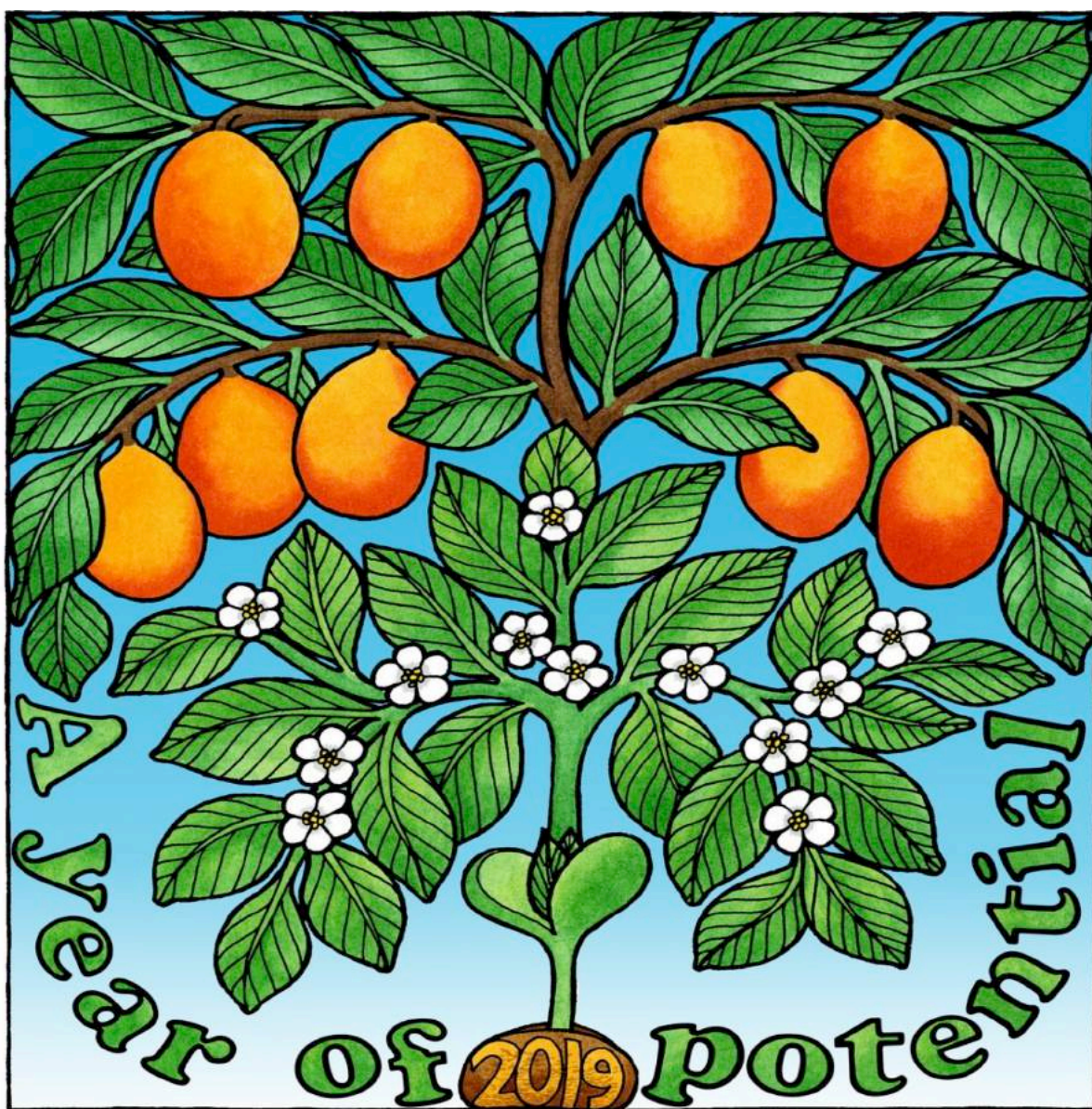


Parish Magazine

St Helen, Burghwallis
and
St Mary Magdalene, Campsall
January 2019



United Benefice of Burghwallis and Campsall

Letter from Fr Richard January 2019

Just around the corner...



The New Year begins for the church with the 12 days of Christmas which lead into the celebration of Epiphany on the 6th of January. The Epiphany traditionally marks the coming of the wise men

from the East with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. We give the wise men names; Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar but we don't have any evidence for this or whether there were in fact only three of them.

The magi – would have been Zoroastrian priests from Persia. They would have been the scientists and philosophers of their day. Looking into the heavens they would have interpreted any changes in the stars as having an effect upon earth. So, for them to see a bright star; which these days we think was either a planetary conjunction or an exploding star – a supernova. Would have had a greater significance than just an unusual astronomical event. And they travel to where they believe the significance is greatest: to the West; to Judea where, to their surprise, they find a child born in a stable and lain in a manger.

