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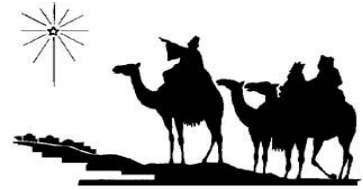
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Letter from Fr Chris



As we move into a new year I have a mixture of excitement and celebration, thinking of what the new year may bring, but tinged with a little anxiety due to the impact of the pandemic over the last couple of years. I certainly pray for a reduction in Covid cases and that the world finds a way to manage the Coronavirus by working together to ensure everyone in this world is safe by having access to vaccination.

At the start of a new year we read in scripture about the 'The Epiphany'. The wise men or magi, follow a star from country to country. The star settles above a stable. The Gospel of Matthew is the only one of the four canonical gospels to mention the Magi. Matthew reports that they came "from the East" to worship the "king of the Jews"(Matt 2:1-2).

The Magi have always had an enormous appeal. Everything about them has been elaborated over the centuries, from how they looked, their ethnic backgrounds, what they were called and where they originated from. Scripture does not give the names of the Magi, though traditions and legends identify a variety of different names for them. In the Western Christian church, they have all been regarded as saints and are commonly known as:

Melchior - a Persian scholar.

Caspar - a king of Persia or Gaspar a king of India.

Balthazar - a Babylonian scholar or a king of Arabia or Ethiopia.

Over many centuries much has been discussed about where the Magi came from. What is apparent is that the three Magi are our representatives of all the Gentiles of the world. They were actually there, creating a theme of God's great self-revelation to the world.

We see in Isaiah 60: 1-6 a scene of darkness, with a central figure suddenly lit by an incandescent light. The light builds in recognition that all nations can now share in their worship of God.

The representation of the Magi as the humanity of the world and the acknowledgement by God that he comes to save the world could be a catalyst in 2022. A catalyst for all to realise that we are all in this world, all loved by God and of one family. As such we should regard the worlds resources as belonging to all. But in doing so we need to be good keepers

of God's creation. We should not take more than we need and what we do use should not have an impact on others or the world as a whole. We are all responsible for the environmental impact we are having due to using fossil fuels, for the amount of plastics in our oceans.

The increase in industrial pollution and lack of thought for the environment has helped to raise the temperature of the world. We now see more floods, more forest fires as the world warms. Changing weather patterns bring higher winds, more rain, cyclones, and hurricanes smashing into coastlines and across countries.

From the time of the Epiphany two thousand years ago to now, 98% of the world has increased in temperature (Carolyn Gramling September 6, 2019). In the last 170 years this has accelerated with the land temperature rising by 1.59°C and the ocean rising by 0.88°C (The Sixth Assessment Report (AR6) of the United Nations (UN) Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change). It appears to me the more we learn about our solar system and the universe, the less notice we seem to take of our own planet.

2000 years ago three Magi, with eyes looking upwards for direction from a star, travelled to a place they recognised as their journey's end, and were overwhelmed with joy at the sight of our Saviour, the Son of God. May we too learn from scripture that the world's resources were given to us to share, and to learn from science how to save our planet and in turn save ourselves.

I pray you all have a safe and loving journey through 2022

God Bless

Amen Fr Chris



Normal Services in our Parish

First Sunday each Month is a Family Service 11.00 am. **All welcome**


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

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.

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	
January	
2nd	FAMILY SERVICE
9th	Jenny Lister
16th	Pat Stanley
23th	Rita Jones
30th	Linda Atkinson



BURGHWALLIS CHRISTMAS LUNCH

A Christmas lunch was enjoyed by 30 of our residents on 16th Dec. at the BURGHWALLIS thanks to the Parish council. Sally produced an excellent lunch plus we were entertained by Alan Cropley. It was so nice to see all the usual guests plus new ones. Let us hope that next year will be better for us all. Stay safe.

Jill Laming



BURGHWALLIS PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday, 18th January, at 7.00 pm in The Burghwallis pub.

Vacancy

Following the untimely death of one of our members, we now have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor and would be interested to hear from anyone interested in filling the gap.

