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



THE HOLLY



& THE IVY

Prayer for December 2024

Father, the days are short; darkness deepens in December and this year it seems to reflect the darkness in so many parts of the world. We think especially of the land You came to, all those years ago, and other nearby lands where so many are suffering.

Father, thank you that Jesus came into the world as Your Light; that He shines today as brightly and powerfully as He did then, and will do forever. Help us to open our hearts and minds to allow His light to fill us with the assurance that, no matter what is going on, we are safe in Him.

Thank you that, in Jesus, You have conquered death and darkness; that one day, everyone will bow before Jesus as King of Kings and Lord of Lords, whose Kingdom shall never end. Help us, in thankfulness and love, to share Your Christmas Light and Hope and Joy. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Christmas Trees

Norway sent a Christmas tree
It marks the Saviour's birth,
The incarnation manifest
As God came down to earth

A babe born to a virgin
Would grow up as a man,
Yet still divine, such mystery,
To implement God's plan.

Another tree was put in place
A sacrifice was made,
As on that cross He gave His life
That all men could be saved.

So celebrate that wondrous day
When Jesus left His home,
To bring salvation down to man,
And claim us as His own.

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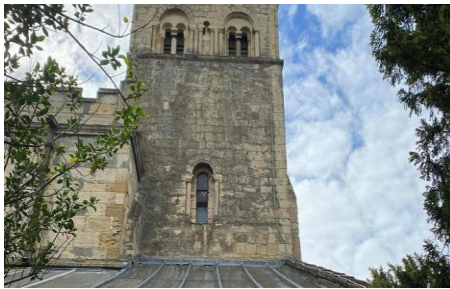


There was no Messy Church in November.

If anyone would like to volunteer to assist with messy church, either between the sessions, or on the day itself, we would really appreciate. As many of us who are involved in the running of it have little children of our own to look after during the session. Thank you, Liz.



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. No news yet on this event and hopeful this will take place soon.



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

St Helen's Church, Burghwallis.



All welcome, it would be great to see new people from the village of Burghwallis. Come and support your local church. All welcome.

Natter Church -This event will now re-commence again in the Spring 2025

Dementia Café – Currently we have no news on the start of this new venture in church. Hopefully this event will commence in Spring 2025.

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

The Christmas Kitchen

The kitchen is, at Christmas
A very busy room!
Lots of work in such a rush
Or Christmas Day will loom.

First there is the cake to bake
And many pastries too,
Mince pies and biscuits, festive fare
There is so much to do!

Then comes the day, the kitchen fills
With wondrous cooking smells,
As turkey roasts and parsnip toast
The cooks must work their spells.

The dinners on the table
We gather round and eat,
But someone must wash the pots
And make the kitchen neat.

So have a happy Christmas,
Enjoy the festive fare,
But grab a towel and help the cook,
And show them that you care!



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St Mary Magdalene Church Campsall
Dates for your diary

8th December Service of Lessons & Carols 4.00 pm

24th December Christingle Service 4.00 pm

There will be a cash Collection in church in aid of
The Children's Society

24th December There will no midnight service.

A Service of Lessons and Carols for Christmas



**St Mary Magdalene, Campsall
SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2024**

4.00 PM

Followed by refreshments

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BURGHWALLIS VILLAGE



Pensioners' Christmas Lunch



This year's lunch will be held on Thursday, 12th December at The Burghwallis pub, 12.00 for 12.30. **It's not too late, but you need to be quick!**

All pensioner residents of the village are invited to this free event. If anyone needs to be accompanied, this is welcome, though will be charged at cost.

Please note that this is a "dine in" event, we are not able to offer a home delivery service.

To ensure your place, please contact Brenda Grimes on 01302 727186. Menu options will be finalised later when you will be contacted for your choice.

We hope to see a good number of you there.

Burghwallis Parish Council

Report Those Potholes!

As winter approaches, our roads can take a beating, leading to potholes that pose hazards for drivers and pedestrians alike. We encourage all residents to help keep our community safe by reporting any potholes you encounter. The process is simple: take a note of the location and size of the pothole, and contact the council through their website at www.doncaster.gov.uk/Eforms/StreetMapEform/Boot/2020101.

Let's work together to keep our parish on the right track



The next meeting of Burghwallis Parish Council will be held on Tuesday, 10th December at 7.00 pm in The Burghwallis pub. All residents are welcome.

David Maxwell - clerkburghwalliscouncil@talktalk.net



Norton WI meet on the last Wednesday of each month (except December) in Campsall Village Hall. Meetings start at 7.30pm and we have a variety of demonstrations, speakers, quizzes and social activities throughout the year. Meetings are open to non-members for a small charge of £5 which includes tea/coffee and cake.

