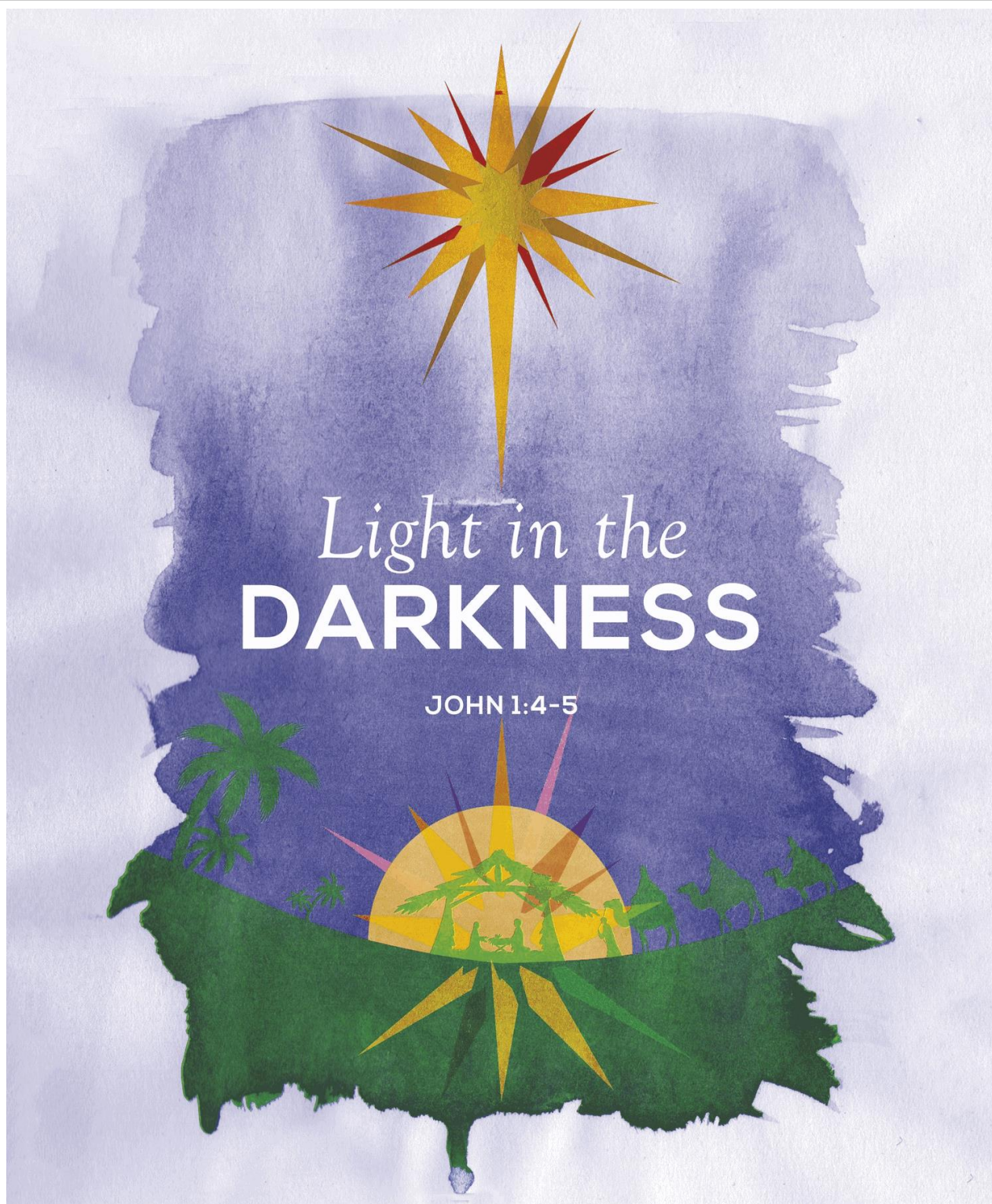


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Letter from Fr Chris

Before the Christmas period, we have the 4 weeks of Advent, a time of reflection. A time when we all need to stop and reflect on the last year and probably the last two years. Many of us, including myself, will be looking back on this time with sadness for the losses we have suffered, but also with thanks for all those people came forward to help others. The start of December brings us to Luke 3 1-6 and John the Baptist, a man who spoke out against the establishment and told the people that someone was coming who would change the world. John shouts out the words from the prophet Isaiah. "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'" John the Baptist is the messenger; he knows who is coming, but probably doesn't know what will happen. The message is to come in the person of Jesus Christ. Many people then struggled to recognise God, just as they do today, because they tried to make him fit into their expectations rather than God's plan.

