



LIFE IN GLORIOUS 'TECHNICOLOR'

Dear Friends,

There are many wonderful aspects to our Christian faith. Here are a few, just for starters...

... the wonder that the One behind all things has revealed Himself to be loving and gracious

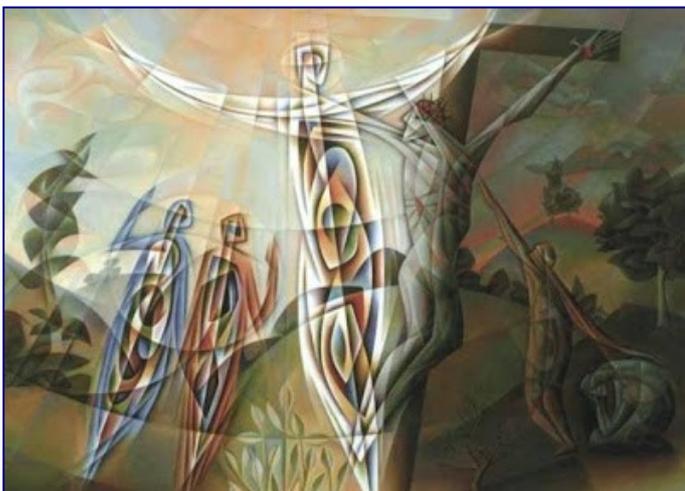
... we have an inner freedom and joy that cannot be removed by our earthly circumstances

... when we're struggling with direction or purpose, growing in His love and finding ways of expressing that love create a powerful sense of hope and excitement about living

... that we no longer need to fear that we are judged or are failing as we are promised acceptance and inspiration to grow forward

... and the list goes on.

The difference that this living faith makes to us is phenomenal. It's like faith "colours life in". No longer are we watching the world in black and white but in glorious '*Technicolor*' with the spiritual side of life illuminating the creation around us.



Crucifixion (2) - John Reilly

I have always loved the paintings of this particular artist, John Reilly, who captures the idea that the life of faith we live, a life full of hope and resurrection power, has the potential to transform and "colour in" each moment, even and especially the most challenging. (More of his art can be seen here.)

<http://thejohnreillygallery.co.uk/>

There is a fascinating conversation I enjoyed watching this month between two contemporary academics who have a huge following on social media at the moment... Bishop Baron John (Word on Fire, Catholic Ministry) and Jordan Peterson (famously controversial Psychologist from Canada)... as they discuss questions of faith. (the video is here if you have a couple of hours to spare!!)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cXIIaoNQmZY>

SCIENCE & THEOLOGY

The great thing about these sort of conversations is that they are so mature... faith seeking understanding. Science and theology working together for a deeper understanding of who we are as human beings and who we can become. One focus of this particular conversation is how we as adults take the "risk" of faith. They both describe a well understood process that we all go through as we grow up.

We start with the naivety of childhood, a childish faith. Here "faith" is blind and self-oriented; not tempered in the fire of experience and not so much more than a hopeful optimism. The problem is, that life does not allow us to con-

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tinue for long in this first naivety and as life deals it's hard blows, as people let us down, lie to us, take advantage of us etc, etc... we begin to develop the hard skin of cynicism. Although (as Peterson says) this can be improved in how we are prepared to face the world, the problem is that life becomes dark; the joy is sucked out of living as we live in distrust and negativity. And this leads us to a choice. Do we continue in this cynical perspective - believing that the darkness we have found is the full extent of the truth; or, do we take our courage in our hands and decide that we cannot live that way; that there is more; that there is goodness and truth and beauty alongside the harsh ways that have shattered our first naivety. And consciously and courageously decide to move into a new phase of our lives; a second, chosen "naivety" which recognises the risks but also recognises the hope.

