheted item
62. Item of patchwork
63. Wind chime
64. Article of embroidery or cross stitch
65. One Christmas themed bunting flag (any material, triangle, A5 size)
66. Upcycled/recycled item (include the item origin and what it has transitioned into)
67. Item of paper craft



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SECTION F – CHILDREN Under 7 years (key stage 1)

68. Item of cookery
69. Vegetable model
70. Drawing or painting based on Pantomime characters
71. Photograph of an animal
72. Miniature garden (maximum size 12" x 18". Traditional or modern. Be creative!)
73. Home grown fruit, flower or vegetable
74. One Christmas themed bunting flag (any material, triangle, A5 size)

SECTION F - CHILDREN 7 – 15 years (key stage 2 and 3)

75. Item of cookery
76. Vegetable model
77. Drawing or painting based on Pantomime characters
78. Photograph of an animal
79. Miniature garden (maximum size 12" x 18". Traditional or modern. Be creative!)
80. Home grown fruit, flower or vegetable
81. One Christmas themed bunting flag (any material, triangle, A5 size)

SECTION G – PHOTOGRAPHY (Taken after March 2020 with the exception of class 82) (Maximum size of photo 7" x 5")

82. Recreated photo (include old and new photo – see rules for example)
83. Bridges
84. A landscape
85. A Historic Building
86. 2020 VE Day celebration OR Lockdown 2020

SECTION H – DISASTER

87. Planned entry that ended in disaster

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4. "Not for sale" cards are available on request and should be placed with any item entered but not for the auction.
5. The judge's decision is final.
6. Recreated photo example; photo of a couple standing in church on their wedding day in 1962, and a second photo of the same couple standing in the same church in 2021. Please enter both photos and try to recreate the old photo as best you can.



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What is Bourne Foodbank?

A foodbank is a centre for giving emergency food to those in crisis in our community. Today there are people struggling to put food on the table. Bourne foodbank provides emergency food and support to local people in crisis.

The Bourne foodbank is part of a network founded by the Trussell Trust, a Christian Trust committed to self-sustaining community projects which tackle poverty and social exclusion in the UK and is locally operated by the 'Churches Together in Bourne'. Our foodbank is organised and run entirely by volunteers. We open Tuesdays 1pm to 3pm and Fridays 9am to 11am.

During the pandemic, we have had to change the way we operate at the foodbank. Pre-pandemic clients would be offered refreshments and the chance to sit and talk to one of our volunteers. During this time there was an opportunity to signpost clients to any support agencies which may help them overcome, or deal with, the situations they found themselves in. Sadly, this all stopped in March 2020. We now only have 4 volunteers working at each session (instead of 6). This was initially due to some volunteers shielding, as well as minimising the number of people working in our small confined stockroom. At the moment, only 2 clients are allowed into our premises at a time. Signposting has stopped and face masks are worn at all times. Food parcels are prepared in advance, so we can get clients in and out quickly. While people were shielding, we started delivering food to those who were unable to reach us. We still have three delivery drivers available for each of our opening times. Although we have been extremely busy during the past 16 months, we have been absolutely overwhelmed by the generosity of local people, schools, churches, businesses and organisations. Our clients had extra treats at Christmas and Easter - thanks to the thoughtfulness of others. We are also able to provide small gifts, if we find out that clients, or someone in their family, has a birthday coming up. At times, we have also issued vouchers to enable clients to purchase their own fresh fruit, veg and meat.

I have been involved with the foodbank in Bourne for 3 years. Since the start of the pandemic, I have run the Tuesday sessions along with other

hardworking volunteers who work on a rota system. We've had to adapt and change, sometimes at short notice. At times it has been hectic! Weighing in, sorting and dating large deliveries of donations, greeting and thanking individuals who arrive with donations, preparing and ensuring our delivery drivers know where they are going, as well as ensuring clients are welcomed and receive the food they are entitled to. (Another team of volunteers do exactly the same on Friday mornings.) Despite the hectic times, I thoroughly enjoy what I do. I've learnt so much and met some wonderful, caring people.

Sadly, there is a need for a foodbank in Bourne. Thankfully, there are some extremely generous people living in Bourne and the surrounding villages. It's because of this generosity that we are able to support those in need in our community. Hopefully, in the very near future, we will be able to operate our foodbank more normally - once again offering refreshments and a friendly ear to listen to our clients and then point them in the right direction to access the help and support they may need.

Marcelle Cowley

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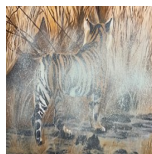
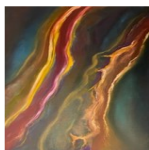
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THOUGHTS FOR JULY

There is a plethora of saints to be celebrated this month.

