

Parish Magazine

St Helen, Burghwallis
and
St Mary Magdalene, Campsall
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United Benefice of Burghwallis and Campsall

Letter from Fr Richard February 2019

Thinking back... ...and looking forward.

This February has a particular significance for my wife and I. We shall be celebrating our fortieth wedding anniversary. Some of you may be able to think back forty years to the winter of 1979 which was very severe indeed. There had been heavy snow for a couple of months and to make matters worse the road gritters were on strike. Where we lived at the top of the hills north of Sheffield was particularly badly hit. Stannington church had a 4ft high drift in front of it which meant that the local Scouts had to dig a trench to the front door. Dungworth, the next village was simply cut off. It was one those days when Ann looked like she was wearing camouflage and I really did look like a penguin.

February is often the coldest part of the year when the winter is at its most severe. I would like to think that it is a time when we can keep warm at home with a hot drink and a cosy fire. When the cold and dark outside brings us a little closer together.

Over Christmas I spent some time while I was off work staying at our flat in the centre of Sheffield. What struck me with great sadness was the number of people I saw sleeping rough in shop doorways. I do not know what has happened in their lives to bring them to this state. Often it is a question of mental health issues, addiction, or just bad luck.

It made me think back over the last 40 years. I cannot remember a time when I have seen so many people begging in the streets or so many sleeping in doorways. The endless BREXIT debate seems to have paralyzed parliament and I feel that it is the people on the margins of society that seem to be being ignored. I worry that, if there is a return to severe winter weather, then it will be the most vulnerable who will suffer.

Occasionally, people tell me that those who beg are simply con-men or deserve to be where they are. But to see people who simply cannot cope sitting on the pavement when it is cold and wet and left without dignity suggests to me that this is far from where they would like to be.

But what can be done? I would suggest that you support the Cathedral Archer project which helps provide support, food and medical care for homeless people. Details of its work can be found at:

<https://www.archerproject.org.uk/>

Or the Church Homeless Trust

<https://www.churchhomelesstrust.org.uk/>

It is my hope that in a few years' time when we look back it will be to see this as a thing of the past not a shameful indictment of the present.

With every Blessing

Fr Richard

Events at Campsall Wellingtonia Centre

3rd Tuesday of each month –
Beetle Drive at 1.00pm

Or

Every Wednesday
10.00am – 11.30am
Drop-in Coffee Morning

Every Thursday
1.00pm – 3.00pm
Bingo Sessions

**Everyone is welcome –
Come and join us.**

Burghwallis Senior Citizen's Christmas Lunch

A group of 31 citizens of Burghwallis attended a Christmas lunch in the Burghwallis function room which was funded by the Parish Council Poor's Field.

A splendid meal was had by all followed by entertainment from Alan Cropley.

I would like to thank everyone who provided raffle prizes for our event.

Jill Laming

St Helen's Church

Thankyou to everyone who donated to charity by making donations instead of exchanging Christmas cards with church friends

£68.00

Was shared between the following charities:

[Bluebell Wood Hospice](#)

[Church Homeless Trust](#)

Also; thank you for donations for Christmas church flowers.

Revision of Church Electoral Rolls

This year the churches revise the electoral rolls. This means that the old rolls are being discarded and new ones are being drawn up. All worshipping members of the church ought to be on the electoral roll...

...but you must apply.

To obtain an application form please contact the clergy or churchwardens or collect one from church.

THE BELLS OF ST. HELEN'S

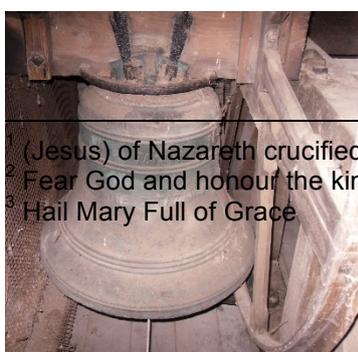
There are three bells in the belfry at St. Helen's, all cast by Taylor's of Loughborough, the dedications embellished in relief on their sides are as follows.

Bell 1 NAZARENUS CRUCIFICTUS¹ (Venite bell for calling to worship)

Bell 2 DEUM TIME ET HONORA REGEM² (Profundis bell which is tolled for the dead)

Bell 3 AVE MARIA GRATIA PLENA³ RECAST 1870 BY THE MUNIFICENCE OF SCHOLLES BIRCH ESQ. (Ave Maria bell is rung during the consecration at a communion service)

Access to the belfry is from the organ gallery by climbing up a straight rung ladder which passes through the ringing chamber and two trapdoors, a climb of 24 feet.



