



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

30th August 2020

In reading today's Gospel you feel that there is tension in the air as Jesus begins to reflect upon the suffering he must face. He knows how difficult it will be and he rebukes Peter for thinking otherwise. He calls Peter a stumbling block – the Greek word for this is *skandalon* from which we get our English word 'scandal'. Jesus rebukes Peter for suggesting that the pain can be avoided – that there is an easy route to salvation. Jesus reminds them that there isn't an easy path ahead but hard work and suffering.

Jesus tries to prepare his disciples for what they too must face and it requires sacrifice. It means setting aside the things of this world to follow the way of Jesus. It is costly.

The 20th Century German theologian and martyr Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote:

“Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, Communion without confession, absolution without personal confession. Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate.”

His words remind us of the cost of our discipleship.

Fr Richard

Jesus said, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.”

SUNDAY SERVICES

9.00 Recording of Holy Communion at Home – online distribution at 9.30.

10.00 Short service of Holy Communion at Burghwallis.
(Maximum number 30)

11.00 Short Service of Holy Communion at Campsall.
(Maximum Number 30)

We now have flowers in church again. Donations to help provide them are most welcome.

See Jenny Lister and
Joyce Holmes.

Also: when you present your giving envelopes please
do not lick the seal.

Please Pray for the Souls of:

Marjorie Wood

Rita Bearstall

May they Rest in Peace

Annual Parish Meetings

**Campsall: Sunday 20th
September at 12.00**

**Burghwallis: Monday 21st
September at 7.00pm**

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