

PASTORAL LETTER ...

Dear Friends

Christ is risen, He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Happy Easter to all of you

The season of Easter has begun... Did you know it is the churches longest celebration, Easter goes on for 50 days.

But there is more to Easter than eating chocolate! Easter is about a time of renewal, and I think we are very lucky in this country that Easter coincides with spring. Everything appears to be coming back to life. The trees have new leaves and blossoms, and flowers have appeared as if out of nowhere, after all, it was only a month ago that life in Cornwall seemed to come to a standstill because of the snow and the cold. Spring is a great time of renewal.

And Easter is also a great time of renewal. On Easter Day, 1st April, we celebrated Christ rising from the dead and we continue to celebrate this until Pentecost in May, when Jesus returns to heaven to be with his Father. For the church, we begin again, we celebrate Christ's life and we remake our promises to be more like Jesus Christ.

And that's the importance of Easter and renewal in the Christian Church, that we need to be more and more like Jesus. We come together and we celebrate and praise God, but actually when we leave church the work begins, we need to be Christlike all the time. Not just during Easter, or when we are in church.

That's why it's so amazing to celebrate Easter and the risen Christ, so that we can be reminded about what the Easter story is all about. It's about us, the followers of Christ continuing the work he started, to share God's love with everyone equally and always.

Loads of Easter blessings on all of you.

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