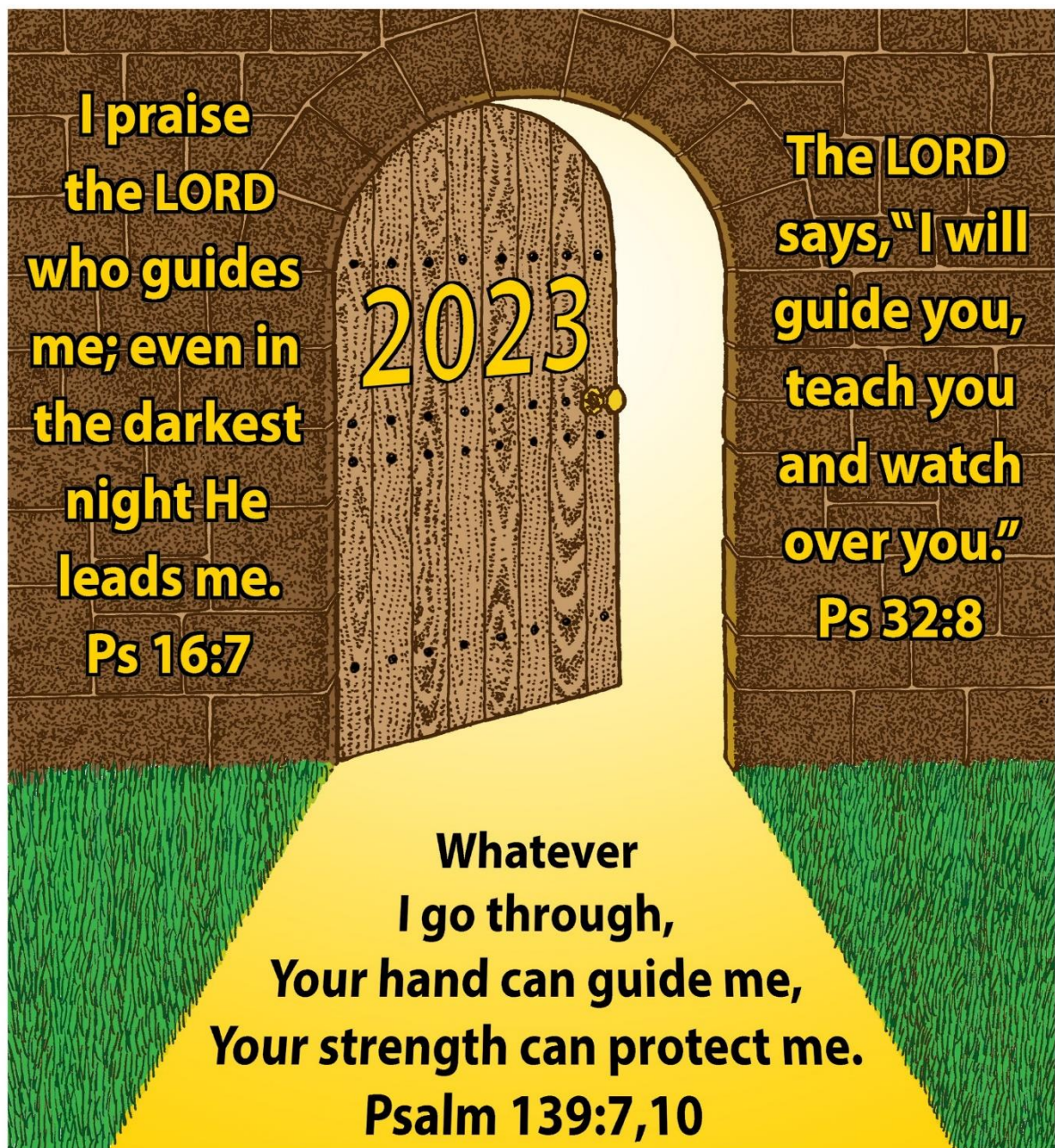


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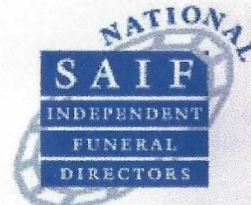
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Letter from Fr Chris

January 2023

Happy New Year to you all.

December has been a wonderful month.

