

12th March 2010

Dear friends,

We are coming to the time of Easter. Budgens at the neighbourhood centre has had huge buckets of chocolate eggs for weeks now and I'm finding myself strangely drawn towards the chocolate bunnies. .
(I think it must be my age).

In preparation for Easter, here at Great Ashby Community Church on Sunday mornings we have been looking at some of the stories towards the end of Luke's gospel. This will lead us into the most wonderful story of all time, the Easter story itself. Year after year I find myself completely amazed and humbled by what Jesus Christ did for us as he went to the cross at Calvary and as he was raised to life again. Each year I find something new in the story. Once again I am astonished at the depth of the love which God has for me and for you. I am so grateful for the hope which we can find in this story. Because of what happened all those years ago outside the city of Jerusalem, we are able to live in God's wonderful, glorious, loving presence for all of our lives. We can talk with him at any time, we can know that we are completely forgiven and that we will be with God for ever. Because Jesus lives I now really live and will go on living for all eternity....and that's without any botox or anti aging creams or cosmetic surgery. This life is for real. It is rich and full and wonderful and the free gift of Jesus to us....because he loves us.

This Easter -

"I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have the power to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of the fullness of God." (Ephesians 3:17-

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In Christian friendship,

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