



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

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Like many people, Ann and I have been taking a

walk around the local park everyday as part of our attempt to get a bit of exercise. Its been rather nice just chatting as we walk along being careful not to get too close to anyone else. These days, if someone came up to speak to us, we would be rather on our guard and would probably ask them to stand two metres away!

The Gospel reading is about two disciples walking away from Jerusalem towards Emmaus. They had seen everything that had taken place in Jerusalem over the last few days including Jesus death and burial. But here they bump into a man who doesn't seem to know what has happened. Of course, he does and then spends his time using the scriptures to explain to them what it all means.

When they reach Emmaus, they have a meal and it is then when Jesus takes the bread, blesses it, breaks it and gives it to them that they recognise who he is. He then disappears from their sight. In the communion service bread is taken, blessed, broken and given and that is when Jesus is present with us. For those disciples it was enough for them to know that Jesus had made himself known to them in the breaking of the bread.

We live in a time when we cannot share communion. Although Chris and I ensure that the Eucharist is celebrated every week and that service is shared electronically. But the time will come when we shall all be able to meet again at the Lord's Table

Fr Richard

The Lord is Risen Indeed and He Has Appeared to Simon!

Giving to Church

Although the church building is closed for a time, our work still goes on which means that we still have bills to pay. During the present crisis our income from weddings and funerals has dried up so that more than ever we depend upon the giving of our parishioners. If you give regularly by envelope – or better still by direct debit - then please continue to do so by putting aside your gift every week. If you would like to increase your giving, learn more about how to support the church financially, or give a one-off gift then please contact:

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