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



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75th Anniversary Year

A Time to Remember.

I wonder if you remember what you were doing on your 20th Birthday. I was a long-haired physics student in Manchester. By contrast my dad's 20th birthday - which was the 6th of June 1944 - was spent parachuting into France. He was in the 8th Battalion of the Parachute Regiment which was due to land inland of Pegasus Bridge but which became scattered due to high winds. After a fire-fight in the *Bois de Bavent* my dad was captured and spent the rest of the war in *Stalag IVb* at *Mühlberg an der Elbe*. After the war he was posted to Palestine trying to keep the peace as part of the British Mandate.

I suppose my father's story has been repeated many times in countless families across the United Kingdom of young men who were called up to serve their country in time of need. Undoubtedly there will be similar stories told in your own families.

This year marked the 75th anniversary of D-Day – the liberation of Europe from Nazi tyranny. Had this not taken place, then the world would look very different now.

I am writing at a time when the Brexit crisis is reaching a critical point. It is worth remembering that the move to unite Europe economically grew out of the ashes of the Second World War. Economic interdependence was meant to be a means of ensuring that the countries of Europe would not go to war with each other again. Sadly, this bigger picture seems to have been lost in all the political manoeuvring that has taken place over the last three years.

November is always a month for remembering. It begins with the feasts of All Saints and All Souls and we shall be having our Memorial Service on Sunday the 3rd commemorating all those for whom we have taken funerals in the last 6 months – as well as others whose names we have been asked to remember. A week later is when our many acts of remembrance take place

in the villages of our parishes. I am glad that these are well supported and I feel proud to be able to serve as padre to the British Legion as well as the parish priest. These are important times of national unity when political differences are set aside when we remember the sacrifices made on our behalf by men and women from the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth.

We remember also that this world is still not at peace. Some years ago, when Ann and I visited Israel and Palestine on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, we were taken to the border between Israel and Syria. As we looked out from our vantage point, our guide pointed out smoke in the distance. "That is the war in Syria!" he said.

Psalm 122 v 6 says, "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem." It is an age-old prayer and one that reminds us of our need in every Generation to work for peace and for justice.

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 –

Burghwallis Parish Council News

The next Parish Council meeting is on
Tuesday 10th December, 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 where you will to see all the latest information, and some very interesting articles about the village.

**Dave Maxwell,
Chairman**





BURGHWALLIS

SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2019 **Wednesday 11th December**

Are you a Burghwallis Resident?

You are invited to a Christmas lunch at the Burghwallis Pub.
Function room on WEDNESDAY 11th December at 12 noon for 12.30 lunch.
The lunch is complimentary, care of the Parish Council Poor's Field fund and is
by ticket only which is obtainable from:

Jill Laming on 01302 701395.

Or if I am not available from

Dave Maxwell 01302 709993.

If you would like a guest to accompany you, they would be very welcome
but we would have to make a charge for their lunch unfortunately.

Once I have your reservation I will get back to you with menu choices.

Don't delay, book as soon as you can to reserve your place.

Jill Laming

Thankyou from Jenny Lister...

Many thanks to Jean Skidmore and Lesley Downing for their help in decorating Campsall church and porch for harvest and also to those who made donations towards the cost.

Services for Advent and Christmas 2019

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| 3rd | November | Memorial Service | Campsall | 4.00pm |
| 10th | November | Remembrance | Norton | 10.00am |
| | | Sunday | Cemetery | 10.20am |
| | | | Church | 11.00am |
| | | | Burghwallis | 12.45pm |
| 1st | December | Service of Light | Burghwallis | 4.00pm |
| | | | | <i>(This is a Joint Church of England / Roman Catholic Service)</i> |
| 7th | December | Tree Lighting | Burghwallis | 6.30pm |
| | | | | <i>(Come and sing carols around the Christmas Tree at the War Memorial)</i> |
| 15th | December | Carol Service | Campsall | 4.00pm |
| | | | | <i>(We hope to be joined by children from Norton Junior School who will sing with the choir.)</i> |
| Christmas Eve | | Christingle | Campsall | 4.00pm |
| | | Midnight Mass | Burghwallis | 11.30pm |
| Christmas Day | | Holy Communion | Campsall | 9.30am |

Flowers for Christmas

Donations are requested to help provide flowers to decorate the churches at Christmas.

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Burghwallis: Joyce Holmes 725747

Campsall: Jenny Lister 702552

From Jill Shaw...

What I did on my holidays.

It took two full days to reach the Scottish Island of Jura, where I was to join a small group of occasional singers in the lead-up to Jura music festival. On the ferry from Kennacraig to Islay I fell into conversation with an American woman and was soon joining in with an amateur choir from Connecticut, touring the Scottish isles just for fun. I stood with them at the bow of the ship, belting out the folksy songs they sang, as the sea spray dampened our hair and other passengers looked bemused or joined in. I disembarked at Islay reflecting on the unexpected fellowship I'd enjoyed, while the Americans stayed on board to sing their way to Colonsay.