PHILOSOPHICAL IDEAS

As Christians, we are given so much to assure us that this step of faith is not only worthwhile, but part of our destiny. Our hope is not based only on abstract philosophical ideas or inspiring words but by the power of God that raised Jesus from the dead. St Paul experienced, and tells us through his writing, that the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead is at work in us as we believe. Receiving this same Spirit is the consequence of that step from cynicism to faith - that grown up, adult, courageous step, that opens our lives to richer, thoughtful, responsible, loving living, inspired by God's presence within. "Walking in step with the Spirit" becomes our way of life as we experience the blessings of knowing God. But it's not always plain sailing!

It is because this step into a mature faith is so much more than intellectual assent to the possibilities of faith that receiving the gifts of

Grace requires more than a one-off decision to realise the life that is offered.

I have heard many suggestions over the years for how we can connect with God - from "arrow prayers" shot up to God in the heat of the moment to intercession made daily from a carefully kept list to the practice of lighting a prayer candle while we're passing a church (somewhat easier in Greece!).

All of these practices are most definitely part of the gift of prayer but the relationship that we are offered in Jesus is more intimate than only making requests of God; there is a spiritual richness that comes from being mindfully in the moment with the Holy Spirit right there with us. It takes just a moment for us to remember His constant Presence; to smile and to thank Him; to spend that "few seconds of eternity" with Him that allow His love to flood in. This feels more like being with Him "face to face" rather than sending our prayers "by email"! This Presence, always only a mindful moment away, is one of the most wonderful consequences of that grown-up step of faith, the adult decision we make that we desire Jesus and His resurrection power to colour our lives in.

I hope in the heat of the summer (and that now seems to apply to more and more places in the world!) you manage to remember that our Lord is always with you and that you find yourself blessed by His Presence as, whatever you are doing and wherever you are, you allow those few moments of eternity to transform your day.

With every blessing,

Jules.

DAY CHEMOTHERAPY UNIT CORFU HOSPITAL

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Many thanks to all who contributed to the collection for the Cancer/ Chemotherapy Unit Corfu Hospital.

The sum of 1,720 euro was collected from part of our Christmas and Summer Fairs, events and individual donations

Praise The Lord for an answer to prayer that this much needed unit has been provided with the latest equipment and is now one of the top units in Greece! Such a help to the community, and saving them trips to the mainland. Certain necessary items were still needed ,so on Thursday 18th July, Jules and I met with the very grateful manager or the unit and had a fun time shopping for them.



Please remember in your prayers Corfu Hospital, patients, doctors, nurses and staff; they are doing a great job! Giving thanks for the late Carolyn Spinoula, whose idea it was in the first place.

All Gods Blessings, He loves a cheerful giver .

Lorraine

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is also able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things and at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work"

2 Corinthians 9 .7-8

Walking with a Purpose in Lefkada

Back in 2017 I did two prayer walks here in Lefkas town as part of the Thy Kingdom Come campaign. They were lightly attended but very much enjoyed so I had it in mind to repeat the following year. For various reasons last year we didn't get to do anything for the event so this year I was determined to get a memorable prayer walk put together for whoever wanted to join us.



We met in town at a little wooden bridge and after explaining to all the origins of the campaign and purpose (begun by Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby and Archbishop of York John Sentamu) from Ascension to Pentecost various activities are held which encourage us to think of and pray Thy Kingdom Come, and for people who have yet to know Jesus Christ to have the opportunity of learning about him as we pray for them in these days.

Our group consisted of four congregation members, two non church goers and myself. We gathered together inviting our Lord to walk with us, opening our eyes, ears and hearts to His presence, that we would honour and glorify him in what we were about to do.

FIRST LEG

Our first leg of the journey was to be done in silence (not so easy for us chatty types) walking along the waterfront thinking about praying. To whom did we address our prayers and who were we praying for? We prayed that the

Holy Spirit would guide our steps allowing us to appreciate the beauty around us and the needs within us as we set out in faith. Because the next part of the journey involved a walk on a fast road with no pavement and blind bends we jumped into two cars (parked prior to the walk for said purpose) and drove to the next spot where we would resume our walk.

