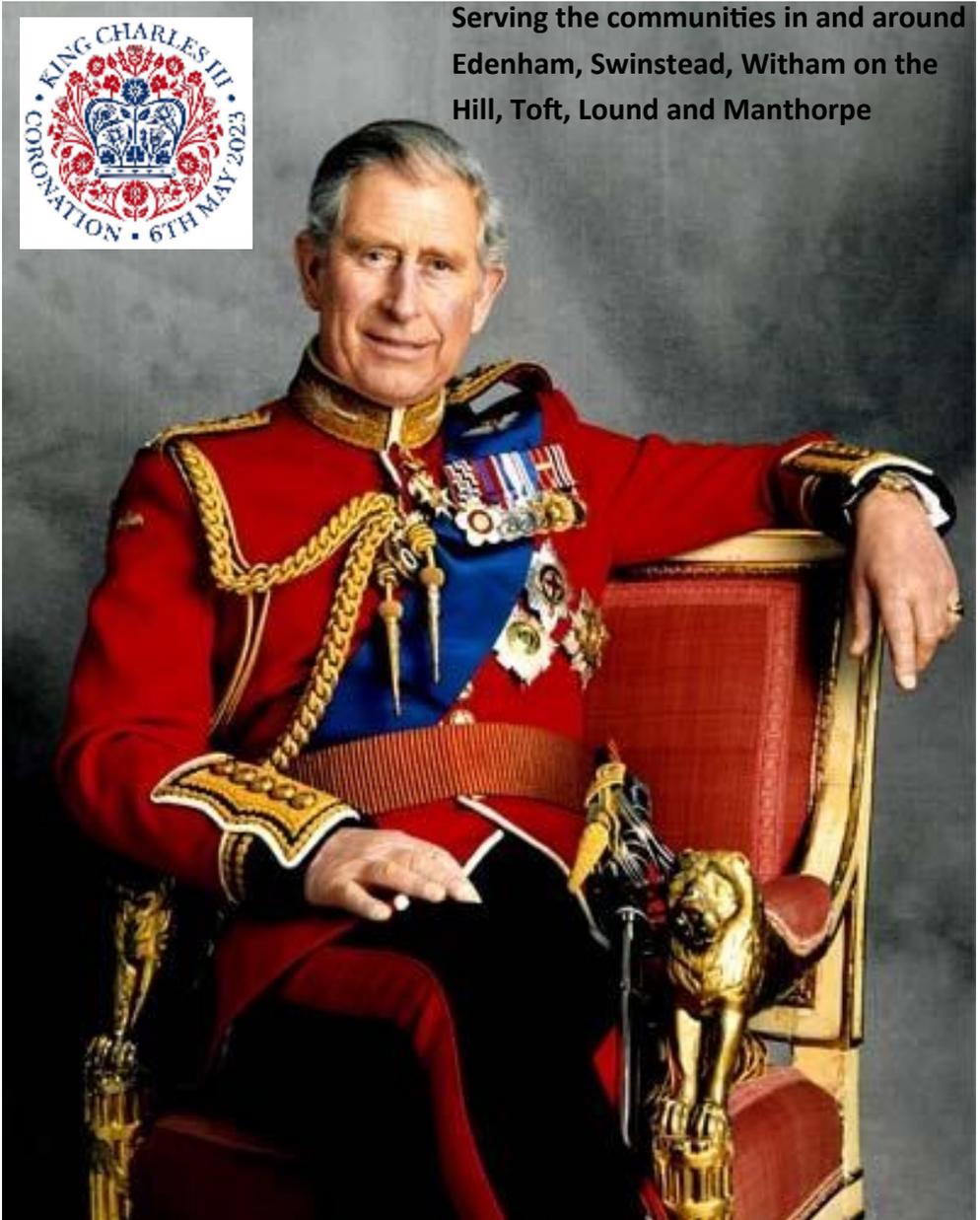


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# Parish News

**THANK YOU** to all who supported the Big Brekkie in April, and special thanks to all those who helped cook and serve. It was a very busy morning with a buzz in the air, everyone chatting away. 36 breakfasts were cooked and almost £200 was raised for Christian Aid. Well done!

**WELCOME** Sasha and son David, to Kayfen, Witham on the Hill. We hope you will be very happy here.

**CONDOLENCES** to Joy Osborne, family, friends and neighbours on the loss of Steve Osborne of Manthorpe, who passed away on 3 April. Steve was a great man; both he and his enthusiasm for everything he undertook will be sorely missed by many.

