



The Bishop of Lincoln

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As the Bishop of Lincoln I write to wish you a happy Easter.

I have noticed the huge variety of Easter eggs on the shelves in supermarkets. It is hard to count the number of different shapes and sizes that exist. When Jesus died he was put in a tomb – it was a bit like an egg. The tomb was enclosed and sealed with a large stone at the entrance. But on that first Easter day, Jesus came alive again and burst out of the tomb. Nobody saw it happen. But in the days that followed, the sadness of Jesus dying on the cross was replaced with great joy and excitement as he appeared to his disciples and friends.

The Easter egg reminds us of the new life of Easter and that life is for each of us to enjoy. While we cannot count up the number of Easter eggs that exist, a useful number to remember is 63. There are 63 words in the Lord's prayer that begins with the words: "Our Father in Heaven..". I learnt this prayer as a child and it is a gift that reminds us that we are loved by God. You may wish to say this prayer or lines from it that remind us of the love God has for us that we are reminded of at Easter time.

May you have a happy and holy Easter – and enjoy the chocolate if you are lucky to receive some Easter eggs.

With every good wish,

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