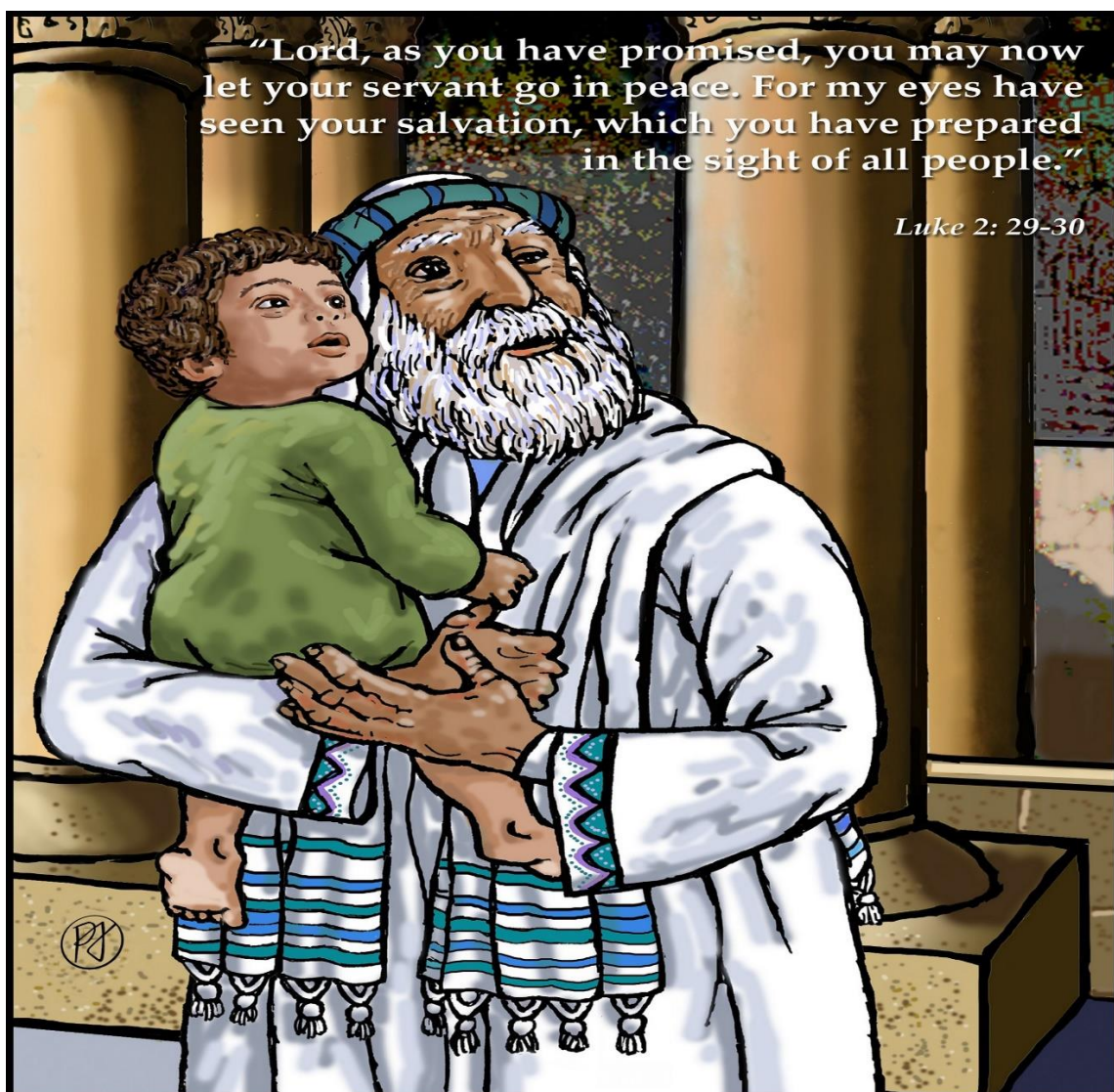


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St Mary Magdalene, Campsall



"Lord, as you have promised, you may now let your servant go in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all people."

