

# PARISH MAGAZINE

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St Mary Magdalene, Campsall



## **Letter from Fr Richard July 2019**

### **Time to be a good neighbour.**

By the end of this month the schools will be on holiday and many grandparents will be spending their days looking after the grandchildren while their parents are at work. Ann and I were very fortunate when our girls were little that our parents didn't live so far away so we were able to call upon them to help during the holidays. It was a great blessing to know that our daughters were being looked after by people who loved them and whom we could trust.

There was however a moment when my mum almost set fire to the kitchen whilst cooking and it was our younger daughter Rosie who knew what to do – she turned off the gas and prevented a small problem becoming a crisis.

As we have grown older, we have noticed how there are times when the tables are turned and we ask our daughters for advice. This came up when we were discussing where we might live when we eventually retire. We had thoughts of a small cottage in the country. However, Rosie who is clearly the practical member of our family said, “No, what you need is a bungalow on the bus route to the hospital!” We were a bit put out by this but probably because we know it makes sense. We are conscious that, as we get older, much as we resist it, we know that our joints aren't as smooth as they were and we do visit the doctor's and the hospital more than we ever did.

It is reassuring that our children are there to care for us. But I am aware that this is not the case for everyone. In these days of social mobility families become split up – children move away for good reasons often usually to get a better job. It means that even in the leafy and pleasant rural surroundings we have there can be great loneliness. When what was once a dream home can become a golden cage.

Just before Christmas, I had a brief stay in hospital and stayed in the centre of Sheffield on my own while I was convalescing. I made a point of only having enough food in for the day which ensured that I had to go out each day to the shops. The exercise helped me physically by ensuring I went for a walk but I think it helped mentally too because it stopped me just ruminating because I bumped into people each day. It made me value the benefit of simple human contact.

This summer, have look to see if there are any of your neighbours whom you might just bump into. It is a simple act of caring and I think you will both benefit from it. I promise one day to write a self-help manual but it will be rather brief. It will simply say:

Eat less – Exercise more

Love your neighbour as yourself.

If, alongside this you can learn to love God a little more then I feel there is a recipe for a life well spent.

With every Blessing

Fr Richard

### **Events at Campsall Wellingtonia Centre**

***3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Parish Council

## News

The next Parish Council meeting is on  
Tuesday 6th August, 7.00 at The Burghwallis.

Please remember to look at the Parish Council website for all the latest snippets of news and notifications of future events. Simply go to [www.burghwallis.org.uk](http://www.burghwallis.org.uk) where you will see all the latest information, and some very interesting articles about the village.

### **Advance warning of heavy traffic on The Abbe's Walk.**

The Scouts are holding a large event in Squirrel Wood on the weekend of 5th to 7th July. We have been advised that there will be very heavy traffic from Owston to the camp site between 5 and 9 pm on the Friday evening, and 2 and 6 pm on the Sunday afternoon. Best to avoid that route, if possible.

***Dave Maxwell,***  
***Chairman***  
**(01302 709993, or 07766 055012)**

**Norman and Gwenyth Critchley**



Joyce Homes passed on to me a copy of an article from the June 2018 parish magazine of St Thomas of Canterbury Church, Kingwear about two former parishioners of St Helen's Burghwallis whom some of you may remember: Norman and Gwenyth Critchley. Norman and Gwyneth met at St Helen's and married here 60 years ago. Some 45 years ago they moved to live in Devon where Norman – a former teacher – became very much part of the local community serving at various times as churchwarden, treasurer, verger and altar server.

Norman has also played a key role in fund raising for the church through contributing to amateur dramatics and through memorable recitations of monologues such as *Albert and the Lion*.

In recognition of his service to the community Norman was presented with the Kingswear Award by Kingswear Parish Council which is a



lovely way of recognising all he has done.

In addition, Norman and Gwenyth were invited to attend a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace in May of this year.

We wish Norman and Gwenyth well. It is pleasing to see the recognition given by the local parish council by the presentation of an award.

**SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JULY**

**PATRONAL FESTIVAL  
ST MARY MAGDALENE  
CAMPSALL**

11.00am *Holy Communion*  
*With the Benefice Choir*

2.00-4.00pm *Afternoon Teas*  
£6.00 per person

5.00pm *Brass Band Concert*  
*Hatfield and Askern Colliery Band*  
(Tickets £6.00)



**Baptisms**

June 30<sup>th</sup> Matthew Creswell  
 June 30<sup>th</sup> Sophie Wood

**Weddings**

June 1<sup>st</sup> Warren Temple and Kerry Collings  
 June 8<sup>th</sup> Lewis Tuffnell and Kerry Bee  
 June 22<sup>nd</sup> Christopher Sully and Shelly Sockett

**Funerals**

June 5<sup>th</sup> Audrey Wilson  
 June 14<sup>th</sup> Dennis Carr

**Rotas****Burghwallis**

<b>July</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Sidespersons</b>
7 <sup>th</sup>	Jill Nicklin	Mike Hammerton
14 <sup>th</sup>	Anthony Williamson	Kathleen Cooper
21 <sup>st</sup>	Irene Trenbirth-Smith	Joyce Holmes
28 <sup>th</sup>	Colin Bowes	Lynda Needham

**Campsall**

<b>June</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Sidespersons</b>
7 <sup>th</sup>	Family Service	Phyliss Taylor
14 <sup>th</sup>	Chris Herbert	Jane Maxfield
21 <sup>st</sup>	Jenny Lister	Jess Tew
28 <sup>th</sup>	Brian Skidmore	Margaret Hillard

## **Happy Birthday Madge!**

Best wishes to Madge Dyson who celebrated her  
100<sup>th</sup> Birthday on the 24<sup>th</sup> June.  
Madge distributed the magazine for many years.

# The gardener and the Vine



JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS



ONCE HE TOLD HIS FRIENDS ALL ABOUT A GARDENER.

THE GARDENER'S JOB WAS TO CARE FOR THE VINES



HE WOULD LOOK AT EACH BRANCH CAREFULLY..

... AND IF IT WAS PRODUCING GOOD FRUIT, HE WOULD CARE FOR IT AND NOURISH IT.



IF IT WAS PRODUCING BAD FRUIT...

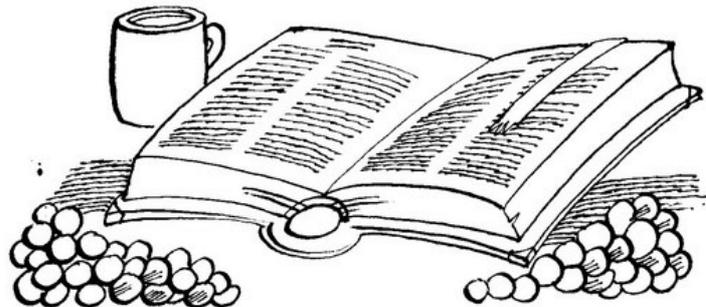


...OR NO FRUIT AT ALL...



...THEN THE GARDENER WOULD CHOP IT OFF, AND BURN IT IN THE FIRE!!

JESUS WANTED HIS FRIENDS TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS - THAT'S LIKE THE VINE BEARING GOOD FRUIT.



YOU CAN READ THIS SPECIAL PARABLE IN JOHN'S GOSPEL, CHAPTER 15.