Advent is a time of peace and reflection, although for many it is more a time to get decorations and lights up, a time to order food and presents, a time to rush around organising and a time to get stressed, as we try to find all the luxury items we wish to give to others and to drink or eat ourselves. I urge you all to stop and think of those who do not have as much as you. We are collecting chocolate for the Askern 'Cry' foodbank. Our mission link is with St Peter's Askern, and I ask, if you can afford chocolate for yourself, please purchase one extra Christmas children's treat. If you can drop them off at St Mary Magdalene church on a Thursday evening or Sundays before or after the service, or at my house, it will be wonderful to thank you, but more importantly it will give a child an additional surprise that they would not otherwise get. A little luxury for the young in society. John was a messenger of one who was to come. Jesus came and said that we should love one another as He has loved us. Please reflect on how we can all do this in our local villages.

May I continue to encourage you, especially those who are retired, if you feel you could support other retired people in fellowship, in a safe space, just to meet and chat, we are offering St Mary Magdalene to new community groups. The aim in 2022 is to create an area for people to meet, to purchase coffee machines etc, and to reach out to those who would like to make use of the space. Can you help? From a small seed a community project can grow.

Christmas services: Carol Service 4pm 12th December, Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve and a Service on Christmas Day morning at 9.30am. Our Christingle service 4pm Christmas eve, will not be held in church, but will again be live via Facebook and recorded. This year more church members are involved and there is a new member to our Christingle team who will be introducing themselves. As last year, we will have Christingle bag pick up points around the villages, which will be publicised on our Church Facebook pages closer to the Christingle event.

I pray this month we all have time to reflect, and I pray especially for families with young children trying to make ends meet, for those on their own and for those who struggle at this time of year. I encourage you to come to church, come for a chat. Or if you wish me to pray for you, please let me know.

God Bless. Fr Chris



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Its nearly time!

Concert at Campsall Campsall Church on Saturday 4th December from 7pm and they will provide music enjoyment for all ages.

Tickets are now on sale £7.00 and £5.00 children and concessions. Please contact Jenny Lister, Churchwarden for tickets on 01302 702552 or pay at the door.

Normal Services in our Parish

A Holy Communion service will be held at 11.00 am each Sunday at St Mary Magdalene Church, Campsall. **All welcome**

Also, the service will be live via St Mary Magdalene and St Helen's church Facebook pages. Plus a recording of the service will be available for distribution via e-mail afterwards.

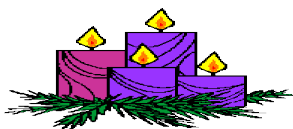
Please note all services will only be Holy Communion at present.

Sadly, St Helen's remains closed due to the roof collapse, those who would normally attend St Helen's are all welcome to join us at St Mary Magdalene.

Parish Office

The parish office has now resumed and will be held in church on Thursday evenings 6 – 7 pm to book baptisms and weddings or for other pastoral matters.

READERS DECEMBER	
5th	Linda Atkinson
12th	Sonia Tonkinson
19th	Ian Kerr
26th	No Service



The season of Advent

28th November	Advent 1 service	Campsall Church	11.00 am
5th December	Advent 2 service	Campsall Church	11.00 am
12th December	Advent 3 service	Campsall Church	11.00 am
12th December	Carol service	Campsall Church	4.00 pm
19th December	Advent 4 service	Campsall Church	11.00 am

Christmas Eve Christingle - (Live on St Mary Magdalene Facebook page) 4.00pm

Christmas Eve	Midnight Mass	Campsall Church	11.30pm
Christmas Day	Holy Communion	Campsall Church	9.30am

Boxing Day No Service



CHRISTMAS FAYRE



What a wonderful afternoon! It was so good to see so many of our community coming together in Campsall Church to enjoy the many stalls, the hospitality and meeting many old friends after many difficult covid months. A big thank you to all who worked hard in preparation for the event and on the day and to everyone who came and spent their time in our lovely parish church. We are pleased to say that we raised just over £2,550.

