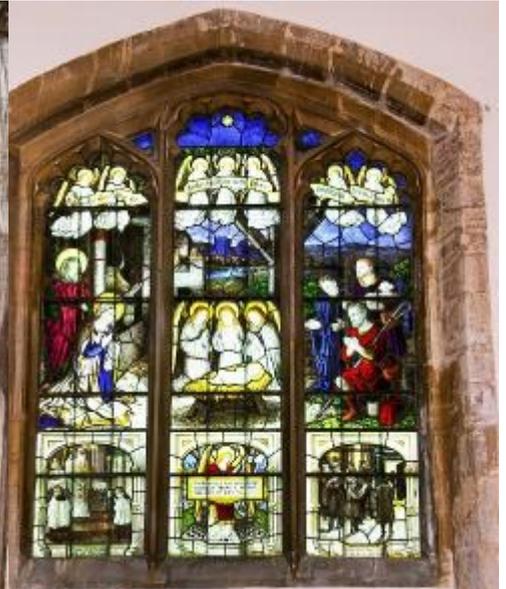


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Thank you to Bob Clark, Dick Mundy, Ruth Atter, Paul Toseland, Sue Cork, Margaret Rine and Gary Anderson for answering the plea for a suggested cover photograph. Having 8 really good ones to choose from, we decided to create a montage of 4 photographs. Clockwise from top left on the front cover, the photographs are from Ruth, Paul, Dick and Margaret. The 4 below that we did not use on the cover are from Gary, Bob, Paul and Sue. Many thanks to you all for your contributions, they are very much appreciated.



Parish News

CONGRATULATIONS Edward and Lucy Renner on the birth of their second daughter, Heidi Matilda born early on 18 November. Baby sister to Charlotte Beatrice and new granddaughter to Sue.

WELCOME Susan and Jon Godfrey, Jenny Halsey, Alex Baldwin and Doris Bee who have moved into 4 new houses in Ancaster Court, Edenham. We hope you will all enjoy your new homes.

WELCOME Lisa and Adrian Wood and their daughters Erin and Nina who have recently moved into Mill Leys Barn, School Lane, Edenham. We hope you are settling in well.

WELCOME Chloe, Tom and daughter Poppy to The Groundsman's Cottage, Witham on the Hill. We hope you will be very happy here.

WELCOME Shelley and Rhonda to Stonecot, Witham on the Hill. We hope you will be very happy in our community.

CAROL SINGING in Witham on the Hill will take place (COVID regulations permitting!) on Sunday 20 December. Please join us if you would like to, meeting at the Church at 6pm.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE – Operation Christmas Child. Witham WI has collected the boxes and Elaine has taken 13 to the drop off point. I know that people in Edenham and Swinstead have taken boxes too; as well as those who have filled boxes online. Well done everyone, you have helped to make many children's Christmas a lot happier.

ADVENT WINDOWS Many people in Witham have volunteered to decorate a window in their home. In the style of an Advent Calendar, each day a new window will be revealed, starting at the east end of the village, on 1st December. So, on your daily exercise walk, you can look for the latest window. Thank you to everyone who will take part; and it is hoped this will bring Christmas cheer and joy to all in the village.



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POPPY APPEAL THANK YOU This year's British Legion Poppy Appeal was going to be very difficult to carry out because of Covid restrictions, so when the totals were delivered we were pleasantly surprised by the results which were:- Grimsthorpe £66.61, the Shooting Ground £77.08 and Edenham School £90.30. Thank you very much to everyone who made this possible, especially Andrew Wilson and Sophie and team at the Shooting Ground, it's very much appreciated.

BOURNE FOODBANK We continue to collect for Bourne Foodbank. They need non-perishable foods (including Christmas goodies such as puddings, mince pies, sweets, chocolates and cakes), toiletries and cleaning products, also financial donations. Donations can be left at Manor Cottage or in the church porch, Witham on the Hill. Many thanks for your support.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR to all our readers and advertisers from Jane and Tom. Let us pray that 2021 will be a much better year for us all.

