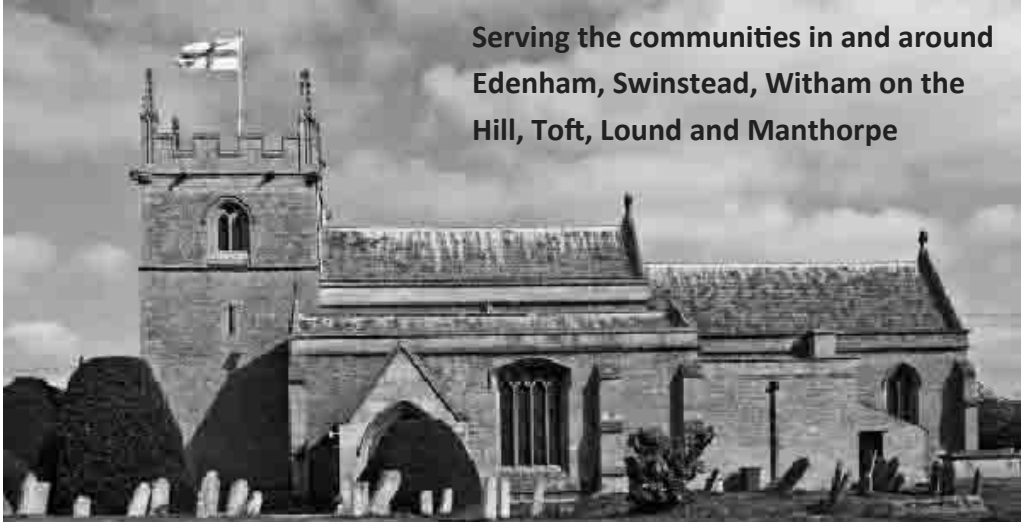


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To: Mr R Stephenson and All Members of Toft with
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The Queen wishes me to thank you very much for your letter, and for the kind message you sent on the occasion of the seventieth anniversary of Her Majesty's Accession to the Throne.

The Queen was touched to hear a little of the plans you have been making to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee within your community and, although unable to accept your thoughtful invitation, The Queen hopes everyone attending your events over the course of the weekend will have a most enjoyable time.

Lady-in-Waiting

27th February 2022

Parish News

CONDOLENCES to Ruth Atter on the loss of husband Geg, of Edenham, who passed away on 3 March after an illness bravely borne. His sense of humour will be missed by all who knew him.

WELCOME Tina and John Furlong to Witham on the Hill. We hope you will be very happy here.

CONGRATULATIONS Liz and Tom McWilliams on the birth of their granddaughter, Daisy Olive. Daisy was born in Jerusalem on 9 March a second child to their elder daughter, Kirsten, and her husband, Mark. A real Holy City baby.

PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS - It appears that plans are well underway in our various communities to enjoy and celebrate this unique occasion of Her Majesty the Queen reaching her 70th year on the throne. We will keep you posted by including all notices and flyers that are sent to us.

TOFT CUM LOUND AND MANTHORPE CELEBRATIONS

CALL FOR PHOTOGRAPHS - As part of the parish Jubilee celebrations, it is planned to have a display of “**Life in our Parish**” photographs. If any residents have any photographs they’d like included in our display for the Jubilee celebrations. Anything that shows the history over the last 70 years be it buildings, residents or documents of interest.

Please contact Jackie Whitaker - 01778 590548 or Sue Renner - 07963 302117. Jackie will collect, copy for the display and return the originals within a couple of days.

LETTER FROM LADY-IN-WAITING TO HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN - Opposite is a copy of the letter received by the Toft cum Lound and Manthorpe in reply to the Council’s offer to host Her Majesty at the parish “do” in June. Sadly, it appears that she may have a prior engagement.

EDENHAM - Edenham Parish Jubilee Picnic - see Dates for your Diary



PUT A NOTE IN YOUR DIARY!

We are planning to celebrate this event on
3rd and 5th June 2022
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WITHAM ON THE HILL WI CELEBRATIONS - see Dates for your Diary

SWINSTEAD CELEBRATIONS - See the flyer later in this magazine and Dates for your Diary for more information.

FOODBANK - Please continue to give to the Foodbank as there is real and increasing need. Non-perishable foods and also toiletries are always welcome. There is a list on the Witham noticeboard of up to date needs. There is a plastic container for contributions in the Church porch at Witham or they can be put in the cupboard next to the log store at Manor Cottage, Witham.