Thank all you for making this event so very special.

Your Church Wardens - Christine & Jenny



Across

1 Provisional meeting place of God and the Jews (Exodus 25:9) (10)

7 David's third son, killed when his head got caught in a tree during

a battle with his father (2 Samuel 18:14-15) (7)

8 They ruled much of the west coast of South America in the 15th and early 16th centuries (5)

10 Small deer of European and Asian extraction (4)

11 Seized control of (Numbers 21:25) (8)

13 Terror (Luke 24:5) (6)

15 First World War heroine shot by the Germans in Brussels, Nurse Edith ____ (6)

17 Stormy (8)

18 A bitter variety of this, together with lamb and unleavened bread, was the Passover menu for anyone 'unclean' (Numbers 9:11) (4)

21 Arson (anag.) (5)

22 How John Newton described God's grace in his well-known hymn

23 Habitation (Isaiah 27:10) (10)

Down

1 '____ and see that the Lord is good' (Psalm 34:8) (5)

2 'The wicked man flees though no one pursues, but the righteous are as ____ as a lion' (Proverbs 28:1) (4)

3 One of the exiles, a descendant of Parosh, who married a foreign woman (Ezra 10:25) (6)

4 He escaped from Nob when Saul killed the rest of his family and joined David (1 Samuel 22:19-20) (8)

5 City and lake in Central Switzerland (7)

6 'Offer your bodies as living _____, holy and pleasing to God' (Romans 12:1) (10)

9 Pouches carried by horses (Genesis 49:14) (10)

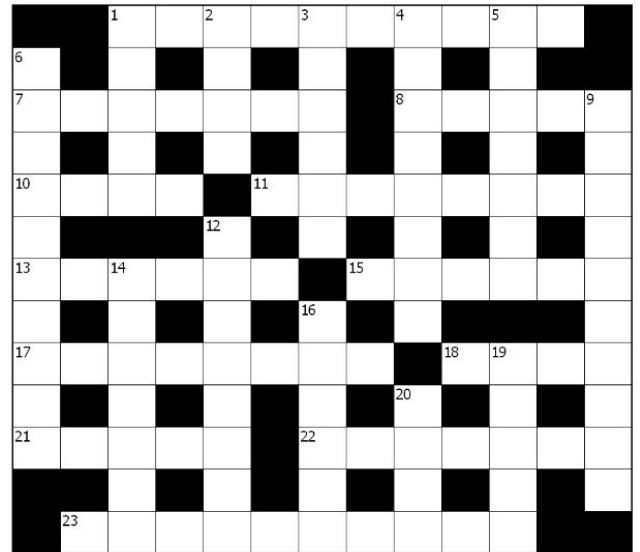
12 One who accepts government by God (8)

14 Aromatic substance commonly used in Jewish ritual (Exodus 30:1) (7)

16 He asked Jesus, 'What is truth?' (John 18:38) (6)

19 Are (Romans 13:1) (5)

20 'You are to give him the name Jesus, because he will ____ his people from their sins' (Matthew 1:21) (4)



ACROSS: 1, Tabernacle. 7, Absalom. 8, Incas. 10, Roes. 11,
Captured. 13, Fright. 15, Cavell. 17, Cyclonic. 18, Herb. 21, Sonar.
22, Amazing. 23, Settlement.

DOWN: 1, Taste. 2, Bold. 3, Ramiah. 4, Abiathar. 5, Lucerne. 6,
Sacrifices. 9, Saddlebags. 12, Theocrat. 14, Incense. 16, Pilate. 19,
Exist. 20, Save.