Witham on the Hill WI

With the COVID pandemic still rife, and with the 2nd lockdown in place, the meeting on 3 November was held by Zoom – a talk on Rape Seed Oil by Robert Miles, from the Rutland Agricultural Society. He did a PowerPoint presentation, primarily about Duncan Farrington's farm at Hargrave, Northants. He told us of the benefits of rape oil – high in Omega 3 & 6 and encouraged us to buy Mellow Yellow cold-pressed oil which uses no chemicals in the process. A donation was sent to LRSN – a farmers' support charity. With lockdown set to continue, the meeting on 1st December will be another Zoom event – all members will be given a "goody" bag, filled with treats, including a potted hyacinth, a quiz and a raffle ticket, so that we can have a Zoom Christmas party! At this stage it is difficult to tell how the annual meeting will take place in February, so watch this space.

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The Vicar Writes

Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel [a name which means God is with us]. *Isaiah 7.4*

The Church of Immanuel stood in the middle of a large and busy village. But if anything *was* the beating heart of the community, it was not the Church! The congregation was a collection of the most boring, mundane and downright-depressing Christians in the world... ever! They were a miserable lot and they knew it. They didn't really like each other (never mind anyone else). The Church was cold and empty, with only a handful in the pews on a Sunday.

Eventually, the Vicar called a meeting of the Church Council to try and find a way forward. The parishioners braced themselves for another new-fangled initiative, doomed to fail like all the others had. "I think", said the Vicar, "that we should send someone up the lane to visit the old woman who lives in the cottage. She's a bit mystical. We could ask her to ask God to tell us what we need to do to stop being so miserable."

This 'novel idea' was greeted with the usual 'mumbling and grumbling'. It sounded 'desperate' – and it

probably was! So, the youngest member of the Church, a lad of 16, was dutifully dispatched off 'up the lane'. Hours later, he finally arrived at the little cottage belonging to the old woman who, rumour had it, used to be a nun. The woman greeted him warmly and showed great patience as he explained the Church's desire for her to ask God, on their behalf, why things were so bad at the Church of Immanuel (and what they should do about it). She suggested that they keep a vigil of silent prayer to wait upon the Lord for an answer.

So that's what they did!

Rather predictably, the young lad soon fell fast asleep. He awoke the next morning to the smell of freshly toasted bread and eggs cooking on the range. After eating his fill of both, the lad suddenly remembered 'why' he was there, and jovially asked the old woman if 'a message had been beamed-down from on high' while she'd kept vigil that night?

"Oh, yes" replied the woman, "came in loud and clear!"

"Really?" said the boy, his mouth still full, "Well, what did God say?"

"He told me", said the old woman, "to tell you, to tell them, that Jesus Christ is among you".



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“Is that it?”, exclaimed the boy.

“Jesus Christ is among us?”

“Yes”, said the old woman as she ushered him to door, telling him to be off quickly and tell the Church *exactly* what she’d told him.

Now, to make sure he wouldn’t forget the message, the young lad repeated it to himself over and over again as he walked, “Jesus Christ is among you, Jesus Christ is among you” and so on... When he got back to the Church everyone was eager to hear what’d happened. So, the young lad told them: “She said that, God told her, to tell you, that... that... oh, what was it? Oh, yes! Jesus Christ is one of you!”

Jesus Christ was one of them!

Well, they could scarcely take it in! One of them was none other than Jesus Christ, the Son of God! ‘What splendid news’ they all agreed. This was going to help things no end! But they soon realised that there was a problem! Which one of them was it that was Jesus? The old woman hadn’t said. Could it be him? Was it her? No-one was quite sure. None of them had a mother called Mary and not one of them owned a donkey. The more they thought about it, the more they wondered why no-one had ever owned up to being Jesus

before? They could have saved everyone an awful lot of trouble!

What to do next?

At this point the Vicar weighed-in and suggested that everyone should carry on as normal until whoever was Jesus felt comfortable enough to reveal their true divinity. They all agreed. But deep down each member of the congregation felt sure that, if they weren’t the Son of God, then perhaps they ought to keep an eye on someone else who might be...

