

Ramblings From the Rectory

Thinking of April I think of "April Fools". I think of all of the tricks played on people. I think of the famous "Spaghetti Harvest" joke by the BBC, and the more recent flying penguins "nature documentary", again by the BBC. If you haven't seen them then you can easily look them both up on YouTube. They make me smile, every time.

This year April Fools' Day could be one of the greatest ever. This year there were lots of fools turning out of their homes early to celebrate something crazy not just foolish, including me. I was up at 6am to celebrate the stupid idea that a man could die and then come to life again. How could that possibly be?

This year I am an April Fool and proud of it! I am an April Fool because I believe the impossible. I believe that a man died 2,000 years ago and three days later he was alive again. I have read lots of accounts and they are pretty convincing. More than that, I know first hand that it's true. I know because I have met him, sadly not physically, but through his Spirit. I have met Jesus and found my life changed. I've discovered that I'm loved, and that there is hope in this world of confusion, lies and pain.

I must be mad; at least if you think that the world is just a machine made up of nothing more than what we can easily see, or measure. Then I have never thought that there was nothing more to the world than the physical, even before I contracted this Christian madness. Very few people really do. Most of us know that this world is made up of more, we love and wonder, and 'feel' reality, just as much as we weigh and measure it.

Perhaps I am sane? Perhaps it's the rest of the world that is mad? Perhaps, you and I are more than just machines? Perhaps it's all the rest who are April Fools.

God bless, Nigel