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## Letter from Fr Chris

### The month of December

Before the Christmas period, we have the 4 weeks of Advent, a time of reflection. A time to stop and reflect on the last year. Both for ourselves, our villages, and the world.

The start of December brings us to Mark 13: 24-26

‘But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in clouds” with great power and glory.

Mark is describing a point in time when our Lord will return, we never know when that will be, but with the year of wars in Europe and the Middle East, the change in weather across the world and the devastation it has caused, it does make you think.

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.

It is also a time to think of others less fortunate. Maybe a time to give some extra Christmas food to Askern ‘Cry’ foodbank. Our mission link is with St Peter’s Askern, and I ask, if you can afford to 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 at St Helen’s Burghwallis or St Mary Magdalene Campsall, it will be wonderful to thank you, but more importantly it will give a child an additional surprise that they would not otherwise get.

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 2024 is to create an area for people to meet, and to reach out to those who would like to make use of the space. Can you help? We aim to start our Natter church in 2024 for anyone who



wishes to meet and have a chat over a coffee, to reduce loneliness and to pray with those who ask.

**Christmas services: please see later in the magazine the dates of events in December.**

Love and prayers Fr Chris



Christian spirituality, a place to ask questions safely, with no pressure. To have a laugh and to eat home-made food. If you wish to take part in the next course, please leave a Message for Fr Chris with a contact number.



**Home Group.** Come and join us, have a warm drink and biscuits as we look deeper into scripture and Christian life, meeting in my home in Norton on Thursday evenings 7pm to 8.30pm.



Messy Church in November was great fun. We watched a Lego vicar video about Halloween and all Saints. We made angels biscuits, angels out of paper plates and colour in angel pictures. We ran around, sang about saints, and ate lots 😊. Next month is all about advent and Christmas, very exciting.





**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

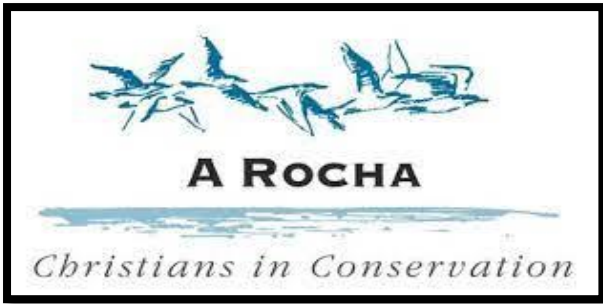


**Burghwallis Services:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month (unsung Eucharist) 8am.

All other services are 8.45pm with Eucharist & hymns.

Our small and caring community welcome everyone, 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 awards, with the help of two experience volunteers and the support from the community services.

**NEWS FLASH** 'Messy Church Goes Wild' started in September 2023 the first 'Mission Area' event, linking the churches of Askern, Campsall, Burghwallis.



Next Messy Church Goes Wild will be at St Helen's Burghwallis in January 2024.



Fr Chris, 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 is available to talk and offer support to those in Burghwallis, Campsall, Norton and Sutton.

**St Helens Burghwallis** is also looking at how they can be community focused and central to our communities. If you have any ideas of how we can do this, please contact me. We can and will offer God's churches for community projects and support groups.

**A Natter Church**, a place for people of retirement age to have a chat together in church, we are hoping this will start in spring 2024, now we have everything together. Anyone interested in attending, please leave me a message 01302 702615 with name and telephone number and we will ring you back when we get a start date.

**Dementia Café**, we are now moving closer to opening a dementia café on one Saturday a month, for a chance for people to come, have a drink and chat and listen to, or sing along to some well-known songs to some well-known from WW2, the Beatles and many more. We are focusing on the **Natter Church** before moving further with the Dementia Café. Anyone with knowledge of Dementia, who wishes to support, please contact me.

**We still need Your Support:-** Are you:

**An Organist**, we are looking for an organist to play at St Helens Burghwallis on a Sunday morning. If you wish to take up this role, please contact Fr Chris Herbert. If you can support sometimes or to cover from time to time, please let us know.

God Bless. Fr Chris

## 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.

## CHURCH FLOWERS FOR ADVENT



We are now in the first week of Advent and once again appeal for donations towards decorating our beautiful parish church during the Christmas period of worship. Thank you. Jenny

## 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..

## FOOD BANK DONATIONS



Please bring items to church either on Sunday mornings or on a Thursday evening between 5.30 – 6.45 pm.

If you are interested in volunteering at the Cry Food Bank, please contact Dr Ian Kerr on 07711 899283 for more information. Thank you.

## Events at Campsall Wellingtonia Centre

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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**







## CHRISTMAS FAYRE HELD 18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

We are very pleased to announce that the money raised at our event totalled:

**£1,820.00**

Thank you to everyone who came to support this event from the local community, surrounding villages, and our stall holders. You all made this event a success. **THANK YOU**

Fr Chris Herbert, Church Wardens & the PCC

<b>SIDES PERSONS DECEMBER</b>	
3rd	Jane Maxfield
10th	Sonia Tonkinson
17th	Ian Kerr
24th	Brenda Crabtree
31st	-
<b>READERS DECEMBER</b>	
3rd	All Age Service
10th	Rita Jones
17th	Jane Maxfield
24th	Jenny Lister
31st	-



### From your Editor

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has contributed to our Parish Magazine during the year, my helpers Lesley and both Shirley's for assisting with the printing and proofing each month.