WITHAM CHURCH and SCHOOL ESTATE

Trust Vacancies - The Trust is currently looking for trustees . You can apply if you live or work in the Parish of St Andrews, Witham on the Hill (which includes Manthorpe, Toft and Lound). The trustees meet twice a year.

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Education Fund - This charity is able to make small grants to those residents of Witham on the Hill Parish, which includes Manthorpe, Toft and Lound, who are undertaking courses at colleges and universities and also those who are on apprentice schemes. If you would like to make an application please write a letter, setting out the nature of your course and the reasons for seeking a grant.

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Swinstead Village
Jubilee Committee

Jubilee Celebrations Countdown

Dates for your Diary:

All tickets for events to be purchased in advance via Mark @ Georges Bar at the Village Hall, or via Micky on M: 07805 659540



9th April 2022 - Village Hall

Spring Fair - Free entry - Midday till 4pm - Clothing, Bric a Brac, Crafts, Jewellery, Tombola & Refreshments. Spring dance performance by the Corby Glen Dance Academy, along with an Easter Egg Basket raffle.

1st May 2022 - Village Hall

Sausage & Cider Festival with a Country & Western theme, Line dancing, Live Music, Prizes for best dressed Cowboy and Cowgirl. Adults £15 per ticket, Children 6-17 yo £5, and under 5's free. Ticket includes food, first drink and entertainment. More details to follow.

2nd June 2022 - The Green on Bourne Road

Jubilee Tree Planting & Beacon Lighting - free outdoor early evening event. Georges Bar will open.

5th June 2022

The Big Jubilee Lunch (Swinstead Jubilee Street Party & Feast) - More details to follow

For any further info, contact the committee via:
swinsteadparishcouncil@gmail.com



Dates for Your Diary

Saturday 2 April, 8.30am – 10.00am St Andrew's Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill, Big Brekkie. All welcome, donations to Christian Aid.

Every Thursday during Lent, starting 3 March - Lent Lunches will take place in **St Andrew's Parish Hall Witham on the Hill**. The morning begins with holy communion in Church at 10.15am followed by coffee and bible study in the Parish Hall at 11am. A simple lunch at noon will consist of soup, bread, cheese and fruit. All welcome to any or all of the events. Donations to Christian Aid.

Tuesday 5 April, 7:30 pm - Witham on the Hill WI Meeting, St Andrews Parish Hall. Visitors and new members are most welcome. For more information, contact Secretary: Jane Clark tel 01778 590232.

Thursday 21 to Saturday 23 April, 10 am - 3 pm - Little Bytham Village Hall. Embroidery and Textile Exhibition. Free - donations welcome.

Tuesday 31 May - "The Poetical Cellist" at Edenham Church - An evening with Kenneth Wilson, ex-vicar, failed property developer, and reformed vegetarian! Join us for nibbles, wine, music and poetry, performed by Kenneth as he travels from Hadrian's Wall to Rome! All proceeds go towards Steam Action, look out for posters and tickets coming soon!

Thursday 2 June, 9.45pm on The Green, Bourne Road, Swinstead - Swinstead Village is hosting an official Beacon lighting. All villagers and locals are welcome to join in on this auspicious moment in history with a 'Song for the Commonwealth'. Afterwards, those who wish to join in a celebratory drink to Her Majesty the Queen, can cross over the road to Georges Bar in the Swinstead Village Hall.

Thursday 2 June, Save the Date! Ceilidg at Palace Farm - more details to follow.

Saturday 4 June, Save the Date! Parish Jubilee Picnic - Edenham Village Hall in the afternoon. Details to follow!

Witham-on-the-Hill Historical Society - Summer Walk – Date to be arranged, Corby Glen Motte, Church and Village.

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The Vicar Writes

In his letter to the Colossians, St Paul writes “Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God’s right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on things that are on earth.” Colossians 3.1-2

So, what are the “things that are in heaven” that St Paul is speaking of? Often depictions of what heaven might look like aren’t terribly helpful (especially if you’re contemplating spending eternity there). Perhaps that’s why the German reformer Martin Luther railed against the artists of the Middle Ages declaring, “Oh, that heaven of the charlatans, with its golden chair and Christ seated at the Father’s side vested in a golden vestment as the painters love to portray Him!”

Now, I admit that if heaven is awash with golden vestments, I certainly won’t be complaining. Although it’s probably true to say that the things of heaven alluded are neither literal nor material but something more. As those who have been “brought back to true life in Christ” St Paul wants us to be looking for things that have an eternal/heavenly quality in the here and now. More than that, he wants

us to be looking continuously (round the clock). The verb to “look” is present imperative, suggesting that ongoing effort is required.

