

PARISH MAGAZINE

February 2021

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



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 14th 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

Letter from Fr Chris

It was around July 2020 that on entering St Mary Magdalene Church, I noticed that the lent course material was still in the same place where I had left it after the lent course on 15th March 2020.

The theme was my retreat I had in 2019, at a farm in Fryup Dale, North Yorkshire. I found the experience of solitude so wonderful. The opposite of how I feel right now, when I yearn for conversation, meeting people and seeing all of you I have not seen in nearly a year. I am sure I am not alone.

Collecting up my handouts I thought that although it is nice to find things as they were, there is also the realisation that things cannot always stay the same.

I remember Father Richard's weekly notice, the week after we had to start the first lockdown in March 2020, in which he stated *"Clearly, this is going to be a very strange Easter for us all. But it is a time we can make use of by praying."*

There is a major strand of Christian spirituality that uses the experience of separating ourselves from the world by going into the wilderness to pray and feel ourselves nearer to God. Use these days of isolation to do that."

I hope that many of you heeded Father Richards advice and have been able to spend time with God in prayer and contemplation. Though I must admit, I have struggled moving from lockdown one, to two and now lockdown three. None of us could have envisaged then the length of time we have spent in our home, with many of you being home alone.

Many churches have chosen to close, including St Mary Magdalene, to mitigate the risk of coronavirus infection. With St Helen's needing to close due to the roofing issue, it is uncertain whether we will be able to hold any services during Lent.

In normal times, to mark the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday, the priest would mark a cross on the forehead of each recipient and recite the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ."

New CofE guidance for Lent, Holy Week, and Easter, published 2 weeks ago, suggests worshippers are invited to impose ashes on one another at home. "Ministers may wish to encourage the imposition of ash within households, especially if public worship is not taking place. "

With this being a possibility, please keep any palm crosses from last year, you may need to burn them (safely) yourselves and mix the ash with a tiny amount of olive oil.

If churches are still closed, I envisage a Zoom invitation to a live broadcast, where we can join together in the imposition, with a link on our webpages via a Church Near You or Facebook. Zoom and Facebook being two of the new ways of communication the church has found useful.

Lent challenges us to remove some of our safety net. Some of us do that in very small ways. We give up chocolate or drinking wine and it is frightening how hard it is to manage without these inessential luxuries. But Lent is not just an exercise in brow-beating and self-testing. It's asking basic questions: What are you here for? Where do you get your self-definition? What are God's houses of worship for? How do we serve others? What have we learnt from this difficult year?

Fr Chris

The parable of the Shrewd Manager



JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS



ONCE JESUS TOLD A STORY ABOUT A RICH MAN...

...AND HIS SERVANT, WHO MANAGED THE RICH MAN'S PROPERTY.

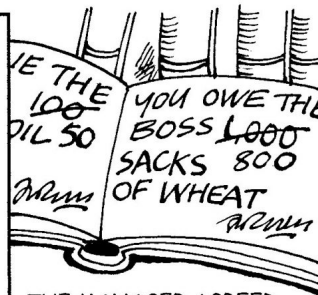


THE RICH MAN HAD HEARD THAT THE MANAGER HAS BEEN WASTING MONEY.

SO HE CALLED THE MANGER TO ACCOUNT FOR HIMSELF!



OH NO! I AM GOING TO GET THE SACK!!

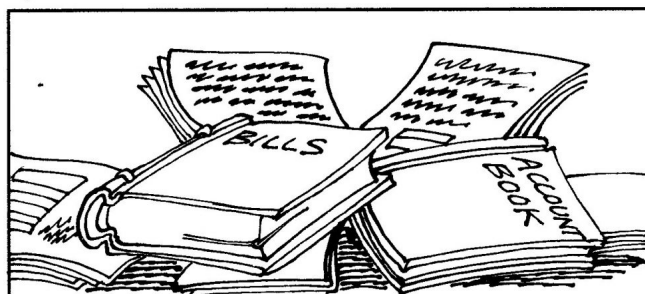
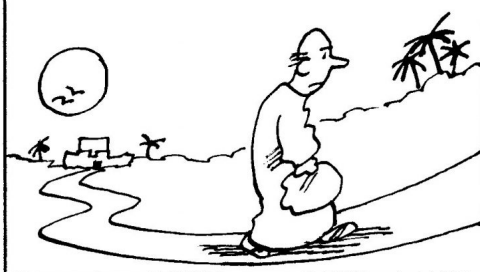


THE MANAGER AGREED TO LET THE RICH MAN'S TRADERS FIDDLE THEIR BOOKS!