We also have a regular coffee and cake club, a lunch club, as well as organising day trips and theatre outings. Upcoming events include:

There is no meeting in December

29th January 2025 - Beetle Drive

Join us for a fun and 'competitive' evening

26th February 2025 - The Etiquette of Afternoon Tea

How to become the crème de la crème of the tea party with Baroness Bolsover

We'd love to see you – if you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact Val Greaves on 07813 599793 for further details.

CHURCH FLOWERS FOR ADVENT



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



FOOD BANK DONATIONS – ST PETERS CHURCH, ASKERN ESPECIALLY AT CHRISTMAS

Please support this much needed food bank please leave your donations at either Burghwallis Church or Campsall Church on Sunday mornings, visit St Peters Church Hall on Thursday mornings or contact Ian to arrange collection.

If anyone has questions about CRY or indeed interested in volunteering, please contact me on my mobile: **07711 899 283. Ian.**

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CHRISTMAS FAYRE HELD 16TH NOVEMBER

We are very pleased to announce that the money raised at our event raised a total sum of £2,100.

This money will ensure that the church running costs of heating, lighting, insurances and all maintenance costs are covered to keep Campsall Church open for the community and church services during the coming months.

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 from the Church Wardens and Parochial Church
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Lady Chapel Roof Repairs about to start!



We are pleased to announce that emergency repairs to the roof over the Pugin Altar are to commence early December.

This has been made possible by grants from the Diocese and your Donations. This will now protect the area above this beautiful altar from future rainfall.

This is only one small part of our beautiful church in roof in need of repairs, hence our ongoing Fundraising Appeal. We must not forget that we need a new boiler too!

In 2025 the PCC will be making an open invitation to anyone who may be willing to offer their time to assist in applying for grants and funding.

If anyone in the community has first hand knowledge of applying for Grants such as Lottery Funding and would be able to give assistance would you please contact either of the church wardens or a member of the PCC. We would be grateful for advice. Thank you.

Please use the QR code to help us reach our goals.





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 proof reading 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 of paper and printing.

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and Healthy New Year.

Christine

Happy Christmas



Colin, Jenny and Christine your Benefice Church Wardens and both church PCC members would like to wish all our readers and the wider community a very Happy Christmas and Healthy 2025

Christmas Geese

The story is told of a farmer who didn't believe in Jesus.

One snowy Christmas Eve, his wife was taking their children to a service at their local church. He refused to come saying: *'Why would God lower Himself to come to Earth as a man? That's ridiculous!'* So, they left him at home.

During the evening the winds grew stronger, and the snow turned to a blizzard. He heard a series of loud thumps on the window. In the field near his house he saw a flock of wild geese. They had been migrating south when they got caught in the snowstorm. They were lost and stranded on his farm, with no food or shelter.

The man wanted to help the geese and so he opened the doors of the barn, hoping they would go inside for shelter. But the geese didn't do anything, despite the man's efforts to move them. He made a breadcrumb trail leading to the barn and tried to shoo them toward the barn, but they only got more scared and scattered.

Nothing he did could get them to go into the barn: *'Why don't they follow me?!'* Then he realised: *'If only I were a goose and become one of them, then I could save them.'* Finally, he understood the heart of the Christmas message. God has become one of us in Jesus. The eternal creator God has entered time and space as a baby, to show us who God is and how we can know Him.

This Christmas let's celebrate again this amazing truth that we have a God who knows and can meet our needs in Jesus.

'The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call Him Immanuel, which means 'God with us''. Matthew 1:23.

BENEFICE SERVICES FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

<p style="text-align: center;">St Mary Magdalene, Campsall</p> <p style="text-align: center;">All Services at 11.00 AM</p> <p>1st Morning Prayer With Hymns</p> <p>8th Holy Communion</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carol Concert 4.00pm</p> <p>15th Holy Communion</p> <p>22nd Holy Communion</p> <p>25th No Service at Campsall</p> <p>29th No Service</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">St Helens, Burghwallis</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9.00 AM</p> <p>1st Morning Praise</p> <p>8th Holy Communion</p> <p>15th Holy Communion</p> <p>22nd Holy Communion</p> <p>25th Christmas Day Holy Communion 10.00 am</p> <p>29th No Service</p>
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Campsall Morning Prayer each month is joined by our Messy Church members

To arrange Baptisms, weddings etc please contact the following:

Burghwallis - Colin Bowes – Warden & Safeguarding: Please contact:

01302 702779 and 07768298838

Campsall

Jenny Lister – Churchwarden & Verger Telephone: 702552

Christine Tickle - Churchwarden & Magazine Telephone: 700731

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