So, we are to persistently seek after the things of heaven!

But persistence in life doesn’t always come so naturally. We know that persistence pays off but that’s easier said than done! So, how do we persistently seek after the “things that are in heaven”? Should we run to the hills (if you can find one round here) and stand with our gazes firmly fixed on the skies? Well, no. The heavenly seeking that St Paul urges is a bit closer to home. We are to seek and to cultivate an eternal/heavenly quality in the things around us, in our conversations, friendships, study, work, even our play or leisure time. If we can seek to draw something of heaven into our everyday lives then not only will it enhance them, it will also prepare us for the joy to come.

Of course, a lot of this will depend on how we order our thoughts and minds: “Let your thoughts be on heavenly things” says St Paul “not on things that are on earth”. This reminds me of the story of the young man who wasn’t sure where his priorities lay when it came to the things of heaven and the things of

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earth. One day he was out walking when a highwayman approached him and said, "Your money or your life!" But the young man did nothing. The robber impatiently cried, "Well?" The young man replied, "Don't rush me! I'm thinking about it."

You see, for millions of people today their things *are* their lives! I don't know if you've ever heard the phrase: "He who dies with the most toys wins!" (I think it may have been a quote from Frank Sinatra). Wherever it came from, for plenty of people out there it is their philosophy of life. A lot of people today spend their money not because they *need* to, but in order to know 'who' they are. In other words, what they own is who they are.

When St Paul warns us to set our minds "not on things that are on earth" he isn't telling us to sell everything and become like Tom and Barbara in *The Good Life* (remember them?); he's simply encouraging us not to see the things we can buy or own as if they were all that mattered. Each one of us has more things than we know what to do with. Because of what's around us, it's often difficult to set our minds on the things of heaven. But there are two ways to hold or possess something: with a clenched fist or with an open hand. A

good way to learn the difference is to give away something away that you value and see what happens...

So, as we head towards Easter and as we prepare to celebrate the Resurrection of Christ afresh, let's try not to fix our thoughts on material things but rather on the things of heaven and eternity. Let's try to reflect something of God in our everyday lives and, in doing so, anticipate some of what our *future* with him in heaven will be like.

Happy Easter!

Fr Edward

UKRAINE - Thank you to everyone who came to the Prayer Vigil and those who may be praying at home for the people of Ukraine at this time.

There is a collection in St Andrew's Church for the refugees. If you are able to help then the following are the latest items particularly requested:

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Due to Covid we could not hold events in 2020; however, we stayed in contact with our members over the phone, carried out weekly shops and delivered 98 Christmas hampers! In 2021, we were fortunate to bring back the Vegetable and Produce show, as well as our Christmas lunch and entertainment in December.

We'd like to say a big thank you to our members and the community for their continued support. Without this, we would not be able to organise such wonderful events!

We do not want anyone to miss out, so please get in touch if you are 60 or over, or have a birthday approaching.

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Notes of the Toft cum Lound and Manthorpe Parish Annual and Parish Council Meetings 3 March 2022

Parish Annual Meeting

Twelve people attended the Parish Annual Meeting at Witham on the Hill Parish Hall on 3rd March. Cllr Richard Stephenson gave his yearly report on behalf of the Parish Council. He reported that Simon Lawton had been co-opted in September, that meetings had moved to the St Andrew's Parish Hall after Toft House Hotel closed. He reported on events, Highways, parish property, planning applications, local public support, parish finances and the coronavirus.

Rosemary Trollope-Bellew, clerk to the parish council, gave a brief report on the draft accounts for year ending 2021/22. She reported on the rents received and maintenance work on properties and land interest owned by the council, grants received towards the outdoor gym equipment and benches at the playing field plus purchase of salt box for storage of sand and sand bags to help protect against flooding. Toft Golf Course shared the cost of moving the defibrillator from the Hotel and the Council donated to NHS Charities Together £150.00 from money raised from the scarecrow festival.

The Mallard Pass Action Group, Sue Holloway and Keith Busfield, gave a brief report on the size and impact of the proposed solar farm which will be decided by Government. They reported that major responses from the first consultation had been objections. If approved, it would cover over 2100 acres of land in both South Kesteven and Rutland. They reported on the process to date and in the future.