So, picture, if you can, several badly disguised people carefully observing each other to see if anyone made any discreet purchases of loaves at the bakery or fish at the fishmonger. A close watch was also kept on the bottled water aisle in the supermarket, just in case someone tried the old water-into-wine trick while the rest weren’t looking. But it was all to no avail. One by one, they decided that, with no front runner emerging, they ought to spread their nets as wide as possible and set about trying to treat everyone as if they were Jesus Christ. That way they all stood a fairly good chance of hitting the mark.

From then on ‘strange’ things began to happen in the Church of Immanuel. The atmosphere changed!

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People began to smile and be affectionate towards each other; they even started sharing the Peace at Communion! Things that'd been put off for years got done and every single item on the Parochial Church Council meeting agenda received full approval as no one wanted to disagree with a suggestion that might have come from the Lord Himself.

And so it continued...

With Christmas just around the corner they all felt that Jesus would love a proper birthday party but, not knowing which one of them he was, no-one was sure 'what' to buy or 'where' to have the celebration.

Soon it was Christmas Eve... Midnight Mass began by candlelight and a handful of shadowy figures scuttled into Church to sing the first carol. As the lights came on each of them shouted "surprise!" and all were greeted by an extraordinary sight... all around the Church there were banners proclaiming 'Happy Birthday Jesus' and on each pew there was a pile of presents addressed to 'the Birthday Boy'.

And in that moment, *something* dawned on those people, something clicked. Joy like they'd never known suddenly overcame them as they realised how silly they'd been! And

with wrapping-paper flying everywhere and songs of praise filling the Church, Midnight Mass continued as it never had before. So joyous was their praise that the inhabitants of the village began to notice that something strange was going on at the Church. So attractive was the sound and the spirit that large crowds began to drift down to the Church to find out more. Soon the Church was full as people found themselves caught up in its magic spell. Squeezing in at the back one late-comer noticed an old woman laughing and grinning at the wondrous sight.

"What's going on?", he asked.

"Simple really", replied the old woman, "the spirit of the Christ-child has at last returned to this place and the people of Immanuel now truly know that Jesus Christ is among them."

Happy Christmas!

Fr Edward

Witham Hall takes part in the 2020 Shakespeare in Schools Festival

Witham Hall pupils had the great pleasure of taking part in the Coram Shakespeare Schools Foundation's 2020 Festival with their performance of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. As communities and schools re-invent ways in which we conduct events and celebrations, this year's production was filmed in advance and digitally broadcast for the National Schools' Shakespeare Festival. The children learned how to work with a professional videographer, performing in locations around the school over one day rather than a traditional stage performance. On 20 November, hundreds of casts took part in 'One Night of Shakespeare,' a unique showcase of theatre from across the UK. The event was hosted virtually by a Coram SSF Patron with schools far and wide linked via video. Witham Hall's performance can be viewed on YouTube - <https://youtu.be/I4dS0Tb1NvY/>

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**Witham on the Hill Parish
Council Notes of the Meeting of
Nov 2020 held remotely via
video link**

Jo Plews and Lisa Lord provided an update on initiatives to combat speeding. They have been in contact with Lincs Road Safety Partnership (LRSP). Amongst the discussions were options of volunteers monitoring speeds through the village: LRSP could provide a site survey with training and 6 static lamp post speed signs for a £40 fee. A handheld speed gun would need to be purchased with high-vis jackets and an advisory signage kit for approx £390.

Another option discussed was purchase of reactive speed signs and wheelie bin stickers £2,000 approx.

Cllr Adams suggested that help with funding was unlikely.

Frances Plummer ascertained the Church Hall Committee would have no objections to housing a defibrillator, although listed building consent would be required.

Jo Plews obtained and forwarded costing for defibrillator to the Clerk of £1,149.00 ex-VAT. Incl a 10-yr warranty. Frances Plummer informed all, the School was still happy to extend the use of their defibrillator. Signage to find it was discussed.