ALONG THE BEACH

It was at this point that each walker was given a smooth pebble from the beach. They were asked to imagine any stress, worries, troubles and concerns to be embedded or wrapped up and held deep within the stone. Feeling the smoothness of its surface we imagined how smooth life would be without those difficulties. We turned the stones over in our hands as we walked and thought of how we might resolve those difficulties and of others also struggling in bad situations. What might they do? Who will listen to us, who can act for us?



By now we had arrived at a little church just set back from the beach, Αγίός Γιάννης, which usually is open but sadly that evening it was closed. It was here that we noted that prayer is often offered as a last resort when all other avenues of help have been exhausted. Instead

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of trying to resolve our difficulties alone we would invite God to lift their burden from us as we offered them to him in prayer. Simultaneously launching our troubles, within our pebbles, into the sea. The pebbles and all they represented were swallowed up by the ocean, and we contemplated their burden being lifted from our shoulders as we lifted our cares to God. In our own strength we often fail - trust instead in God, let Him be and see Him in all our circumstances. Allow the peace of His presence that is not easy to understand, but is freely and graciously given to us, to wash over us, just as the ocean washed over our pebbles. I then invited all present to share with each other the Peace.

FINAL STAGE

As we walked back to just beyond where our cars were parked we thought of how we live, where we live and how we can make changes to bring improvements to both our lives and the lives of those around us. At our walks end we all took a handful of sand- saw the grains, felt the weight of it in our hands - and then opened our hands to watch it slip through our fingers and return to the beach.



As we let go of our worries in our pebbles and felt the thousands of grains of sand slip through our fingers the burden of our troubles was lifted from us, by the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Problems will always arise, but if we share the solving of them with God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit they will have a lesser effect on our lives and will not weigh us down as we go. Let us then open our hearts and our minds to the peace that only God can give, and let us recite the Lord's Prayer.

Each person present had taken time to walk quietly with God, then thought about their needs and the needs of others and had lifted them up to Him. We'd thought about trying to do things on our own and recognized that lifting our concerns to God took the weight out of them and that together we were more likely to resolve those issues than if we tried alone. We imagined those small things that when joined together represent a huge burden (the sand) that can paralyze us into not being able to get beyond them. But when offered to God, released from our grip, they lost their grip on us. Prayer can be done in so many ways at all different times by many or few people, but when we pray together we know that the Spirit of the Lord will move and by God's Grace will make our requests effective in His greater plan.

Jackie Dallos - Reader



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Come and worship with us at monthly gatherings.

Communion services - led by Rev. Jules Wilson, visiting Chaplain
from Holy Trinity Anglican Church Corfu,

Services of the Word taken by
Reader - Jackie Dallos.

All are welcome, whether you are looking to brush up on a dusty faith,
or ask some of the bigger questions of life, come along and join us.

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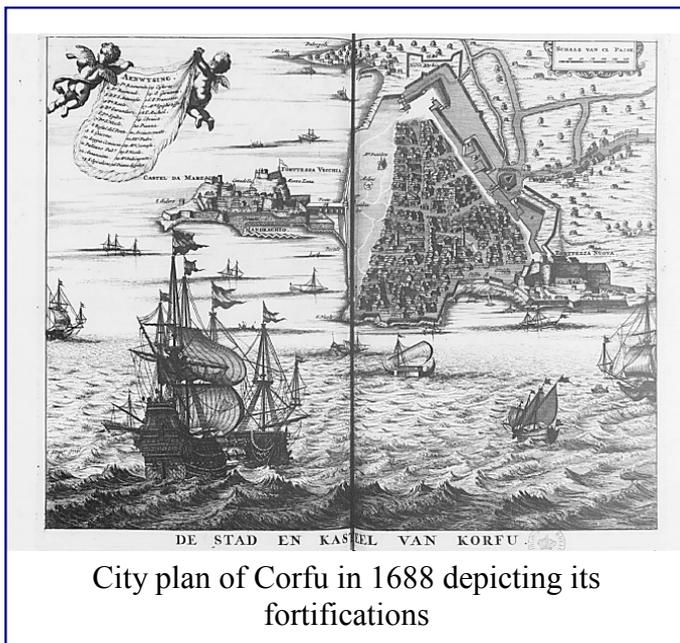
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The SECOND SIEGE of Corfu- 1716



On the 11th August there is the Annual Litany of the Patron Saint Spyridon held in memory of his miraculous intervention during the Turkish siege of 1716 which lasted 40 days from the 23rd June-11th August.

