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St Mary Magdalene, Campsall



**Creator of the heavens,
who led the Magi by a star
to worship the Christ-child:
guide and sustain us, that
we may find our journey's end
in Jesus Christ our Lord.**



A Prayer for January 2025

Dear Lord,

We begin a New Year! We all have hopes, expectations, fears and uncertainties, as we move into 2025 – already a quarter of the way through this new century!

We can't know what will happen in the world, in our country, in our lives during this year, but we come before You, thankful that if we put our trust in Jesus and what He achieved on the cross, we need not be afraid; we are safe and secure.

He takes all our hopes and fears and gives us His Peace and His Spirit in return, to sustain and equip us this New Year and always. Thank you, gracious Father. Thank you, Lord of all the years. In Jesus' name, Amen.

How the New Year and Resolutions began

1st January was not always the start of a New Year. The Babylonians began their New Year on 23rd March. For them, it was a logical choice, as with the arrival of Spring, crops were being planted, and a new cycle of life was beginning.

For centuries the Romans agreed with them, but they chose 1st March for New Year. It was the Romans who brought in the idea of making resolutions at New Year, mostly along the lines of acting more noble, and doing good to others.

Then in 46BC Julius Caesar changed the Roman Empire's calendar. His new Julian calendar realigned the year to the sun and began on 1st January. Caesar wanted to honour Janus, the two-faced god who looks backwards into the old year and forward into the new. January 1st didn't have any astronomical or agricultural significance; it was just a random date selected by Caesar.

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Well, what a wonderful Christmas themed wintery messy church we enjoyed this month.

The children (and even some of the adults) enjoyed making an array of decorations for their tree, and the Wish Tree that Shirley brought to church. These included sparkly snow men, colourful stockings and even Christmas puddings!

They all had a go at creating beautiful winter scenes, using white paint, icicle stickers and cotton wool for snowmen.

Collectively, we then re-created the Nativity scene with plasticine figures, which we used for the story to teach the children about Mary and Joseph's long journey to Bethlehem.

For song time, we treated the children to carols played on a brass duet, which they sang beautifully to. As always, Shirley served up a tasty lunch that really was enjoyed by all.





Messy Church on displays in Church and the congregation added their own messages along with those of the children.

And finally, the entertainment!



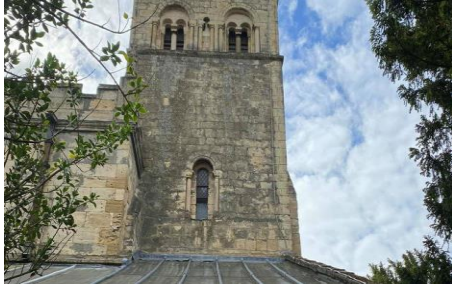
January's messy church will be taking place on Saturday 11th January, where we will be discussing fundraising opportunities to protect the future of our messy church.

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.

Still no news yet on this event and hopeful this will take place in 2025!



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.

Dementia Café – Plans are now moving ahead to start of this new venture in the early spring.

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 and Lesley for helping me make our floral displays, the windows and porch arrangements. Thank you, Jenny



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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

BURGHWALLIS VILLAGE

Burghwallis Parish Council



The next meeting of Burghwallis Parish Council will be held on Tuesday, 21st January 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:

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.



FOOD BANK DONATIONS – ST PETERS CHURCH, ASKERN

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.

A **special thank you** from all the team at CRY to the members of Campsall Village Hall Luncheon Club who kindly donated the sum of £141.00 in December. Thank you.

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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DECORATING THE CHURCH CHRISTMAS TREE

This year we are very grateful to Campsall Bell Ringing Team who gave up an hour of their time to assemble and decorate the Christmas Trees in church. The atmosphere that evening was wonderful and we are sure that everyone who visits the church appreciates all their dedication to our church.

Special thanks from the Wardens and our Congregation.



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Lady Chapel Roof- Progress.....