Edenham CofE School thanked the Council for its generous donation which was spent both aiding children with their educational experiences and the community. Over the last 6 months they developed an allotment area within the school grounds. The Council's donation had helped set this up, tools had been purchased as well as other resources, meaning this year the children will be able to plant, grow and harvest their own crops.

Fr Edward reported on the challenges of the last couple of years due to Covid and the use of livestreaming and other social media services to keep in touch. He reported that Carols on the Green at Christmas was successful, they were also looking forward to Jubilee celebrations in June. They are looking to replace the boiler and complete the refurbishment of the winding system for the church clock.

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Fr Edward thanked the Council for its continued support and offered a prayer to people of Ukraine.

Parish Council Meeting

During the public forum, parishioners reported a broken sign, raised manhole covers, request for extra street light in Toft and concern about the height of a footpath in Manthorpe. Cllr Stephenson asked residents to report highways issues to 'Fix my Street' as it would be picked up earlier by Lincolnshire County Council than waiting to report to the Parish Council.

A request for funding towards a skatepark at Bourne was declined due to the Council having its own financial commitments. Cllr Stephenson was pleased that the Adult Gym had been installed on the Jubilee Playing Field earlier than expected; this has been funded thanks to South Kesteven District Council Community Fund. The next phase would be new play equipment which, hopefully, would be funded via The National Lottery. It is then hoped that stage three would be a new pavilion.

It was agreed to arrange a litter-picking working party and maintenance party for parish assets such as the bus shelter at the Manthorpe/Witham on the Hill

crossroads. Five oaks trees had been planted along the hedgerow leading from Manthorpe to the crossroads. The Council thanks the farmer and the landowner, Mr Dungworth and Mrs Lees. It was agreed that the Council would earmark money towards environmental schemes with the parish. Councillors welcome residents' ideas but residents are asked to do some homework before proposing a scheme. They should provide a site map, the name of the owner of proposed area and details of their volunteer working party to carry out the work plus a maintenance program, if appropriate.

D.Cllr Penny Robins reported that the budget for 2022/23 had been approved and that this included an increase in car parking and green waste charges. She reported that SKDC is working with the Red Cross to help with aid for Ukraine and that waste collections during the Jubilee period will operate as normal on the Thursday & Friday.

The next council meeting will be in May in the St Andrew's Parish Hall in Witham on the Hill. The date will be promulgated nearer the time.

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Let us just say that after Norman there was Gothic, which style includes Early English, Decorated and Perpendicular. Gothic was imported from France in the late 12th century, and after the fortress-like Norman style it was a revelation, with pointed arches, rib vaulting to the ceiling, larger windows and thinner walls. Gothic reached its peak in the 14th

century with the Decorated style. But then the Black Death hit us. The plague epidemic struck England in 1348, killing from a third to a half of the population.

People were affected by overwhelming shock and grief, and no longer able to justify the flamboyance of the Decorated style. Construction was affected by the labour shortages, and as a result architects designed less elaborate buildings. When confidence eventually returned, architects and masons began to build anew with different ideas and a new spirit. In the late 14th century, the Perpendicular style was born. It was an exclusive English style, repeated nowhere else in Europe.

Perpendicular emphasised the vertical, with tall windows, wall panelling, and tall slim columns. The windows of this style became very lofty, and in the tracery long vertical mullions took the place of the flowing lines of Decorated work. As the windows grew larger, the mullions were supported by horizontal transoms forming panels, hence the

oft-used name: panel tracery. Arches were still pointed but flatter or of four-centred form. Ceilings took the form of intricate fan vaults. Buildings in the Perpendicular style often have a more box-like structure than the heavenward-pointing churches of the early Gothic period. The mason's and carver's arts were still strong, as shown by the preponderance of gargoyles and grotesques. Ornate stone details such as pinnacles and battlements were a prominent feature of Perpendicular towers.

Some churches did not have stone vaults, but beautifully made timber ceilings, sometimes adorned with a host of carved angels. In fact, some of the finest features of the Perpendicular are these magnificent roofs, the best example being the hammer-beam ceiling of Westminster Hall in London. The hall was originally built in 1097 under King William II. The hammer-beam roof was commissioned in 1393 by Richard II and at 68 by 240 feet is the largest medieval timber roof in Northern Europe.

Arguably the finest example of English Perpendicular architecture is King's College Chapel in Cambridge. It was started in 1446 by King Henry VI and took over a century to complete. The fan vault at 40 by 260 feet is the largest in the world and was built in just three years between 1512 and 1515.

