A Letter from Peter

At this time of year we look forward to the approach of Easter.

This is the most important time in the church’s calendar, as it is the whole basis of our Christian faith. The fact that Christ died on the cross but rose again is what gives us hope that after death we also will live with him.

This is a hard fact for us to understand but it is also, the centre of our Christian faith. To believe in the resurrection and, all that it entails, is a statement of faith, of hope and of joy. We cannot understand this fully, but it does not matter, we only have to believe.

It must have been very hard for the earl Christians to have witnessed the devastation of the crucifixion, and then the resurrection of Christ. This had such a profound effect on them that they immediately believed and were inspired to preach, and also, to be martyred for the faith. So with this example, this is what we believe.

Perhaps it is no accident that Easter usually coincides with the beginning of spring. Especially in Cornwall we know for sure when the winter storms have passed, the spring flowers will burst into life, and change the countryside. We delight in this transformation, know it will happen, and forget the ravages of winter.

So as we thank God for the beauty around us, we should also thank him for the fact that through Christ we know a better life awaits us after death.

A Happy Easter to you all

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