Lisa Lord felt there was a shortage of Dog Poo bins and asked if one could be located in Bottom St. It was discussed, if we purchased it, SKDC would not accept responsibility for its emptying.

Cllr O'Hara reported that SKDC were happy for us to paint the play equipment on the Green. The majority of the work has been carried out, a few outstanding items – new seats for the roundabout awaiting from SKDC.

Cllr Henriques wished it to be recorded that painting of the equipment had greatly improved the look of the play area and grateful thanks to Martyn Hyde, Valentino Calabrese and Frances Plummer for their hard work. £106.50 cheque was approved for paint.



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CLLr Adams gave his report:

Budgets for County and District Councils were on track this financial year.

COVID-19 would likely have an impact on business and domestic rates but no info as yet. He was pleased to report that front line services would not be affected.

Unitary Authority was now on back burner again.

It is illegal for cars to park on the pavement and Enforcement Officers are in place to check illegal parking.

The Government has made available substantial financial support for low-income families. LCC received £835k for support to vulnerable. Additional £400k to Lincs food partnership and food banks. £215K to Community Lincs Programme ran by YMCA to help with Good Neighbours and communal kitchens.

Cleaning Drains was now a priority.

The approach to the A6121 crossroads will have double white lines applied. The work would be carried out in the spring 2021. The reactive speed sign has been replaced and 40 mph signage added to the junction /bend warning panels.

Planning received: S20/1898 trees removed, no objections. S20/1451 Bridge Cottage works, S20/1313 Brookside cottage treeworks, S20/1372 Greystones, treeworks, and S20/1458 Prep. School, treeworks; all approved.

CLLr O'Hara reported that discussions to improve the canopy over the stocks, are still in progress.

The Clerk was instructed to approach a possible candidate for replacement of the retired auditor.

CLLr Pennant-Jones will email copy of this month's meetings minutes to The Three Towers Magazine.

Mr G Plews (resident) enquired if the village could have metallic poppies placed at each entrance to the village. CLLr Henriques had contacted the British Legion. Hopefully these

should be in place for Remembrance Day 2021.

Thanks to the volunteers who had cleaned the memorial ready for this year's service.

Expenditure: £364.32 B M Champness Salary for Oct to Dec 2020. £90.60 – HMRC (PAYE & NI).

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SWINSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Notes of the meeting of the Parish Council held via ZOOM on Thursday 19th November 2020

The Clerk asked Cllr Lynch to act as Chairman for the meeting.

The Clerk apologised for an error at the September PC meeting, in allowing a guest Councillor to propose the acting Chairman.

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 17th September were agreed as an accurate record and will be signed by acting Chairman when Covid-19 restriction allow.

Clerk's Report:

Finance: The Clerk presented the accounts which met with full approval. (Report available from the Clerk).

Speed Sign: Data was presented to the Councillors.

Jubilee Orchard: The Clerk advised that 3 new fruit trees have been purchased at a cost of £115.50 and planted.

Following a discussion with Richard Lidstone of Park Farm, Richard confirmed he will cut the hedges at the orchard at no cost to the Parish Council.

Notice Board & Spring Bulbs: The Clerk took the opportunity to thank

Cllr Ashby for erecting the new notice board.

He confirmed that he and Mrs Cowan had re-planted spring bulbs lifted from the village planters earlier in the year and re-planted them in and around Croake Hill. New spring bulbs were purchased for the village planters. As many of last year's plants had been over wintered and re-planted, the total cost of new plants was only £39.42.

Unregistered vehicles: Following on from Cllr Plowright's concerns regarding unregistered vehicles, driving through the village, the Clerk confirmed he had spoken with both Grimsthorpe Estate and Park Farm who confirmed, all their vehicles are insured to travel on the highway, even those not displaying number plates.

The Clerk advised he had placed the Parish Poppies around the village in plenty of time for Remembrance Sunday.

Finally, the new Parish Website is now live <https://swinstead.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk>

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Cllr Underhill thanked the Clerk and Mrs Cowan for all they do for the Village.

