

## A Letter from the Rectory

**M**any of you will no doubt have eaten your Easter eggs by now and be planning for the next event on the horizon. It may be a birthday, a family wedding or a holiday, another moment in your journey through life.

The Church year is marked by a series of events: celebrations, times of preparation, times of remembrance, times to be rowdy and times to be quiet, a relentless round of activity and in next to no time another year has rushed by and as you look back you cannot remember what happened, who you met or the decisions you made unless it had particular significance.

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Our lives may be likened to a journey, there are twists and turns, road-blocks and traffic jams. Some of us know where we are going, others have no obvious plans and drift along, all of us probably take a wrong turn at some time. The journey through life may take some to the other side of the world, whilst many travel no further than the next village.

On Easter Monday, in the company of the Welwyn Team combined youth group and a number of youthful adults I made the annual Easter pilgrimage to St Albans Abbey. A Pilgrimage is a journey with a difference, it is usually to a holy place or in the footsteps of a notable saint or holy person. We had an excellent day, a good walk, blue skies, sun-



shine and just a light breeze, perfect for walking and finally an uplifting service in the Abbey. The highlight was the number of people there, particularly teenagers, all crammed into the Abbey. There was lots of laughter, spirited singing, quiet reflective prayer and it was ok to enjoy being part of a Christian community. It was a day to be remembered, another event that helps to mould each one of us into who we are.

#### *The Pilgrim Prayer*

*God of life, you made this day for joy and gladness. Let the risen Lord be among us as we walk, as we talk, as we pray, and set our hearts on fire with love for your will. Increase our love for one another, that in both name and truth we may be faithful disciples of the risen Lord Jesus.*

*To God be the glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.*

*Coralie*