



GOSPEL-ENERGY

Dear Friends,

Last month I had the great pleasure of attending the ICS conference in the UK and hearing the stories about all the amazing and often surprising ways in which Jesus is leading His church in her mission to bring life in all its fullness across the world. What I always find so encouraging is the shared experience of our calling by Jesus and the purpose and peace that our own personal stories all have in common. When we understand that “He is risen!” and that His way of grace and forgiveness surround our walk through life and death, we feel the thankfulness that releases us to follow in His footsteps of service. We desire the resurrection life that we have been given, to be shared and experienced by others.

SPEAKING OUR NAME

This “gospel-energy”, the love and presence of the Holy Spirit, constantly moves our attention away from any feelings we have of hopelessness or guilt or failing within ourselves to the love and empowerment of Jesus’ faith in us... His persistent, constant hope in us; the call to listen (again and again) to His voice speaking *our* name and helping us to see His possibilities for our lives in Him.

In the gospels, it is often Peter who shows us the transforming impact of Jesus’ grace and calling on our lives. His story starts with Him almost pushing Jesus away as he is too painfully aware of his own personal failings and inadequacy... “Get away

from me, I am a sinful man!” he cries. But after time spent with Jesus, Peter finds his confidence, becomes bold, the natural leader. He sees his own innate strength and personality as of value and importance; makes superlative statements about his capacity to follow Jesus through anything. And yet when he sees His Master, arrested and beaten; when he wrestles with the confusion and doubt invoked by Jesus’ response to this - His unwillingness to fight fire with fire, sword with sword - he loses his trust in His Lord to the point that he fulfils Jesus’ warning; he denies he even knows Him. These denials will always be a part of him, part of his story - a shocking reminder of the limits of his own strength and character.

But the risen Jesus does not leave Peter in this place... an almost worse place than when they first met. Rather, Jesus comes to him when he is even failing to catch fish - his old core activity (!) - and shows him a power beyond himself as his friends wrestle with nets so miraculously full they should have been torn. Jesus takes Peter aside and invites him back, invites him again to fix his eyes back where they belong; not his failings, or the limits he has discovered within, but on Jesus himself!

FOLLOW YOUR CALL

“Do you love me?” This is what matters. Peter’s love for Jesus releases him again from his own limits and failings and draws him back into the limitless power of Jesus’ love. Now... “Feed my sheep”. Follow your call. Be the person, in me, says Jesus that I know you can be... in *my* power. In addition, we know where that all leads! It leads to us.

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The same call, by Jesus, on each of *our* lives. To live in His love and to follow His call, in His strength.

ISSUES AND CHALLENGES

As I write this, I am aware that each of us has our own issues and challenges; we may have made mistakes, feel we are letting ourselves, and others, down at times; struggling to hold onto Jesus' Way of grace and love in a world which seems to find new ways to live in the exact opposite way. Or we may be cruising in our own strength; confident in ourselves, hardly even making reference to our Lord as we sail through the lives we have made for ourselves.

Wherever we find ourselves on Peter's spectrum of feelings today, let's take a moment to remember that it is from our love of Him and His love for us that our true strength and calling comes. Let's refocus ourselves on Him and the person He is calling us to be. And follow.

With every blessing,

Jules.



Father of all, your Risen Son gave new hope to his apostles with words of peace and the assurance of his presence: send your Holy Spirit upon the peoples of Ukraine. Bless them with Christ's gift of peace, and strengthen the resolve of all who labour for an end to this conflict; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.



PULSE PRAYERS



Lord, when we are in trouble, it is quite hard to see the beauty of life. So before I give you the list of all the things I am not happy about, I would like to thank you and at the same time remind myself of the great things we are taking from your hand every day. Thank you for our families and friends, for waking up in the morning in peace and alive, for our homes, for every day food, for our work, for the beauty of the nature around us. For all small and big joys of life. For children playing in their safe homes, for some gran-nies and granddads sitting on a bench and chatting to each other and for the sunshine and the sea. For solidarity and kindness of so many people around the world. Thank you for helping us, comforting us and loving us. And not to forget – thank you that covid is not killing so many people anymore and we can start a fairly normal life again.

