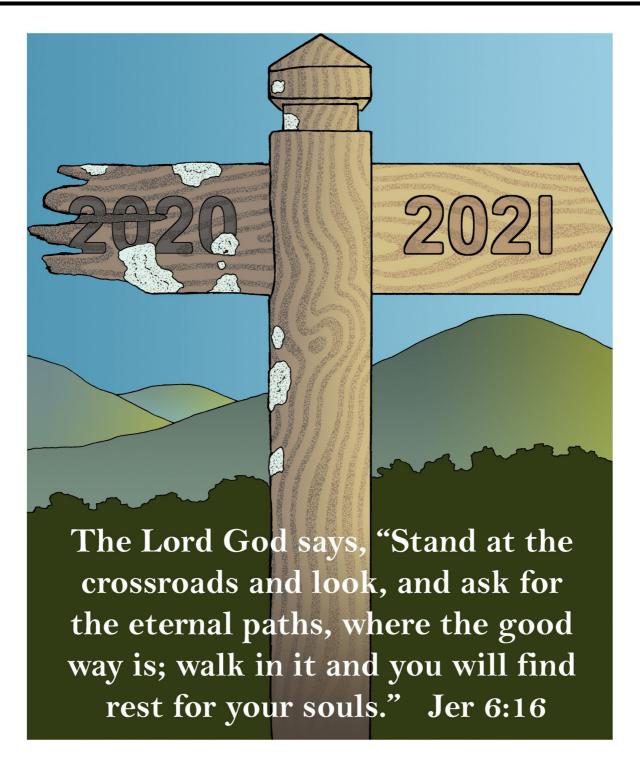
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**Letter from Fr Richard January 2021** 

#### A Happy New Year

As readers of the magazine will be aware, Ann and I will be retiring at the beginning of February - my final service is in Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> of February - so this will be my last letter to you. Christine Tickle is taking over the editorship of the Magazine so please support her in that task.

The beginning of the year is always a time to look forward and back. I am in the fortunate position of being able to look back to 2011 on 10 years of happiness in my parishes of Burghwallis and Campsall. As you will know, just like Fr Chris, I am a self-supporting minister which means that we don't receive payment from the church but support ourselves through our day jobs and, in my case for the last five years from my pension.

Certainly, the first five years of ministry - when I was travelling each day to work in Sheffield - posed the question of how could I remain visible in the parish especially because I live in Adwick? I have always made a point of wearing my dog-collar so I that I could be seen and recognised. In these days when everyone travels by car it is easy to appear absent simply because you have not been seen on the street — rather like people bemoan the absence of the 'bobby on the beat' as a sign that the police are not there when, in reality, they are covering a greater area in their cars.

So, back in 2011 I tried to make a point of being seen in *The Bells*, *The Burghwallis*, the *Village Hall*, the schools, and anywhere else that would have me. More recently Fr Chris has developed a significant ministry at Dainty Doris's which he often refers to as 'his office.' I hope that both Chris and I have helped to break down a few barriers over the years. Our Thursday evening office time has become a real meeting point when people have just dropped in for prayer or to book a wedding or a baptism. Some weeks it is a bit quiet, but on others there is a real buzz as the office gives way to choir practice and people ebb and flow and the church is alive. I hope that you can return to this once the Covid-19 restrictions have ended.

2020 has been terrible year for many. I have taken my fair share of Covid funerals and have seen at first hand that each death is far more than a statistic but is the focus for the grief and loss of the wider circle of families and friends. I haven't added up the number of baptisms, weddings and funerals which I have taken since 2011 – but it is a large number. I feel deeply privileged to have been invited into people's

homes or to be beside them in hospital to minister to them at the most difficult times of their lives. It has been a great affirmation of faith knowing that people turn to God for comfort, solace and meaning. I hope that I have not treated any of these major life events casually as commonplace or unimportant because each one is unique and important just as each person is unique and important and loved by God.

My hope is that when we begin to return to normal you too will seek out God's love in the two churches of our benefice. Hopefully, the New Year will bring the completion of repairs at St Helen's and a time of celebration for you all. Remember that our parish churches only exist because of the people who attend them. There is no magic pot of money that will keep them open, no trust fund to fix the roof or clear the drains. It is only generation upon generation of God's people who bring their fears and hopes, their joys and sadness week by week that keeps them open.

You may have always meant to come to church – or to come back to church – now is the time to make that commitment and be part of the worship of God at the heart of this community.

2021 begins with hope. The vaccines are being rolled out. By the summer we should see normality restored. It will be a new beginning for us all. Make 2021 a new beginning for your faith.

My final words are to say thank you to you all for being the best parishioners in the world. May God bless you in the coming year and in the years to come.

#### Fr Richard

#### **Donations to Charity instead of Christmas Cards**

This year's total donations will enable £95.00 to be sent to Bluebell Wood Hospice and £90.00 to St John's Hospice, total raised £185.00 Thank you to those who so generously donated this year.

\*Churchwardens Burghwallis and Campsall.\*

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<u>Church Flowers</u> I would like to thank everyone for their generous donations towards Christmas Flowers in church, and especially to Jean Skidmore for helping with the arrangements.

Jenny.

#### **Burghwallis Parish Council**

#### Ready, steady, census

Households across Doncaster will soon be asked to take part in Census 2021.