**CONDOLENCES** to Sylvia Rice-Oxley, family, friends and neighbours, on the loss of Richard (priest) who passed away in April. Sylvia and Richard lived in Swinstead for some years.

## Dates for Your Diary

**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.

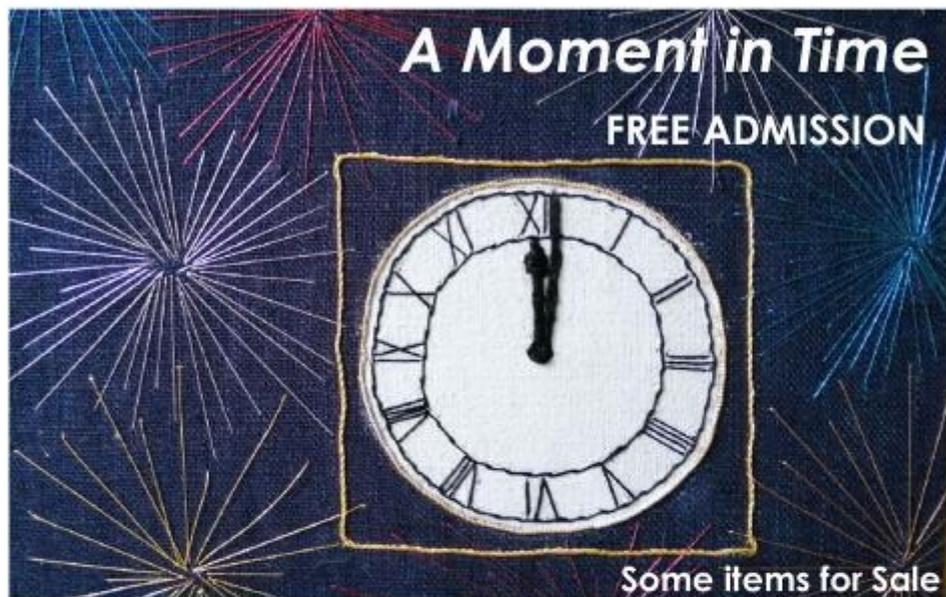
**Thursday 4 May, 3:45pm for 4pm start, The Old Post Office, 43 Main Street, Edenham PE10 0LL - whist and afternoon tea** to celebrate the Coronation of Charles III. £10 per person or £7.50 if just wanting the afternoon tea. Please call Margaret Avis on 01778 591481 to reserve a place. All **proceeds** go to the **Alzheimer's Society**.

**Wednesday 17 May, House of Lords - Countryside Alliance Awards.** Let's wish Mill Farm Butcher the best of luck for the final of the competition.

**Saturday 20 May until Wednesday 14 June, Stamford Stitchers** Exhibition of Embroidery and Textile Art in the Rutland County Museum in Oakham. See poster on next page.

# Stamford Stitchers

## Exhibition



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**Wednesday 10 & 24 May 10.30am – 12pm, Swinstead Village Hall - coffee mornings** - everyone is welcome. Meet new friends and old and enjoy some banter accompanied with coffee, tea, freshly baked cakes and raffle prizes.

**Monday 22 May 7.30pm, St Andrew's Parish Hall - Witham on the Hill Historical Society talk.** Stuart Orme on Civil War in Peterborough and Stamford.

**Saturday 17 June 7.30pm, Vanbrugh Hall, Grimsthorpe Castle - St Peter's Singers in concert.** Faire is the Heaven - a concert for peace. Tickets £15 (includes interval fizz and canapés) from Clare Carter [caheath45@gmail.com](mailto:caheath45@gmail.com) or online at <http://www.stpeterssingings.org.uk/>

**Saturday 1 July 8.30am – 10.00am BIG BREKKIE** St Andrew's Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill. All welcome. Donations to Christian Aid.

**Saturday 15 July, Table Top Sale,** Swinstead Village Hall - clothes, shoes, bric-a-brac, toys, jewellery, arts and crafts etc. Items on sale 10am to 1pm. If you just fancy a shop and browse along with a cake and brew, the Village Hall café will be open. Lots of great bargains and a huge array of goodies will be on sale, so please bring lots of cash. Space will be limited, please reserve your £5 table asap at [villagehallswinstead@gmail.com](mailto:villagehallswinstead@gmail.com). Ample parking available.

**Saturday 9 September, Steam Action 47th Annual Produce Show,** Edenham Village Hall. Open to residents of Edenham, Swinstead, Manthorpe, Lound, Toft and Witham, relatives of those who live in Edenham parish, eligible members of Steam Action, pupils of Edenham School, Edenham Pre-School and Pillarwood Farm Pre-School.



