

Tuesday 12th April 2022

Psalm 94: 5 *“Your statutes stand firm;*

holiness adorns your house

for endless days, O Lord.”

Leviticus 19: 1, 2 *“The Lord said to Moses, ‘Speak to the entire assembly of Israel and say to them: ‘Be holy because I, the Lord your God, am holy.’”*

This is Holy Week. What is meant by holy? Where is holiness in all the chocolate, rabbits and daffodils? Believers will know that it is the cross and the passion of Jesus and his resurrection that is foremost in their minds at this time of Easter.

Holiness, however is an important part of the crucifixion message. Moses was instructed by God to speak to his people about how they should act in their lives in a holy manner acceptable to God. Chapter 19 of Leviticus is a long list of moralistic instructions which are just as relevant today as they were then. They are all about the poor, the oppressed and the disadvantaged. They are about refugees, the abused and the persecuted. They are essentially about our behaviour towards others. We should strive to follow these precepts. That way is holiness.