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*growing in faith & sharing God's love*

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Easter is coming - our celebration that reminds us of who Jesus is, and what God's love looks like. As I write this we're still in Lent - a time of reflection about who we are. This is easy to forget. After all, you live with yourself all the time. Normal is hard to notice. There are things we can do to consider who we are, but they take time and energy. There are also all sorts of influences trying to shape your priorities/values/identity - such as marketing, perceived expectations, personal history, ... They're not all bad, but are they you? Thankfully, God's Spirit is also trying to influence us - to remind us of who we are.

Easter helps. It tells the story of God becoming flesh, like us. Jesus gives us a pattern to live by, and doesn't fight when people reject it. This pattern of loving includes those who recognized Jesus (ex. Martha) and those that denied their relationship (ex. Peter). Jesus even showed love to those who turned away and betrayed him (Judas)... to the point of being humiliated and killed.

What does this have to do with the Lent question of 'who you are?' Regardless of your successes or failures - you are somebody who God loves to the  $n^{\text{th}}$  degree. *Who are you?* A unique creation of God that is valued and loved. You are somebody God wants to have a relationship with, and is inviting to join in building a beautiful future.

One of the ways we help build this future is to share the glimpses of God's glory. This can be through stories of love and hope with those in our lives: family, friends, and neighbours. We can also share glimpses of beauty and peace. This is a blessing we can offer that will be accepted freely - modelling God's grace and love. That said, it's not free. Our Easter Appeal is about providing a tangible vision of beauty and peace for those whose journey takes them by our building. We are encouraging you to donate to support our outdoor landscaping and gardens. Thank you for your generosity.

Christ is Risen (He is risen indeed)

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