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Parish News

WANTED—Garage to store a sports car - please call 07795 651493

WELCOME - Elaine and Richard Sutton who have moved into Hawthorn House in Manthorpe. We hope you are enjoying your new home.

WELCOME - Jill and Roy who recently joined the Edenham community in Scottlethorpe Road.

WORSHIP ST MARY'S SWINSTEAD - Following the impact of COVID-19 we have struggled for a regular weekly congregation at St Mary's. After consultation with the PCC we have decided to opt for a service once a month on the second Sunday at 8.45am whilst maintaining regular services at Christmas, Easter, Harvest and Remembrance. We hope that others in the village might consider supporting us once a month on the second Sunday and we are grateful for the continued financial and practical support that we receive. Fr Edward is still available for visits, home Communions and is often present at the fortnightly Coffee Morning at the Village Hall.

TOFT CUM LOUND AND MANTHORPE 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

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED to form a Jubilee Playing Field Management Team to manage the Toft cum Lound and Manthorpe playing field. Please contact the clerk: Rosemary Trollope-Bellew Tel: 01778 560634 or by email: tlampc2@gmail.com

SAMARITAN'S PURSE SHOE BOXES I hope you haven't lost your leaflet, or forgotten about the shoe boxes! I'm sure you are busy filling shoeboxes with gifts and useful supplies for children suffering as a result of war, famine, or natural disaster. The collection week is **15-22 November**, when you can take your shoe box to the Nottingham Building Society in Bourne or Stamford. If you need help with this, contact Jane Clark 01778 590232. Thank you for your support.

BAPTISM baby Tilly May Exton on 17 October at St Andrew's Church, Witham on the Hill.

WATCH OUT!

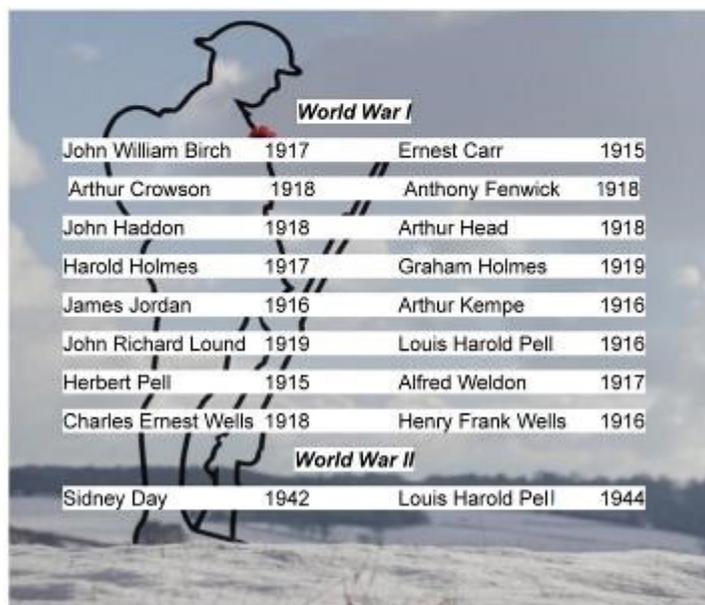
THERE WILL BE TOMMIES ABOUT!

As we approach the 11th November this year, our thoughts will once again turn to those brave soldiers who lost their lives in the two world wars.

In every act of remembrance, we honour the memory of the fallen and pledge to care for the living. We will remember them so this year the Parish Council will be placing Tommy figures in various sites within your parish to commemorate those who lost their lives in these conflicts. Remembrance honours those who serve to defend our democratic freedoms and way of life.



We now have nineteen silhouettes of these iconic figures - one for each of the soldiers from our parish who perished - plus an additional silhouette representing the "Unknown Soldier". Look out for the silhouettes in your village during November.



World War I			
John William Birch	1917	Ernest Carr	1915
Arthur Crowson	1918	Anthony Fenwick	1918
John Haddon	1918	Arthur Head	1918
Harold Holmes	1917	Graham Holmes	1919
James Jordan	1916	Arthur Kempe	1916
John Richard Lound	1919	Louis Harold Pell	1916
Herbert Pell	1915	Alfred Weldon	1917
Charles Ernest Wells	1918	Henry Frank Wells	1916
World War II			
Sidney Day	1942	Louis Harold Pell	1944

TOFT CUM LOUND AND MANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

EDENHAM CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATION - The colours this year will be red. We will use red or cream candles big enough to last over several services. Please put your name on the list in the church where you will be decorating.