Finally, thank you to all the ladies in the parish who distribute the magazine each month, we couldn't manage without you. We now no longer charge for each edition; however, donations are always welcome to support the costs.

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year. **Christine**

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### ***Barnscan***

Unfortunately, the planned Barnscan event of Mystery Boxes on 6<sup>th</sup> December has had to be **CANCELLED** due to ill health. Hopefully we will reschedule in the new year. Janet.

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## ADVENT SERVICES

<b><u>Dec</u></b> <u>9<sup>th</sup></u>	Tree Lighting 	Burghwallis village	6.30 pm
<u>10<sup>th</sup></u>	Service of Lessons & Carols	St Mary Magdalene Campsall	4.00 pm
<u>24<sup>th</sup></u>	Christingle Service <b>There will be a cash Collection in church In aid of The Children's Society</b>	Campsall Church	4.00 pm
<u>24<sup>th</sup></u>	Midnight Mass	St Mary Magdalene Campsall	11.30 pm
<u>25<sup>th</sup></u>	Holy Communion	Burghwallis Church	9.30 am
<u>31<sup>st</sup></u>	Holy Communion	Burghwallis Church	<u>10.00 am</u>

# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

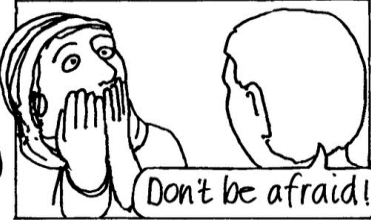
It can be read in the Bible in  
Luke 1:26-56 & Matthew 1:18-25

In Israel, about 2000 years ago, a young woman, Mary, was going to marry Joseph. The weddings were in two stages.

In one year we will complete our wedding



Then God's messenger angel came to see Mary.



Don't be afraid!

You will have God's baby, and call him Jesus, 'god saves', because he will save people



from what they do wrong.

How can't his happen?

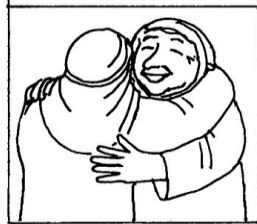


With God, nothing is impossible.

Your cousin Elizabeth, who couldn't have children, is now 6 months pregnant.



Mary visited Elizabeth.



When Joseph heard that Mary was pregnant, he was very upset



This will bring shame on me and my family.



He always did what was right so he decided to end their marriage, but quietly.



But the angel came to him in a dream.



Don't be afraid to marry Mary. The baby is God's, and you will call him Jesus.



So Joseph and Mary completed their marriage.



# The Big Bash!



JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS



ONE STORY WAS ABOUT A RICH MAN WHO DECIDED TO HAVE A PARTY

HE SENT OUT LOTS OF INVITATIONS

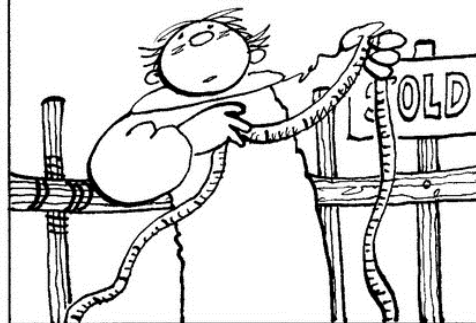


OH!  
NO!!



BUT PEOPLE STARTED MAKING EXCUSES

ONE MAN SAID HE HAD BOUGHT A FIELD, BUT NEEDED TO MEASURE IT



ANOTHER MAN SAID HE NEEDED TO TEST DRIVE THE OXEN HE HAS JUST PAID FOR



ANOTHER MAN SAID HE HAD JUST GOT MARRIED - AND HIS WIFE WOULDN'T LET HIM OUT!

SO THE RICH MAN INVITED ALL THE POOR AND NEEDY INSTEAD.



THE PARABLE MEANS WE SHOULDN'T MAKE EXCUSES FOR NOT FOLLOWING JESUS.



## BURGHWALLIS VILLAGE

### Christmas Tree Lighting event



This event will take place at 6.30 pm, on Saturday, 9th December. The big switch on will be accompanied by the singing of Christmas Carols. Come along and bring the kids with you!

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We have received a message from the Head of Street Scene at Doncaster City Council, thanking us for our efforts in keeping our roads, lanes and verges clear of litter and fly-tipping. We collect/report such incidents, and CDC collect and dispose of the offending items.

We would like to pass on this message to all those of our village residents who help us in this thankless task of collecting litter, outside of our regular organised clean ups, or by reporting larger deposits of unwanted items/builders' rubble, etc.

Thanks all round!

## BURGHWALLIS PARISH COUNCIL



The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00 pm, in the Burghwallis Pub.

**David Maxwell** - [clerkburghwalliscouncil@talktalk.net](mailto:clerkburghwalliscouncil@talktalk.net)

