

# The Three Towers

March 2023

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Edenham, Swinstead, Witham on the  
Hill, Toft, Lound and Manthorpe



# Parish News

**CONDOLENCES** to family and friends of Paul Caffrey, who passed away in January. Paul lived in Witham on the Hill during the 1990s.

**Annual Parish Meeting - Toft cum Lound and Manthorpe.** All residents of the parish of Toft cum Lound and Manthorpe are invited to attend the Annual Parish Meeting that will be held on Thursday 2nd March in the St Andrew's Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill. Starting at 7pm, the leader of the Parish Council will act as chairman. The parish meetings may pass resolutions on public activities or policies in the parish of any local authority, public body, government department of public service provided that they affect the parish especially and are not calculated to affect the whole country or district. The clerk wishes to remind residents that such resolutions are not legally binding on the Parish Council to take forward.

Please come along and support your own meeting and you are welcome, nae encouraged, to stay for the Parish Council Meeting which follows.

## **Swinstead Village Hall News.**

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March - A night of entertainment that shouldn't be missed, an evening with 'The Major', Mr Keith Tomlinson. Keith will be singing covers over the ages with Swing, Ballads, R&R, Country & Reggae. £5.00 per ticket with all funds raised going towards the village hall refurbishment project. - Tickets available from the Village Hall bar or email [villagehallswinstead@gmail.com](mailto:villagehallswinstead@gmail.com).

The Coffee Mornings are on Wednesday 1st, 15th & 29th March, from 10.30am – 12pm. Everyone is welcome. Meet some new friends and old, and enjoy some banter accompanied with coffee, tea, freshly baked cakes and raffle prizes.

Don't forget we have a Community Book Swap Shelf set up in the Village Hall foyer. If you see a book you would love to read and don't have one to swap,

don't worry ... just take the book home to read and when you finish reading, drop it back to the book shelf or share the love and pass the book on. We are receiving lots of book donations and the Book Swap is for everyone to have access to books, and to enjoy the beauty of reading for free.

Plans are underway for a Spring/Summer Table Top Sale in the Village Hall, along with exciting plans for a Village Coronation Street Party – more details coming soon.

### **MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE**

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timetable:

**Manthorpe, Main Street:**

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<b>January</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>March</b>
27 <sup>th</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup>
<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>
21 <sup>st</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>
<b>July</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>September</b>
14 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>
<b>October</b>	<b>November</b>	<b>December</b>
6 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> 29 <sup>th</sup>

## **Dates for Your Diary**

**Thursday 2 March, 7pm, St Andrew's Parish Hall - Toft cum Lound and Manthorpe Annual Parish Meeting.**

**Tuesday 7 March, 7.30pm, St Andrew's Parish Hall - Witham on the Hill Witham WI meeting.** All members and visitors are most welcome.

**Monday 13 March, 7.30pm, St Andrew's Parish Hall - Witham on the Hill Historical Society meeting.** This is a general meeting to decide on events and speakers for the coming year, plus a chance to collect membership fees (still £5 per year Jan to Jan, per household), the meeting is open to all.

**Saturday 15 April 8.30am – 10.00am BIG BREKKIE St Andrew's Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill.** All welcome. Donations to Christian Aid.

**Wednesday 3 May, 7:30pm, Edenham Village Hall - Village Hall AGM.**

Anyone who wishes to be part of the committee please come along. Please Contact Nikki Gunn on 07908111690 if you have any questions.



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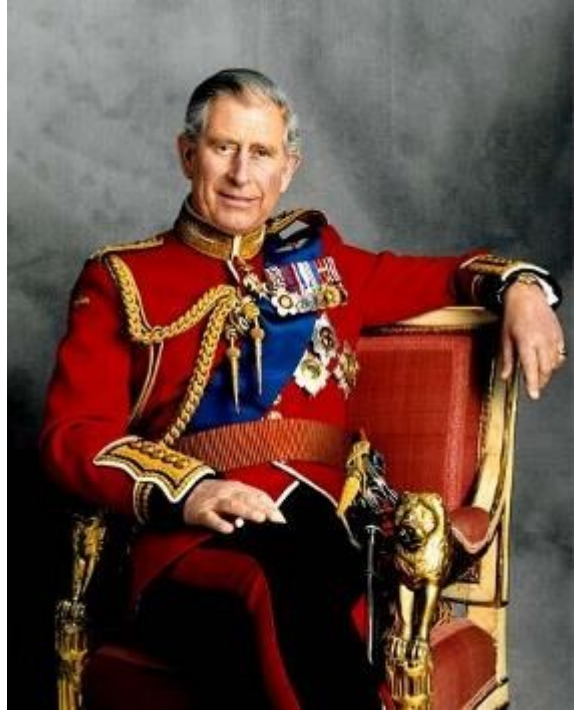
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# King Charles III Coronation Celebrations

## 6 - 8 May 2023

The country will celebrate the coronation of King Charles III over the long weekend 6th to 8th May 2023. The King's coronation will take place on Saturday 6th May. 7th May is the "formal" day for the Coronation Big Lunch, at which neighbours and communities are invited to share food and fun together.