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Chairman's Report:

As acting chairman I would like to pass my thanks on to the Reverend Ed Martin and Reverend Andy Hawes for making sure that Remembrance Sunday was observed in Swinstead. Father Ed filmed the dedication and reading of the names of our war dead and posted this on social media while Father Andy conducted a small service on Sunday morning and the laying of the Parish Council Poppy wreath at the war memorial in the church.

Croake Hill: The Councillors were reassured by Cllr Robins that the recent incident involving 2 residents in Croake Hill was still under investigation by all relevant agencies. Cllr Robins will forward comments made by Councillors to the relevant agencies and keep the PC advised on developments.

Croake Hill Brambles: Cllr Underhill asked if a working party of volunteers could clear the brambles at Croake Hill green. Cllr Lynch will organise a site visit with the Greens Committee. A date will be set on Social Media calling for volunteers to help with the clean-up.

Village Christmas Tree: Cllr Ashby advised, a 15-foot tree will cost approximately £150, lights £50. The tree will be sited on the green area

on the left as you enter Swinstead from Bourne. The area is deemed large enough to allow for carol singing and refreshments, weather and Covid-19 restrictions permitting.

Roads, Volunteers: Cllr Underhill requested volunteers to clear the gullies at the junction of Forstedd Hill and Bourne Road to prevent flooding in the winter. The Clerk will advertise the date on Social Media, (hopefully a dry day), probably a Sunday morning, bring your own flask, the PC will provide the biscuits.

Any Other Business: The Clerk advised he had been contacted by residents in the High Street confirming, after extensive discussions with SKDC & LCC Highways, the ash tree outside number 56 High Street, although sited in a conservation area, is not subject to a Preservation Order and can be removed. The residents advised the cost of removing the tree would be between £800 to £1,500 and wondered if the PC would contribute to the cost. After discussions, the Councillors decided a contribution would be an inappropriate use of public money as the tree is not the responsibility of the Parish Council.

Date of the next meeting 21st January 2021, 18.00pm.



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Poinsettia - Cultivation Notes

(With thanks to the RHS)

I am sure that we are not the only family who buy their poinsettias around Christmas and never seem to manage to keep them alive! Luckily, an Irish friend of mine is a member of the RHS. This is one he sent to me this month.

Poinsettias need bright, but filtered light, away from strong sun and draughts. They need a minimum temperature of 13-15°C (55-59°F).

Be careful when transporting poinsettias from the shop to your home in the winter, as the cold outdoor temperatures can damage the foliage. Always ask if the shop can wrap the plant in paper right around the top of the foliage, or put it in a plastic bag so that it is completely protected.

Sometimes a poinsettia will start wilting once you get it home, and continue to deteriorate, no matter what you do. This could be due to the plant having been stored in cold conditions in the shop before you bought it.

Unfortunately, there is little you can do about this. Buying plants from reputable suppliers is therefore recommended.

Water poinsettias sparingly as overwatering can damage plants. As a rule of thumb, only water when the surface of the compost has begun to dry out. The flowering life of plants is extended by humidity, so mist plants regularly.

Feed monthly with a low nitrogen, high potassium fertiliser.

If potting up poinsettias, use three parts John Innes No 3 to one part grit.

Getting plants to colour up again next year

Poinsettias are often disappointing in their second year, but this is the best way to try and get a good display from them in their second year.

Prune back the plants hard in April, to about 10cm (4in), and keep at a temperature of 13°C

In early May, repot them, growing them in a light, cool place over summer. A temperature of 15-18°C (60-65°F) is ideal

Flowering and bract colouring is initiated by short winter day-length, occurring naturally in December and January. So from November

onwards, plants should be put in a dark room after twelve hours of daylight and protected from artificial light sources

Plants need a constant temperature of around 18°C (55°F) to colour up well, so make sure they do not get too cold

Commercially grown poinsettias are often treated with growth depressant or dwarfing chemicals to obtain a compact plant, but plants grown on for a second year will revert to their taller, natural habitat

Propagation

Poinsettias can be propagated by [softwood cuttings](#) in May, making sure you wear gloves, as the milky sap can be an irritant.