STAMFORD STITCHERS Do you enjoy embroidery? Have you picked up needle and thread in lockdown? Would you like to meet with others who are interested in textile arts? The Stamford Stitchers meet regularly on the 3rd Thursday of the month in Stamford. There is a varied programme of talks, demonstrations and mini workshops. These may be run by our members or an external speaker. Members enjoy access to a WhatsApp chat group where we share what we've been up to, and a stitch and chat Zoom meeting in between the live meetings. We welcome anyone who has an interest in embroidery and textile arts, whether a beginner or more experienced stitcher. For more information, please contact us on stamfordstitchers@gmail.com

CONGRATULATIONS to Rosie and Rob Blakely on the birth of Theodore Joseph, weighing in at 7 pounds 8 ounces, on 7 October. Another grandson for Anne Marie and Vic Lilly.

CONDOLENCES to Jean Mathams, the Henriques family, neighbours and friends on the loss of Mike Mathams, who passed away after a long illness on 8 October.

CONDOLENCES to John Martin, family, neighbours and friends on the loss of Irene Martin. Irene was a highly respected and much loved head teacher at Edenham Primary School for many years.

THANKS - The MacMillan Coffee Morning held on 16 October in St Andrew's Parish Hall raised over £550. Grateful thanks to all who attended, those who helped serve refreshments, run the raffle and man the stalls. Well done!

FOODBANK - Thank you very much to everyone who so generously donated to our Harvest collection for the Bourne Foodbank. There was an amazing amount of food which will be delivered in the next few days. We will continue to take donations every 2-3 weeks if they are left in the church porch or in the cupboard by the log store at Manor Cottage, Witham.

MOBILE POST OFFICE - We are expecting this service to re-start in the next couple of weeks. The delay is due to works required by BT/Openreach in

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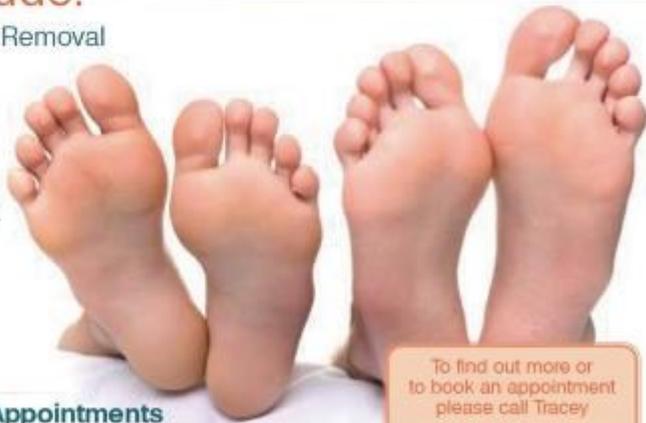
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EDENHAM CHURCH CLEANING - We are looking for volunteers to go on the cleaning rota. We have recently taken delivery of two new vacuum cleaners and an extension lead to help cover a wide area of the church. The cupboard at the back of church has been cleaned out to make room for one machine with extensive cleaning supplies and the other is in the vestry, so, no one has to lift a vacuum cleaner up the chancel steps. You can do as much as you like when your turn comes round, as long as the blue carpet is clean for the Sunday service. We won't make you come to church every week but extra help once every 6 weeks would be appreciated. If you are interested, please contact Ruth 01778 591328 Thank you

Dates for Your Diary

27th October until 26th November Willoughby Memorial Trust Gallery Open Art Competition 2021 - exhibition of all entries. This competition, open to adults and young people living in Lincolnshire or within 30 miles of Corby Glen, provides an interesting and varied end to the exhibition season at the Gallery, showcasing the wealth of artistic talent in the area.

Tuesday 9 November, 7.30 pm in the Edenham Village Hall, **Edenham and Grimsthorpe Parish Council meeting.**

Monday 1st and Monday 29th November at 2.40 pm. The **mobile library** will be in Edenham Village Hall.

Monday 8th and 13th November, Swinstead Bingo. Eyes down at 7.30pm, proceeds to St Mary's Church.

Tuesday, 14 December, 6.30pm. **Christmas Carols** around the tree in Edenham. Please meet in the field between the churchyard and the bridge. Light refreshments available. Grimsthorpe Castle Estate has very kindly agreed to donate the Christmas tree and the use of the field has been agreed with Mr Heath Cranfield. Don't forget a head torch! Carol sheets provided.

