



Y now Lent will be passing and the great Easter Festival drawing near. Lent is not intended to be a period of gloom but rather a time of spiritual growth. It is the Spring of a Christian Summer, for as we approach Summer through Spring so we approach Easter through Lent.

In the earliest days of the Church Lent seems to have been a voluntary fast of about 40 hours corresponding to the Friday and Saturday before Easter. Later on in the 4th century it changed from being a voluntary one to a prescribed time of abstinence for Christians generally during a period of 40 days. The Church of England lays down no elaborate rule with regard to the observance of Lent beyond laying it down that as Christians we must take steps to see that it is a time to strengthen the rule of the spirit over the body and assist us in bringing all our desires under control so so enable us to draw nearer to God.

Then we come to Good Friday, without which there could be no Easter. It became clear to Our Lord during His earthly ministry that there was something which He must do if men and women were to be brought to repentance and so brought home to God. He must do something which would bring about in them a change of heart and effectively to move their wills. He must lay down His life for His friends. By that He would show His love for man.

And the message of Good Friday can be summed up in the words of the well known hymn—

‘Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.’

Our next issue of the Magazine will give a list of the services at both churches for Good Friday and Easter Day.

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HERE may we welcome new readers of the Magazine and again express our gratitude to the ladies who act as distributors month by month.

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No entries this month.