Luke 2: 29-30

A Prayer for February 2025

Dear Lord,

February can be a trying month, but there are special associations too and we thank you for the hope they bring.

In February we remember how Jesus was taken, as a baby, to the Temple. Simeon took Him in his arms and by the power of the Holy Spirit, recognised Him as the Saviour you had sent as a light, to bring revelation to the whole world. And how this world needs your light and revelation in this new year, 2025.

Lord – as we notice more light in the lengthening days of this month, as we see the promise of the Spring in the bobbing heads of the beautiful snowdrops – help us most of all to recognise Jesus as our Light and to trust in Him as our Lord and Saviour.

A Prayer at Candlemas

February can be a difficult, cold month, and this year there is much to be concerned about, with so many things affecting our lives in so many ways. But thank you, Lord, that February can also be a month of wonderful signs of hope.

Help us, when we look down, to see the snowdrops – sometimes known as Candlemas Bells – and other bulbs pushing through the dark earth, showing the promise of Spring and brighter days ahead.

And then, help us to look up, to see the light of Jesus, your revelation to all the world, in that baby who grew and died and rose again to offer salvation, hope and life to all who put their trust in Him.

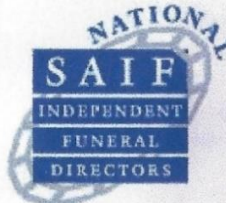
Thank you for Your Holy Spirit, living in all who trust in You, giving us strength for each new day of this and every month.

Thank you, Lord, for the gift of each new day. In Jesus' name. Amen.

(Editor)

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January's messy church saw us welcome the new year in with style, and of course, with mess!! We had plenty of activities for all, starting with making a sparkly hedgehog to remind ourselves of why we need to look after wild animals during the cold weather we've been having. We made mosaic wish stars, and wrote new years wishes on sheets that were then coloured in.

We also had a go at making snowflakes, which reminded us that everyone has been made differently. Just like people, no two snowflakes are the same, and that is something to be celebrated.

We all enjoyed an uplifting round of 'Sing Hosanna', before tucking in to Shirley's wonderful buffet!

The next messy church will take place on Saturday 1st March

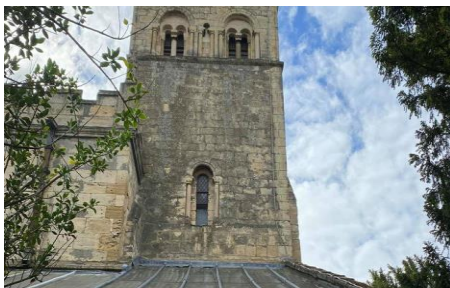
Should anyone like to volunteer to assist with messy church, either between the sessions, or on the day itself, we would really appreciate. As many of us who are involved in the running of it have little children of our own to look after during the session. Thank you, Liz.





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 during 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. Hopefully we shall have some news in the March magazine.

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Burghwallis Parish Council



The next meeting of Burghwallis Parish Council will be held on Tuesday, 18th March at 7.00 pm in The Burghwallis pub. All residents are welcome.

David Maxwell - clerkburghwalliscouncil@talktalk.net

Nigel Beeton (Parish Pump website):

“I don't know what you think of these 'special' days that are such a feature of modern life. Most pass by without attracting much attention from me.

For example, I may or may not consume Yorkshire Pudding on Yorkshire Pudding Day on 2nd February! But there are two 'special' days about books and reading: 1st February is 'Take your Child to a Library Day', and the 5th is 'World Read Aloud Day.'

I love books and read a lot as a child, and still do, and I'm glad I didn't have the distraction of computers and computer games, but instead consumed a literary diet of 'Jennings', 'Biggles', and such delights.

A Book of Joy

By Nigel Beeton

Who knows what glee a book contains?
What joys we'll find as it explains
New facts to fill our hungry brains;
Or tells a lively tale?