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## The Vicar Writes

“It’s as different as night and day!” I’m sure we’re all familiar with that expression. It makes sense to us because night and day are so different. Prior to the invention of artificial light, very little was possible in the darkness (very little that was good anyhow), whereas a great deal was possible in the light.

The difference between the “stone cold tomb” in which Jesus was laid, and the ‘empty tomb’ that we hear of on Easter morning is, we might say, “night and day”. The time between Good Friday and Easter Day is the contrast between the darkest of nights and the brightest of days. You see, before Easter Day all human history ends in night, it ends at a tomb of one sort or another. Post-Easter there is the possibility and opportunity for human life to continue in endless day. Easter changes everything! Jesus *changes* everything!

Technically speaking, it’s the cross that brings about what Martin Luther called the ‘Wonderful Exchange’ whereby “our sins are no longer ours but Christ’s and the righteousness of Christ not only Christ’s but ours.” But the cross is also the ultimate

darkness, the ultimate night in terms of ‘human history’ – a sort of dead end, where, according to the Gospels even the light of day became dark as night whilst Jesus hung upon the cross.

Good Friday, the ultimate night, ends in the death of Jesus, followed by the three days of night – three days in the “stone cold tomb” for the one who claimed to be the ‘light of the world’. Before the dawn of that first Easter Day, all human life was destined to end this way (to end in darkness). But the Resurrection of Jesus makes it possible for the life of every man, woman, and child to continue in light, rather than to end with the darkness of death. What’s more, the Resurrection of Jesus also makes possible abundant life; that is life lived without the fear of death, life lived fearlessly and without the ultimate end looming over us.

But that’s not all!

The Resurrection also makes it possible to live a life empowered by God’s Holy Spirit; a life lived in alignment with God’s purposes and will, a life shaped by eternity rather than a life lived under the shadow of the darkness that will inevitably come.

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But that's not simply how the story ends for those who follow Jesus. For the followers of Jesus, the Resurrection becomes the story of our lives! Those who follow Christ are called to be agents of light in the darkness of this world. We are the ones who must stand as beacons of light and hope in a world increasingly overtaken by the darkness brought about by others, or by the destructive tendencies of mankind as a whole.

These are the options, this is the choice: darkness and light, night and day!

There's a wonderful Easter story about the baptism of an extraordinarily gifted young man who had sought answers in the philosophies of his age and the pleasures of the world. One day he was said to have heard a child singing, "Pick it up and read it". He heard the song several times but couldn't see the child. So, he picked up a Bible and happened to turn to Romans 13.13-14 where he read "*Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in drunkenness, immorality, and*

*sensuality, not in quarrelling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ and make no provision for the flesh.*" He later wrote: "My heart was flooded with light." Later still he famously prayed, "You have made us for yourself, Lord, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in You." The date was April 24<sup>th</sup>, 387, the place was Milan and the young man's name was Augustine, later Saint Augustine, a man possessed of arguably the greatest intellect in all human history. For him the decision was to follow Jesus. For him the decision was to allow day to follow night.

Another of the great Easter stories occurs in a savage and pagan land on the edge of the known world. On the Hill of Slane, on the night of the spring equinox, in sight of the Irish kingdom gathered around their king to celebrate their pagan deity's festival, a newly consecrated bishop lights an Easter fire to proclaim to an unevangelized people that true day was breaking in on their night. The evangelist's name was Patrick, later Saint Patrick. Soon a whole people, an entire nation, would choose the day that can follow night. The year was 433.

We live in a world of competing

ideologies and, sometimes harsh and savage realities. The choice remains one of whether night will follow day or day will follow night. Everyone must choose and everyone must decide. Jesus gives us the choice. His cross and empty tomb are a doorway into a very different future; they are the difference between night and day.

Our calling is to live in the day, our purpose is to transform the world with the love and light of Jesus. Together, we can help one another to live fearlessly and

abundantly and we can help others to find Jesus and the new day (the new dawn) that he brings. It's a matter of life and death, of day and night. We know the tomb is empty. We know what's possible in Jesus. In thanksgiving for all that Jesus has done for us, let us *choose* to be agents of Easter light and life, for we know that for those who chose him day really does follow night.

Fr Edward

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# King Charles III

## Coronation Celebrations

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.

**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, and where possible, please bring your own chairs and tables. Music by Smuggler Jack!

**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!

**Swinstead:** 6 May 11am - 7 May from noon onwards

Swinstead will be joining the country in televising the Coronation Ceremony for King Charles III. The Village Hall will televise live on the big screen, starting at 11am on Saturday 6th May, and the bar will be open.