To qualify, you need to be 18 years of age, or older, and have been a registered elector or property/business owner in the parish of Burghwallis (or within 3 miles) for more than 12 months.

Anyone interested in applying, or finding out more about what is involved, should contact the Clerk to the Council at clerkburghwalliscouncil@talktalk.net.

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

What children have to say about angels

It's not easy to become an angel! First, you die. Then you go to Heaven, and then there's still the flight training to go through. And then you have to agree to wear those angel clothes. - Matthew, age 9



Angels work for God and watch over kids when God has to do something else. – Mitchell, age 7

My guardian angel helps me with maths, but he's not much good for science. – Henry, age 8

Angels don't eat, but they drink milk from holy cows. – Jack, age 6

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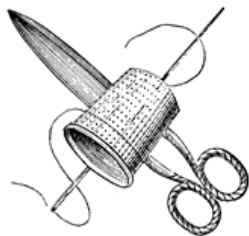
Drop-in Coffee Morning

Every Thursday –

1.00pm – 3.00pm

Bingo Sessions

Everyone is welcome –

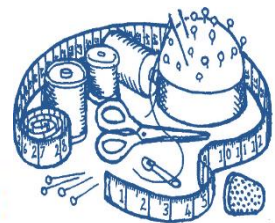


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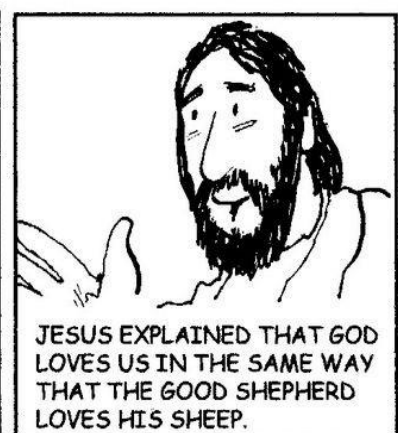
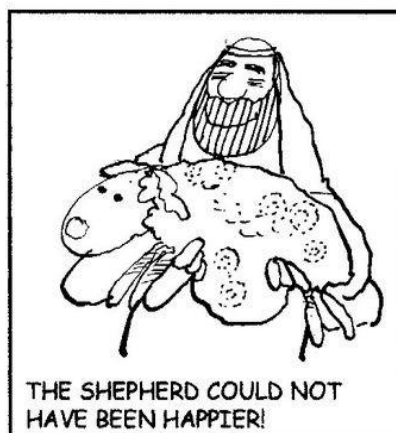
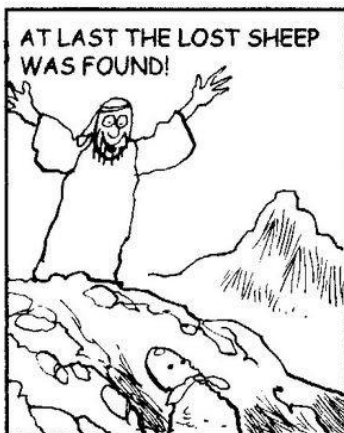
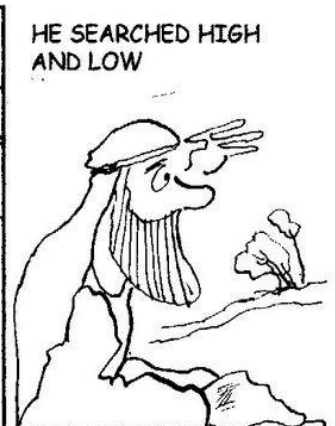
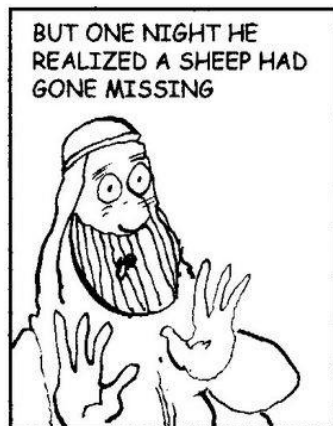
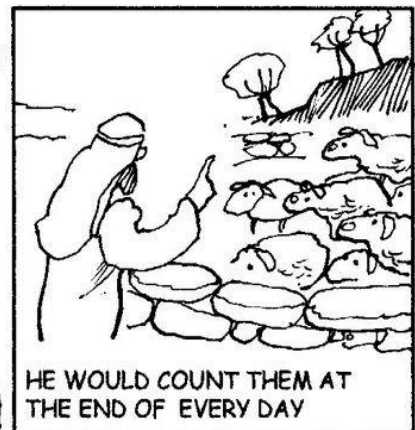
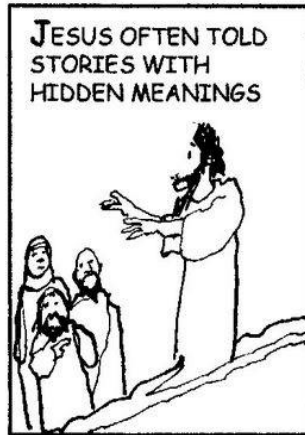
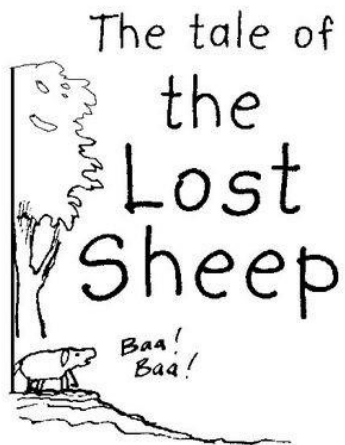
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Where did the Wise Men come from?

