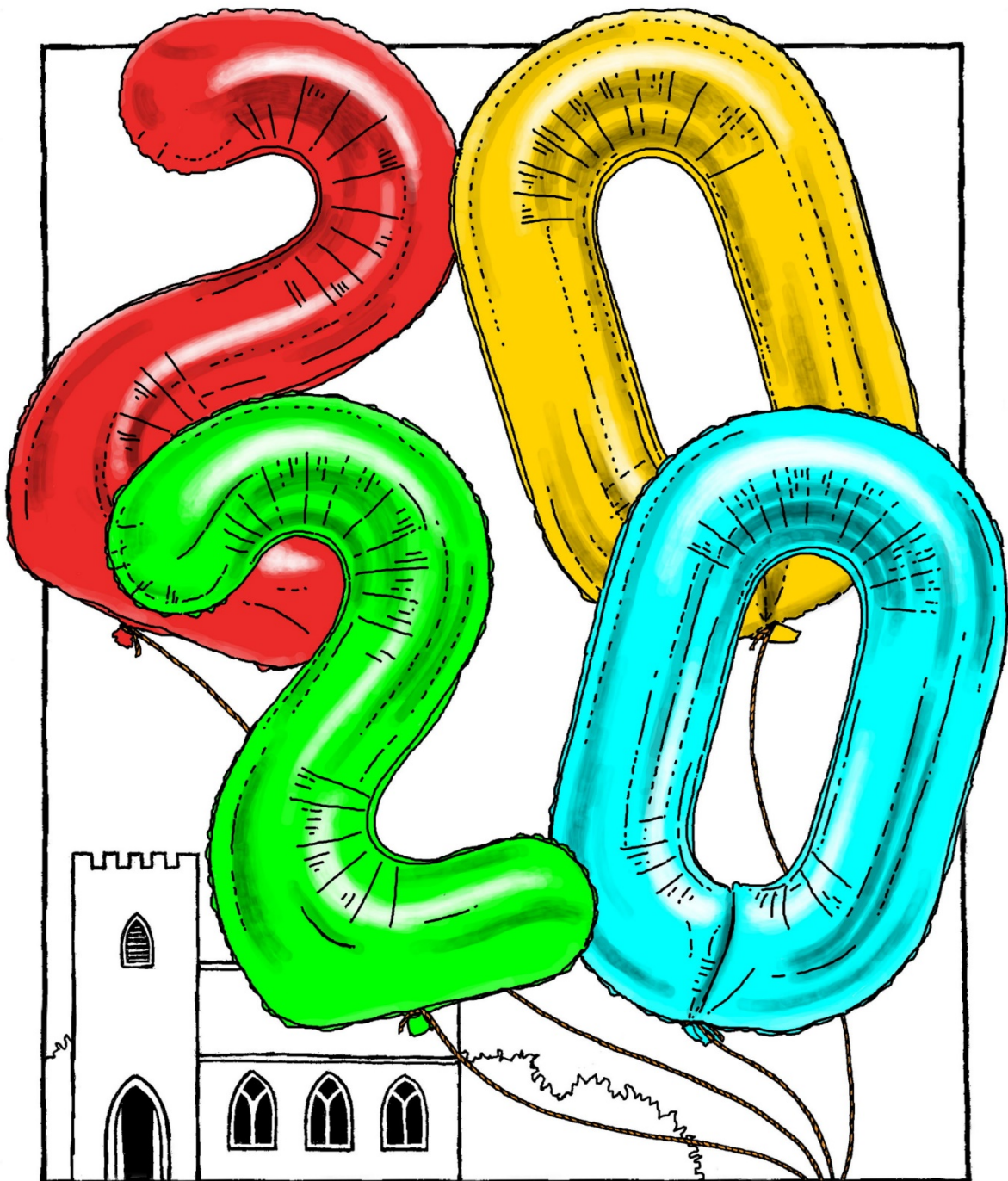


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Letter from Fr Richard January 2020

A Happy New Year.

January is the time when the days of Christmas give way to Epiphany and the new year begins. Of course, we have had a general election which should bring some sort of closure to the Brexit debate. My hope is that 2020 will bring greater unity to our nation which has felt unsettled and divided over recent years – an answer I hope to the many prayers for peace.

I am not a great watcher of soaps although I do listen to *The Archers* from time to time. In the run-up to Christmas I did see the trailers for *Eastenders* which filled me with a sense of despair. I am aware that their Christmas programmes have more than the usual amount of grimness in their storylines. What upset me was the reaction of Phil Mitchell to some piece of bad news. His response was to throw a chair across the room in an angry show of violence.

I suppose that reasoned debate and earnest conflict resolution do not make for exciting television but they do result in happier lives. My worry is that this kind of violently dramatic behaviour becomes accepted as the norm because it's what they do on TV. A bit like *Spinal Tap* where the dial is always turned up to 11. My hope for the coming year is one of peace. Peace in our nation, peace in our families, peace in our hearts. But none of us really know what the coming year will bring.

