

The resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ is an historical event which if we allow can affect each moment of our daily lives.

Those outside the faith can often only see that this article of belief concerns death; that those seeking to have faith in this experience are attempting to resolve problems with mortality.

Afraid to die we seek to find a promise of heaven.
An escape from the inevitable.

However belief in the resurrection is not an escape from reality but an engagement with it.

Our conviction that life does not come to an end does not excuse us from facing the challenge of death,
but gives us the hope with which to work with our ever changing life.

The Gospel reflects this beautifully.

“There is no need to be afraid”

“He is not here”

“now he is going before you”

He held the baby in his arms and loved the infant with a depth that frightened him.

He would protect the babe.
He would care for the infant.
He would provide for all her needs.

Within such a very short time this tiny child would no longer be there.

In her place there would be a girl with adolescent anxieties and joys.

Then replacing her would come the complex women with independence and dignity.

For the Christian there is a call upon our faith.

“There is no need to be afraid”

“She who was, is not here”

“now she is going before you”

Everything was just perfect.

She was earning an absolute fortune.
She had a great group of friends who shared her zest for life.

All the hard work of her past was paying off and the word enjoy was creeping into her
existence.

Nothing needed to be different.

However nothing remains the same.

Nothing ever remains the same.

“There is no need to be afraid”

“That life of yesterday is not here”

“the adventure is going before you”

Old age is a trial and a battle greater perhaps than any of the struggles of life’s
existence.

The energy level had diminished.

The responsibilities seemed to have increased.

Some days came and went without any apparent significance.

The tired eyes could see only work, and the tired hands could never complete that
which would only reach its conclusion in the humility of death.

How then to approach tomorrow.

“There is no need to be afraid”

“It is not here”

“He is going before you”

Do I know what is happening to me tomorrow?

Of course I don’t.

Do you know what is happening to you tomorrow?

You have some idea but no certainty.

However with faith in the risen Christ we know that there is no need to be afraid.

That even death will not destroy the magnificent adventure of life.

We are to follow Jesus through LIFE, through the crucifixion at times, and through the resurrection and on and on into eternity.