After the first siege of the Turks in 1573 the Corfiotes pleaded with the Venetian authorities to have the city fortified: works on the two fortress and city walls and gates lasted almost a century and was completed in 1645. By the time of the Second Siege of 1716 the island was well defended.



City plan of Corfu in 1688 depicting its fortifications

Venice was at war with the Ottoman Empire which had conquered the whole of the Peloponnese. The Turks considered that the way to the Ionian Islands was now free. This was part of the Sultans plan to conquer all the Ionian islands. The Venetians decided to defend at all cost, Corfu being of vital strategic importance as the key of the Adriatic and the trading life-line with the East.

In order to defend the city, Venice had sent the famous Field Marshal Johannes Matthias von der Schulenburg who set about strengthening the fortifications on the fortress and on the island of

Vido. He enrolled 3,000 Kerkyrean citizens and 5,000 soldiers of different nationalities, Dalmatians, Slavonians, Italians and Germans.



Count Johann Matthias von der Schulenburg: portrait with the marshal's baton by Gian Antonio Guardi, 1741

On the 8th July the Turkish fleet loaded with troops sailed to Corfu from Butrinto (Albania) on the opposite coast of the Northern Channel. The troops numbered 30,000 under the command of Kara Mustapha Pasha; (grandfather of Ali Pasha of Ioannina) began landing at Govino and Ipsos, 6 miles from the city, where they made their camp. On the same day the Venetian Fleet encountered the Turkish Fleet off the channel of Corfu and although heavily outnumbered, defeated it in the ensuing navel battle.

The Turkish camp was moved from Govino and Ipsos to Potamos. By the 3rd August the Turks occupied the suburbs of Garitsa, San Rocco and Mandouki where gun batteries had been established.

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The Turks now prepared to attack the outer defenses of the New Fortress. At dawn on the 8th August they launched a decisive attack shouting warcries, climbed and captured the northwest bastion overlooking the harbour where they placed fifty of their Muslim standards. They were about to put scaling ladders to attack the main wall when Schulenburg lead a counter-attack with a large number of troops, followed by a mass of civilians preceded by a Priest holding aloft a Cross, to give encouragement to everybody as they advanced into battle. After repeated attempts and heavy fighting Schulenburg succeeded in scaling and recapturing the bastion.



The miracle of Corfu; byzantine icon in Santa Maria Assunta church of Villa Badessa, Italy

During the intense battle the Turkish soldiers reported seeing high above the New Fortress a man dressed like a monk (St. Spyridon) threatening them with a lit torch in one hand and a flaming sword in the other.

That night a strange and violent storm destroyed a great part of the Turkish fleet driving panic amongst the Turks fleet who reported seeing the same apparition of the Saint flying at them threatening them with a lit torch in one hand and a

flaming sword in another. These sightings, along with a freak storm caused panic amongst the ranks, many were drowned as they rushed in confusion to board the remaining ships, which resulted in them leaving the island two days later, 11th August 1716.

Field Marshal Schulenburg with his staff and a crowd of faithful walked to the church of St. Spyridon where they attended on their KNEES a Service of Thanksgiving.

The people of Corfu who had, for the forty-eight days the Turks were on their island, attended church services daily, praying for deliverance. The Orthodox faith and traditions had been saved. There was great joy and celebrations of the brilliant victory which brought peace to the island. The Christian victory at the Second Siege of Corfu, constituted the final check to the Ottomans attempts at breaking through to Western Europe, and may be therefore considered as an important landmark in European History.

