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Dear Friends

I'm writing this on the day of the election. If the polls are accurate (and we know from 1992 and 2015 that they sometimes get it wrong) tomorrow we will wake up to a Labour government with a majority possibly as big as 200.

Back in May I wrote about voting for our Police and Crime commissioner and mentioned that we would soon be having a general election. Later that month, when the Prime Minister announced the election, someone commented that I had the gift of prophecy! There are some things about the future it is fairly easy to predict such as whether I'll need a coat when I go out this afternoon. Others are harder – will interest rates fall this month? Whilst others are completely unknown – will England beat Switzerland on Saturday evening? (I hope so).

In his Gospel Matthew consistently points out to his readers how Jesus fulfils the Old Testament prophecies about the Messiah. Yet there are a number of prophecies in the Bible that have yet to be fulfilled; most notably the ones about Jesus' return and judgement.

I find it reassuring that one day those who have avoided judgement in this life will be held to account – those who have murdered but never faced trial, people who have started unjust and unprovoked wars and the like. However, the Bible tells us that none of us are perfect, none of us are righteous, we are all sinners – we may not have committed murder but who can say they have never coveted?

Just as our politicians face a day of reckoning today, one day we will all face judgement. Thankfully, for those who follow Jesus, he has paid the price of our sins through his death on the cross – I wonder if you have ever thought about what will happen to you on judgement day?

Every blessing

Martin King