Epiphany is the time of the year when we remember the coming of the Magi from the East to meet the Christ-child. They brought symbolic gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Gold for a king; frankincense for a priest; and myrrh to anoint the dead. These Wise Men represent the gentile world who seek out Jesus. Although they came from Persia – today's Iran – they are usually portrayed as multicultural: from Africa Europe and China.

Epiphany means *manifestation* and, in this act, God makes himself manifest to all humankind. He reveals the fulness of his nature as truly human and truly divine. He came as the Prince

of Peace to bring peace to a divided world. May this New Year be a time of peace to you and to your families. May you seek and find Christ's peace in your hearts and your lives.

With every Blessing

Fr Richard

A Thank you from Jenny Lister...

A very big thankyou to everyone who has made kind and generous donations for the church flowers over Christmas. With especial thanks to Margaret Kennedy who donated the stand of flowers at the back of Campsall Church in memory her late husband Harry.

Also, many thanks for Jean Skidmore and Jean Wood's help in decorating the church.

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Every Thursday
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Burghwallis Senior Citizens Christmas lunch.

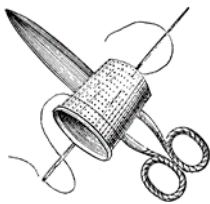
On the 11th December 34 villagers enjoyed the usual Christmas lunch at the BURGHWALLIS care of the Parish Poor's field committee.

We were entertained once again by Alan Cropley who played popular music which was interspersed with an enjoyable quiz. Many went home with some very nice raffle prizes. Thank you to Sally and her team for putting on an excellent lunch.



Please remember to look at the Parish Council website for all the latest snippets of news and notifications of future

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A Note from the Choir

The Choir has been very busy over Christmas supporting services at Campsall, Burghwallis, Owston and Adwick. As many of them began as 'first time singers', it is a great credit to them that they have attempted some ambitious pieces this year. It's also pleasing to see that some of them attended a workshop this year with the composer John Rutter. Not bad for a village church choir! As you can read in Liz Brown's poem, quite a lot of fun has been had along the way. If you are interested in joining the choir do come along to Campsall on a Thursday evening at 7.00pm – no previous experience is required!

Who'd be in a Choir?

We wanted to join a choir, Diane and Sandra and I,
We didn't know if we'd be any good, but we thought we'd give it a try.
Thursday night is practice night at Campsall Church we were told.
Why not come along next week? Don't be shy now, try to be bold!

So off we went one Thursday night, having decided to just go and see,
We'll either find that we enjoy it, or discover it's not our cup of tea.
We were made to feel most welcome, 'are you Soprano or Alto?' they said.
'We don't know' was the simple answer, which we gave with a shake of the head.
Well, they weren't sure where to put us, so we sat in the front row,
'We'll see how you get on this evening and by the end we'll hopefully know!'

Anyway, whatever our vocal ranges are - and some of us are still not quite sure,
we've never looked back since that first practice night, cos joining has opened
new doors.

We've learned quite a lot about music - it's been quite a steep learning curve,
Our first thought when confronted with Latin was - erm! I think we'll give that one
a swerve!

But now we can sing Ave Verum and whilst Derek's conducting he'll say
'Remember correct pronunciation and do sing Av eh not Avaay!'

Michael our Leader has much to contend with - his patience can be stretched quite
a lot.

'Are you all listening in the front row?' he asks - when it's patently obvious we're
not!

But even he has had to concede, albeit only quite recent, that in spite of the
trouble we cause him, we are now sounding three parts half decent!

The Musical terms don't phase us, though some leave us slightly confused,
'Cos some of the terms used by our leader are not ones that composers would use.
'We'll sing the last verse *Con Belto*' says Michael - now what the heck's that all about?
And as for the Key of Richard - well, we're still trying to work that one out!

So, after all this practicing, the big day finally arrives,
whether it be Weddings or Funerals, Easter or Harvest or the sounding of Christmas chimes.

We get to the Church in plenty of time to allow for preparations
The order of service is all printed up, so there's no need for palpitations.
Then Alan is standing there with the cross - it's time to line up to process,
Which triggers last-minute mayhem - have I got my glasses? Does my hair look a mess?

Which hymn are we doing first? - my mind has gone quite dead!
Can somebody tidy up Derek and Ron, they look like an unmade bed.
And who the heck's gone AWOL now? - we're missing one or two.
Oh, just give them a minute, they won't be too long - they've decided they're needing the loo!

But no! That's it! The music has started and Alan is off like a Stallion
And we're all not far behind him - as stately as a Galleon.

Oh! the fun of being in a choir, the joys are many fold
It's so nice to be part of a lovely group, and they say singing is good for the soul.
Long may we all continue but we await the day we may see
when Michael will say '*Quae pulchra sonos*' - which is Latin for 'that sounds lovely'.