The myst'ries that we will find
As we read books of ev'ry kind
Enlarge the borders of your mind?
A book will never fail!

The joy of words, which, crafted well
Can cast on us a magic spell
Marks upon a page which tell
Of worlds beyond our own!

Words which paint in vivid light
Rainbows in the dead of night
Which make our dull lives shine so bright!
The wonders we are shown!

So, find a library nearby
And help your child to find out why
The world is round, or why the sky
Is such a wondrous blue?

Or read a story, out aloud
Of lands beyond the madding crowd.
Try reading – it will make you proud
Of what a book can do!

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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



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 will include 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:

26th February 2025 - The Etiquette of Afternoon Tea

How to become the crème de la crème of the tea party with Baroness Bolsover (please bring a cup, saucer, teaspoon & napkin. Wearing a hat is encouraged, but not compulsory) – Visitors welcome.

26th March 2025 – Annual Meeting

With quiz and supper – All welcome.

30th April 2025 – Floral workshop

Creating a Spring floral display – Visitors welcome.

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.

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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MONEY RAISED FOR THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY Christingle Service

Totalled: £446.00

Grateful thanks to those who attended this service and enabled us to send a cheque to the Society

SUNDAY 2ND MARCH

9.00 am St Helen Burghwallis and 11.00 am St Mary's Campsall

The Rt Revd Dr Pete Wilcox, Bishop of Sheffield has asked to join with our congregations for morning worship at both churches in the Benefice.

We look forward to welcoming Bishop Pete on this occasion.
Refreshments will follow the service at Campsall Church.

Please do join us at either of the Benefice churches

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ON-GOING APPEAL

ST MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH

Campsall

The weekend of a new month we can now announce that the repair work has begun to the SE corner of our church and we can look forward to uncovering the Pugin Altar in all its glory!

This has been made possible by grants from the Diocese and your Donations and when the work is completed it will protect the area above the beautiful altar from future rainwater damage.

Our very old boiler, second-hand in 1986, has so far this winter warmed our services however it may fail and it cannot be repaired due to its age and no parts available any more. Therefore, before we can obtain any grants, we need to raise funds towards part of the cost, hence our ongoing Appeal. Campsall Church like any parish church supports itself for all running costs and repairs and much needed repairs.

The Parochial Church Council will be arranging a date to invite members of the community who may be able to offer some of their time to assist in applying for grants and funding.

In the meantime, should anyone in the community with first-hand knowledge of applying for Grants such as Lottery Funding and would be able to give advice, would you please contact either of the church wardens or a member of the PCC.

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



NORTON REMEMBERS

Lest we Forget ***Year 3 & 4 Pupils***



The Autumn term saw year 3 and 4 children from Norton Junior School embark on our first Expedition of the year entitled *Lest we Forget*. Our learning was centred around answering the guiding question: How does War change lives? and concentrated on the events of the second world war and how it impacted on those who lived during this time.

Working with Victoria Cross Trust, we found the details of seventeen servicemen from the local area who fell during combat or died because of being wounded. Several of these servicemen are buried at Campsall Cemetery, with many others honoured on the War Memorial at St Mary Magdalene Church, Campsall. Selected pupils from each class visited these War Graves and watched as they were cleaned by our colleagues at VC Trust.

Our core text, *Children of the Blitz* by Robert Westall, revealed the true devastation of war, seen through the eyes of innocent young people. This really brought home the difficulties families faced during those terrible years. Additionally, through working with Doncaster Archives, we were fortunate enough to uncover a school photo of Norton children in 1933 - the only photo held at the archives of Norton pupils in that century - this was also the year that Adolf Hitler became Chancellor of Germany.

Norton School children in 1933



We honoured these children, and the servicemen that we had studied, by drawing portraits of each and every one of them. This collection of work made up our large Poppy Mosaic displayed alongside another information board in Campsall Church.