We had a great start to the month with Messy Church at Norton and the reopening of St Helen's Burghwallis, which now looks wonderful and set to work closely with the local community in the future. A week later we held the Burghwallis Christmas Tree lighting and carols, the event was attended by some very hardy community members in the icy conditions.

At St Mary Magdalene Campsall, we had a concert by the Hatfield and Askern Brass band, which had many of us jumping in our seats. The next afternoon we have a service of 7 lessons and Carols, with our adult choir being joined by children from Norton Junior School, who sang beautifully.

A few days later the whole of the Junior school visited for their Christmas carol service, I visited both the infant school and the junior school with 'Chris Tingle' who I introduced to the children. Then on Christmas Eve we had our pop up Nativity and Christingle service in aid of the Children's Society. 'Chris Tingle' got his voice back and spoke with the children. This was a wonderful event, especially with it being the first time since 2019 it has been able to be held. Later the same day we had Midnight Mass at Burghwallis and then a Christmas Day service at Campsall, it has really felt like a proper Christmas again this year.

A big thank you to all who helped prepare the Churches for the events and our Christmas trees. Plus thank you to all from the local communities who visited, it is always wonderful to see everyone. January is a quieter month for the church, as we start the 2023 church calendar with the Baptism of Christ (Epiphany), ending the month with Jesus's presentation in the temple, where "every first born child shall be designated to the Lord" (Luke 2:23).

Love and prayers

Fr Chris

Tel 01302 702615



December at Messy Church started the Christmas feel. We made baubles and created puppets. We sang Christmas songs and watched a cartoon about St Nicholas and the Christmas story of Jesus's birth. I cannot believe Messy Church has been going for over a year now.



Christingle at St Mary Magdalene on Christmas Eve



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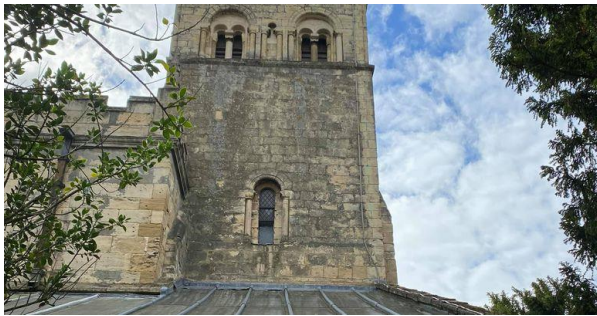


This month we discussed the theme of advent, heading up to Christmas, with the aid of a warm drink and biscuits. Based at my home in Norton for those wishing to look deeper into scripture and Christian life, meeting in my home in Norton.

If anyone is interested in starting such a group in Campsall, Sutton or Burghwallis please contact to discuss further and support/train you. Please note home group leaders would require a recruitment process including a possible DBS check.



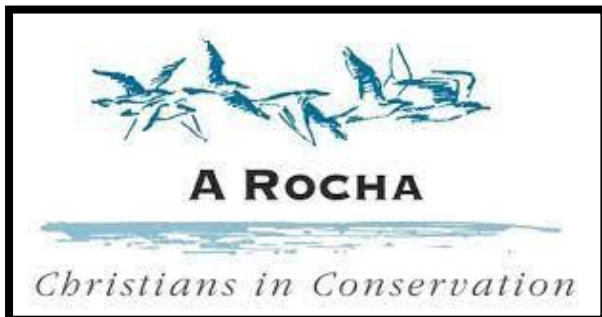
Our Bible Study group is for us to meet up and chat about bible stories in a relaxed atmosphere, aimed at those moving into their Golden Age, who may have a little more bible knowledge, or who wish to look deeper into scripture than they previously have done.



Campsall Bell Ringers
Campsall bell ringing practice, weekly sessions on Monday evenings at St Mary Magdalene Church. If you are interested in having a go at bell ringing please contact Helen on 07849571162 or Fr Chris 01302702615



The work on the roof at St Helen's Church Burghwallis has finished. Services: first Sunday of the month (unsung Eucharist) 8am, all other services are 8.45pm with Eucharist & hymns. All welcome, it would be great to see new people from the village of Burghwallis. Come and support your local church.