Liz Brown
December 2019



Which I think speaks for itself.

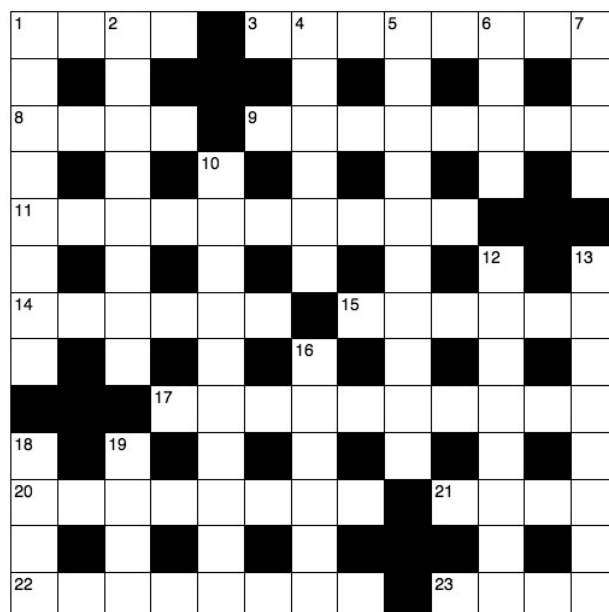
A very big thank you for all that the choir has done in 2019. A delight for me was to see them augmented by the children from Norton Junior School for the Carol Service at Campsall which was truly a delight.

Fr Richard

Crossword Clues & Answers

Across

- 1 'Again Peter denied it, and at that moment a — began to crow' (John 18:27) (4)
- 3 Fetters (Job 33:11) (8)
- 8 Perform on a musical instrument (1 Samuel 16:23) (4)
- 9 Paul describes it as 'the third heaven' (2 Corinthians 12:2–4) (8)
- 11 Loyal (Deuteronomy 11:13) (10)
- 14 Hens? Me? (anag.) (6)
- 15 Not visible (Matthew 6:6) (6)
- 17 Predicted site of the final great battle (Revelation 16:16) (10)
- 20 Jacob's youngest son (Genesis 35:18) (8)
- 21 One of Zophar's eleven sons (1 Chronicles 7:36) (4)
- 22 For example, London, Paris, Rome (8)
- 23 United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (1,1,1,1)



Down

- 1 Favourite church activity: Fellowship round a — — — (3,2,3)
- 2 Divinely bestowed powers or talents (8)
- 4 Pile together (1 Thessalonians 2:16) (4,2)
- 5 Commanded to justify (John 8:13) (10)
- 6 Timothy's grandmother (2 Timothy 1:5) (4)
- 7 Killed (Psalm 78:34) (4)
- 10 One of Graham Kendrick's best-known songs, — — King (3,7)
- 12 Indecency (Mark 7:22) (8)
- 13 Unceasing (Jeremiah 15:18) (8)
- 16 He prophesied 'the abomination that causes desolation' (Matthew 24:15) (6)
- 18 British Board of Film Classification (1,1,1,1)
- 19 Pans (anag.) (4)

ACROSS: 1, Cock. 3, Shackles. 8, Play. 9, Paradise. 11, Faithfully. 14, Enmesh. 15, Unseen. 17, Armageddon. 20, Benjamin. 21, Beri. 22, Capitals. 23, USPG.

DOWN: 1, Cup of tea. 2, Charisma. 4, Heap up. 5, Challenged. 6, Lois. 7, Slew. 10, The Servant. 12, Lewdness. 13, Unending. 16, Daniel. 18, BBFC. 19, Snap.

Parish Registers

Baptisms

Dec 8th Chester Arthur Smith

Funerals

Dec 17th Diane Ezard

Dec 23rd Phyllis Taylor

Rotas Burghwallis

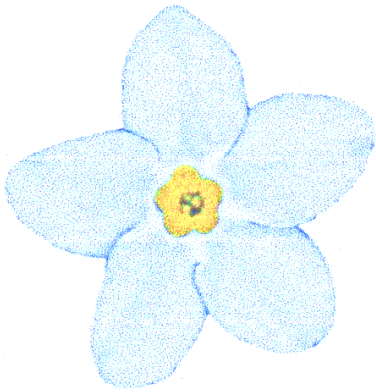
January	Readers	Sidespersons
5th	Alistair Owens	Colin Bowes
12th	Anthony Williamson	Shirley Gill
19th	Irene Trenbirth-Smith	Kathleen Cooper
26th	Colin Bowes	Joyce Holmes

Campsall

January	Readers	Sidespersons
5th	Family Service	Alan Troop
12th	Jane Maxfield	Margaret Hillard
19th	Chris Herbert	Jess Tew
26th	Jenny Lister	Sonia Tonkinson

Epiphany





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