Thursday 16th December at 7pm in the St Andrew's Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill, **Toft cum Lound and Manthorpe Parish Council meeting.**



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The Vicar Writes

‘Why be anxious?’ asks Jesus in Chapter six of St Matthew’s Gospel. It’s as if he’s saying “Look at God’s lesser creatures and all of creation. Have you ever seen a bird begging for food on the high street? Have you ever seen a lily embarrassed because of an episode with a dodgy colour-at-home kit? No! God provides for them; he will provide for you too! Trust in him. Don’t be anxious! Have faith in your heavenly Father.” Now, you might think “It’s all well and good for a Vicar to be spouting that that sort of thing. After all, Vicars live rent-free in nice houses (and they only work one day a week). What could they possibly know about anxiety or hardship?”

Well, I do know what it’s like to finish university with a full student overdraft, spend six months on Job Seekers Allowance with a wife and child to support (and another on the way) all whilst living at my mother-in-law’s. Throughout that time I still trusted in God. I still put on my smart (ish) clothes every Sunday, bundled my pregnant wife and our son into the car (an old, beige re-engine Skoda, number plate D140UCH – ‘ouch’!) and drove thirty minutes to St Mary’s in Newark for the 9am Sunday Eucharist (it was the nearest

Church with a Sunday School). Looking back I can honestly say that it was Church that held us together during that time. It was worth the effort to get there for 9am. Yes, there could be ups and downs (as there are in any and every Church), but everyone there was aware of our situation, they were always encouraging and, above all, I knew that they were praying for us.

I’d love to tell you that life suddenly got easier when I eventually did get a job, but that wasn’t really the case. The position I successfully applied for was at the Benefits Agency in Lincoln. It was at the same place where I went to sign-on each week, only now I was on the other side of the counter (and for not much more money). I’d also love to tell you that leaving that job (and my mother-in-law’s) two years later to study for the Priesthood at Mirfield in West Yorkshire was all plain sailing but I’m sure you can guess the answer. In the years that followed, I served in Parishes in Nottingham, East Lincs and then for ten years in the East Marsh of Grimsby, uprooting my family, sending the kids to different schools, starting again from scratch each time. It wasn’t a recipe for a settled life but we managed (just). So I do know, at least in part, what it’s like to lay aside the anxieties that you

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just can't fix and to trust in the Lord for my 'daily bread'.

I have, and still do, trust in God for what I need to live. I think we'll all know what it's like to do that in our own different ways. Jesus certainly knew it. His life couldn't have been more different from that of the birds and the lilies. He was a man with few possessions, who famously had "nowhere to lay his head" (Matt 8.20). Jesus knew what it was like to live life on the edge of things. The words he spoke about the birds and the lilies are part of the Sermon on the Mount – a sermon given not far from Calvary (the place where he would eventually give his life on the cross). Jesus knew and taught that life was more than food and clothing.

But what exactly did he mean by 'more'?

A little further on in Chapter six he gives us the answer, he says "seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you" (Matt 6.33). In other words, don't worry about the things that money can buy, worry about God's kingdom and righteousness instead! Seek after the faith that can and does change lives; the hope and trust that can keep us going through the most difficult and darkest of times. That is the 'more'

that Jesus speaks of. That's where the real worth and value lies!

In some sense, that's what we've been celebrating across our three Benefice Harvest Festival services this year – not only a harvest food but a harvest of hope and faith. Being in Church and sharing a meal together feels like a remarkable achievement (and not something that we could've comfortably imagined a year ago). The food that we've collected will, as in previous years, be given to a local foodbank, so that it too will become a sign of hope and faith for others – a sign that we care, and that God does provide.

These are the things that I believe matter more. These are the things that show us that, with God's help, we can and will overcome. I'm so glad that, after all the worry and apprehension, Harvest has been an opportunity to lay down some of our anxieties and burdens and to let tomorrow worry about itself for once. There has been a tangible sense of freedom (like that of the birds and the lilies). I felt it in the harvest hymns and prayers as we celebrated all that God has given us, all that he provides for us, and all who play their part in making that promise a reality. May it long continue and here's to Harvest next year! Fr Edward

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Lost Villages

Known to historians as deserted medieval villages, these were communities that flourished centuries ago but have now disappeared off the face of the Earth. Many were mentioned in the Domesday Book of 1086, William the Conqueror's great survey of England, but are now just empty fields.