After the Victorious outcome of the battle, the Venetian Senate honoured Field Marshal Schulenburg for his outstanding service; he was decorated and given a State Pension. The great composer Vivaldi was commissioned to compose an opera, '*Juditha triumphans*' in celebration of the victory. Based on the Book of Judith the opera was an allegorical description of the victory of the Venetians (the Christians) over the Turks during the siege of 1716.

The Vararola Festival takes place in Corfu every year in commemoration of the Navel Battle between the Turkish and Venetian Fleets. Ending in a glorious victory with the divine intervention of Patron Saint Spyridon.

Pauline Argyrou
Church warden



Johann Matthias Reichsgraf von der Schulenburg: marble statue in Corfu town

THE TIME IS NOW

The time is now
It has begun!
The empires of the world are
overthrown by the reign of
love and justice,
crumbling like sand-castles be-
fore heaven's flood tide.

For the king has taken his throne –
the king who was life from ages past
the king who is in
the light of his
own glory
the king whose
love will fiercely
burn forever.

Rejoice – it has begun!
The great assize where the poor will
find justice,
the down-trodden will be lifted, the
faithful will receive reward.

But woe – it has begun!
The destroyer will be destroyed, the
unjust will feel the weight of God's
justice
the futile schemings of evil rulers are
pulled down upon their heads.



The time is now! –
for the straightening of crooked systems
for the purification of poisoned wells
for the cautery of society's
wounds.
It is time for the
reign of the
Lord and the
Messiah –
incomparable, irresistible
and invincible.

It has begun.

*Helen Paynter, based on
Revelation 11:15–19.*

Holy Trinity Church, Corfu

Presents
An Evening of
Music & Mezedes

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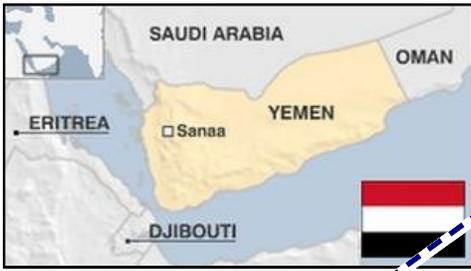
Music & Mezedes - UPDATE!

The final amount raised by the event was an amazing €1,264.00

As 50% of the proceeds were for local charities we were able to donate €316 to each of the chosen charities, the *Corfu Hospital Cancer Unit* and the *Special Needs Vocational School, Korakiana*.

Thank you to everyone involved!

A FORGOTTEN CONFLICT?



For us Europeans everything seems so easy. To transfer money to Yemen took ages. Such a simple thing we usually do with a couple of clicks. Western Union took the money and after a week the girls responsible found out that they do not send such amounts of money to a bank account. It had to start all over again. Finally, about 11,500 euro was sent and received.

Sabina, my friend who has been living in Sanaa, the capital, for over 25 years, together with her husband, has found a very simple space for a very simple kitchen. It can be locked at night, which is important, and it costs about 70 dollars a month.

Now they are negotiating with the shops and people at the markets to get the best deals on food (and also get receipts for it, which is not automatic in all places) also by this trying to support the small farmers. They have or-



The original target for getting and equipping a very simple kitchen was about 8,000 Euros.

dered the gas bottles (there is a big lack at the moment but they have about 5 of them for now) and a water tank. Everything takes ages because what seemed to be easy today becomes difficult the next day. The prices change every day according to the dollar rate.

