

PERSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

It's been a busy and exciting month at HTC and a great joy to see the opportunities being offered through the Cafe Logos being enthusiastically embraced by many different groups of people. I think we can safely say that we are really enjoying making new friends and seeing different needs being met through the care, creativity and community that shapes the activities and events on offer. Thank you to all those working so hard to make this happen. It's also been very encouraging to see new people join in the worship on Sunday and, we pray, feeling right at home. It certainly is the feedback that they are enjoying a very warm welcome!

CAUGHT NOT TAUGHT

I have found preparing for the "Come and See" course very helpful in thinking about how we share the joy, peace and challenge(!) of having the Lord in our lives with those we meet and live among. The course has been focusing on the accounts in the Bible where this invitation is offered and the one thing that is so blindingly obvious but sometimes goes unsaid, is that this offer is nearly always person to person. Someone has a life-giving encounter with God and just have to tell someone else. Person to person. And although through the centuries, and more recently through the decades, societies have come and gone and changed, some things don't change - and this person to person transmission of the Good News of the love and grace of Jesus is one of them. I've heard it said that faith is often caught not taught!

Even the most significant event in human history - the resurrection of Jesus - that cosmos-transforming event is passed on at first... person to person.

Mary Magdalene, overcome with grief at the loss of the One who changed her life, finds the tomb empty. She doesn't understand what's happening. Once Peter and John have come to see for themselves and have left bemused and confused, she remains and meets the resurrected Jesus outside the open tomb. Her sadness is transformed into joy and the very first thing she had to do was tell others - to share what she had seen. She becomes the apostle to the apostles! Imagine the transformation that the others see in her. Just an hour before, her world had ended, there seemed no hope, and now! Full of amazement and life and... well unbelievably good news! Which they actually do have trouble believing... but it's only a matter of time before they see for themselves. And the rest, as they say, is history.



But there is something in our make-up that just needs to share what we've found for ourselves. Communication in our age is so much more complicated. We are very used to sharing information and letting each other know what's going on in short bursts of text or pictures - but of course, we know and the world is learning again, that there is no substitute for person to person communication and being together. Exactly what emoji is there that could possibly express what happened to

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Mary as she met Jesus outside that tomb? What words could describe the transformation in her person at meeting the resurrected Jesus that the disciples saw for themselves!?

And so it is with sharing our stories and the impact Jesus has had on our lives with others. It is wonderful that there is so much good writing and films and media around today to help us with this but these things can only ever supplement or contribute; nothing replaces the person to person impact of others hearing from others of the impact that Jesus and the love of God has had. Afterall, the

truth of the Gospel is written in the lives of those who know Him and have received grace upon grace from Him.

So as we continue our journey through Lent and look forward to our own celebrations of that glorious resurrection morning, let's always remain prepared to give an account of the hope we have in us. It will make all the difference in the world to those who hear and come and see for themselves.

With every blessing,

Jules.



'Come and See' is a new course that looks at the gospel references for "Come and See" and explores how we can share our own faith with others in an authentic and engaging way.

The course material is available [here](#).

Remaining sessions:-

Sessions 19:30—20:30

3	Thursday	7th Mar
4	Thursday	14th Mar
5	Thursday	21st Mar
6	Wednesday	27th Mar



Palm Sunday Service

Preparation for Holy Week as we hear the Passion narrative in Mark

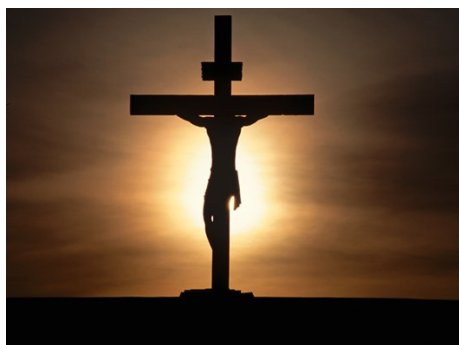
10:30, Sunday, 24th March



Maundy Thursday Foot washing, Passover and Tenebrae

We share in the meal and prayers as Jesus and his disciples did and remember Jesus' time in the garden the night before his passion.

19:00, Thursday, 28th March

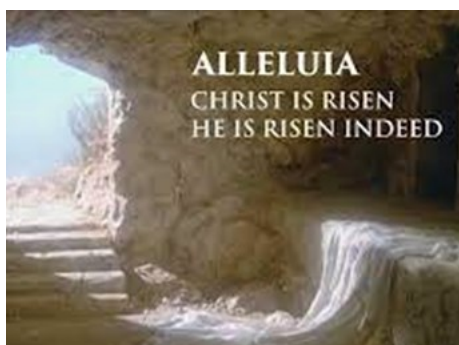


Good Friday

We take the time to be with Jesus as we remember his sacrifice for us and for the world.