And I haven't even mentioned the chancel, fan vaulting and 225-foot tower of Gloucester Cathedral, and the breath-taking St. Georges Chapel at Windsor Castle, founded by King Edward III in 1348 as the chapel of the Order of the Garter. I would love to visit these places.

Closer to home is the church of St. Mary and All Saints at Fotheringhay in Northamptonshire containing a mausoleum to leading members of the Yorkist dynasty of the Wars of the Roses. At one time a college of priests was attached to the east end of the church, but the buildings were demolished in 1573, a victim of the dissolution of the monasteries. The church today consists of a massive west tower with a distinctive tall

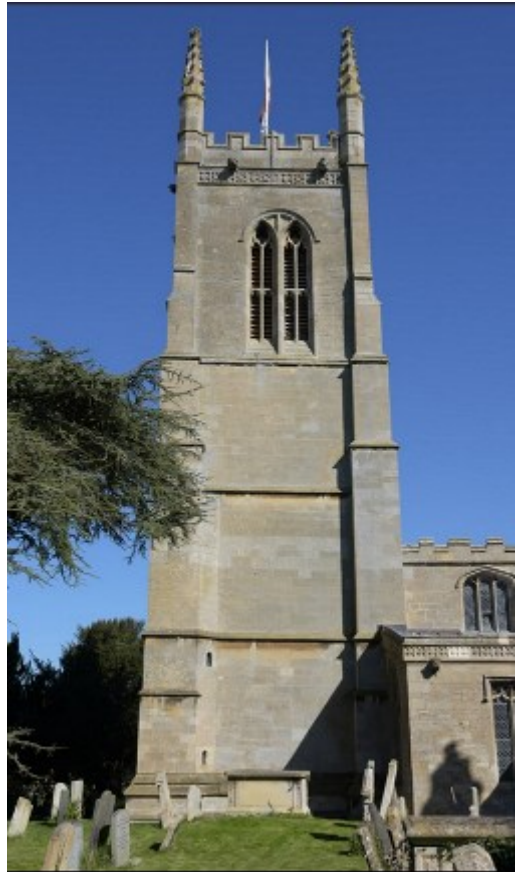
octagonal lantern on top, and a very large two storey porch. There are impressive flying buttresses on the nave walls. Classic Perpendicular architecture, a joy to see.

Sadly, none of our local churches can compare with such as these. But many have features of the Perpendicular style, particularly the towers and in the window tracery.

At Edenham, the church of St. Michael and All Angels has a soaring 16th century, 4 stage tower with battlements and pinnacles (pictured). The west doorway has a 13th century base but was recut in the sixteenth with a deeply recessed arch set in a heavily moulded surround. Above is a large 5 light window with panel tracery. The south porch is Perpendicular with an ornate frieze at the top.

St. Andrews at Witham-on-the-Hill is another fine mixture with Perpendicular chancel windows, 3-light east window and a 5-light west window in the same style. The lights of these windows are divided by mullions. The west window at

Folkingham church has mullions and castellated transoms (miniature battlements).



I derive much of my information from the classic series “Buildings of England” by Nikolaus Pevsner. It is his opinion that classifies St. John the Baptist at Baston as mostly Perpendicular with Early English and Decorated features. You only have to look at the west tower and 3-light

west window to see the similarities with Edenham.

I could easily carry on. St. Mary's Swinstead has a rather squat Early English tower, but with Perpendicular battlements, pinnacles, and four large gargoyles. St. Benedict's at Glinton near Peterborough has a 140-foot needle spire rightly regarded as one of the finest in England, second only to Salisbury Cathedral. The steeple is 15th century and so is the four-centred arched south doorway. In the interior there are Perpendicular arcades with octagonal piers.

At St. John the Evangelist, Ryhall, the chancel was added in the 15th century and both aisles were widened. This means that all of the church's windows are now in the Perpendicular style, which gives the

church a nicely symmetrical look and a remarkably airy interior.

At St. Michael, Uffington near Stamford, the magnificent tower and spire, supported by flying buttresses, with pinnacles, battlements and a frieze below, dates from around 1480. Pevsner identifies the steeple as Perpendicular, so it must be right. The church nestles among tall trees and is a lovely sight. Well worth a visit.

I hope I have conveyed my enthusiasm for church architecture and the Perpendicular to readers. If I have, put on your anorak, jump in the car and go and look for yourself. It will be very rewarding.