I pray for peace in the world. Especially now for Ukraine and Yemen. So many terrible things are happen-ing there. People being killed and so many had to leave their homes and lost everything they had. Please, restore the peace and let us be able to contribute to it in everyday life. I also pray for all helping: Sabina in Yemen, Emily and Calum and for so many others, who give up their private life for the wellbeing of others.

I am thinking and praying for all people with health problems. There are so many and everyone of us know some of them. Comfort them and lead them through the difficult times of their illness and suffering. Protect their families who are suffering with them.

I pray for children. The new generation which should be so much wiser than the previous ones. Give them wisdom to save the nature, to value the earth, to respect other nations and people even if they are very different. Give them strength to act when things go wrong and be able to keep peace.

We pray for all old people. They are often lonely, confused, worried and they see no bright future, just a dark end in front of them. Give them joy and take away their pain and worries.

We pray for all of us, for our families, for the church around the world. For our politicians, leaders, for owners of big companies who can really make the world a better place with their money if they want to. For all refugees and people who lost everything and their loved ones. For the homeless, depressed and heartbroken.

Forgive us for what we have done wrong and forgive us for all the good things we haven't done and we just closed our eyes not to see them. Have mercy on us. Amen

Father God, thank you for your faithful ministry to Holy Trinity Church, Corfu. Thank you for sustaining her through generations with your care and love. Please continue to keep your hand upon our little church in this corner of your kingdom. Bless our chaplain, Jules, his wife, Trish, and all of their family. Bless the body of Christ here in all that they do. May we continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus, here and abroad, until you take us home.

In Jesus's Name, Amen

Easter at HTC – Good Friday

Here is a photo and prayers of the Good Friday 12pm - 3pm time of quiet prayer in church, Jules was still testing positive for covid, so led the actual services from home while making the church available for quiet prayer during those hours .

**THIS IS THE WOOD OF THE CROSS ON
WHICH HUNG THE
SAVIOUR OF THE WORLD .**

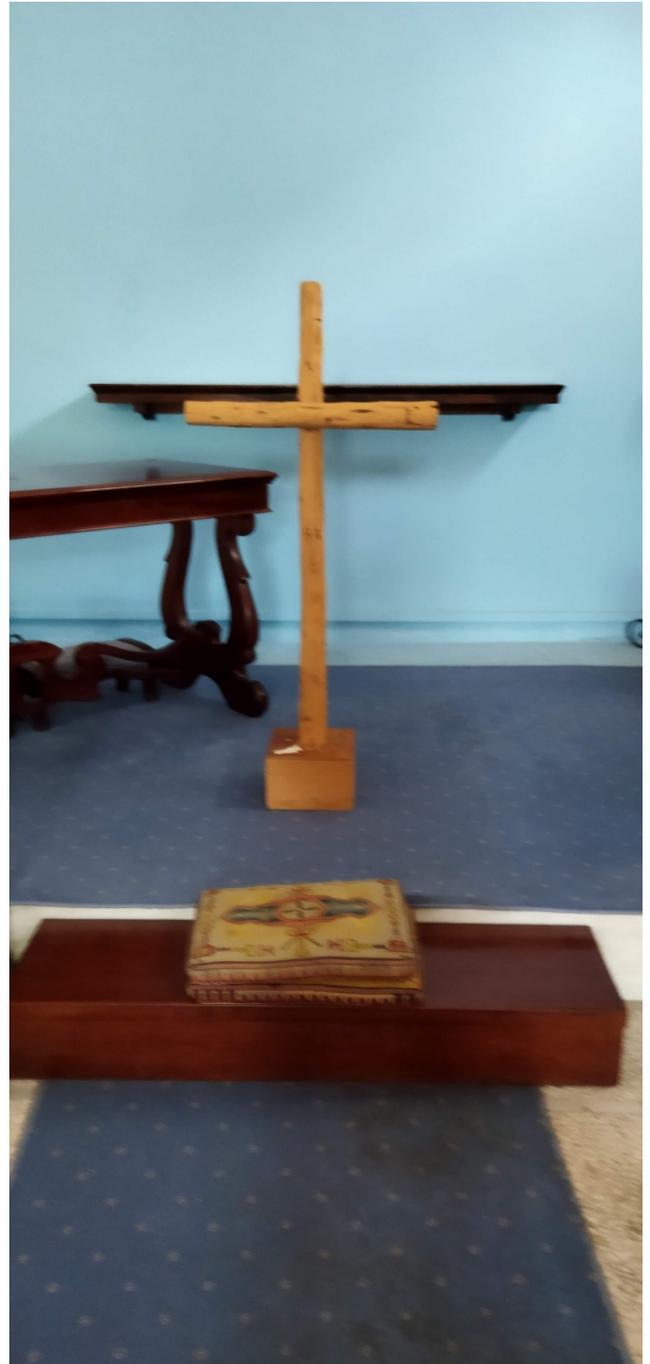
Eternal God,
in the cross of Jesus
we see the cost of our sin
and the depth of your love:
in humble hope and fear
may we place at his feet
all that we have and all that we are,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN