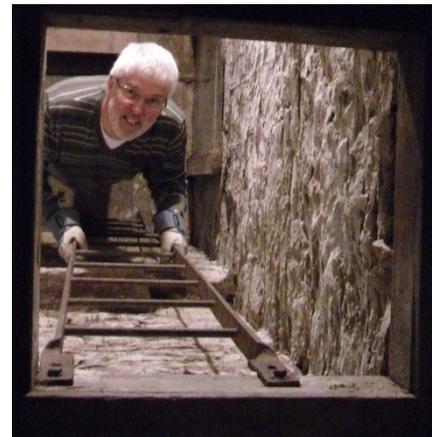
¹ (Jesus) of Nazareth crucified
² Fear God and honour the king
³ Hail Mary Full of Grace

At present the bells are chimed in the hung dead position with ropes attached to the clappers, the

ropes pass over a pulley system enabling them to be rung from a frame on the ground floor. They are not in a fit state to be moved until the wheels, rope guides and other fittings are overhauled. The wooden bell frame is of substantial proportions and almost fills the 11ft square belfry with it's 3ft thick walls, only a narrow walkway and trapdoor giving access on the south side.

Set into each of the walls of the belfry are two-light openings, each light has a pointed lancet head and is divided by two cylindrical shafts one behind the other. On the inner side of the openings are louvres to deflect rainwater from entering the building, these are in turn covered with a plastic mesh to discourage birds from nesting in amongst the bells and their framework but with limited success.

In November 2018 a specialist team of contractors cleared out twenty-three sacks of twigs, nesting materials and bird droppings from around the framework, and sanitised the whole room, it is planned to install stainless steel grills mounted on hardwood frames in the near future to stop this recurring.



A notice pinned up in the ringing chamber shows that a ringing team was active in the 1930's when Revd J. Willis-Kidd. was Rector. The ringers were Mr. W. Fay. (Captain), F. Newton, R. Freeman. J. Elm. V. Dimon and F. Vallance. All ringers had to be members of the congregation and stay at the service for which they had been ringing. Bell practice was once a week, the Captain to make the necessary arrangements. The belfry and ringing chamber had to be kept clean with the Captain to have complete authority at all times. Although the main purpose of ringing the bells was to call worshipers to church details on the notice show that they could also be rung on other occasions.



The Passing Bell. 101 strokes for the passing of a soul, then for a male 30 triple strokes and for a female 21 double strokes, and in each case finishing with the age in single strokes, one for each year.

Minute Bell. Rung at time of burial.

Royal Salute. Rung on the big bell following the death of a reigning sovereign until the burial, usually rung at mid-day, also upon occasions of national rejoicing 101 strokes.

The Nuptial. Rung as the bridal couple leave the church.

The Curfew Bell. Rung at 9 p.m. to warn people to put out their fires.

The Shrivings Bell or Pancake Bell. Rung on Shrove Tuesday to remind people that the priest is in church to receive their confessions and give absolution before lent.

The Tocsin. Rung to give warning of danger, war, floods etc.

The last special occasion when the bells were rung was the national event to commemorate the centenary of the end of the first world war, when a peal of 100 rang out across the village at 7.05 p.m. on Sunday 11th November 2018.

Colin Bowes.

Burghwallis Parish Council

**The next Parish Council meeting is
Tuesday, 19th February,**

KEEP BURGHWALLIS TIDY!

From time to time, the members of the Parish Council, and a few hardy volunteers, make a concerted effort to remove litter from the roadsides in and around Burghwallis, in addition to our normal habit of collecting rubbish as we find it. If any residents would be prepared to boost our numbers, you would be most welcome; the way to make yourself part of the "team" is to contact Brenda Grimes on 01302 727186, and she will take your contact details and alert you to future litter-picking events.

Dave Maxwell

Funerals

Jan 8th Jean Lunness
Jan 22nd Lorna Dickinson

Baptisms

Jan 13th Noah James Humphreys

**Usual Pattern of Sunday Services
in the Benefice**

<p>St Mary Magdalene, Campsall 11.00 Holy Communion</p> <p>First Sunday in the Month 11.00 Family Service</p>	<p>St Helen, Burghwallis 9.00 Holy Communion</p> <p>First Sunday in the Month 8.00 Holy Communion</p>
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To contact the Churchwardens:

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*Jenny Lister 101 Campsall Park Road, Campsall. tel: 702552
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The **Revd Dr Richard Walton** will be in church every Thursday evening between 6pm and 7pm to discuss arrangements for baptisms and weddings.

To contact the Clergy:

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