Info we have so far for our communities:



**Toft cum Lound & Manthorpe:** 7 May from 12:00 noon onwards

Theme: Street party with games on the Jubilee Playing Field in Manthorpe

Format Bring your own food, drinks, plates, cutlery and glasses

**Witham on the Hill:** 7 May from 2pm onwards

Theme: Coronation picnic on the village green.

Format: Bring your own food, drink, fold up chairs, bunting, flags, and dress for the occasion! It is hoped there will be enough people for rounders and boules. Come and join in the fun!

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By 1974, we were handing out birthday cards, organising quizzes, dances and coffee mornings, even arranging coach trips to stately homes and theatres. On the last Sunday in November, logs were delivered to each household, along with an invitation to the Christmas party with lunch and a show! A tradition that continues today, only instead of 35 people, we now cater for over 90 folk. Our pantomime has become so well known that we hold a further two performances for the public!

### **Are you 60 years of age or over and living in Edenham Parish? - JOIN US!**

Recently, to involve the more of the wider community, we lowered our members' entry age to 60, for whom we provide birthday and Christmas gifts, an afternoon tea, flowers/card following illness or a stay in hospital, and a Christmas party followed by a pantomime.

As well as this, we hold fundraisers for the local community, such as dances, summer fetes, quiz nights, raffles and a produce show.

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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# The Vicar Writes

“Don’t worry, the LORD will provide!” Have you ever heard someone say that? I know I have but what does it mean? How might we discern God guiding and providing for us in our everyday lives? Well, if we decide to walk with Jesus, I believe we can count on being guided by God in at least three ways:

**1. The guide within** - The Prophet Isaiah referred to it as “the still small voice”, while St Augustine of Hippo called it “the teacher within.” Whatever you call it, we’ve all felt that curious feeling in the pit of our stomachs when we know something isn’t right. The more obvious name for it is our own conscience. Even though some people appear not to have one, we shouldn’t underestimate the power of our conscience; it is, after all, part of the breath of life which God breathed into Adam in the Creation narrative. God didn’t make mankind in the same way that he made the birds, animals and fish. He made us in his own image. He breathed his life into us. Every human being has a conscience, a divinely appointed guide that appeals to our better nature – the part of us that reminds us that we’re made in God’s image

and that we carry his life-force within us.

**2. The side-by-side guide** - Our side-by-side guides are those people whom God provides for us on our journey to hold our hands (both practically and metaphorically). These are the people we can talk to about our beliefs and the way we live our lives. These are the folk who help us to get away from things without getting away from ourselves! For some this might be a spouse, a spiritual director, a Priest, a Religious or someone we know well. These are the people who are both comforter and challenger; folk who can both goad and guide us in equal measure. They help us to negotiate the uneven terrain of life. They walk beside us through illness, personal tragedy, and bereavement not because they must but because they feel called to share that journey with us. Sometimes God provides us with side-by-side guides from unlikely places. They might not be churchgoers or even people who believe but they are there! God does provide (only sometimes you do have to look a little beyond your usual horizon to spot them).

**3. The guide from above** - Our third guide, the guide from above, is none other than the guiding Spirit of Jesus

himself. In Jesus, God sent us the ultimate spiritual compass and his Spirit continues to point us towards him. We've all experienced those moments in our lives when we've felt the presence of God's Holy Spirit keenly – Baptisms, Confirmations, Weddings, Ordinations. But there will also have been quiet moments when the light of God's love seemed to pierce the darkness and give us a strength that we never knew we had.

In these and many other ways, God provides. He provides for us on our journey, guiding us as we make our way through life, teaching us to rely first and foremost on him. Building a

Kingdom based not on power and influence nor on material wealth but on love and trust - love and trust in our God-given sense of right and wrong, love and trust in those whom God provides to walk with us, love and trust in the power of the Spirit.

So, let us rely on God and his provision. Let us seek his Kingdom and be confident that he does provide for us and that he will continue to do so as we journey through this life, making our way towards our ultimate destination – eternal life with him.

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This charity is able to make grants to those residents of Manthorpe, Toft, Lound and Witham on the Hill who are undertaking courses at colleges and universities and also those who are on apprentice schemes.

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## A TRUE STORY

This is a copy of a report on how Stewart McDonald MP was fooled into giving hackers access to his email account.

