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Letter from Fr Richard May 2020

Looking Forward

We would be celebrating the 75th anniversary of VE Day this month if the world was normal. But as we are all too aware, the world is far from normal. We have been in lockdown and have seen the death toll rise. The numbers are large enough for every community to be touched by Covid-19. I was impressed by the two broadcasts made by the Queen over Easter. Her words reminded us that we are all in this together, but the time will come when it is all over and we will mourn those who have died and celebrate the return of a kind of normality.

I imagine those were the thoughts that occupied the nation in 1945. Relief that it was all over, mixed with sorrow at the human cost that had been paid and an awareness that the world needed to be rebuilt. There will soon come a time when we are planning what to do when it is all over. I suspect that we might be changed by the experience – we will have learned to value the work of the NHS which was the great contribution to our lives made by that wartime generation.

We have all been learning to do things differently. The church has been doing things differently. We have been communicating by post and email. I have been pleased to get feedback about our on-line services which we have recorded using Zoom. It has been a way of keeping us together and in touch – we have also found that there are people who have valued this regular contact with the church which is a challenge to us to do things differently in future. If you aren't receiving our electronic communications then send me your email address and I will ensure that you are added to our list.

Joyce Holmes tells me that the recorded services we have sent to her daughter in Cap d'Antibes are now watched by many of her church friends in France and we have friends in Slovakia and Poland who have seen them too which are unexpected outcomes of the current situation.

However, we do look forward to getting back into the church building. We have already begun planning for the memorial services which will complete the act of grieving started by the small-scale funerals taking place in cemeteries and crematoria.

The story of Easter is about resurrection and new life. Jesus rose from the dead but he was changed. His disciples witnessed it all and were changed. When we return to 'normal' life we shall be changed – and changed I hope for the better. As we look towards Ascension Day on the 21st of May we look forward to a time when we shall be changed and made perfect in the presence of God.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! – He is risen indeed Alleluia!

Fr Richard

Lionel Hudson

Alan Davis – one of the local funeral celebrants - contacted me to say he had recently taken the funeral of Lionel Hudson who was born in Campsall but lived most of his life in Askern. Although Lionel was well known locally, there was much about his life in the military which was not generally known. Alan felt that some of the details might interest our readers:

Alan writes...

In June 1960 Lionel joined the army; he initially signed on for 9 years and became a private in the 1st battalion of the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry; the regiment, whose motto is 'Yield to None' has a long and proud history going back to 1755 and were headquartered in nearby Pontefract.

In the autumn of that same year, after completing his basic training, he was posted to Germany as a member of 'B' Company, returning to England in October 1961 for pre-

embarkation leave as the regiment were to be posted to Malaya in the New Year. At this time Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother, who was the Colonel in Chief of the KOYLI visited the Regiment in Pontefract where the whole Battalion- including Lionel- were on parade.

This was not the only famous face that Lionel met. In December of that year, he and his colleagues attended a party at the Pontefract barracks NAAFI where he met Patricia Phoenix; the famous 'Elsie Tanner' of Coronation Street who was one of the guests there that night. Apparently, every soldier had a photo of Elsie, as the Regimental Pin-up.

A few days later, on the 29th of December, he boarded a train at Tanshelf station in Pontefract which took him to Southampton and there he joined the SS Navessa, - the last troop ship to leave these shores for Malaya.

Arriving in the country he travelled to Terendak camp at Malacca, which was the latest multi million pound, fully air-conditioned camp. The camp sported, a cinema, beach club and bars, many sporting facilities and local people to do the soldiers' dhobi and boots. Quite a change from his life in Askern.

This was the time of the Indonesia-Malaya confrontation and Lionel saw active service in Brunei and Borneo. This little-known part of the history of the British Army makes for interesting reading and shaped Lionel's life. He was awarded the Malay Peninsular General Service medal, the Borneo medal; and a medal presented to the troops by the grateful Malayan Government, the Pingat Malaysia medal. Whilst he was there, he was also a member of the detail who escorted the King of Thailand on his return to his country.

In 1964 the regiment returned to South Yorkshire and he would have had leave before they left, in 1965 for a posting to Aden.