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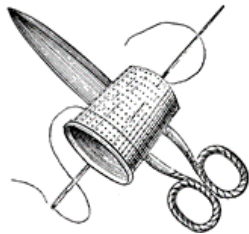
Drop-in Coffee Morning

Every Thursday –

1.00pm – 3.00pm

Bingo Sessions

Everyone is welcome –

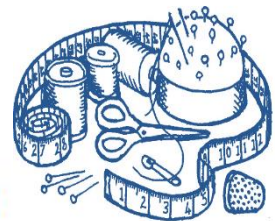


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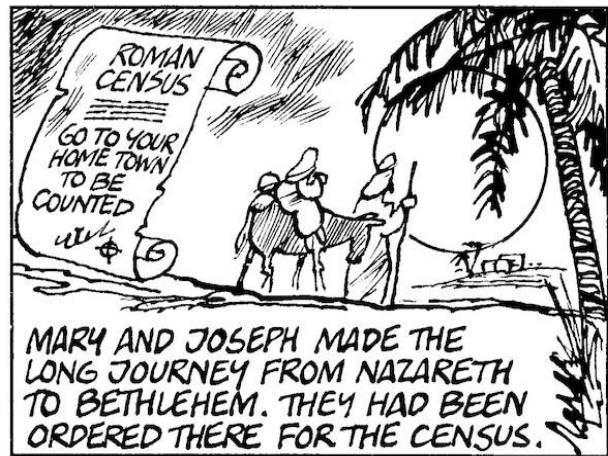
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A Very Special Baby

JESUS WAS BORN ABOUT 2,000 YEARS AGO IN THE SMALL TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, NEAR JERUSALEM.



AN ANGEL HAD TOLD MARY SHE WOULD HAVE A VERY SPECIAL BABY.



MARY AND JOSEPH MADE THE LONG JOURNEY FROM NAZARETH TO BETHLEHEM. THEY HAD BEEN ORDERED THERE FOR THE CENSUS.

BUT THE TOWN WAS FULL



...WHICH IS WHERE JESUS WAS BORN.

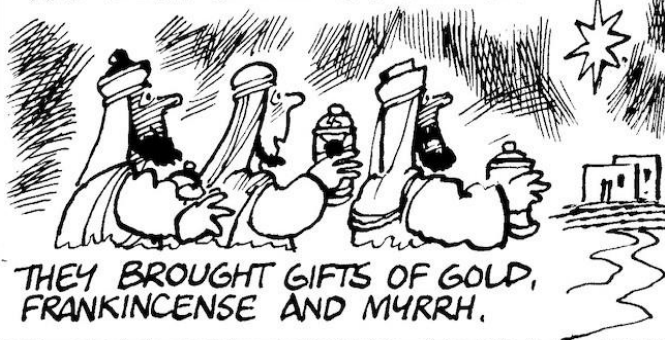


SHEPHERDS IN FIELDS NEARBY RACED TO SEE THE BABY



AN ANGEL HAD TOLD THEM WHERE JESUS HAD BEEN BORN.

WISE MEN CAME FROM THE EAST. THEY TOO WANTED TO SEE JESUS. THEY HAD BEEN GUIDED BY A STAR.



BUT MARY, JOSEPH AND BABY JESUS SOON HAD TO ESCAPE TO EGYPT...



Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Matthew 2: 1-10

Around the time of Jesus' birth, in a land far to the east of Israel, there were men who studied the stars...

When they saw a new star they believed it showed a special King had been born. ✨ ✨



They set off to see that King.



They reached Jerusalem, the home of King Herod.

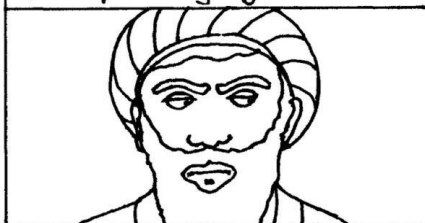


Where is the new King whose star we saw?

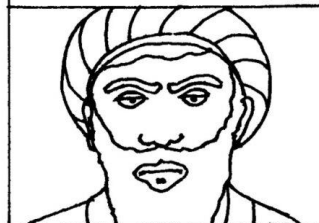
The Romans had made Herod king of the Jews about 30 years earlier. He was ruthless.