Continuing on with the celebrations, a Traditional Street Party will be hosted outside the Village Hall on Bourne Road, Sunday 7th May from midday onwards. A toast to our new King, along with cakes and music will be provided. Please BYO your own picnic hampers with food, drinks, plastic plates, cutlery, glasses and where possible. The Bar will be open to purchase any additional drinks.



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Well done team Mill Farm.

# Countryside Alliance Awards



# East of England Butcher Champion

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# APPEAL AGAINST AN UNFAIR PARKING CHARGE

Have you been issued a parking fine that you want to challenge? The process to dispute a fine depends on whether it is from a local council or a private company. Sadly, private companies often design their notices to look like an “official” one from a local council. The trick is to look at the wording on the parking charge notice. There are 4 basic types of charge notice:

**Penalty** Charge Notice (PCN) or an **Excess** Charge Notice (ECN) – usually issued by the council on public land, such as a high street or council car park

**Parking** Charge Notice – issued by a landowner or parking company on private land, such as a supermarket car park

**Fixed** Penalty Notice – issued by the police on red routes, white zig zags or where the police manage parking

It is important to note that the private company **Parking** Charge Notice is highly likely to be designed to look like an official local council **Penalty** Charge Notice. They are not the same and there are different ways to appeal the charge.

**Rule 1:** Do not pay a parking ticket that you intend to appeal against. Usually, paying is seen as admitting the ticket was right – so you won’t be able to appeal it once you've paid.

**Rule 2:** Make sure the details on the charge notice are correct: is it your car, is the correct location noted, is the time correct? Are the signs easy to see? Do they clearly explain the parking rules and charges?

**Rule 3:** Take prompt action. Do not think that fines issued by private companies can be ignored or treated less urgently than those from a local council. If you ignore the fine, you might just find debt collectors knocking on your door.

Citizens Advice has a good website giving comprehensive details of the

different ways to appeal against a parking fine and great advice on how best to make the appeal. It even has a template letter if appealing against a private company: <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/law-and-courts/parking-tickets/appealing-parking-tickets/appealing-a-parking-ticket/>

Another website that may be of use is the Appeal Now website: <https://appealnow.com/>

PLEASE NOTE : If you've been clamped on private land - check the notice left with the clamp to see if it's from the police, the council, the DVLA or a private company **acting on their behalf**. They are the **only** ones allowed to clamp your car on private land.

You should call the police on 101 **if you've been clamped by a private landowner or company working for them**. The police will remove the clamp. **Don't remove the wheel clamp yourself** – you could be taken to court for criminal damage. You could also be taken to court for theft if you keep the clamp.



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## **WITHAM ON THE HILL WI**

The speaker at the April meeting was Geoff Evans. Geoff retired from working at the Newmarket Stud as a horse trainer and now spends time with his hobby of photography: wildlife, scenery and touring countries like Kuala Lumpur, Borneo, Iceland and Alaska. He showed stunning photographs of Mull and Shetland with animals such as Shetland ponies, deer, otters, seals, puffins, guillemots, gannets, razor bills, skuas, shags, fulmars, hooded crows and buzzards. Some of the places he visited included Tobermory with its colourful painted houses, a replica Viking longhouse, a crofter's house (now a museum), Sullom Voe oil terminal, the broch on Mousa island, Sumburgh Head and Muckle Flugga – the most Northerly lighthouse in the UK.

Wendy Wooldridge gave the vote of thanks for a very interesting talk. Plans are underway for a litter pick on Monday 8 May, our contribution to "The Big Help Out" (voluntary work as part of the King's Coronation celebrations). Subscriptions are now due and Witham WI committee has agreed to reduce the subs recommended by NFWI from £46 to £40 to encourage more members. The annual subscription is still great value for money – 11 meetings a year at no extra cost.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 2 May at 7.30pm in St Andrew's Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill, when our own member, Deirdre Dunne, will discuss "The Coming Age of Food Insecurity" and the national resolution "Clean Rivers for People and Wildlife" will be voted on. New members and visitors are always most welcome.

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# Steam Action 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Produce Show

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> Sept 2023 at Edenham Village Hall

Sample schedule - Full schedule from: [scottlethorpe38@gmail.com](mailto:scottlethorpe38@gmail.com)

Open to residents of Edenham, Swinstead, Manthorpe, Lound, Toft and Witham, relatives of those who live in Edenham parish, eligible members of Steam Action, pupils of Edenham School, Edenham Pre-School and Pillarwood Farm Pre-School.