*“Jesus remember me when you come
into your kingdom”* Luke 23. 42

AMEN“

***“For God so loved the world that he
gave his only Son that whoever
believes in him shall not perish but
have eternal life”*** John 3 .16



Easter at HTC – Sunday

Praise Jesus and thanks to all who made it possible, that in spite of all the problems on Easter Sunday, plan C was successfully carried out.

It was a wonderful morning celebrating Jesus and being blessed with several visitors of all ages, nationalities and denominations joining us and rejoicing together.

The church was as full as it could possibly be and so many joining us internationally on Zoom.

God is good! Jesus reigns! Easter Blessings in our risen Lord Jesus, every day.



Blessed Assurance Jesus is mine ;
Oh what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit
Washed in His blood.

This is my story this is my song
Praising my Saviour all the day long.

Thanks to "chartreuse navigator", a visitor to HTC for the pictures of the service.



The Adventures of Mrs Mop, back in Albania



Hi again.

For various reasons I was not able to go to Albania for 2 and half years and had a longing to see Maria. Praise God and thanks to prayers an opportunity came as my brother and his wife, here for Easter week, wanted to go on a day trip there. We had a wonderful time together on a coach excursion, going to Saranda, Butrint and Lekursi. Being the first time as a hands free tourist, even the porter looked at me and asked where all my bags were.

Going past Ksamil on the way to Butrint the driver and guides agreed to drop me off and pick me up again on return from Butrint, wow! So, off I went to surprise Maria. We were both so happy to see each other even though it was only a very short time,

We had been missing each other and through the night, Maria had been going through our times together and woken that morning feeling down.

So this was yet another God incident in His timing with Maria being thankful and praising God... and me too of course, over the moon.

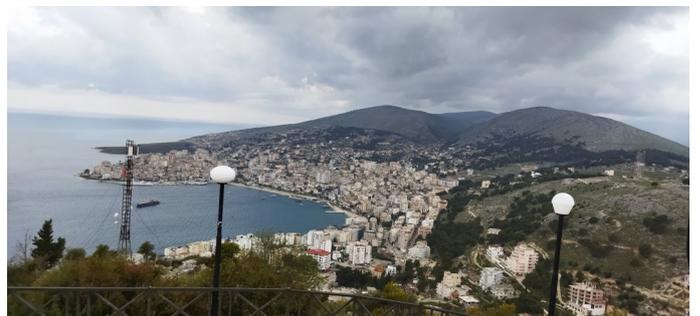
Remembering when we were 'Mrs Mopping' together in the rooms in Kassiopi and wondering how we would ever manage to get them all cleaned before the new arrivals. Maria's comment would be "Our God is great, He will see us through and he did.

