

*Connecting the Sunday Sparkle at Hearsall Baptist with the Daily Dust of Life*

## Welcome

- Have you ever been embarrassed by a failure to recognise someone who clearly recognised you? Share your stories and also your tips for how to cope in this awkward situation!

## Worship

- Read Psalm 146
- Share one thought that strikes you from this Psalm.

## Word

### **Read Luke 24:13 -17**

- In what mood are Cleopas and his friends walking along the road?
- When Jesus draws alongside, why did they **not** recognise him?

### **Read Luke 24:18 - 24**

- Before the death of Jesus, who did Cleopas think Jesus was?
- Who did he think Jesus was after the cross? How sure was he?
- If he had believed the amazing report of the women, might he have been more able to recognise Jesus on the road?
- What does this tell us about recognising Jesus today?

### **Read Luke 24: 25 - 27**

- What points do you imagine Jesus made as he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself?
- If the two walkers had grasped these points during Jesus' ministry, might they have been more able to recognise him on the road?

### **Read Luke 24: 28 - 32**

- Verse 31 contains a paradox. When Jesus is recognised, he disappears! What meaning does the gospel seek to convey through this strange moment?
- This retelling of a resurrection appearance is perhaps crafted to teach the church about how they will recognise Jesus after his resurrection and ascension. What message is it bringing about

this recognition? As a group, make a list of all the factors which make us more able to recognise Jesus at work in today's world.

### Response

- Last week we were asked to pray for someone who suffers from depression and to find out more about that condition. Share how you got on.
- This week, pray for people forgotten by most of the church. What sort of people might that be? Ask God to open your eyes so you may see Jesus at work in some surprising areas.