We also explored the heroic stories of servicemen who had been awarded the VC Cross in Doncaster - receiving an expert talk from Keith Lumley who kindly donated a plaque to commemorate one of those men - Thomas Bryan VC. We also had expert visitors from people who are currently (or had just finished) serving in the British Military, namely John Riddle - a Royal Marine Commando.

Finally, as classes, for Remembrance Day, we made poppy wreaths using recycled plastic bottles and laid one of them at Alexander House as part of their annual service - a fitting tribute to the Armed Forces community, and all those lost because of conflict.

As long as you speak their name, they shall forever live.

Gavin Chadwick – Deputy Headteacher, Norton Junior School.

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

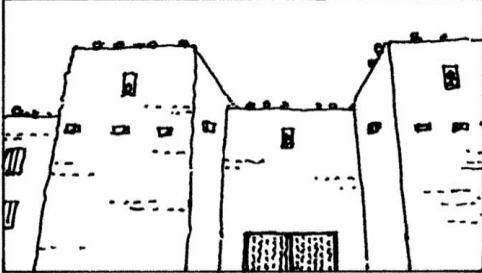
It can be read in the Bible in Joshua chapter 6 verses 1-27

Joshua led the Israelites across the river Jordan. They camped near the town of Jericho and prepared to fight.

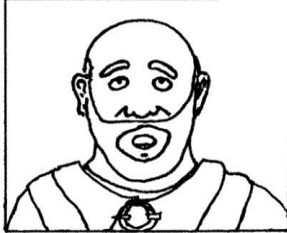
The people in Jericho locked the town gates.



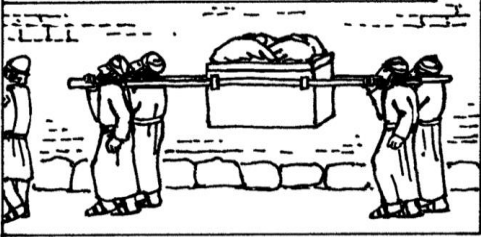
They thought they were safe.



God told Joshua what to do.



On the first day, the priests carried the sacred chest,



they blew trumpets, and walked round Jericho once.



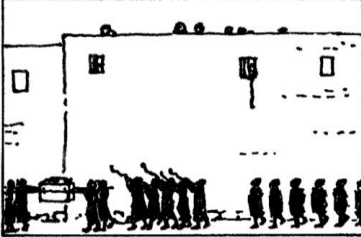
The army followed not saying a word.



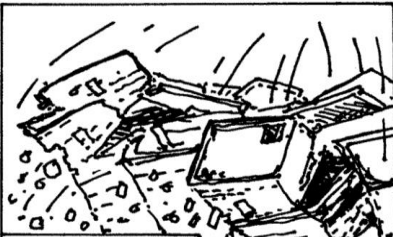
They did this for 6 days.



On the 7th day they walked round 7 times.

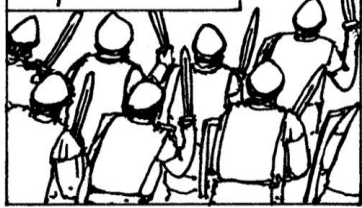


The army gave a victory shout!



The walls of Jericho collapsed.

The army rushed into the town and captured it.



Jericho was destroyed.

BENEFICE SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY 2025

<p>St Mary Magdalene, Campsall</p> <p>All Services at 11.00 AM</p> <p>2ND Morning Prayer</p> <p>With Hymns</p> <p>9TH Holy Communion</p> <p>16TH Holy Communion</p> <p>23RD Holy Communion</p>	<p>St Helens, Burghwallis</p> <p>9.00 AM</p> <p>2ND Morning Praise</p> <p>9TH Holy Communion</p> <p>16TH Holy Communion</p> <p>23RD 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

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Jenny Lister – Churchwarden & Verger Telephone: 01302 702552

Christine Tickle - Churchwarden & Magazine
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