Magi from the East – it isn't a lot to go on. The Magi were a religious caste devoted to astrology, divination and the interpretation of dreams. Some scholars believe these magi came from southern Arabia, where the Queen of Sheba had lived. She would have learned about the coming Messiah from Solomon.

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In Matthew's gospel the Magi ask Herod: 'Where is the One who has been born king of the Jews? We saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him.' So it is possible that Queen of Sheba's story of Messiah for Israel had survived.

One thing that supports the theory that the magi came from southern Arabia is this: if you study any map of Palestine as it was during biblical times, you will find that the old Arabian caravan routes all entered Palestine 'from the East'.

Magi	Divination	Queen	King
East	Dreams	Sheba	Star
Religious	Scholars	Messiah	Worship
Caste	Southern	Solomon	Palestine
Astrology	Arabia	Herod	Caravan

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My Heart-Throb, Ebenezer



I suppose I've always been a bit tight-fisted (or 'thrifty', as I prefer to call it), but like most people old enough to recall post-war shortages, I mostly buy what I need rather than what I want.

When I was eight or so, I was engrossed by Charles Dickens' novel *A Christmas Carol*. It's a tale of a loving but poor family (represented by the hard-working Bob Cratchit and his offspring). Bob's wealthy but penny-pinching employer, Ebenezer Scrooge, kept his money close and cared nothing for other people. You probably know the story already. Suffice it to say that the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Yet to come each make an appearance. The 'take-home' message is about fellow-feeling and love of mankind.

Following a request, an hour or two ago I nipped to the Co-op in search of ingredients for 'reindeer food'. The Co-op had none of the edible glitter required, so I bought some tubes of prettily-coloured sprinkles to brighten up the food for Donna, Blitzen and friends, should they appear.

As I queued at the check-out, the question, "Where are you now, Ebenezer?" flashed through my mind. I found myself in a moral dilemma: should I have bought the sprinkles and colouring to put sparkle in the eyes of the 30-odd little ones at the Toddler Groups' Christmas parties, or should I have ignored the request and taken the cash to the food bank across the road?

The visits of the three ghosts transformed Ebenezer Scrooge for the better. My trip to Askern Co-op shone a light on my internal battle between transient pleasure (as in glittering reindeer food) and practical common sense (as in 'Do I really need it?'). Now, I don't know where I stand. My 4a Trust colleague, Sue, has already thrown herself into the task of making multiple tiny bags for the reindeer food. That's practical common sense. I'm still wondering, "What would Ebenezer do?"

by Jill Shaw

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

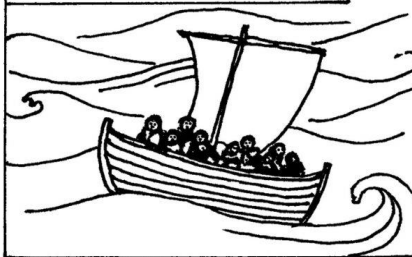
It can be read in the Bible in
Mt 14:13-22, Mk 6:45-52, Jn 5:16-21

After Jesus had fed the crowd, he sent his disciples off in their boat and the crowd away. He went up the mountain to pray.