Boarding the 10-car ferry between Islay and Jura I met up with the rest of 'my' group and we were soon being driven to our home for the week. Among the party was a couple from Hertfordshire, whose instrument-cases I'd spotted on the ferry. Their gentle friendliness was welcome and the musical accompaniment compensated for any flaws in our voices. Another woman introduced herself as a one-time academic who now teaches 'Hoop'! That was a new one on me. With the organiser we made only a small choir, but we sang at every opportunity regardless. We sang to the deer and the seals to be seen from our house, we sang as we walked and we took our turn in the pub as musicians arrived to prepare for the weekend's festival.

One of our favourite songs was *Sing John Ball*. John Ball was a priest and preacher, put to death in 1381 for his part in the Peasants' Revolt. Following the years of the Black Death, the country was exhausted by years of war and crushed by an exorbitant Poll Tax. Ball followed the doctrines of John Wycliffe in preaching the need for social equality, asking the question : *When Adam delved and Eve span,*

Who was then the gentleman?

He was imprisoned many times for his views and excommunicated. In 1366, people were forbidden to hear him preach.

We sang *Sing John Ball* on stage at Craighouse Village Hall. Its opening couplet asks,

Who'll be the lady, who will be the lord,

When we are ruled by the love of one another?

The refrain rings out with a bell-like quality:

Sing John Ball and tell it to them all,

Long live the day that is dawning.

I'll crow like a cock and carol like a lark

In the light that is coming in the morning!

In the small white church on Sunday morning, locals and festival-goers shared a feast of rousing hymns and turns by visiting musicians, and when we left the building at the end of the service, a pipe band was tuning up outside. There was a deeper sound than usual, it seemed. In the drizzle, beside the church, we spotted a band advertised as The Indigenous

marquee . The combination of bagpipes and African drums was spine-tingling. Soon the pipe band began to march towards the village, the Indigenous People of Ghana falling into formation behind them, never missing a beat as they walked barefoot in short white garments along a tarmac road in the Scottish rain.

Soon we were collected by the island's one-man-bus-and-taxi service and taken to wait for the little car ferry. It was still raining, so we squeezed into the small shelter near the slipway, already occupied by a group of scary-looking young men with piercings and tattoos and an older chap. We assumed he was the band's manager but in fact he was one of their dads. We had a half-hour wait and no-one wanted to wait outside, so we took turns. They learnt some of our songs and we sang along to their instruments as best we could.

As we waited, and in the pub at Port Askaig before boarding the Calmac ferry back to Kennacraig, we continued singing and playing together. Touchingly, the young musicians actually *thanked* us for letting them join in. What fellowship!

The second verse of Sing John Ball goes like this:

*All shall be ruled by fellowship I say
When we are ruled by the love of one another,
All shall be ruled by fellowship I say
In the light that is coming in the morning.*

We are still striving for social equality today, but the freedoms we do enjoy are down to the courage of people like John Ball all those years ago. *Fellowship* is an unfashionable word nowadays; let's remember John Ball and bring it back into circulation.

Jill Shaw

**The Royal British Legion
Burghwallis Branch**

CAROL CONCERT

8.00pm Friday 13th December
The Burghwallis Public House

Tickets £6.00 from the Burghwallis or tel: 01302 723398

Sing along with the Armthorpe Elmfield Brass Band



On November the 8th
Tom Troop
celebrates his 100th Birthday.
Very best wishes and many happy
returns of the day from everyone at
church.

From the Churchwardens at Burghwallis...
A New Architect for St. Helens.

Revd. Dr. Richard Walton, Priest in charge and Churchwardens Shirley Gill and Colin Bowes have appointed Mr. Ian Hayton of Ferrey & Mennim Ltd. Architects, Heslington, York. As Quinquennial Inspector and Architect for St Helens Church.

Mr Hayton replaces Mr. Peter Gaze Pace who recently retired after more than 20 years in the post and his father before him.

The first task for Mr. Hayton will be overseeing the installation of stainless-steel bird mesh in the belfry to replace worn out plastic netting, this should stop birds bringing in nesting materials and causing a lot of mess in the process.

The fabric of the building has to be thoroughly inspected by our architect every 5 years, he will then report to the Parochial Church Council any repairs or improvements which are necessary to keep the building safe and in good order.

From Pat Stanley...

A Greengrocer's Proposal

I've BEAN so MELON CAULI dear

Since you have BEAN away.

My ARTICHOKEs without you,

I PINE for you each day.

No SUGER BEETS your sweetness,

Don't TURNIP your nose at me,

But take the 18 CARROT ring

And LETTUCE married be.

**Norton Community Hall Quiz and
Bingo Night**
Friday 15th November
Tickets £5.00 - Includes Pie and Peas
Licensed bar available
Tickets from Christine Herbert

Christmas Fayre



St Mary Magdalene's Church,
Campsall

Saturday 16th

November

11.00am - 2.00pm

Crafts, Cakes, Toys, Tombola, Books

Refreshments

Usual Pattern of Sunday Services in the Benefice

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

Jenny Lister *101 Campsall Park Road, Campsall.* *tel: 702552*

The **Revd Dr Richard Walton** will be in Campsall Church every Thursday evening between 6pm and 7pm to discuss arrangements for baptisms and weddings.

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