



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

8th November 2020

It will be difficult for us to mark Remembrance this year as we have done in the past. As a nation we are facing a dangerous crisis that affects us all. We rely upon the sacrifice and service of many young people in the armed forces and the NHS to keep us safe from an invisible enemy and we are grateful for all that they are doing.

The terrorist attacks on churches in France and a synagogue in Austria this week show us how we, as faith communities, need to be particularly vigilant in the face of those who seek to attack and harm us.

Today's Gospel reading is the parable of the wise and foolish virgins. It is a reminder to us all to be prepared at all times for the hour when we shall meet Jesus face to face – the time when the bridegroom returns.

I would suggest that you also read the portion of St Paul's 1st letter to the Thessalonians which speaks of the Day of Judgement as a time when we shall all be drawn into God's presence. At its heart it is a message of hope that we shall no longer be separated from those we love but united forever in God's presence.

This Remembrance Sunday, give thanks for all who have given their lives in the service of the nation and pray that one day we may prepare ourselves to be united with them in Heaven.

Jesus said, "Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Fr Richard^d

SUNDAY SERVICES

**8.30 Recording of Holy Communion
at Home – online distribution at
9.30.**

**Both Churches are closed for public
worship during the period of
lockdown.**

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