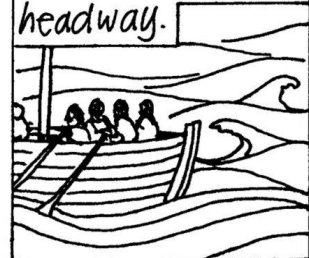
Jesus spent the evening with his father God.



A strong wind started to toss the boat around.



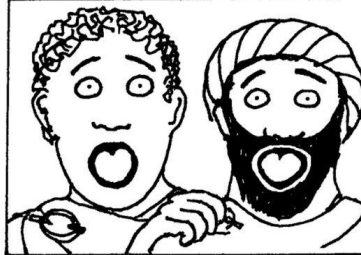
They tried rowing but could make no headway.



Not long before morning they saw someone walking past them on the water.



They thought it was a ghost and screamed!



Don't be afraid! It's me, Jesus.



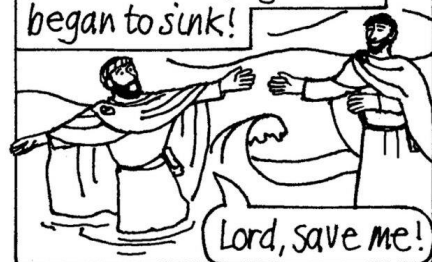
Lord, if it's really you, tell me to come to you!



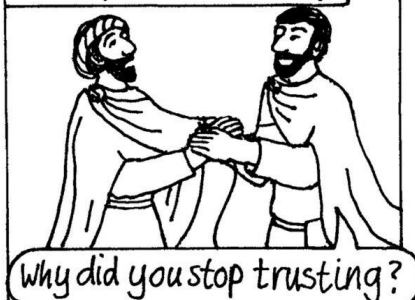
Peter started walking towards Jesus..



he saw how strong the wind was and took fright. He began to sink!

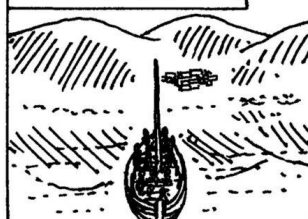


Jesus pulled Peter up.

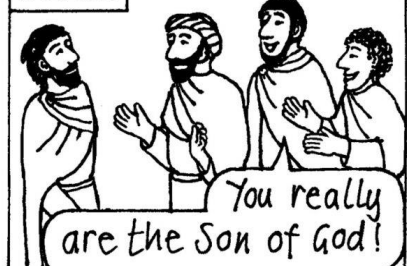


Why did you stop trusting?

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A note of Thanks



I would like to thank everyone who so generously donated money towards our Christmas floral decorations in our church this year.

A special thank you also to Jean Skidmore who gave her time to assist to decorate our church.

JENNY LISTER

CRY FOOD BANK



Let us not forget the needy during the coming winter months and continue to bring non-perishable food and small household items to support our local food bank based at Askern.

Please bring item to Campsall Church on any Sunday morning, or Thursday evening during between 6-7 pm. Contact our Churchwardens or Fr. Chris Herbert to arrange collection if you are unable to come to church.

Thank you. Christine Tickle

Usual Pattern of Sunday Services

Services in the Benefice

<p>St Mary Magdalene, Campsall</p> <p>11.00 Holy Communion</p> <p>First Sunday in the Month</p> <p>11.00 Family Service</p> <p>Please look at the noticeboard and the website (https://www.achurchnearyou.com/) for current service times</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">St Helen, Burghwallis</p> <p>9.00 Holy Communion</p> <p>First Sunday in the Month</p> <p>8.00 Holy Communion</p> <p>Please note Burghwallis Church is closed for repairs.</p>
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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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