The census is a once-in-a-decade survey that gives us the most accurate estimate of all the people and households in England and Wales. It has been carried out every decade since 1801, with the exception of 1941.

Census day is Sunday 21 March 2021 and it will be the first to be run predominantly online, with households receiving a letter with a unique access code allowing them to complete the questionnaire on their computers, phones or tablets from early March.

"A successful census will ensure everyone from local government to charities can put services and funding in the places where they are most needed," lain Bell, deputy national statistician at the Office for National Statistics, said.

"This could mean things like doctors' surgeries, schools and new transport routes. That's why it is so important everyone takes part and we have made it easier for people to do so online on any device, with help and paper questionnaires for those that need them."

The census will include questions about your sex, age, work, health, education, household size and ethnicity. For the first time, there will be a question asking people whether they have served in the armed forces, as well as voluntary questions for those aged 16 and over on sexual orientation and gender identity.

Results will be available within 12 months, and personal records will be locked away for 100 years, kept safe for future generations.

There are also full and part time job opportunities available in Doncaster, please see https://www.censusjobs.co.uk/ for more information and to apply.

For more information on how the census works and can benefit our community visit www.census.gov.uk or contact Laurance.green11@field.census.gov.uk 07452 94036

On behalf of the Parish Council, I would like to wish all residents a Happy Christmas, and a better New Year!

In line with the latest government covid-19 guidelines and restrictions, Parish Council meetings are suspended for the time being.

Please keep an eye on the PC website (<u>burghwallis.org.uk</u>) for any further developments and information.

Any urgent matters, please contact:

Dave Maxwell, Chairman (01320 709993 or 07766 055012) or email us at <u>clerkburghwalliscouncil@tlktalk.net</u>

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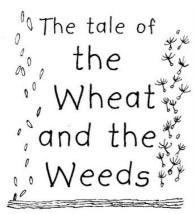
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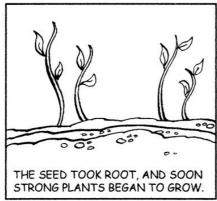
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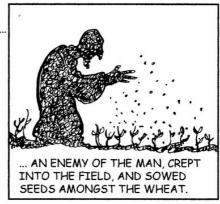


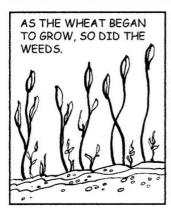


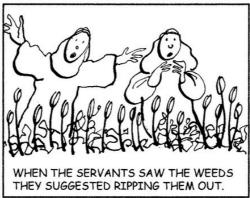








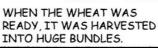












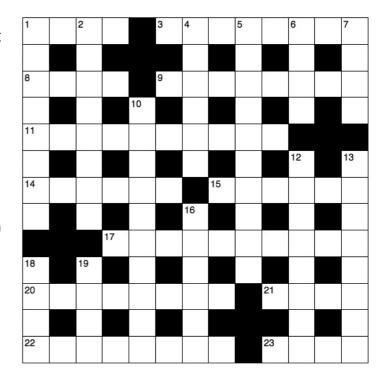


CAN KEEP SEPARATE FROM IT.

**Crosswords Clues and Answers** 

#### Across

- '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 Loyally (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**

(6)

- 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)
- 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.

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#### **Parish Register**

Wedding

19th December Daniel Tucker and Lauren Readman

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#### **Parish Office**

We have not been holding our usual parish office in church on Thursday evenings during lockdown. To book baptisms and weddings or for other pastoral enquiries please contact the clergy directly.

Following the good response to the Remebrance trail, a few weeks ago Friends of Campsall Country Park decided to do something similar around Christmas for park users to enjoy. Please take a walk and have a look if you can. As well as the Merry Christmas banners on the bridge, a nativity trail telling the Christmas story has been taped to the trees along the paths from Back Lane and the path behind the Long Pond, with the Nativity scene where the two paths meet. Unable to run its usual Parent and Toddler Groups, Campsall 4A Trust has donated a quantity of small Christmas animal shapes to a local nursery, for use on children's homemade Christmas cards. When I was a girl attending Brownies and Guides, every session ended with a prayer and the singing of Taps.

Day is done,

Gone the sun,

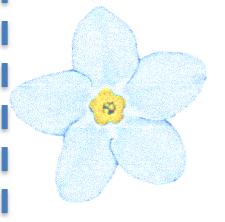
From the sea, from the hills, from the sky.

All is well. Safely rest. God is nigh.

Yesterday, as we switched on the tiny twinkling lights for the first time, into my mind came the prayer that followed Taps:

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, Oh Lord, And defend us from all the perils and dangers of this night.

Jill Shaw



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#### St Mary Magdalene, Campsall

11.00 Holy Communion
First Sunday in the Month
11.00 Family Service
Please look at the noticeboard
and the website (https://
www.achurchnearyou.com/) for
current service times

#### St Helen, Burghwallis 9.00 Holy Communion

First Sunday in the Month 8.00 Holy Communion Please note Burghwallis Church is closed for repairs.

#### 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 Christine Tickle Lyncrest, High St., Campsall tel: 700731

The **clergy** in Campsall Church are normally available every Thursday evening between 6pm and 7pm to discuss arrangements for baptisms and weddings.

#### To contact the Clergy:

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