On 13 January 2023 Mr McDonald was walking down the street when he received a notification on his phone. There was a new message in the MP's private email account. He glanced at it - it was from a member of his staff. There was nothing suspicious about it and it came from the staff member's real email account. The message said there was a password protected document attached which had a military update on Ukraine.

This made sense as the MP had taken a close interest in Ukraine for a number of years, even receiving the order of merit from the Ukrainian government.

Mr McDonald clicked on the document. **It brought up a login page for the email account he was using. He put in his password. Strangely, it then brought up a blank page.** Perhaps it was not loading properly on his phone, he thought? He would ask the staff member to resend it next time they spoke.

What he did not know yet was that a hacking group believed to be linked to Russia's intelligence services was now inside his account. A few days later, the member of staff mentioned to the MP that he had been locked out of his personal email account because of suspicious activity and was having problems trying to prove his identity and get back in.

"I meant to ask you about that email you sent. I couldn't open the attachment," Mr McDonald recalls saying to him. "I didn't send any email," the member of staff replied.

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## **Witham on the Hill WI - FEBRUARY 2023**

After general business which included various events to sign up for, the annual meeting started with the Treasurer, Jane Wilmot, presenting the accounts, showing a healthy balance at year end. Secretary, Jane Clark, read the committee's annual report which showed a busy year of speakers and activities enjoyed by many members.

Out-going President, Elaine Brock, thanked the committee and members for their support, and for staying with the WI through the three difficult years of the Coronavirus. Elaine had been elected only a month before lockdown started and had been instrumental in getting zoom meetings up and running. A secret ballot for President resulted in Vicky Cox being elected. Veronica Calabrese thanked Elaine for all her hard work, and presented her with a poppy patterned scarf and a pair of bee socks.

After refreshments, Trudy Templeman did a quiz which was won by Lou Blaes', Jane Wilmot's and Elaine Brock's team. Jean Croft won the raffle prize. As part of the "Show the Love" climate change campaign, members planted sunflower seeds in yogurt pots, and made green felt hearts.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 7 March at 7.30pm in St Andrew's Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill, when the speaker will be Lucienne Bennett on "Tulips from Amsterdam".

New members and visitors are always most welcome. For further information, contact Jane Clark tel 01778 590232.

# WITHAM ON THE HILL WI PROGRAMME FOR 2023

**MARCH** Lucienne Bennett: Tulips from Amsterdam

**APRIL** Geoff Evans: Around Mull and Scotland

**MAY** Deirdre Dunne: The Coming Age of Food Insecurity

**JUNE** Jennifer Ishikawa: History of the Kimono

**JULY** Crosskey Clog at **Carlby Village Hall**

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## Jane's Seasonal Recipe

*With Easter approaching a chocolate recipe is always a winner. My Granddaughter had a mania for Nutella, so she loved this! I have adapted this from a WI magazine. Although it is called "bread" it is a misnomer – really rather like a tear and share Danish pastry. It is incredibly easy to make and can be rustled up very quickly – ideal for a weekend late breakfast or brunch.*

### **CHOCOLATE STAR BREAD**

*320g pack of Jus Rol pastry sheet*

*200g choc spread – Nutella is good*

*Milk to glaze*

*Icing sugar to dust*



Unroll pastry and use 18cm wide bowl to cut 2 circles. Re-roll the trimmings to make a third circle. Warm the spread in a bowl over warm water to make it easier to spread. Cover a baking sheet with baking parchment. Place one circle on parchment. Spread half the choc spread over pastry, leaving 1cm gap at edge. Place second sheet on top and spread with rest of choc spread. Place the third pastry circle on top.

Place a small cup, approximately 7cm in diameter, in the centre of the pastry as a marker. Cut the pastry in quarters radiating from the cup. Cut into eighths then sixteenths. Remove the cup. Carefully lift two of the sixteenths next to each other at a time, and twist over, one clockwise, and one anticlockwise. Repeat with all other pairs. Carefully fold over the outer edges of each piece so that they are sealed. Glaze with milk. Bake 180°C for 15-20 mins. Dust with icing sugar. Eat warm and enjoy!

## PARISH SERVICES FOR MARCH 2023

	Swinstead	Witham	Edenham
5 <sup>th</sup> March Lent 2		10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist  6.30pm Deanery Evensong (Morton)
12 <sup>th</sup> March Lent 3	8.45am Parish Eucharist	10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist  6.30pm Deanery Evensong (Edenham)
19 <sup>th</sup> February Lent 4		10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist  6.30pm Deanery Evensong (Bourne)
26 <sup>th</sup> March Lent 5		10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist  6.30pm Deanery Evensong (Colsterworth)

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