

2019-04-21 ... 10am Easter Sunday ... Revd Canon Judy Hunt

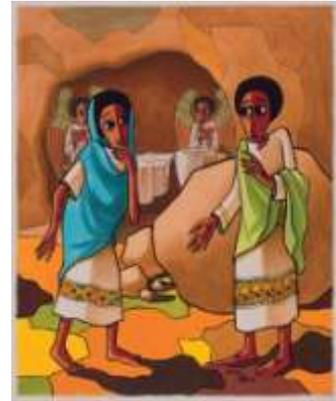
Luke 24 v1-12

'Fake news'

Prayer

Following that Gospel – let's hear from Peter, James and John

Drama (Light of Life, Nick Fawcett, p30-31)
A dramatic reading with Tom, Alan and Jacob being the disciples discussing the news that the women had brought back after visiting the tomb.



Fake news!

When I hear that phrase – I immediately think of Donald Trump ... you may or may not do the same!

But after this morning's Gospel passage???

We're bound to recognise that whilst "Fake News" is a 21st century phrase – it's certainly not a 21st century fear or phenomenon.

What made the male disciples think that the women came back from the tomb with an "idle tale"?

Perhaps it was that they were so upset, depressed, disillusioned that they were unable to hear anything that was positive

Perhaps it was an arrogance – the women were not the ones who could possibly be right ... or those who were the first to discover something wonderful

Perhaps they would describe themselves as 'realists' – dead bodies stay dead

If God is going to continue to be active in our lives – or to break into our lives afresh with his resurrection power and joy ... we can learn from – learn to be open to good news – whatever the human source – learn that God can exceed our expectations

And when we sense that something may be of God – let's not be put off by other people's disdain or lack of belief – the women didn't give up on speaking about what they had seen and heard ... and maybe – like Peter – we make the effort to check things out

To dismiss something as Fake news can be the wise thing to do ... but sometimes, just sometimes what seems so improbable – when it links to God ... is the absolute truth!

Alleluia, Christ is risen: **He is risen indeed; Alleluia!**