Alan

I never knew Lionel and I understand that few people knew about his experiences in the army during the early 1960s. It is often the case that we only learn about the depth of a person's life after they die. There is often a sense of regret that we didn't listen more or ask enough questions. I hope for those who knew Lionel this fills in some of the gaps in their knowledge of him.

Burghwallis Parish Council

Due to the current situation, all meetings of the Parish Council, including the Annual Meeting, due to be held in May, have been cancelled until further notice. As soon as the situation changes, we will reschedule meetings and advertise them in the usual way.

For the moment, the Playing Field will remain open, in accordance with Government guidelines, but we ask that people conform to the guidelines about social distancing and do not use the play equipment. There are signs on the gate to advise visitors of this requirement.

Planned events such as the Great British Spring Clean litter pick have been cancelled, and, hopefully will be rescheduled in September. That is not to say that all clean up activity will cease. Members of the PC will still do litter picking, but as individuals, or couples, where those people already live together anyway.

Doncaster MBC have temporarily ceased green bin collections from Monday 23rd March.

Bus services (51 and 51A) through Burghwallis, Sutton, and Campsall to Askern have now been suspended. The nearest bus service is the 50B which goes up Mill Lane before circling back round Skellow. Details of revised services can be found on the SYPTE website.

The Parish Council would like to wish all residents safe passage through this crisis, and we hope that we will all emerge safely, eventually, when we reach the other side.

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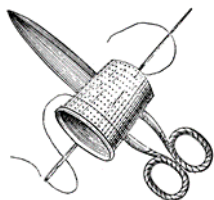
3rd Tuesday of each month –
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Alan's plants



Back in January when I decided again to grow plants for our May Plant Sale at Campsall Church, I hadn't even heard of Coronavirus, and when we did in March, I had already bought most of my seeds, plugs, compost etc.

Initially, I had thought perhaps I should stop growing and cut my losses, but then decided to just do

what I enjoy doing and carry on, and instead of Shirley getting only the left-overs from the sale, she would have the most colourful floral garden in Campsall.

In the very few issues of April's Church magazines, I announced that plants were available directly via me if anyone was interested. Never in my wildest dreams would I have believed what happened next! My phone never stopped ringing; church friends, neighbours, village friends and their friends, until almost all the plants had been ordered. For me this experience has been quite humbling, that our community has come together to supported me and the Church.

The plants are doing really well and are on course to be ready for early May. I will be contacting everyone by phone when they are ready to be either delivered or collected, and of course 100% of the money raised will be given to Campsall Church funds.

Thank you to all who have supported me this year, I really hope you enjoy your plants as much as I have enjoyed growing them for you Oh, and by the way, Shirley will be getting the left overs !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

**Red, white, and yellow, purple, blue, and pink,
Colours in my flower garden sometimes are unique,
Each delicate petal is an amazing gift
For such beauty can give your day a special lift**

Alan Troop

Patronal Festival: Burghwallis



Thursday 21st of May is the Feast of the Ascension when we celebrate Jesus' return to heaven. This year the date also coincides with the Church of England's Feast of St Helen – the patron saint of our church at Burghwallis.

St Helen – or Helena – is a fascinating historical figure. She was the mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine. Constantine was made emperor in York in 306 AD following the death of his father. Helen was a Christian and brought her son up in the faith. Constantine's father had set her aside in favour of a younger, more advantageous, wife but after his father's death Constantine raised Helen to the status of empress which gave her power and influence.

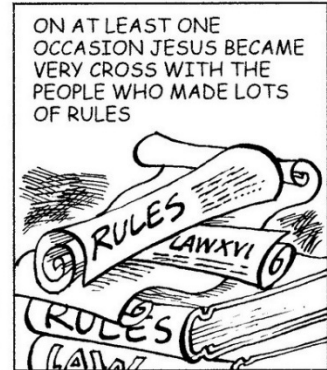
Helen's great contribution to the church was to recover the Christian sites in the Holy Land especially in Jerusalem and Bethlehem. For this reason, she is regarded as the patron saint of archaeologists.

