

## EASTER GREETINGS 2016

**“Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen”(Luke 24:5b)**

Christ is risen, Christ is risen, indeed!

Easter Day is the day, the pinnacle of the church year, the reason we gather to worship the God whose love is stronger than hate and commitment to life can overcome death.

Easter is the strongest part of the Christian commitment to our Christian life.

For without Easter, there is no Christianity. For many people that wouldn't be a big deal.

And that would be a sad state of affairs.

We can still hunt for Easter eggs, get new spring clothes, have a big ham dinner with all the trimmings. Easter can still be here for many people without even the thought of the Christian aspect of it.

But, and this is the big but, without the Christian aspect of Easter celebration, newness of life can never be fully realized.

So much of the spiritual aspect of our being is contained in hidden surprise and in newness of life transcending our very being. That is resurrection experience.

That is looking for and finding, “the living among the dead”.

Springtime and its correlation with resurrection are where we find what those early people at the tomb were looking for. New life amongst the death of the past.

The winter is near over, and the trees and the ground with bloom forth and teem forth with new life. And our lives will never be the same. Once again new life comes to our soul and being at Eastertime.

I encourage you to take part in worship celebrations for Holy Week and Easter time.

Make an attempt to engage in worship time, which will enhance your Easter celebration.

Wishing you and yours, a blessed Easter time,



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### WORSHIP SERVICES & CHURCH EVENTS

Sunday March 20	Palm Sunday & Communion	Hastings 9:15 am, Roseneath 11:00 am
Thursday March 24	Maundy Thursday Communion, Dinner service	Roseneath 6:00 pm
Friday March 25	Good Friday Service & Communion	Hastings 7:30 pm
Sunday March 27	Easter Sunday Services	Hastings 9:15 am, Roseneath 11:00 am
Monday March 28	Easter Monday Pancake Supper	Hastings 5:00-7:00
Sunday April 3	Holy Humour Sunday	Hastings 9:15 am, Roseneath 11:00 am