## **SECTION A – FLOWERS (Grown by the exhibitor for at least 2 months)**

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

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

- 11 Arrangement of flowers (not to exceed 24" overall)
- 12 Button hole used for a wedding (man or woman)
- 13 Decorative acrostic poem titled "Steam Action" (size A5)
- 14 A flower or foliage arrangement in an unusual container
- 15 Arrangement of flowers, fruit or vegetable not to exceed 12" overall
- 16 Arrangement of garden materials (no purchased blooms)
- 17 One vegetable and one bloom (open to any interpretation)
- 18 Greenery arrangement not to exceed 18" overall

## **SECTION C –FRUIT AND VEGETABLES (GROWN BY THE EXHIBITOR FOR AT LEAST TWO MONTHS)**

- 19 Box of mixed vegetables (maximum box size 18" x 12")
- 20 Cucumber
- 21 Three potatoes any colour
- 22 Three quality carrots with 3" tops
- 23 Pepper (any variety)
- 24 Three onion sets (cut and tied)
- 25 One large onion (cut and tied)
- 26 Three greenhouse tomatoes
- 27 Three pods of runner beans

- 28 Unusual shaped, or sized, fruit or veg
- 29 Pair of marrows, courgettes, squash or pumpkins
- 30 Five shallots
- 31 Three beetroot with 3" tops
- 32 Tied bunch of three herbs
- 33 Three dessert apples
- 34 Three cooking apples
- 35 Bowl of dessert fruit

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

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

**SECTION F – CHILDREN UNDER 7 YEARS (KEY STAGE 1)**

- 67 Item of cookery
- 68 Vegetable model
- 69 Drawing or painting "Coronation of King Charles III" (A4 max)
- 70 Miniature Garden (maximum size 12" x 18". Traditional or modern. Be creative!)
- 71 Home grown fruit, flower or vegetable
- 72 Veg & Produce Show themed bunting flag (any material, triangle, A5 size)

**SECTION F - CHILDREN 7–15 YEARS (KEY STAGE 2 AND 3)**

- 73 Item of cookery
- 74 Vegetable model
- 75 Drawing or painting "Coronation of King Charles III" (A4 max)
- 76 Miniature Garden (maximum size 12" x 18". Traditional or modern.
- 77 Home grown fruit, flower or vegetable
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# Jane's Seasonal Recipe

*Who would have thought of rhubarb with pork? Jamie Oliver! This is absolutely delicious – make sure to use young, sweet, pink rhubarb, early in the season.*

*I bought my pork fillet from Mill Farm Butchers, winner of the East of England Best Butcher award!*

## Pork Fillet Roasted on Rhubarb

*1 handful fresh sage leaves  
5 tablespoons olive oil  
1 pork fillets  
10 slices prosciutto or Parma ham  
12 sticks of baby rhubarb  
salt & pepper*



Crush half the sage with pestle and mortar, add olive oil and rub over pork. Leave to marinate for 1 hour. Season pork, then drape 5 slices of ham over each fillet. Cut rhubarb into finger-sized pieces, place in roasting dish and place pork on top. Sprinkle over rest of sage leaves and drizzle over rest of marinade. Wet a piece of greaseproof paper, scrunch it up, and place over pork, tucking it in. Cook at 200°C in a preheated oven for 20 mins, remove paper and cook a further 20 mins. Remove from oven and leave to rest for 5 mins. Serve the meat sliced with the rhubarb, juices and roast potatoes.

SERVES 4

## PARISH SERVICES FOR MAY 2023

	Swinstead	Witham	Edenham
5 <sup>th</sup> May <i>Friday</i>	6.30pm A short Service of Prayer for the King on the eve of the Coronation, followed by a toast in George's Bar		
7 <sup>th</sup> May <i>Easter 5</i>	8.45am Parish Eucharist	6pm Short Thanksgiving Evensong for the Coronation	10.30am Sung Benefice Communion according to the BCP with prayers for the Monarch
14 <sup>th</sup> May <i>Easter 6</i> <i>Rogation</i>	8.45am Parish Eucharist  3pm Meet in Castle Bytham Church for Rogation Walk to Edenham	10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist  5pm(ish) BYO Tea (hot drinks provided) followed by said Evening Prayer at 5.30pm
18 <sup>th</sup> May <i>Ascension Day</i>			7pm Eucharist
21 <sup>st</sup> May <i>Easter 7</i>		10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist  4pm Evensong (Stable Chapel)
28 <sup>th</sup> May <i>Pentecost</i>		10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist  4pm Evensong (Stable Chapel)

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