SO THEY ALTERED THEIR DEBTS - AND STAYED FRIENDS WITH THE MANAGER.

JESUS EXPLAINED THAT THE MANAGER HAD BEEN WISE IN MANAGING HIS FUTURE... EVEN THOUGH HE WAS BEING DISHONEST.



JESUS WAS TRYING TO ENCOURAGE THE PEOPLE TO THINK ABOUT THEIR OWN FUTURES TOO. BUT IT'S A HARD PARABLE TO UNDERSTAND!

Retirement of Father Dr. Richard Walton

All of you will now be aware that Father Richard retires as Priest in Charge of St Helen Burgwallis and St Mary Magdalene Campsall on the 14th February.

In the time that he has been with us he has been like a 'breath of fresh air' being friendly and encouraging to everyone he has been in contact.

He has been a very hands on vicar doing many menial tasks: putting up and decorating Christmas trees and also taking them back down again! Spreading gravel on the church drive and sweeping up leaves.

He has had a wonderful relationship with local schools, Parish Council, the Royal British Legion, Laurals Care Home, and Norton W.I. especially at the annual Produce Show where he proved to be a very accomplished auctioneer. Richard also encouraged our joint benefice choir, attending practices and equipping them with robes so they look and sound professional.

He is well liked and popular with everyone and we are sorry to see him go, although we will be in the very safe hands of Father Christopher.

We wish him a long, happy and healthy retirement with his wife the Revd Ann who also retires. They are not going far so we do hope that we will see Richard as a visitor in the future.

From all the Church Wardens of the joint Benefice



A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE

Joan & Reg Droitcourts Coffee Evening 1985



Vera smith, June Jordan, Mrs Stesel and Angela Evans

We plan to print more photographs of fund raising events in the coming months and hope that they bring back happy memories. We also would like to see any photographs from events held at St Helen's church so please do get in touch with me or Shirley Gill with a copy along with some details.

Christine Tickle

Editor of your Parish Magazine

What can we share with each other right now?

‘A day in my life under lockdown’?

or

‘The three things I most want to do when coronavirus is over’

Would any of our readers like to let us know how they are spending their time at home, and what they actually like about it.

Or their plans for when this ongoing pandemic is behind us.

If you would like to let us know in no more than 100 words and send it to me via email or post.

Christine

Burghwallis Parish Council

In line with the latest government covid-19 guidelines and restrictions, all Parish Council meetings are suspended until further notice.

Please check the PC website (burghwallis.org.uk) for any updates.

Any urgent matters, please contact Dave Maxwell, Chairman (01320 709993 or 07766 055012) or email us at clerkburghwalliscouncil@talktalk.net

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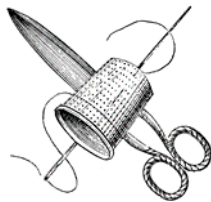
3rd Tuesday of each month –
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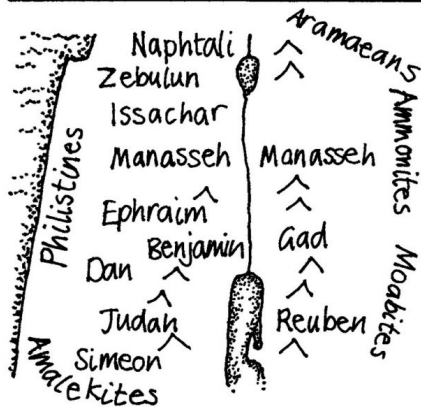


Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Josh 13:8-20:48
1 Sam 31:1-5, 2 Sam 2:4-24, 3:12, 17-27, 4, 5:1-5

When the Jews reached the place that God had promised them, each tribe was given land to live in. But they were surrounded by enemies..



King Saul and two of his sons died fighting the Philistines.



David was made king of the southern tribe of Judah.



But Saul's army commander, Abner, took Saul's last son, Ishbosheth, north and made him king of the rest of Israel.



Joab was David's commander. The two armies fought and Abner killed Joab's brother.



Ishbosheth was a poor king and Abner decided to join David.



Abner persuaded all of the northern tribes to have David as king.



Abner came for a secret meeting with David.



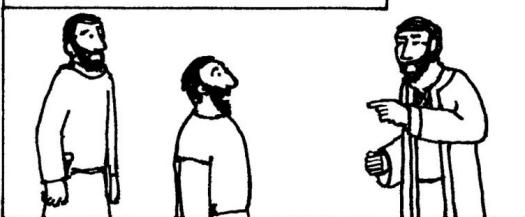
So Joab tricked Abner into another meeting and killed him.



Then two men sneaked into Ishbosheth's house and killed him as he had a nap.