How great is our God, sing with me.
How great is our God, and all will see,
How great how great is our God.

Thank you for Prayers

Blessings in Jesus,

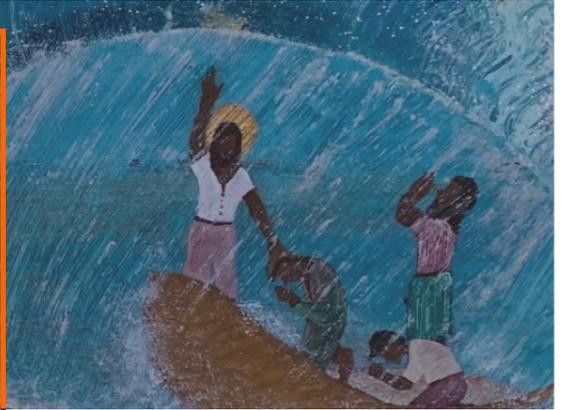
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The Safe Space

Have you recently lost someone you love? Are you feeling isolated or anxious? Does the world seem overwhelming and scary since the pandemic? Is your mental well-being languishing or your self-esteem low? Then perhaps it would be beneficial to spend an hour in the "Safe Space".

The Safe Space is an informal Christian counselling setting where you can receive one-to-one confidential on-line space to explore your feelings

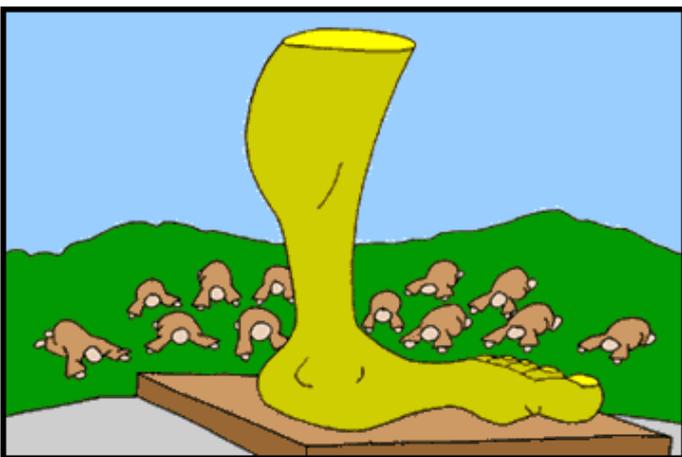


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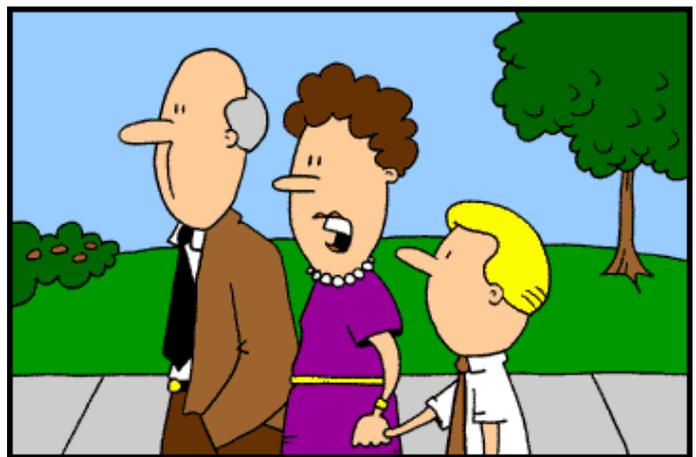
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(See Exodus 32)

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WORSHIPPING THE GOLDEN CALF



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YOUR FATHER HAS AGREED TO STAY AWAKE IN CHURCH TODAY SINCE IT IS MOTHER'S DAY ... IT WOULD BE NICE IF YOU WOULD DO THE OPPOSITE FOR ONCE

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