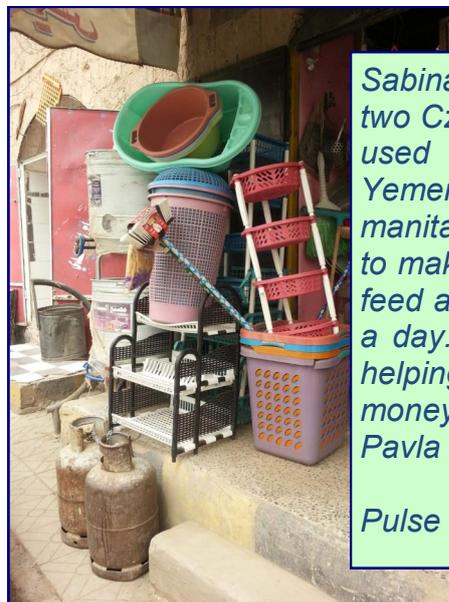
Sabina is very grateful for all your donations and prayers. Please, keep praying for this project as it is very important to help at least some of the poorest people with little children who are starving.



Whoever wants to sign up to give 10 euro a month, please, see me or send me an email pavla@otenet.gr

And those, who already did – thank you!!

I will keep you updated. *Love, Pavla*



Sabina decided with two Czech friends who used to work in Yemen for some humanitarian companies to make this kitchen to feed about 300 people a day. When I started helping them raise money.
Pavla

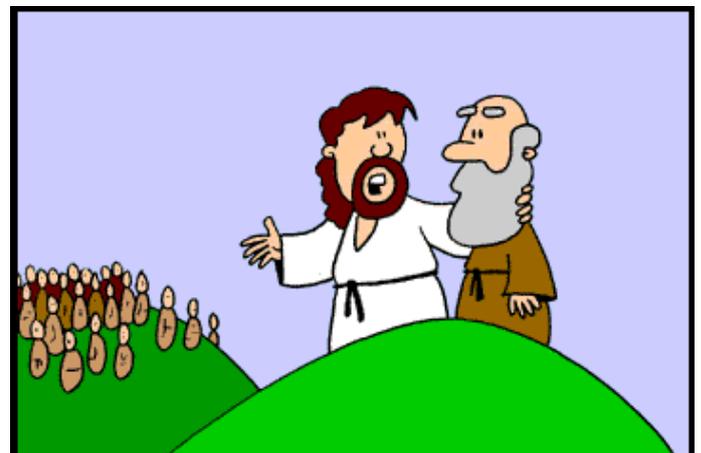
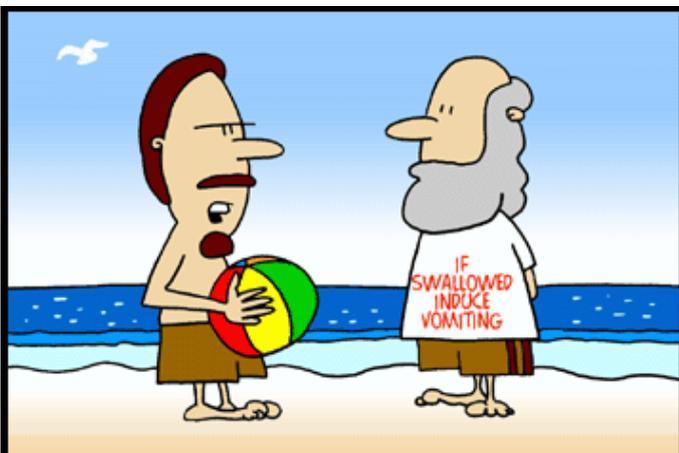
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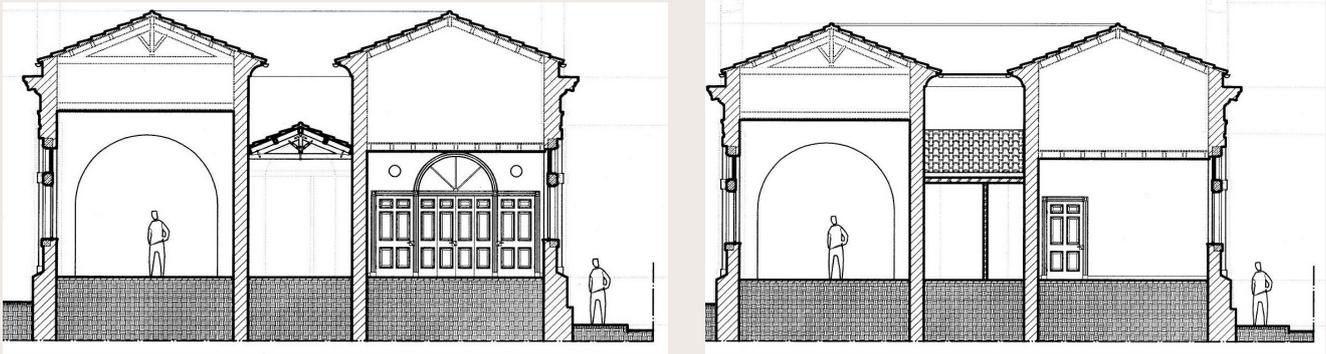


