

Minister's Letter

Dear Friends,

I wonder how many life changing events you have experienced? Getting married, giving birth to my three children and being ordained were pretty life changing for me.

Fortunately I've not yet experienced those tragic life changing experiences such as losing a parent or someone else close to me. I wonder what we would consider the major life changing events of world history. There are many we could choose from: the signing of the Magna Carta, perhaps; Napoleon's defeat at the Battle of Waterloo; the outbreak of the First and Second World Wars; Einstein's publication of the theory of relativity; the discovery of penicillin; the assassination of President Kennedy; the first landing on the moon; the unravelling of DNA, and so we could go on.

Many events of history and personal experience have unquestionably and powerfully changed and shaped people's lives for better or worse. But none will have had the far-reaching influence of the resurrection of Christ or the same capacity to change lives for ever.

Why? Because we celebrate not simply the one who rose but the one who lives, not just his victory over death but ours too, not a one-off event but an enduring reality. That's what Easter is about: life for you, for me, for all; life lived now in a new dimension, transformed by his touch; life that will go on being lived with him for all eternity. It's a message that has shaped countless lives across the world and throughout the ages, and it goes on shaping ours today.

May God's blessing be with you this Easter time, and always!

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