Both Burghwallis and Campsall churches are now registered with A Rocha and we are making good progress towards their bronze awards, with the help of two experience volunteers and the support of the probation service.



'Messy Church Goes Wild' for children with their parents who wish to learn more about nature and wildlife, with the aim to develop our churchyards and beyond.

Our hope in spring is to link St Peter's Askern St Helen's Burghwallis and St Mary Magdalene Campsall and Sutton, to create a Mission area Messy Church 'Goes Wild' group. The next 'Messy Wild' will be in spring 2023.



Fr Chris has been working with CMA Bentley, who are linked to St Peter's Church Bentley, with regards to supporting our communities as a volunteer debt adviser. Fr Chris has completed Level's 1 and 2 and has passed his exam, in order to become a Debt Adviser. He now is available to talk and offer support to those in Burghwallis, Campsall, Norton and Sutton. Those who wish support, please contact CMA centre in Bentley. Fr

Chris will aim to be available one Friday a month, working from CMA Bentley.

We will be developing hospitality further in 2023, with a few small changes in St May Magdalene church, to welcome people with a drink before and after services, maybe even a bit of toast etc. As it would be lovely to get to know more of you and learn what the church can do for you.

We also still have eyes for both churches to be more community focused and central to our communities. May I ask you for ideas of how we can do this. We can and will offer God's churches for community projects and support groups.

We especially wish to look at opening: **A Natter Church**, a place for people of retirement age to have a chat together in church. We are looking at purchasing some coffee machines to aid with refreshments. If anyone wishes to support a community drop in, on a day which doesn't clash with any other similar community groups please let me know, we aim to add to services already available, or offer a space to those who need it. We are still praying for people to come forward from the community to help support and launch this community project.

Dementia Café, We are praying for the opportunity to support, both those living with Dementia and their supporters. **Anyone** who has knowledge of such groups who would give advice, lead, co-lead, support please contact me personally, or leave a message on my answer phone.

Thank you to those who have rung with helpful advice and information. We will be contacting people in due time. The aim is to start in the next few months.

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God Bless. Fr Chris

Tel 01302 702615

PARISH OFFICE

The parish office is held in church on Thursday evenings 5.15 – 6.30 pm to book baptisms and weddings or for other pastoral matters.

Normal Services in our Parish


First Sunday each Month is an All-Age 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.

St Helen's worship on Sundays Holy Communion at 8.45 am..

Readers Rota

READERS JANUARY	
8TH	Ian Kerr
15TH	Jenny Lister
22ND	Brian Skidmore
29TH	Howard Gee

Sides Persons Rota

JANUARY	
8TH	Ian Kerr
15TH	Brenda Crabtree
22ND	Amelia Carr
29TH	Linda Atkinson

CHURCH FLOWERS AT CHRISTMAS



Thank you to those who generously donated money towards decorating our church during the Christmas period. My special thanks to Jean for helping me make our floral and window arrangements. Jenny

Events at Campsall Wellingtonia Centre

3rd Tuesday of each month – Beetle Drive at 1.00pm

Every Wednesday-

10.00am – 11.30am

Drop-in Coffee Morning

Every Thursday –

1.00pm – 3.00pm

Bingo Sessions

Everyone welcome

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

All the items will help the less fortunate in our community at the Cry Food Bank in Askern. Please do continue the good work during these difficult financial times.



Please bring items to church either on Sunday mornings or on a Thursday evening between 5.30 – 6.45 pm. Thank you. Christine (Editor



"It's very good of the vicar, allowing him to use it to supplement his small church-organist's salary in this way."

BURGHWALLIS VILLAGE

“Senior citizens enjoyed an excellent Christmas lunch care of the Parish council on December 14th at the Burghwallis”
Jill Laming



PARISH COUNCIL



The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday, 24th January, at 7.00 pm, in The Burghwallis Pub.

David Maxwell

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE OR CONTACT OUR
CLERK- CLERKBURGHWALLISCOUNCIL@TALKTALK.NET**

HATFIELD & ASKERN COLLIERY BRASS BAND CONCERT

What a wonderful evening of brass band music which was well received by all who attended. We all look forward to a return event in 2023. Thank you to everyone who attended and especially to the members of the band.

CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT & Norton Junior School

As mentioned earlier in Fr Chris's letter, we would like to thank all the children from Norton Junior School who joined with our church choir for the service of lessons and carols. What a joy! It was lovely to see their parents and other family members who joined the congregation to make this carol service so enjoyable. Church Wardens.

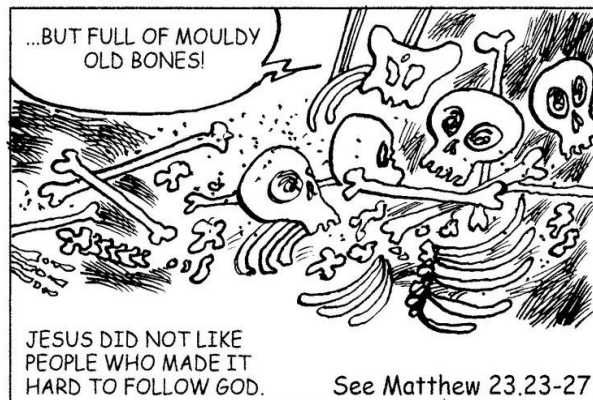
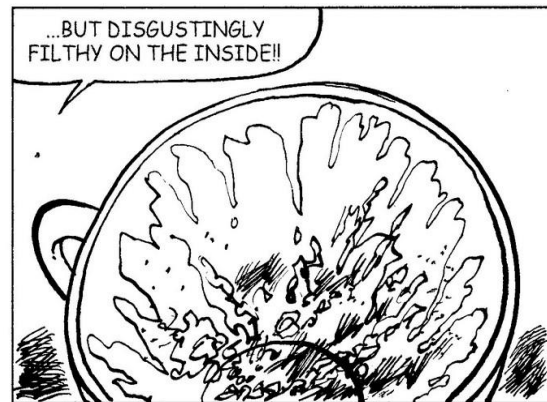
Thank you!

I would like to take this opportunity to give my own special thanks to all the distributors of our monthly church magazine. Without you all taking your own time to circulate, spreading the word and the work carried out each month within the parish we would not be able to cover the parish.

Thank you and may you have a healthy and happy 2023.

Christine (Editor)

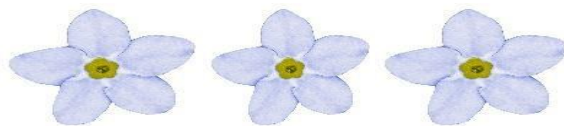
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Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Genesis 12:1-9, 17:1-22, 18:1-15, 21:1-7

About 6000 years ago, God told Abram
and his wife Sarai to leave their home and
go to a new land that He would give them

This land will belong to your family, but not yet

and I am changing your names to Abraham and Sarah

You and Sarah will have a son, Isaac

But Sarai and I cannot have children

'Abraham' means 'Father of many'
'Sarah' means 'Princess'

We are too old to have children. Ha ha ha!

It was noon, and everyone was resting from the heat...

He recognised the Lord

He ran to tell everyone

When Abraham saw three men coming to his tents.

Please stay and have something to eat.

Quick, we need a feast cooked for special guests

Sarah was in the tent, listening

By this time next year, you will have a son

At our age? Ha ha ha!

Why did Sarah laugh?

I didn't laugh

Yes, you did.

Soon afterwards...

Sarah and Abraham's baby boy was born

They called him 'Isaac' which means 'laughter'

I'm pregnant!

I'm so happy, I can't stop laughing

Ha ha ha! Ha ha ha!

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 All Ages Service</p> <p>Please look at the noticeboard and the website</p> <p>(https://www.achurchnearyou.com/)</p> <p>for current service times</p>	<p>St Helen, Burghwallis</p> <p>OPEN FOR WORSHIP</p> <p>FROM SUNDAY 4TH DECEMBER</p> <p>Sunday Worship</p> <p>8.45 am Holy Communion</p>
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Campsall

Jenny Lister Telephone: 702552
Christine Tickle Telephone: 700731

(Editor - please contact for items relating to the Parish Magazine)

The **clergy** in Campsall Church are normally available every Thursday evening between 5.30 and 6.30 pm to discuss arrangements for baptisms and weddings.

To contact the Clergy:

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Priest in Charge & Oversight Minister

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