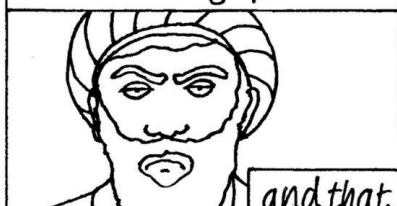
The Jews hated him and he was always worried that people were plotting against him.



He had them killed even if they were his wife or children...



So what the wise men said about a new King upset Herod



and that made everyone else afraid.

Herod got the teachers and priests together and asked about the king's birthplace.



That would be Little Bethlehem*



*Micah 5:2

Herod secretly met the wise men and asked when they had first seen the star.

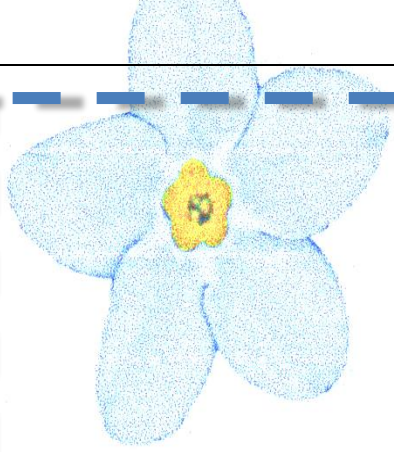


Go to Bethlehem and look for the child. When you find him let me know so I can come and worship him.



As they left Jerusalem the wise men were elated to see the guiding star again.





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Burghwallis Parish Council

Parish Council Meetings

The next meeting of Burghwallis Parish Council will take place on Tuesday, 14th December at 7.00 pm in The Burghwallis Pub.



Christmas Tree Lighting event.

Come and join us for our annual Christmas Tree lighting event, which is taking place on Saturday, 11th December at 6.30 pm. Carols will be sung, and there will be mince pies and mulled wine to keep everyone warm (pop/juice for the kids). Meet on Old Village Street, at the side of the War Memorial. We hope to see you there.

Dave Maxwell

For further information, please check our website, www.burghwallis.org.uk, or contact our clerk- clerkburghwalliscouncil@talktalk.net

BURGHWALLS



SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2021

This is just a reminder to those residents who are attending the Seniors Xmas Lunch at the Burghwallis on Thursday 16th December Time 12.00 pm for lunch at 12.50pm.

I will contact you all with the menus shortly. Looking forward to seeing you all after the awful year we have had. If you need to contact me my telephone number is: 01302 701395.

Jill Laming

THOMAS TROOP
OUR LOCAL CENTURIAN +2



Congratulations to Tom who celebrated his 102nd birthday November 8th 2021.

He was born in 1919 on the day the Spanish flu epidemic was officially declared over. Tom was Christened in Burghwallis Church and lived the majority of his life in Norton. He has farmed the land all around this area since horses were the main power of farming. During WW2 he was a member of the AFS (Auxillary Fire Service) which was situated behind the Royal Hotel).

He married Rose in 1943 in Campsall Church celebrating their 78th wedding anniversary this year. (This must be nearing a record!).

Campsall Church has been the centre of Toms Christian life, being part of the choir, the PCC, and Church Warden for many years. Tom has many stories of his life within the church, one he is particularly proud of is in the mid 1950's the moving of an Alter from Hardwick Hall Estate Chapel, to Campsall Church. The alter was offered to Campsall Church when Hardwick hall chapel was closed, though it was thought that it would be impossible to move without damage . Tom thought differently, so with great trepidation from the PCC, Tom with his son Alan, George Hope. and a few choir members, took the farm lorry and brought the Alter to Campsall without a scratch. This Pugin Alter now sits very proudly in the Lady Chapel and admired by all. Hopefully we can bring you more stories from Tom as he celebrates his 103rd Birthday!

Usual Pattern of Sunday Services

Services in the Benefice

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.
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Campsall

Jenny Lister	Telephone:	702552
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(Also Editor please contact for items relating to the Parish Magazine)

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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