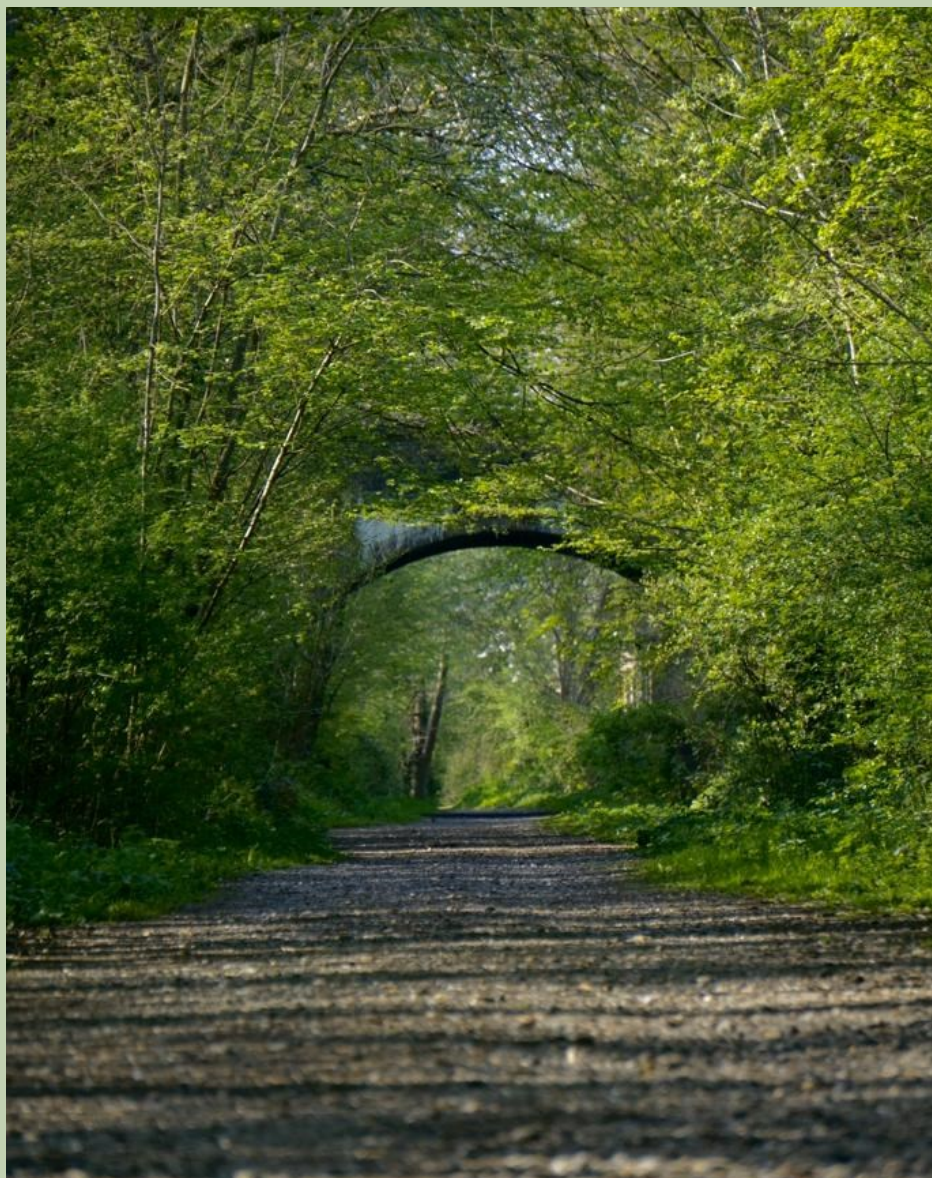


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Dear Friends

Do you have a cross in your house? Perhaps you have a piece of jewellery with one on – a necklace or a pair of earrings. You might have one on a wall or in a picture, or just on a first aid kit in a cupboard.

The cross is a such a common symbol they are all around us, but often it is only when we start looking for them that we see them. Some are simply the result of geometry, for example in windows or on a panelled door; some are international, like the ones we might put in a card to someone we love.

One of the central symbols of the Christian faith is the cross – it is such an important shape that Cathedrals, and even some Churches, are built in the shape of a cross. There are usually crosses in the buildings as well – at Holy Trinity you will find a cross in some of the stained-glass windows and on plaques, as well as free standing ones. Even the Church key is in the shape of a cross!

We have become so familiar with the symbol of the cross that it is easy to forget that, in Jesus's time, it was actually a form of execution, and it became an important symbol to Christians because of Jesus's death. When we see a cross, it is not just a reminder of Jesus' death, but also his resurrection – a cross (unlike a crucifix) is empty, reminding us that Jesus broke the power of sin and death, rising to new life. Later this month we will celebrate this as we celebrate Easter – why not join us and find out more about the empty cross and the man who conquered death?

Every blessing

Martin King