**12:00 Good Friday Liturgy
13:00 Stations of the Cross
14:00 Final Hour Meditations**

Friday, 29th March



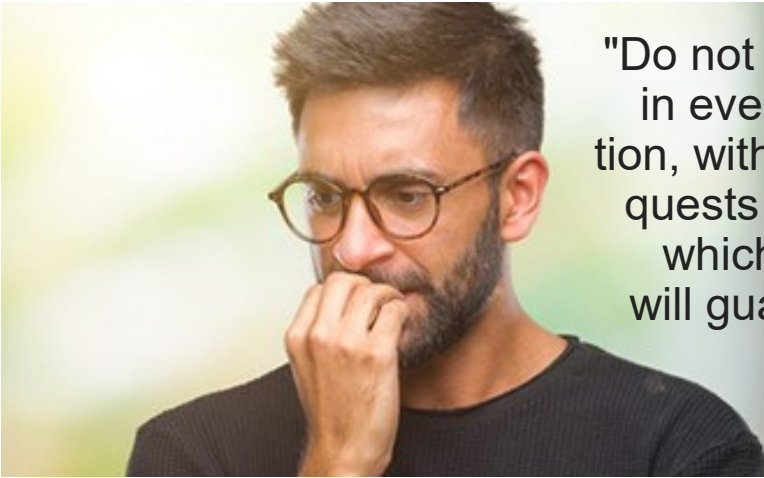
Easter Celebration

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

A celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

10:30, Sunday, 31st March

PULSE PRAYERS



"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4: 6-7 NIV

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks for the work you are doing at HTC and for the outreach to the community that the Logos Café is proving to be. Help us, Lord, to align ourselves to your will and to be a light and an encouragement to all who pass through these doors.

Thank you for Jules and Trish and for their faithfulness to serve in all aspects of church and community life here in Corfu.

We thank you that HTC was able to host this year's Women's World Day of Prayer in our newly refurbished church. Thank you for guiding Pauline and Veta in its organization and thank you for the bond of unity that this event fosters among Christians here.

Thank you for your provision and protection of Sabina and her team in Yemen. Please bless the work of their hands and hearts.

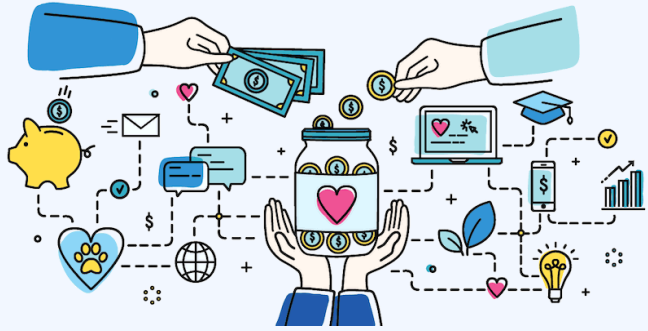
We pray for an end to war and violence in our troubled world, particularly in Ukraine and the Holy Land. Please protect all Christians who are persecuted for their faith in Nigeria, Sudan, Pakistan and around the globe.

We lift to you all those who need healing in body or in spirit, remembering before you; your little ones; Piper, Gracie, Nellie, Yiannis and Ben. For those bereaved; Pavla in losing her Mum, not so long ago.

We ask, Father, that you would comfort and uphold all those who are mourning the loss of loved ones, especially Jackie, Jane, Christina and their families.

All this we ask in the mighty name of Jesus with thanksgiving.

HTC FUND-RAISING FOR CORFU



From HTC's fund raising events, during 2023, we were able to donate €1,000 to both The Hellenic Red Cross and The Special Needs Vocational High School and Lykeio. What a great effect & blessing to the local community.

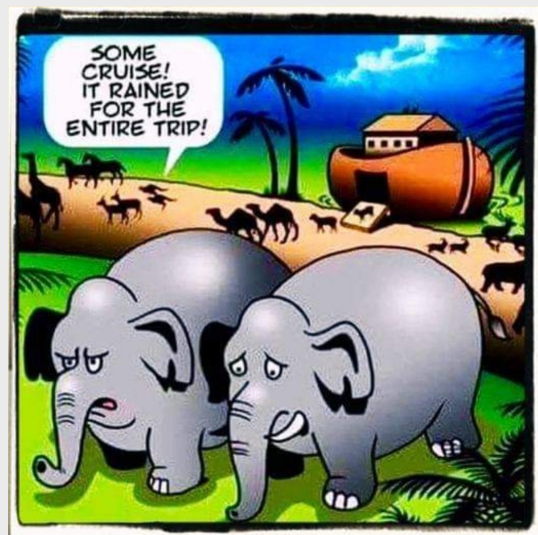


Ioanna Korellou, the new headmistress of the school who joined us at HTC on 28th January.



Someone's thoughts turning to holidays?

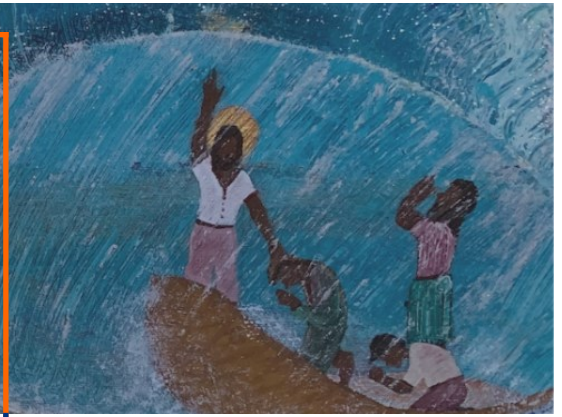
Thanks to Elaine Coutts for submitting the cartoon.



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 counseling setting where you can receive one-to-one confidential on-line space to explore your feelings



To book an appointment:

email Trish: trishmariawilson@gmail.com or phone: 0030 6986644271

<https://sites.google.com/view/trish-wilson-christian-counsel/home>

Cartoons (with thanks to Reverendfun.com)



(See Genesis 19:1-29)

03-08-1999

LOT'S WIFE IS DISCOVERED



Thanks to Nick Hengeveld

03-11-1999

SEGEWICK THE ANT DID NOT REALLY APPRECIATE THE ALPHABETICAL SLEEPING ARRANGEMENTS ON THE ARK

WHAT'S ON at HTC

Keep up to date with what's on at Holy Trinity Corfu by visiting our website calendar.

<http://holytrinitycorfu.bravesites.com/whats-on>

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