The extinction of these settlements seemed to have happened in the 14th century and is usually blamed on the Black Death, the plague epidemic that first struck England in 1348, but came back again and again for more than 300 years. Estimates vary, but from a third to a half of the population died. Once it took hold in a small village it went through the inhabitants like wildfire until they were all gone. Historians have advanced other reasons such as climate change, coastal erosion and replacement of arable farming with sheep and cattle raising.

More deserted villages have been found in the East Midlands and Eastern England than the rest of the country with over 130 listed on the Lincolnshire Historic Environment Record. Some are close to home: Bowthorpe settlement, south of Manthorpe, Stow near Barholm, Elsthorpe near Edenham and Banthorpe near Braceborough. There are at least 15 in our adjoining county of Rutland. But they are very difficult to find without aerial photography or archaeological investigations. Only rarely are humps and hollows or cropmarks seen on the surface.

There are three lost villages in Rutland in a cluster around the A1, which was the Great North Road: Horn, Hardwick and Pickworth. All that remains of Pickworth are the arch from the south porch of the original church (pictured overleaf) in a private front garden of the newer village and a few vague humps and hollows in a field to the west where sheep now graze. On old maps, the lost village is called either Mockbeggar or Top Pickworth. A golf course and a farm occupy the location of Hardwick lost village.



Two interesting alternative reasons have been advanced for their loss. During the 15th century, England was gripped by the Wars of the Roses, the armed conflict between the rival houses of York and Lancaster for the crown of England. In 1460 King Henry VI's queen Margaret was marching south from Yorkshire with a vast army of northerners and mercenaries after her defeat of the Yorkists at the battle of Wakefield. On their way south to attack London, the Lancastrians wrought fear and great destruction on the towns of Grantham, Stamford

and Peterborough, all Yorkist supporting and on the Great North Road. It is possible that the three villages were destroyed by the ravages of this army. In the same conflict, the battle of Losecoat Field in 1470 was fought in or near the area occupied by the villages. According to the information board outside Pickworth Church, the village was described as having no residents by 1491 and advances the idea that it was destroyed following the battle. The same explanation could apply to Hardwick and Horn.

Villages on the east coast like Dunwich in Suffolk and Skipsea in Yorkshire are still being lost to coastal erosion. War has claimed Tyneham in Dorset, taken over in the second world war as a tank firing range and training ground for the army. Fortunately, the coronavirus pandemic, which is now hopefully diminishing, has not led to the devastating consequences of the Black Death seven centuries ago.

Dick Mundy.

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)

November 1915

Lincolnshire Hut at Netley - During World War I a large Red Cross hutted hospital was built at the back of the site, which expanded Netley Hospital to accommodate around 2,500 beds. Many of the staff were Red Cross volunteers, as most of the regular staff were overseas. Some 50,000 patients were treated at Netley during the war. We appeal to the monthly subscribers to continue their support of the above, and will greatly welcome any further subscriptions of 1/- or 6d. per month.

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THOUGHTS FOR NOVEMBER

What a very busy month November is! So...bear with -

All Saints Day is the 1st, when candles and prayers are offered for loved ones no longer with us. All Souls Day follows on the 2nd. Prayers are said and stories told to children who traditionally dressed up to represent their chosen saint. Bread and cake distributed where needed to convey the people's faith followed.

Noisy fun on the 5th-remembering Guy Fawkes and his thwarted plan to blow up Parliament.

At the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month activity round the Cenotaph may be quieter this year. Armed and civil forces march past to pay their tribute to the many thousands of lives lost in World Wars. Wreaths are laid and blood-red poppies worn as a sober reminder.

Some of us may think of Saint Catherine of Alexandria on the 25th. She was a devout and studious lady. After seeing a vision of the Virgin Mary and Jesus she became a Christian. Persecuted by the Emperor Maximian (286-305) for her beliefs, Catherine was scourged and imprisoned without food.

Miraculously she survived but was finally put to death on a spiked wheel and then beheaded!! Traditionally Cattern cakes were made. Ground almonds and caraway seeds are piped to emulate the Catherine Wheel (firework).

We've arrived at the Sunday before Advent. Stir up Sunday, when families gather round the kitchen table to make a wish whilst stirring the Christmas pudding mix - clockwise from east to west, the direction the Wise Men took to see baby Jesus in the stable. This pudding is also known as Figgy; but whatever you call it 13 ingredients are essential, representing Jesus and his 12 Apostles.

