

Vicar's Blog

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The darkness and the light

For many churches here and around the world, Easter day was a time of joyous celebration and renewed hope. Yet, this was overshadowed by the horror of the bombing of churches in Sri Lanka as a result of which at least 320 people were killed.

The victims included children, young adults, grandparents, locals and visitors from other countries. The victims were looking forward to a time of joy and peace as they went to church to proclaim – Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

We cry out in anger, we weep with those who mourn and we ask why? There is no easy answer, yet our response must surely be to strive for peaceful, mutually respectful and enabling relationships.

Jesus died that we may have life and live it to the full. As Christians, we strive to honour the gift of Jesus. Over the centuries and today Christians lose their lives because of hate, bigotry and difference.

I pray that we will not be trapped by anger, weeping and question marks of why. Let us move forward through the Easter season praying for new hope. Let us all strive to discern what we can do as individuals and church to nurture all that may enable life, community and wider relationships.

Let the light of the risen Christ shine though us to help overcome the darkness of this world.

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