



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

25<sup>th</sup> December 2020

The Gospel reading today are those words that are at the beginning of St John's Gospel. They speak of the coming of God into the world as the eternal word of God promised from the beginning. Central to his message is the word 'light': the light that reminds us of God's word of creation at the beginning when he commanded, "Let there be light!" Today we speak of the coming of the Christ-child as the coming of light into a dark world. It is a message of hope in difficult times.

We are living in difficult times – many will spend Christmas alone; feeling keenly the separation from those they have loved. As we look back upon the year we are aware of the over 60 000 people who have died as a result of the virus in the UK. This is about 1 in every 1000 people and more than all the UK civilian deaths in World War 2.

And yet, in the darkness the coming of Jesus shines as a beacon of hope to dispel the darkness of death, to bring forgiveness and end the darkness of sin.

Today the angels sang and we are one with all in heaven as we say, "Glory to God in the Highest and Peace to His People on Earth!"

Have a happy and blessed Christmas and a safe New Year. Fr Richard

*The Word became flesh and dwelt among  
us full of Grace and truth.*

## Christmas Services

8.30 Recording of Holy Communion  
at Home – online distribution at  
9.30.

## Christmas Eve

11.30pm Midnight Mass

## Christmas Morning

9.30am Holy Communion

Don't forget the On-line  
Christingle

4.00pm **Christmas Eve**

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**There will be no  
services on Sunday**

**27<sup>th</sup>**

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