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Letter from Fr Richard December 2019

A Happy Advent and Christmas to all our Readers.

December begins with Advent – the church season that leads up to Christmas. As we count down the weeks, each Sunday we light a candle in church as part of our Advent ring remembering:



The Patriarchs – the Jewish fathers of our faith: Abraham, Moses, Isaac and Jacob

The Prophets – Those like Isaiah, and Jeremiah who through the centuries stood firm to proclaim the word of God

John the Baptist – the wild man

whose call to repentance prepared for the coming of Jesus **The Virgin Mary** – The mother of Jesus who was obedient to God's call upon her life.

Until Christmas comes with the birth of the Christ-child in a stable in Bethlehem. It is a wonderful age-old story that always bears retelling.

I always feel moved on Christmas Eve at our christingle and crib service to see the story re-enacted by children dressed as kings and shepherds; angels and the holy family. That yearly reminder of what happened so long ago in Bethlehem.

Last Christmas I missed all this because I was recuperating in Sheffield after a brief stay in hospital following surgery for prostate cancer. In the intervening 12 months have recovered well and so I have much to be thankful for. One significant memory for me was walking rather gingerly to attend Midnight Mass at the Cathedral. It was a cold night and on the short journey I passed numerous homeless people asleep in shop doorways. It was a sobering thought to see bundles of humanity wrapped up against the cold with no room for them at the inn. I did leave a parcel of food with a mince pie and a card

beside one sleeper but I felt it was more to salve my conscience than to offer any real practical assistance.

It is my prayer that whichever political party wins the election, we may become a more caring and compassionate society as a result.

My God guide you through Advent so that you may have a holy and blessed Christmas.

With every Blessing

Fr Richard

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

Or

Every Wednesday

10.00am – 11.30am Drop-in Coffee Morning

Every Thursday

Burghwallis Parish Council News The next Parish Council meeting is on Please to www. The next Parish Council meeting is on nippets 1, and



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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

To everyone who contributed to making the Christmas Fayre at Campsall Church such a lovely event. We raised £1400 for

Charity Instead of Cards

As in previous years at St.Helen's, instead of exchanging Christmas cards with friends in church you may like to make a donation to charity. In the past we have supported St.John's Hospice, Bluebell Wood, and Church Housing Trust.Please give your donations to Shirley Gill or Colin Bowes.

Joyce Holmes



"It's easy to tell when it's Nativity Play time – I can never find a tea-towel!"

Christmas Services

As you can see from the list below, we have a full range of Christmas services.

Services for Advent and Christmas 2019

1st **December Service of Light Burghwallis** 4.00pm

(This is a Joint Church of England / Roman Catholic Service)

7th **Tree Lighting December Burghwallis** 6.30pm

(Come and sing carols around the Christmas Tree at the War Memorial)

15th December **Carol Service Campsall** 4.00pm

(We hope to be joined by children from Norton Junior School who will sing with the choir.)

Christmas Eve Christingle Campsall 4.00pm

> **Midnight Mass Burghwallis** 11.30pm

Christmas Day Holy Communion Campsall 9.30am



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

Flowers for Christmas

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

Contact:

Burghwallis: Joyce Holmes 725747 Campsall: Jenny Lister 702552

BARNSCAN

The Barnsdale Local History Group

The Leader Brothers return with another of their fascinating

Mystery Boxes

A quiz with a difference!

What's in the box?
Wednesday 4 December 2019 at 7.30 pm
Campsall Village Hall



Christmas Tree Lighting at Burghwallis

Come along and sing carols, eat mince pies and begin the festive season as we light the Christmas tree

Saturday December 7th at 6.30pm

By the War memorial.

A Christmas Blessing...

May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary, and the peace of the Christ-child be yours this Christmas; and the blessing of God Almighty; the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you this day and always.



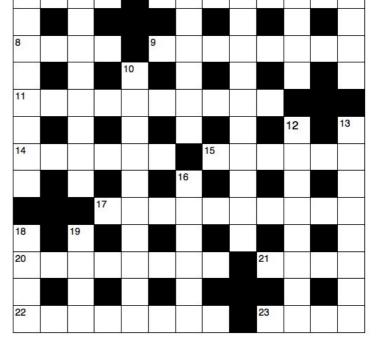
Amen

With very best wishes from Fr Richard and Fr Chris for Christmas and the New Year.