So, is there any link with Burghwallis church? There are some tantalizing clues that suggest it may have been possible. The Roman road to York lies nearby, there are the remains of a Roman fort at Robin Hood's well just off Scorcher Lane and the church itself has a course of Roman stones at its base. Legend says that St Helen founded the church, but there is no direct evidence except the strong local connections with Roman habitation in the area. I would like to think that, on her way to York to visit her son, she may have paused at Burghwallis and founded a church here.

There is an interesting contrast between Helen's faith and search for evidence of Jesus' earthly life and our celebration of the Ascension when we the church ceased relying upon the physical presence of the risen Jesus and began to feel his spirit inhabiting our lives and guiding our actions. Helen was a pivotal figure who brought her son to faith and so gave the Christian church the freedom to grow throughout the world.

We give thanks for Helen's faithful Christian witness and its legacy in our church.

"Some tough talking"

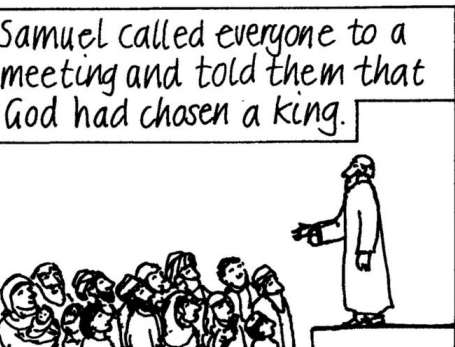
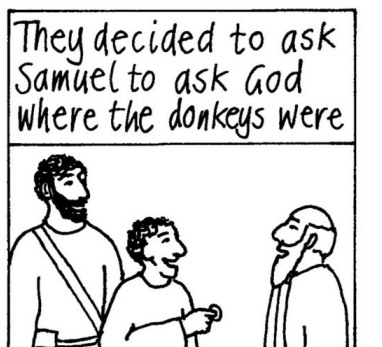
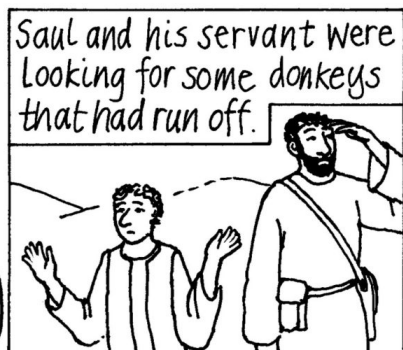
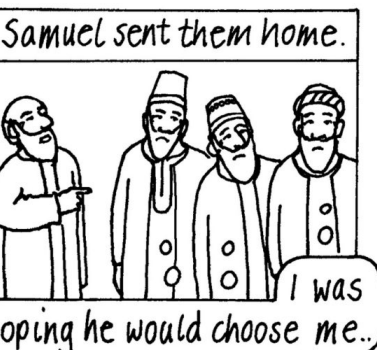
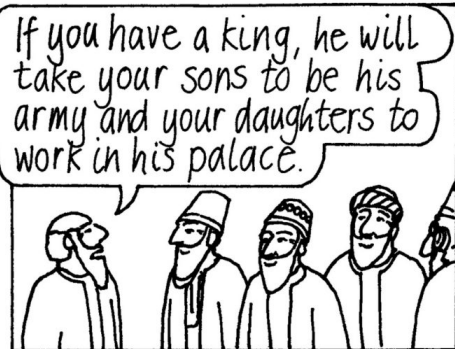
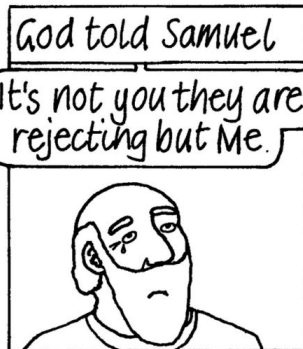


Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Samuel 8:1-10:1, 17-24

Samuel had been a good leader of Israel but he was now old. The leaders of the twelve tribes came to talk to him...