Thanks to Lloyd Vandenbrink (See Jonah 1-4) 08-25-1998
OH JONAH, PLEASE DON'T TELL ME THAT YOU'RE GOING TO WEAR THAT T-SHIRT ALL DAY AT THE BEACH AGAIN

(See Matthew 14:14-21) 08-31-1998
YOU ALL DID A GREAT JOB FEEDING THE 5000 ... BUT NOW I NEED YOU TO SEE IF YOU CAN FIND A LAD IN THE CROWD WHO HAS A BREATH MINT

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The view of the panelling in the cafe area when closed would look like the left hand picture.



The right hand picture shows the panelling across the room which is capable of being fully opened and the shape of the new roof.

This design, in combination with the accessibility developments outside the building, will create the open, welcoming and more flexible space that we are praying will enable the new mission opportunities at the heart of the project.

Please keep praying and we'll keep you posted!!

FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE!

We give thanks for the help we have received and progress with Logos Cafe. Please pray that with the change of government that things will still proceed with the right timing. Meanwhile that ideas will flow for its use for The Lord's Kingdom.

Pray for:-

- Jules as he takes several Marriage Blessings, and that those being blessed will truly sense the presence of the Lord on their special day and in their future together.
- Our ministry to visitors to be truly refreshing for them.
- Corfu Hospital patients and their needs. For the Lord to guide us where we can help.
- August 30th and 31st is the Agioffest, an annual music festival. HTC's jazz band 'Jammin' will be the first ones on, so we pray for opportunities.

We are going to miss a few of our younger ones. Pray for:-

- The Hurley family Peter, Nicola, Andrea and Lydia moving back to Holland. May they settle well, the girls adjust to schooling and all grow in fellowship there.
- Pray for Danny, our talented flautist, who will be starting University in Zurich, that he settles well, makes friends and finds a church family.

Weekday activities stop for August; but Jules carries on working. Pray for him to be continually protected and strengthened in The Holy Spirit; and to find time to relax with Trish.

BLESSINGS ABROAD!

It is always special to come to H.T.C. Although only once a year, it is still part of our life which we look forward to, it's been a part of our life now, for must be at least 20 years. We always think about you all and pray for you.

Things change, we don't do so much as we used to, but I put that down to us all getting older. I really enjoyed Nigel Scotland's sermon on The Sabbath Rest, something we should all be taking in. We do need to slow down a bit and rest in The Lord. I also enjoyed the article in the 'Pulse', "Too Much of a good thing." [Pulse July 2019]



I always look forward to the postman bringing the Pulse every month, it actually gives me a buzz! I take it upstairs and put it on my bedside table and look forward to getting into bed with our side table lights on and reading it to Maureen. It goes like this, "Look at this Mo." and "See what so and so has been doing." or "Listen to this..."

Although we are so many miles away 'Pulse' brings us together and I am sure that is so, for so many people who also come to Corfu each year and attend Holy Trinity.