Let's end with a rousing chorus of: "Oh, bring us a Figgy pudding and a cup of good cheer".

M.

Toft cum Lound and Manthorpe Parish Council Report

September 2021

Councillors met at the St Andrew's Parish Hall on 30th September where they co-opted Simon Lawton onto the Council; welcome Simon.

Councillors were advised that there were three options available for traffic calming: passive signs, reactive/flashing speed signs or speed enforcement (which requires six volunteers to be trained to use a speed gun). Councillors again raised the subject of the poor condition of Wilsthorpe Road in Manthorpe and the footpath on the corner adjacent to The Forge in Manthorpe.

Proposed planning for change of use of an existing agricultural building to form five dwelling houses at Church Hill Farm in Toft was discussed. Councillors felt that five was too many, they had concerns about the entrance/exit onto the A6121 due to the expected number of vehicles if the application was approved due to the speed and accidents along that road.

The extraction for sand and gravel and restore to agriculture and nature conservation at Greatford was approved by the County Council. It was agreed that the Parish Council wished to be included in the Liaison Group and HGV routing agreement.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would donate £150 to an NHS service after holding a scarecrow festival last summer.

Councillors agreed to a site visit to look at placing gates at the entrance of the Parish Jubilee playing field for safety reasons. Cllr Stephenson gave an update on the funding for new equipment to be placed on the field. It was agreed that the defibrillator at Toft House Hotel would be moved to Toft Golf Course. Unfortunately, last year's parish firework event was cancelled. This year's fireworks are ordered and soup kindly donated by Cllr Robert Reid for 5th November. Councillors are also looking for a team to help organize celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee beginning of June 2022. For both events please contact a member of the Parish Council.

Cllr Hartley and his team have produced some 'Tommy' figures to place at various points in the parish; thanks to everyone involved.

County Cllr Robert Reid gave an update on highways matters and new app for CallConnect bus service. District Cllr Penny Robins reported on housing Afghan families in South Kesteven, various reviews taking place, planning applications and the start of balancing the accounts.

The next meeting to take place on 16th December at 7pm in the St Andrew's Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill. For further information please go onto the parish website: <https://toft-lound-manthorpe.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk>

Rosemary Trollope-Bellew, Clerk for Council

Email: tlampc2@gmail.com

Witham on the Hill WI

The September meeting was a fascinating talk by Dawn Blunden, who runs Sophisticake, a cake decorating shop in Woodhall Spa. Dawn made the wedding cake for Prince Charles and Camilla, as well as a stunning spray of sugar craft flowers for the Queen's 80th birthday cake.

The litter pick as part of Big Green Week, was a great "success"! Five WI members and one husband collected 26 black sacks of rubbish in 1½ hours at Toft laybys! Most of it was taken to Bourne recycling centre that same day; but it was disappointing to leave green plastic chairs, carpet and several car tyres for SKDC to collect and then see more rubbish added in the next few days. Hopefully, by the time you read this it will have been collected!

The next meeting in the Parish Hall on Tuesday 2 November at 7.30pm will be a talk by Sue Jakeman, speaking about her aunt, Peggy Spencer, a famous ballroom dancer. Visitors and new members always most welcome. For more information on the WI contact Secretary: Jane Clark tel 01778 590232.

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A MESSAGE FROM EDENHAM AND GRIMSTHORPE PARISH CLERK

Edenham & Grimsthorpe Parish Council next meeting takes place in Edenham Village Hall on Tuesday 9th November at 19:30, all welcome.

There will be a public forum before the start of the meeting where members of the public may ask questions or make a short statement to the Council.

The agenda for the meeting will be published seven days prior the meeting and will be published on the Parish Council website and Parish notice boards in Edenham and Grimsthorpe.

Message from Lincolnshire's Office Police and Crime Safer Together Team.

Reporting Crime - It is important that when you see crime in your community you are:

1. Reporting the crime
2. Using the correct reporting method

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If the crime is not an emergency, but if you're not sure whether to use 101 or the online reporting tool, go to Lincolnshire Polices website. Using the Reporting and Advice Centre provides answers and advice of some of the most common topics, as well as access their online reporting service.

Website - Reporting & Advice (lincs.police.uk)

Parish Council Meeting Dates for 2022/23

Parish Council Meetings are held at 19:30 hours on the second Tuesday of alternate months, starting in January:

11th January, 8th March, 10th May, 12th July, 13th September, 8th November 2022 and then 10th January 2023.