Crossword Clues & Answers

Across

- 1 'The blind receive sight, the walk' (Luke 7:22) (4)
- 3 Got (Philippians 3:12) (8)
- 8 Leave out (Jeremiah 26:2) (4)
- 9 Castigated for using dishonest scales (Hosea 12:7) (8)
- 11 Weighty (1 John 5:3) (10)
- 14 'Now the serpent was more than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made' (Genesis 3:1) (6)
- 15 'Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot God' (Romans 8:8) (6)
- 17 Because Israel lacked one of these, tools had to be sharpened by the Philistines (1 Samuel 13:19) (10) 20 In his vision of the two eagles and the vine, this is how Ezekiel described the latter (Ezekiel 17:8) (8)



- 21 Rite (anag.) (4)
- 22 Nine gigs (anag.) (8)
- 23 'The eye cannot say to the -, "I don't need you" (1 Corinthians 12:21) (4)

Down

- 1 'Flee for your lives! Don't , and don't stop anywhere in the plain!' (Genesis 19:17) (4,4)
- 2 Principal thoroughfare (Numbers 20:19) (4,4)
- 4 'The tax collector... beat his and said, "God have mercy on me, a sinner" (Luke 18:13) (6)
- 5 'The zeal of the Lord Almighty will this' (2 Kings 19:31) (10)
- 6 'The day of the Lord is for all nations' (Obadiah 15) (4)
- 7 Specified day (Acts 21:26) (4)
- 10 Deadly epidemic (Deuteronomy 32:24) (10)
- 12 Roman Catholic church which has special ceremonial rights (8)
- 13 Tied up (2 Kings 7:10) (8)
- 16 In his speech to the Sanhedrin, Stephen described Moses as 'powerful in speech and -' (Acts 7:22) (6)
- 18 'Although he did not remove the high places, heart was fully committed to the Lord all his life' (1 Kings 15:14) (4)
- 19 Tribe (Deuteronomy 29:18) (4)

ACROSS: 1, Lame. 3, Obtained. 8, Omit. 9, Merchant. 11, Burdensome. 14, Crafty. 15, Please. 17, Blacksmith. 20, Splendid. 21, Tier. 22, Singeing. 23, Hand.

DOWN: 1, Look back. 2, Main road. 4, Breast. 5, Accomplish. 6, Near. 7, Date. 10, Pestilence. 12, Basilica. 13, Tethered. 16, Action. 18, Asa's. 19, Clan.

Parish Registers

Baptisms

Nov 2nd Cecilia Rodriguez-Sanchez

Funeral

Nov 19th John Allott Abrahams

Rotas Burghwallis

December	Readers	Sidespersons
1st	Joyce Miller	Kathleen Cooper
8th	Anthony Williamson	Joyce Holmes
15th	Irene Trenbirth-Smith	Sharon Hammerton
22nd	Colin Bowes	Lynda Needham
29th	Sharon Hammerton	Pam MosesS

Campsall

December	Readers	Sidespersons
1st	Family Service	Family Service
8th	Chris Herbert	Sonia Tonkinson
15th	Jenny Lister	Jane Mayfield
22nd	Brian Skidmore	Jess Tew
29th	Howard Gee	Brian Skidmore

TOM TROOP

Thank you to all who attended Tom's 100th birthday celebration, for all your cards, gifts, donations to charity,(£400 has been sent to 'Breast Cancer NOW' - the charity of Toms choice), and for all who sent their best wishes, you have all made Tom's birthday very special.

Alan and Shirley



BIDERIC

It can be read in the Bible in Luke chapter 2 verses 8 to 20

A short story from the Bible

Shepherds were paid to look after the flocks out on the hillside. Uneducated and rough, they were usually avoided, or overlooked.



Don't be afraid! I have good news that will be a great joy for everyone!



Earlier today, the Saviour, Christ the Lord, was born in Bethlehem. J

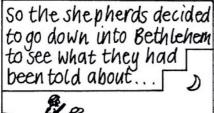






What?! The Saviour is like one of us?

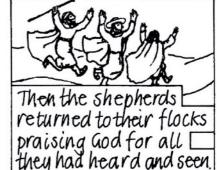
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Usual Pattern of Sunday Services in the Benefice

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

To contact the Churchwardens.

Burghwallis

Shirley Gill 1 Burghwallis Lane, Sutton tel: 700057 Colin Bowes 11 Burghwallis Lane, Sutton tel: 702779

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.

To contact the Clergy:

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