I think that in the 'Pulse' before that one [Pulse June 2019], it was about Holy Trinity being a little church on a little island. Well actually it's a big world-wide church on a little island with a big world-wide congregation who all feel part of Holy Trinity Corfu and that is because of the welcome they get when attending and The Fruits of the Spirit are evident in the church showing the move of The Spirit in many ways.

So, we send Holy Trinity and the whole congregation The Lord's blessings on all that is done in His name (Be blessed in abundance). May all that you do flourish, grow and multiply, all in the Name of Jesus our Saviour through the power of The Holy Spirit.

"God bless and keep Jules. Protect him Lord, keep him healthy and strong for your work. Bless all that he does in your name and bless his whole family too ."

Love to you all in Jesus

Ken and Maureen Carter

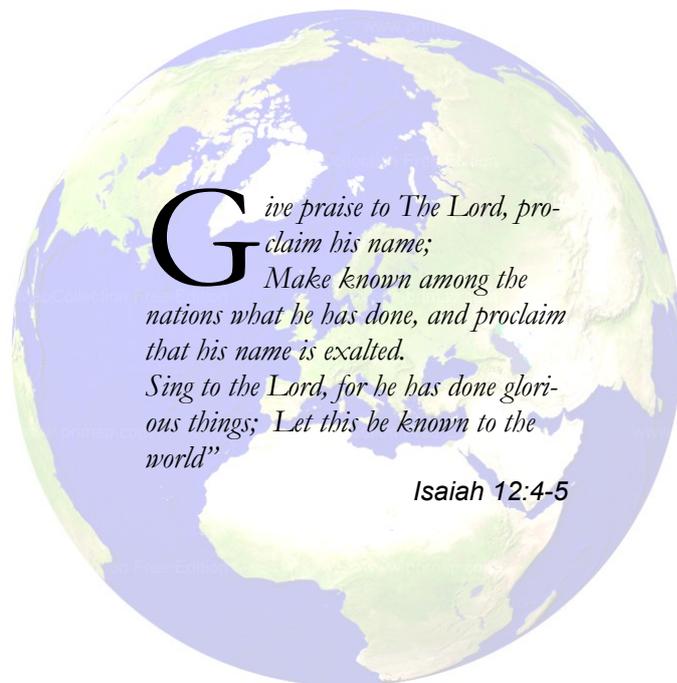
[At present Ken and Mo worship and serve at The United reformed Church in Sutton Coldfield. In the past, at our request Ken has brought his guitar with him on holiday and led evening worship. Amongst other things he has also been part of Birmingham City Mission, and led the "Shoppers Service" at St. Martins in The Bullring.

God bless and keep you too, Ken and Maureen]

What's on at Holy Trinity Corfu

Thurs	1	17:00	Worship Group
Fri	2	09:30	Prayer Meeting
Sun	4	10:30	Family Communion
Thurs	8	17:00	Worship Group
Fri	9	09:30	Prayer Meeting
		18:00	HTC South Communion, Messonghi
Sun	11	10:30	Family Communion
			Procession of St. Spyridon around the town.
Wed	14	18:00	Ministry Team Meeting
		10:30	Bible Study at HTC
		17:00	Worship Group
Fri	16	09:30	Prayer Meeting
Sun	18	10:30	Family Communion
Thurs	22	17:00	Worship Group
Fri	23	09:30	Prayer Meeting
Sun	25	10:30	Family Communion
Thurs	29	17:00	Worship Group
Fri	30	09:30	Prayer Meeting

During August a number of our regular events are suspended; starting again in September



Give praise to The Lord, proclaim his name;
Make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted.
Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; Let this be known to the world”

Isaiah 12:4-5

May the God of Hope
fill you with all Joy and
Peace as you Trust in him.



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We are happy to accept prayer requests for inclusion in Pulse or in the morning service. If you are requesting prayer for someone other than yourself please make sure you have their permission to be mentioned publicly.

Please remember the submission **deadline for PULSE is 25th of each month**. Articles, news, information etc. received after this time may not be included and will be carried over to the next edition if appropriate. Thank you.

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