

PASTORAL LETTER ...

Dear Friends

"Laughter is the sun that drives winter from the human face." – Victor Hugo

I found this quote the other day and I thought how apt it was as winter drags on before us with no sign of a break in the dull skyline and dank weather. More rain, wet, wet, wet, will it ever stop?

And then looking out of my window one morning, there to greet me were the delicate white flowers of the clumps of snowdrops, no longer hidden in the ground. The quote I had seen came to mind - 'Laughter is the sun that drives winter from the human face.' I smiled as I saw the snowdrops and do you know, the world did seem a little bit less drab.

In the church we have begun a time of preparation, a time called Lent. We prepare ourselves for Easter, for the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Lent a quiet time of preparation where we try to put right those things we have got wrong; knowing that Easter is getting closer and we will truly be forgiven. This too, puts a smile on my face and drives away those winter blues, and it won't be long before spring is well and truly here and Easter is upon us.

Blessings

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