The gifts they bring have significance: gold symbolises kingship, frankincense is the incense used by priests, and myrrh is the sweet-smelling perfume used in anointing the dead. The symbolism of these gifts reveals the nature of Jesus as king and priest and sacrifice. The Epiphany is all about revealing the nature of Jesus as God made manifest in Man. The season goes beyond the gifts of the magi to reveal the dual nature of Jesus as both divine and human; in his baptism, in changing water into wine, and in acts of healing.

The New Year can be for all of us a time of new beginnings. We do not know what it may bring. The magi had access to all the wisdom and scholarship of their day and yet they still did not think that the Christ-child would be born homeless in a stable. They knew something special was happening but they did not know how it was all going to work out.

We do not know what the coming year will bring. My hope is that the divisions and rancour caused by the Brexit debate will find some kind of healing and that our country may be more united and at peace with itself. As we look to the future for our families and friends, we all hope for a happy and peaceful time. I know in the coming year I shall take my fair share of weddings, baptisms and funerals – all those actions of joy and sorrow that mark our lives when we turn to God. It is my hope that, in turning to God, you may discover that his face has always been turned towards you to welcome you into his presence. May God bless you and all those whom you love throughout the coming year.

Fr Richard

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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.**

From Jill Shaw... ...and the Golden Oldies



The first Goldies singalong sessions of 2019 will be held at Norton Community Hall on Monday 7th January and Campsall Village Hall on Tuesday 22nd, each starting at 1.30pm. All welcome. A donation of £2 to the Golden Oldies charity is requested. Charity registration no.1121600

www.golden-oldies.org.uk.

And from Campsall 4A trust... ...a request for volunteers.

In October 2018, Campsall 4A Trust held its first monthly Lunch Club at Campsall Village Hall, starting with just 12 people for a trial run.

Numbers have increased and in December, 25 Golden Oldies and Lunch Club guests shared a Christmas Dinner, prepared by just 3 volunteers in December. Diners make a donation of around £5 to cover costs.

We now need more volunteers to make the activity sustainable. Are you able to give a few hours once a month, or even occasionally? Ideally, we'd like a band of volunteers willing to take turns as necessary or step in when cover is needed.

If you'd like to help, please phone

Brenda McLaughlin on 708058 or Jill Shaw on 700003.

Happy New Year from Campsall 4A Trust.



CHURCHYARD

St. HELEN'S BURGHWALLIS

The heap of soil in the corner of the churchyard has now been moved to the new site and is in the process of being levelled and the grass reinstated. Churchwardens Shirley and Colin would like to thank the Monday morning team of volunteers for their help in carrying out this work.

MEDIEVAL STONE CROSS

The Grade II listed stone cross located south of the porch door at St. Helen's Burghwallis has been repaired after a piece of stone broke away from the shaft last winter. The medieval square base and shaft with stopped chamfers in magnesian limestone are surmounted by a 20th Century crucifixion beneath pitched roof canopy.

Thankyou from Fr Richard

As many of you will have been aware, I have been away from church over Christmas on sick leave. The operation seems to have gone straightforwardly and I am recovering well and am now back at work.

Many thanks to all those who stepped in to help while I was away during this busy time especially Fr Chris and Christine and the Churchwardens.

Fr Richard

Burghwallis Parish Council

Forthcoming Parish Council Meetings

Parish Council meetings will take place at 7.00pm at the Burghwallis
on Tuesday 8th January

If you require further information then please contact me on
07766 055012.

Dave Maxwell

BARNSCAN

Forthcoming Meetings in Campsall Village Hall

Wednesday January 23rd at 7.30pm

Old Doncaster Slide Show

Parish Registers

Funerals

Baptisms

Dec 2nd

Elvio Antonio Mantovani

Neve

Jude

Kerry

Dec 30th

Georgina Josephine Veronica Birbeck

Rotas Burghwallis

January	Readers	Sidespersons
6 th	Alistair Owens	Colin Bowes
13 th	Mike Hammerton	Mike Hammerton
20 th	Jill Nicklin	Shirley Gill
27 th	Sharon Hammerton	Kathleen Cooper
Feb 3rd	Joyce Miller	Joyce Holmes

Campsall

January	Readers	Sidespersons
6 th	Family Service	Jane Maxfield
13 th	Jenny Lister	Margaret Hillard
20 th	Brian Skidmore	Jess Tew
27 th	Chris Herbert	Daphne O'Vastar
Feb 3rd	Family Service	

Usual Pattern of Sunday Services in the Benefice

St Mary Magdalene, Campsall 11.00 Holy Communion First Sunday in the Month 11.00 Family Service	St Helen, Burghwallis 9.00 Holy Communion First Sunday in the Month 8.00 Holy Communion
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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.

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