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Dear Friends

As I write this it is a beautiful hot, sunny day – a late burst of summer glory in September, but I am always amazed by how much shorter the days are getting. The weather is that of summer, but the shorter evenings are that of autumn. Then, when the clocks change at the end of this month, the darker evenings will truly set in.

Darkness is not just physical – it has been a dark 18 months for humanity. But, like this late burst of summer glory that is with us as I write, with restrictions having ended and life returning to some sort of normality, it feels like light is prevailing against the darkness of the last year and a half.

One of Jesus' followers, the Apostle John, writes of this in the prologue to his account of Jesus' life: "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." It is a truth we demonstrate every time we flick a switch and turn on the light on a dark evening. Jesus, the light of the world, came to earth and triumphed over darkness.

As the clocks change at the end of this month, we hope to hold a light party in the Church once again – coronavirus restrictions permitting – for primary school children (you'll find details elsewhere in the magazine) and celebrate that light always overcomes darkness.

Every blessing

Martin King