

## **April 2025**

I love the spring – it's such a time of hope with the birds nesting, the trees and hedgerows starting to bud, lambs in the fields and signs of new life all around. It is, of course, also the season when Easter falls and for Christians this important festival reminds us of a hope which surpasses everything – the hope which we have in Jesus Christ.

Many people find the physical resurrection of Jesus on that first Easter day impossible to believe. But the evidence is very strong; eyewitness accounts from the disciples which we can read in the gospels say that when they went to the tomb they found the grave clothes empty and Jesus' body gone; in the following six weeks the risen Jesus was seen by over five hundred people; the disciples lives were transformed and the Christian Church came into being and grew dynamically.

I'm sure all of us from time to time ponder on those 'meaning of life?' questions. We can all look for satisfaction in the things we own; the holidays we go on; the jobs we do etc., but it's only by being in relationship with God that we find true meaning and purpose in our lives. And the amazing thing is that that relationship which begins now, survives death and carries on into eternity. Jesus died for us all – on the cross he took on himself all the things that humanity has done wrong and has shown by his resurrection that death is not the end. If we have faith in Jesus, we enter into God's kingdom with the hope and promise of eternal life.

If you would like to find out more, please come along to our Holy Week and Easter services – you will be very welcome.

With every blessing for a Happy Easter

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