We are pleased to announce that the scaffolding is now in place and the emergency repairs to the roof over the Pugin Altar will commence in the New Year subject to dry weather!

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.

The Cartoons of Old

Didn't we love those cartoons of old?
The faintly ridiculous stories they told!
Of cats chasing mice, and dogs chasing cats
Wile E Coyote and his Road Runner traps
That never succeeded or trapped him instead
We laughed at disaster 'cos no one was dead!

Donald Duck, Mickey Mouse, or dear old Bugs Bunny
There's nothing today that is nearly so funny!
Dastardly, Muttley, in those great Wacky Races,
Whose schemes always left them both sunk without traces.

Or Fred of the Flintstones, and Wilma, and Barney
We laughed at their tales of prehistory blarney!
The unending feuding of Tom and of Jerry
Which always succeeded in making us merry!

Those hand-drawn cartoons made us rock like a jelly
Who needed computers to bring us good telly?



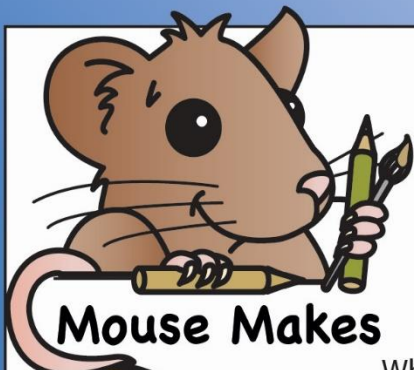
CHRISTINGLE SERVICE FOR THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY



What a busy sight in church before Christmas Eve when Karen, Gloria, Elaine, Linda and a second Elaine, all kindly joined us to prepare for our annual event. We are so grateful, as many hands **do** make light work. Thank you Ladies.

Christmas Eve and our annual Christingle always brings families into church from far and wide. This was an opening question asked by the Reverend Stella McHugh, vicar of the Parish of St Peters Askern, in her welcome at the start of our service. Many had travelled from afar visiting families for Christmas. We are very grateful for Revd Stella joining us on this occasion, her presence did bring the joy of Christmas Eve into the hearts of the families and excitement for the small children.

It is always a very moving sight when the candles are lit, the lights switched off and voices singing 'Away in a Manger' fills the church, and lovely to have Howard back in church providing the music. A cash collection at the end of the service was for The Children's Society. A special thank you also to Helen and members of the bell team who helped assisting the children dressing up for their journey to the Crib, children are always keen and love taking part. A wonderful annual event!



Mouse Makes

J E W S
M A R Y
W S O N
O T N A



When they saw the star rest over where Jesus was they rejoiced and gave him three special gifts. God warned the wise men in a dream not to go back to Herod so they went home by another way.

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem looking for the child born to be king of the Jews. They had seen his star and had come to worship him. King Herod was troubled so met with the wise men to tell them to let him know when they found him.




How many other words can you make from:
EIPHPANY

EIPHPANY is the Greek word for **MANIFEST** which means 'to show'. God shows us who He is through His son Jesus Christ

C H I L D K H M Y R R H
F R A N K I N C E N C E
J O Y A N G E L R H
G A E G Y P T P

Herod wanted to destroy Jesus, but God told Joseph to flee to Egypt to be safe.
Where did Jesus finally grow up?


READ
the story of the wise men in *Matthew 2:1-23*



H L A N D T W O A
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BENEFICE SERVICES FOR JANUARY 2025

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| <p>St Mary Magdalene, Campsall</p> <p>All Services at 11.00 AM</p> <p>5th Jan Morning Prayer</p> <p>With Hymns</p> <p>12th Holy Communion</p> <p>19th Holy Communion</p> <p>26th Holy Communion</p> | <p>St Helens, Burghwallis</p> <p>9.00 AM</p> <p>5th Morning Praise</p> <p>12th Holy Communion</p> <p>19th Holy Communion</p> <p>26th Holy Communion</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: 01302 702552

Christine Tickle - Churchwarden & Magazine
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