

Easter, 2015

Dear Friends,

As I write this letter the day is gloomy; the last few days have been beautiful: sunny with the temperature above freezing, after the coldest February on record. But it's almost too good to be true; even one day of gloom is discouraging. It's very common for us to be influenced by the lack of sun: some people become quite depressed and require light therapy. "Snowbirds" go south in search of the sun – the warmth, the colour, the brightness. We look forward to more days of sunshine and light. It is no wonder then, that light imagery is used for the Word made human, the Light that came into the world.

In my mind's eye I see that first Easter Day as one full of sunlight, shadows dancing in the garden. What a symbol of the great contrast between the somber mood of Good Friday and the joy of the Resurrection!

The message in Mark's gospel says "He has risen, he is not here" – victorious words – all the events of the past week are put into perspective. The Cross is part of God's glorious plan of salvation not a terrible quirk of fate. All the things Jesus promised, new life, right relationship with God, the Kingdom of Heaven, are brought to fruition.

We look into the tomb with the women, after the soul-searching work of Lent, and we find not fear and amazement, instead we find conviction, love, power and joy that we are set free from the brokenness of sin for wholeness of life in God's service. A life full of the Light of God!

Celebrating together,

The Rev Fran Kovar,
Rector

A schedule of Easter services is included in this letter and an envelope is enclosed for your Easter offering.