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Dear Friends

How will you celebrate Easter? (It seems we have only just had pancake day, Ash Wednesday and started Lent but at the very end of the month is Easter Day). Will you be giving Easter eggs, perhaps having an Easter Egg hunt for your children or grandchildren? It may be that you just rejoice in the new life all around us at this time of year.

After a long, dark winter the joy of new life coming into being is always welcome. It reminds us that life carries on – we don't live in a museum but an ever-changing world. Just as our lives move forward and change, so too does the Church. Peter described the Church as 'living stones' being built into a spiritual temple. Of course, the Church is not just the people, but also the building – it is not a static, but a living building.

Over the centuries Holy Trinity has evolved to reflect the life of the worshipping community. From works in the 14th and 15th centuries to the addition on of the vestry and an organ in Victorian times, along with the reintroduction of stained glass. The chancel step was added in the 1990s and, for the Millennium, we added the ringing floor, allowing newlyweds to walk out of the west door whilst the bells are rung. More recently, the addition of a camera has allowed those who are housebound to join us online. The screens have helped with visibility and on Remembrance Sunday enable us to see details and, where we have them, photos of those we commemorate. This is why we have recently asked the Church Architect to help us make the best use of our building for the next season.

However you spend your Easter, I hope you will rejoice in the new life, change and growth all around us – and why join us to rejoice on Easter day and the new life risen from the tomb?

Every blessing

Martin King

Cover photo: Stained glass window in Holy Trinity Church by Martin King