The following link is a video by gardener and Sunday Times columnist, Laetitia Maklouf, showing us how to care for our poinsettia (*Euphorbia pulcherrima*) through the winter.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3nVRAKOsGzg&feature=emb_logo



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Christmas Crackers

Thanks to Dick Mundy for these “Christmas Crackers” to perk you up at this busy and difficult time.

Commenting on a complaint from a Mr Arthur Purdey about a large gas bill, a spokesman for North West Gas said, “We agree it was rather high for the time of year. It’s possible Mr Purdey has been charged for the gas used up during the explosion that destroyed his house.

Irish police are being handicapped in a search for a stolen van, because they cannot issue a description. It’s a Special Branch vehicle and they don’t want the public to know what it looks like.

A man entered a doctor’s room in a hospital, the doctor looked up, “Can I help you?” The man paused, “Yes please, I have a problem, I think I’m a moth.” The doctor said, “Ah you need to see a psychiatrist, his office is three doors along on the left.” The man smiled, “Oh I know that, I was on my way there but I saw your light was on.”

At the height of the gale, the Harbourmaster radioed a Coast Guard and asked him to estimate the wind speed. He replied he was sorry,

but he didn’t have a gauge. However, if it was any help, the wind had just blown his Land Rover off the cliff.

A Yorkshireman takes his cat to the vet. “Ah’ve come to see thee abaht me cat”. Vet: “Is it a tom?”

Yorkshireman: “Nay lad, I’ve browt it wi’ me.”

A lady told her friend that she was cooking lunch and her husband came in to see if he could help in any way. She replied “Yes could you go and pick a few runner beans”. After waiting 30 minutes, the lady went into the garden and found that her husband had collapsed and died. The lady’s friend then said “Oh dear, what did you do?” The lady said “Well, I had to open a tin of peas.”

There are three types of people in this world: those who can count and those who can’t.

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Jane's seasonal recipe

This is a BBC Food recipe that I have adapted. I have reduced the amount of caramel as I felt it was a little too sweet. It is a very tasty unusual dish – so if you love beetroot give it a try! You could use pre-cooked beetroots to save on time, otherwise you have to prepare well in advance.

Beetroot Tarte Tatin

4 medium sized beetroot

35g butter

35g caster sugar

200g puff pastry

1 egg

FRYING PAN WITH METAL HANDLE

Wrap washed raw beetroots in foil, place on a baking tray and cook 200°C for approx 1½ hours. Set aside to cool in foil. Peel the beets and cut into quarters. Cover the base of 8in frying pan with butter – spread out and press down with fingers. Sprinkle sugar over butter. Heat over a medium heat until butter melts and sugar turns light golden. Arrange the beets in circles to cover the base of the pan. Set aside to cool. Roll out the pastry to 8 in circle to fit over the top of the pan. Brush the pastry with beaten egg. Ensure that the frying pan is safe to use in the oven – silicon handles can cope up to 240°C. Bake in oven 200°C for approx 40 mins until pastry is golden and oozing caramel slightly at the edges. Invert carefully onto a serving plate. Serve with a green salad and balsamic dressing.

SERVES 2-4

PARISH SERVICES FOR DECEMBER 2020

	Swinstead	Witham	Edenham
13 th December Advent 3	8.45am Parish Eucharist	10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist 4pm Evensong (Stable Chapel)
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24 th December Christmas Eve	3pm Outdoor Carols & Readings around the Xmas Tree (weather permitting)	4.30pm Outdoor Carols & Readings on the Village Green (weather permitting) 11.30pm Midnight Mass	12noon Eucharist (Stable Chapel)
25 th December Christmas Day	8.30am Parish Eucharist	9am Parish Eucharist	10.30am Parish Eucharist
27 th December Christmas 1 (Holy Family)		10.30am Joint Benefice Eucharist	4pm Evensong (Stable Chapel)

PARISH SERVICES FOR JANUARY 2021

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