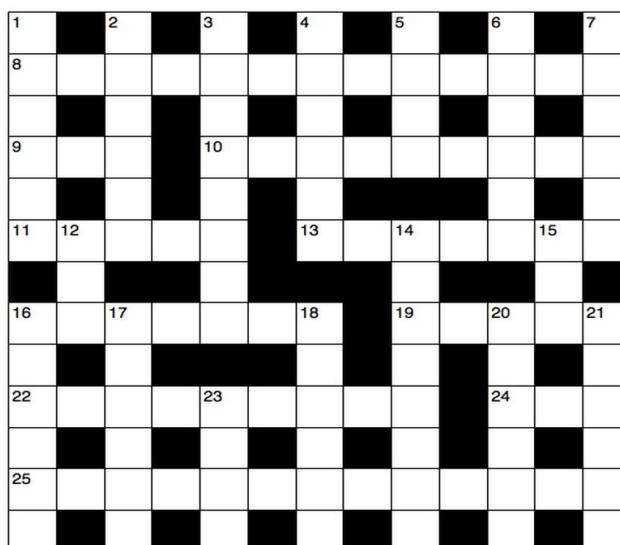
They expected a reward from David but he was very angry because they had murdered Ishbosheth.



So David became king over all of Israel.



Crosswords Clues and Answers



Across

- 8 Interrogated (Acts 12:19) (5-8)
 9 'Burn it in a wood fire on the — heap' (Leviticus 4:12) (3)
 10 Tobit, Judith, Baruch and the books of Esdras and the Maccabees are part of it (9)
 11 Science fiction (abbrev.) (3-2)
 13 Clay pit (anag.) (7)
 16 Went to (John 4:46) (7)
 19 'Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to — your bodies as living sacrifices' (Romans 12:1) (5)
 22 David's plea to God concerning those referred to in 14 Down: 'On — — let them escape' (Psalm 56:7) (2,7)
 24 Royal Automobile Club (1,1,1) 25 How the book of Ezekiel refers to God more than 200 times (Ezekiel 2:4) (9,4)

Down

- 1 Seas (Proverbs 8:24) (6)
 2 One of the sons of Eli the priest, killed in battle by the Philistines (1 Samuel 4:11) (6)
 3 Specialist in the study of the Muslim religion (8)
 4 'Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but — him as if he were your father' (1 Timothy 5:1) (6)
 5 One of Esau's grandsons (Genesis 36:11) (4)
 6 Taking a chance (colloq.) (2,4)
 7 God's instructions to the Israelites concerning grain offerings: ' — salt to — your offerings' (Leviticus 2:13) (3,3)
 12 Confederation of British Industry (1,1,1)
 14 'All day long they twist my words; they are always — to harm me' (Psalm 56:5) (8)

- 15 The crowd's reaction to Jesus bringing back to life a widow's son in Nain (Luke 7:16) (3)
 16 Disappear (Psalm 104:35) (6)
 17 How Jeremiah was likely to die if he wasn't rescued from the cistern where he was imprisoned (Jeremiah 38:9) (6)
 18 What the prophets do to a wall, with whitewash (Ezekiel 13:10, RSV) (4,2)
 20 Made by a plough (Job 39:10) (6)
 21 Noah was relieved when the flood waters continued to — (Genesis 8:5) (6)
 23 Jesus gave the Twelve the power and authority to do this to diseases (Luke 9:1) (4)

ACROSS:

8, Cross-examined. 9, Ash. 10, Apocrypha. 11, Sci-fi. 13, Typical. 16, Visited. 19, Offer. 22, No account. 24, RAC. 25, Sovereign Lord.

DOWN:

1, Oceans. 2, Hophni. 3, Islamist. 4, Exhort. 5, Omar. 6, On spec. 7, Add all. 12, CBI. 14, Plotting. 15, Awe. 16, Vanish. 17, Starve. 18, Daub it. 20, Furrow. 21, Recede. 23, Cure.

Parish Register

Funerals

January 2021

15th January

Stephen Terry

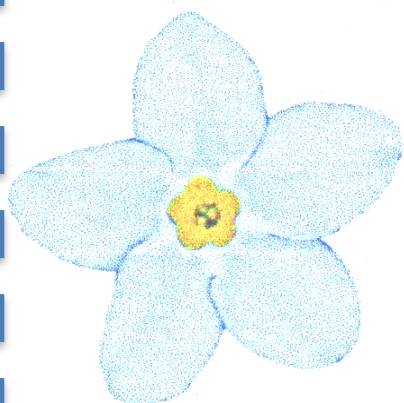
25th January

Alwyn Davies

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

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