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What was the women's first response to this history making event? It was to share the Good News with others that "Jesus is risen". 'Jesus is risen - He is risen indeed'; what is our response is to the awesome love of God seen through Jesus' life, death and resurrection and what does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus for us today? How might we be the light and love bearers of Christ to many in the world today who suffer a continual winter of injustice, poverty, famine, drought and the consequences of war.

Do we each truly know that we are treasured and loved by God and the sign and cost of that love is witnessed through an empty cross, an empty tomb and the invitation to proclaim far and wide "I have seen the Lord".

The late Billy Graham is reported to have said:

"The resurrection of Christ changed the midnight of bereavement into a sunrise of reunion; it changed the midnight of disappointment into a sunrise of joy; it

changed the midnight of fear to a sunrise of peace."

May you know the assurance, joy, peace and love of God through Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit this Easter for: He is Risen - He is Risen indeed; Hallelujah!

Love,

Francis

THE PROMISE OF THE LORD

When you are sad,
I will dry your tears.

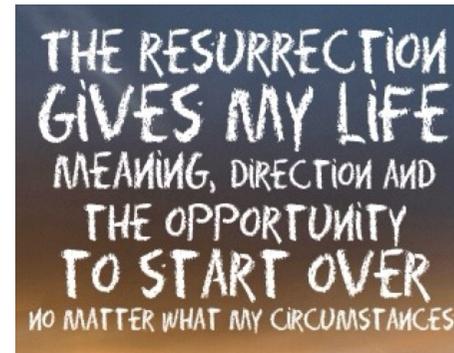
When you are scared,
I will comfort your fears.

When you are worried,
I will give you hope.

And when you are lost,
I shall be your light.

This is my promise,
I pledge to the end.

Why? You may ask,
Because you are my friend.



Geoff's Recap

From the Circuit:

The circuit is currently looking forward to 2020 when there is an expectation of a reducing number of ministers and some will recall completing questionnaires last autumn to give the circuit a steer on the way forward. Initial thoughts have been developed with churches being grouped into stations with each station having a minister and a lay worker who will be working with the churches in the station. It is early days with these proposals in that the nature of lay involvement has not been finally decided and much thought and prayer is

certainly required to determine the way forward. It now looks as if we will not be getting a replacement for Rev Christine Griffiths who is due to sit down (retire) this year, however we have a Deacon, Bob Stoner, who has been appointed to Todmorden, for a three-year term from September. So, it's a time for change however we must always ensure that we are not distracted from our task which is the promotion and development of Christ's Kingdom here on earth.

Defibrillator:

This is on order and it is hoped it will be installed later this month. Look out for the training which is being organised for anyone who is interested, later this month.

March Offertory

4th	£123.90
11th	£151.30
18th	£119.20
25th	£245.65
25th eve	£131.93