WITHAM HALL SCHOOL

The Stimson Memorial Garden

Mrs Jo Stimson visited Witham Hall on 23rd September to see the newly planted Stimson Memorial Garden in honour of her husband, David Stimson. Family, friends and colleagues joined her for a tour of the new planting scheme adjacent to the Stimson Theatre, and then for tea in the Headmaster's Study afterward. 'Is it possible to feel humbled and proud at the same time?' she said, viewing the garden that has been established in commemoration of Mr Stimson's six-decade commitment to the school as gardener. The pond has been repainted, the fountain uncovered and the beds planned and replanted. Mr Stimson started at Witham as a 14-year-old assistant gardener and was a devoted and much-loved colleague throughout his career. We can only hope he would approve.

Witham Hall Winter Fair

For the first time since 2019, the Friends of Witham will once again host the Witham Hall Winter Fair on Saturday 13th November in the Witham Hall Sports Centre. The community is warmly invited to attend with over 70 stalls, a café and raffle. We would be delighted to welcome guests from the local parish and beyond. All funds raised at the event will support Don't Lose Hope, the Bourne-based mental health charity, and Hearts & Minds, the clown doctor charity.





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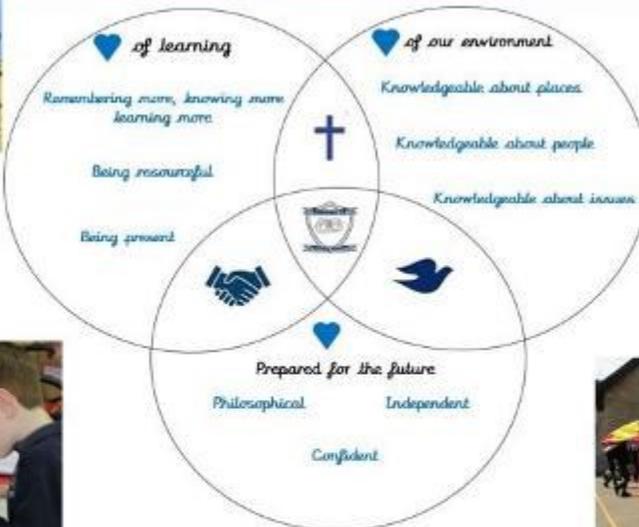
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Jane's seasonal recipe

This is a Tesco recipe. If you are too late for fresh blackberries this works with frozen ones too. A delicious pud, fine on its own, but for an added bit of luxury you could serve with clotted cream, crème fraiche or ice cream!

Blackberry & lime self-saucing pudding

75 g butter
300g blackberries
175g caster sugar
2 limes, zest and juice
150ml milk
2 eggs, separated
1 tsp vanilla
100g plain flour
½ teaspoon baking powder
icing sugar to dust

Put 150g blackberries, 50g sugar and 50ml water in saucepan, bring to boil, simmer for 5 minutes. Pour into ovenproof dish.

Leave to cool. Beat butter and 125g sugar until light and creamy, add lime juice and zest, beat for 1 minute. In a separate bowl mix milk, egg yolks and vanilla. Sift flour and baking powder in another bowl. Fold 1/3 milk mix into butter mix, along with 1/3 flour. Repeat until incorporated. Whisk egg whites for 1 minute to soft peaks. Gently fold into mixture until no white streaks remain. Stir in remaining blackberries. Put into baking dish on top of blackberry syrup. Place dish into roasting tin, and pour in enough boiling water to come half way up the side of the dish. Bake 30 mins 180° C until golden, with a slight wobble in the centre. Dust with icing sugar.

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7 th November 3 before Advent		10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist 4pm Evensong (Stable Chapel)
14 th November 2 before Advent (Remembrance Sunday)	6pm Remembrance Service	10am Parish Eucharist 11am Act of Remembrance	10.55am Act of Remembrance followed by Parish Eucharist
21 st November Christ the King		10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist 4pm Evensong (Stable Chapel)
28 th November Advent 1		10.30am Benefice Eucharist	6pm Advent Readings & Carols
30 th November St Andrew		7pm Patronal Eucharist <i>followed by Fish n' chip Supper in the Parish Hall</i>	

For Baptisms, Weddings, Banns of Marriage, Confessions or any other pastoral or spiritual need contact:

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