Dick Mundy

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WITHAM ON THE HILL WI

At the March meeting, Mike Smith, a teacher from Yorkshire, spoke of his love of rhyme and song and entertained us with some of his own verse and singing. Members brought along an amazing amount of clothing, blankets, sleeping bags, tinned food, medicines, nappies, sanitary products and wash bags filled with supplies, which were taken the next day for Ukrainian refugees in Poland. A magnificent effort at very short notice!

At the next WI meeting in the Parish Hall on Tuesday 5 April at 7.30pm, the speaker will be Lorraine Appleton “50 Shades of Denim” – upcycling clothing. Visitors and new members always most welcome. For more information on the WI, contact Secretary: Jane Clark tel 01778 590232.

Who Said? Quiz

1. “A handbag!”
2. “I generally avoid temptation, unless I can’t resist it.”
3. “Believe you can and you’re half way there.”
4. “So goodnight unto you all, give me your hands if we be friends.”
5. “The greatest thing in life is to keep your mind young.”
6. “A horse! A horse! My kingdom for a horse!”
7. “Peace begins with a smile.”
8. “We shall fight on the beaches.”
9. “Too much of a good thing can be wonderful.”
10. “Your worth consists in what you are - not what you have.”

Answers on the inside back page



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Jane's Seasonal Recipe

With Easter approaching these biscuits are a real chocolate treat!

Choccy dodgers

250g plain flour

75g cocoa

230g butter

200g caster sugar

2 egg yolks

1 teaspoon vanilla

50g granulated sugar for dusting

For the ganache:

180g dark chocolate (Bournville is best)

120ml double cream

1 tablespoon crème de cassis (optional)

Beat softened butter with caster sugar until light and creamy. Add egg yolks one at a time, beating well. Mix in vanilla and add dry ingredients to make a soft dough. Using a tablespoon roll the mixture into smooth balls (about 25g each). Put granulated sugar in a bowl and roll the balls in sugar. Place on greased baking sheets, spacing apart to allow for spreading. With your thumb, make a small well-like indent in the middle of each, being careful not to push through to the bottom. Bake at 180°C for 10-12 minutes until crackled. The indents will have puffed up a bit, so carefully push them down again as soon as you take them out of the oven. Transfer to a wire rack to cool completely. To make the ganache: chop the choc into small pieces and put in a bowl. Heat the cream in a small pan, and bring to a simmer over a medium heat. Pour it over the choc, and stir until smooth, add cassis. Leave to stand for 10 mins to thicken slightly. Spoon the ganache into the thumb prints. Leave until ganache has set. Best eaten same day, but can be stored in airtight tin at room temperature for 3 days.

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107 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)

April 1915



Stamford Infirmary. - The usual house-to-house collection will be made during May. We have many calls upon us at the present time, but we must endeavour not to allow this most deserving cause to suffer.

Our Roll of Honour. - We hope soon to have a list of the names of those from this parish who are serving with the forces, to be hung up in the church, so that we may remember them individually in our intercessions, and those who are on active service will be commemorated by name at our weekly service of intercession every Sunday morning. Once again we remind our

readers that this service is at 11 o'clock, and that it is the great Act of Intercession which our Lord Jesus Christ has expressly commanded.

Answers to the 'Who Said? Quiz'

1. Lady Bracknell in 'The Importance of Being Ernest';
2. Mae West;
3. Theodore Roosevelt;
4. Puck in Midsummer Night's Dream;
5. Henry Ford;
6. Richard III - (Shakespeare);
7. Mother Teresa;
8. Winston Churchill;
9. Mae West;
10. Thomas Edison

PARISH SERVICES FOR APRIL 2022

	Swinstead	Witham	Edenham
3 rd April Lent 5		10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist 4pm Evensong (Stable Chapel)
10 th April Palm Sunday	<i>No 2nd Sunday Service at St Mary's this month</i>	10.30am Benefice Eucharist 4pm Stations of the Cross	
11 th to 13 th April Holy Week		6pm Evening Prayer 7pm Said Eucharist	
14 th April Maundy Thursday		7pm Eucharist of the Last Supper & Watch until 10.30pm	
15 th April Good Friday		10am All-age Service 1.30pm Liturgy of the Day	
17 th April Easter Day	8.45am Parish Eucharist	10am Parish Eucharist	5.30am Vigil Service (meet at bonfire in the garden) 11.15am Parish Eucharist 4pm Evensong & Benediction
24 th April Easter 2		10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist 4pm Evensong (Stable Chapel)