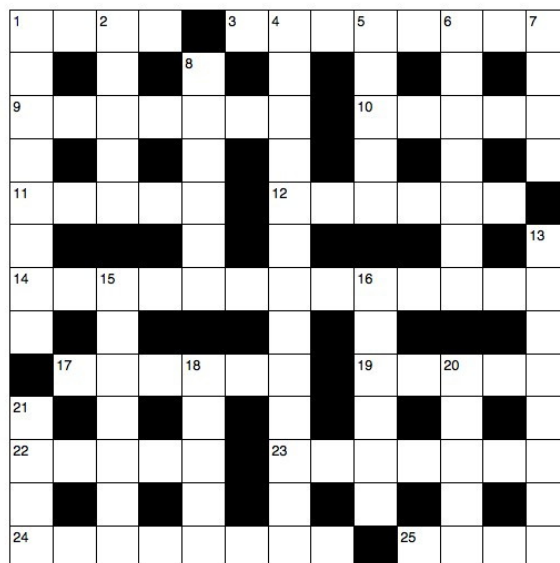
Crosswords Clues and Answers

Across

- 1 'Therefore let us — passing judgment on one another' (Romans 14:13) (4)
 3 'I — — these persons here present' (Marriage service) (4,4)
 9 According to a prearranged timetable (Numbers 28:3) (7)
 10 Group of eight (5)
 11 The cell into which the Philippian jailer put Paul and Silas (Acts 16:24) (5)
 12 — Taylor, pioneer missionary to China (6)
 14 Otherwise known as the Eucharist, Breaking of Bread, the Lord's Table (4,9)
 17 'So that after I have preached to others, I — will not be disqualified for the prize' (1 Corinthians 9:27) (6)
 19 Attend to (3,2)
 22 Approximately (Acts 4:4) (5)
 23 Tea rite (anag.) (7)
 24 Rule of sovereign (8)
 25 Test (anag.) (4)

Down

- 1 The name of the street where Judas lived in Damascus and where Saul of Tarsus stayed (Acts 9:11) (8)
 2 'The playing of the merry — , sweet singing in the choir' (5)
 4 'We have been saying that — — was credited to him as righteous' (Romans 4:9) (8,5)
 5 Dr Martyn — Jones, famous for his ministry at Westminster Chapel (5)
 6 Port at which Paul landed on his way to Rome (Acts 28:13) (7)
 7 Observe (Ruth 3:4) (4)
 8 Minister of religion (6)
 13 'I am — of this man's blood. It is your responsibility' (Matthew 27:24) (8)
 15 'Greater love has no one than this, that he — — his life for his friends' (John 15:13) (3,4)
 16 Archbishop who calculated that the world began in 4004BC (6)
 18 'No one can — the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit' (John 3:5) (5)
 20 Establish by law (5)
 21 Product of Gilead noted for its healing properties (Jeremiah 46:11) (4)



Answers.

ACROSS: 1, Stop. 3, Call upon. 9, Regular. 10, Octet. 11, Inner. 12, Hudson. 14, Holy Communion. 17, Myself. 19, See to. 22, About. 23, Iterate. 24, Monarchy. 25, Stet.

DOWN: 1, Straight. 2, Organ. 4, Abraham's faith. 5, Lloyd. 6, Puteoli. 7, Note. 8, Cleric. 13, Innocent. 15, Lay down. 16, Ussher. 18, Enter. 20, Enact. 21, Balm.

Parish Registers

Funerals

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| 7 th | April | Elaine Winifred Byatt |
| 8 th | April | John Brunskill (for St Michael and All Angels Hathersage) |
| 30 th | April | Dorothy Adamson |

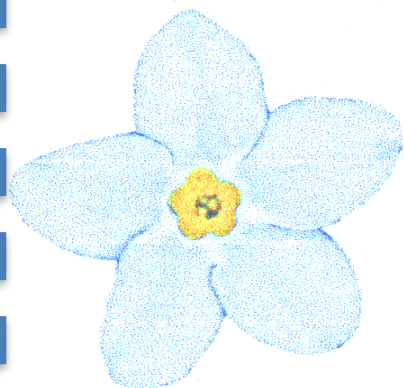
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weddings and funerals has dried up so that more than ever we depend upon the giving of our parishioners. If you give regularly by envelope – or better still by direct debit - then please continue to do so by putting aside your gift every week. If you would like to increase your giving, learn more about how to support the church financially, or give a one-off gift then please contact:

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