Did you know it was Henry VIII who tore down St Thomas à Becket's shrine, announcing he was no longer a saint! However, St Thomas still has his followers and in parts of the south west of the country a glass is raised, followed by a form of wrestling, to commemorate his Day.

In the Middle Ages, Margaret a young woman of royal birth and who had converted to Christianity, refused to marry a pagan. Consequently, she was thrown to and devoured by a dragon! Miraculously, a cross appeared on the creature's belly, Margaret escaped unscathed and was duly venerated. Yes, you've guessed, she is now seen as the patron saint of safe childbirth! Celebrate this on the 20th.

St James' Day is the 25th of this month, his symbol being the scallop shell. Scalloped oysters are enjoyed at this time of year, being prepared with butter, stock, cream and breadcrumbs. Mmm....indulge.

Finally we come to St Swithin who deplored pomp and ceremony. He is remembered on the 15th July. It is recorded that when his bones were removed from a quiet churchyard to the newly completed Winchester Cathedral in 971 A.D. his copious tears of protestation brought forth torrential rain for forty days and forty nights!

Make a note of the date.....have your broly at the ready!

M.

106 years ago this month

(From entries made by the Rev L H Cooley into the Parish Magazine—reproduced by kind permission of The Witham on the Hill Historical Society)

July 1915

Collections for the Stamford Infirmary. - The house-to-house collections were very kindly made by Mrs Hill in Witham and Manthorpe and by Miss Lee in Toft and Lound. The amounts are: Witham £3/4/0, Manthorpe 11/4, Toft-cum-Lound 15/9. Total for the parish £4/11/7, which is an increase of 30/- upon last year's amount.

We beg to thank the subscribers most heartily for their increased support of this deserving cause, especially this year when the calls upon us all are so numerous.



Stamford Red Cross Motor Ambulance. - A house-house collection in aid of the above has been made in Witham, and the handsome sum of £8/16/4 has been realized, and has been sent by Mrs. Fenwick to the Mayoress of Stamford.

The Lincolnshire Hut at Netley. - This hospital is entirely supported by the monthly contributions from Lincolnshire villages. We collect here about 14/- per month. A few additional monthly subscribers of 6d. or 1/- would be most welcome. Lady Ancaster (*Grimsthorpe*) appeals also this month for towels and socks as the articles most required at present at the Front.

Overseas Club Penny Fund. - A sum of 19/- has recently been collected and given by the schoolchildren towards this fund, which despatches gifts and comforts for the troops abroad. Postcards are enclosed in the parcels, to enable recipients to send their thanks to the donors.

(British schoolchildren contributed to the war effort in ways other than designing and painting fund raising postcards. For example, a few weeks before Christmas 1915, the 'Over-seas Club' launched an appeal aimed at the children of Britain. It invited each of them to take at least one penny to school, where their teachers would set up collection points. The money collected would go to providing parcels of tobacco and cigarettes and other comforts, "so that everyone of our brave soldiers and sailors will be happy on Christmas day." said a publicity leaflet. The appeal was a great success and each child was given a colourful certificate bearing his/her name – to show that they had contributed to the 'Penny Fund'.)





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Jane's seasonal recipe

Thanks to Sue Cork for this very tasty veg accompaniment to a meat dish, or as a vegetarian dish on its own.

Courgette, Potato & Feta Bake

1 large courgette

4/5 large potatoes

200g feta cheese

Olive oil

Dried mint

Pour about 2 tablespoons of oil in a large shallow dish. Peel & thinly slice the potatoes, slice the courgette about ¼ inch thick. Put a layer of potatoes in the dish, then half the courgettes, crumble half of the feta over the top & sprinkle liberally with dried mint. Repeat the layers again, & finish with another layer of potatoes. Pour over more olive oil & bake at 200c for approx 1½ hours until the potatoes are cooked through.

SERVES 2-3

Edenham Vicarage

VOLUNTEERS wanted for gardening at Edenham Vicarage. If you can spare a few hours on a Tuesday, once a fortnight, your help would be greatly appreciated. Please bring your own trowel, fork or secateurs, and lunch. Tea/coffee provided. Next sessions are 13 & 27 July. **THANK YOU**

PARISH SERVICES FOR JULY 2021

	Swinstead	Witham	Edenham
4 th July Trinity 5	8.45am Parish Eucharist	10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist 4pm Evensong (Grimsthorpe)
11 th July Trinity 6	8.45am Parish Eucharist	10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist 4pm Evensong - (Grimsthorpe)
18 th July Trinity 7			10.30am Benefice Eucharist followed by picnic & Rounders - (Grimsthorpe Castle) 4pm Evensong - (Grimsthorpe)
25 th July St James	8.45am Parish Eucharist	10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist 4pm Evensong - (Grimsthorpe)

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