



## MORE WISDOM

Dear Friends,

As we continue to travel through these strange times, there are many thoughts and perspectives being offered as to why we are experiencing this pandemic, whether it is even real and so many speculations about what it means in the context of God's salvation history through Jesus with confident interpretations of "signs of the times".

I was very thankful to our bishops, +Robert and +David, for their letter which provided some very grounded and faithful guidance on how we might shape our thinking about this. I have asked Mark to include their letter in this month's Pulse so that we can all share these insights. They are rooted in wisdom.

Wisdom. There's a gift we all need at this time... in fact all the time(!) and it is going to be the subject of our 5th article in the series we have been offering on the fruits and gifts of the Spirit. So more of that to come.

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### ACCOUNTABLE

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At the heart of our bishops' explanation is the frightening truth that we are accountable for how we use the incredible power we, as human beings, are given. That most famous story of the first of us eating the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, losing our innocence as we entered a new phase of moral awareness, shows us the cost of our thirst for the powers of God - our desire to be like Him (Genesis 3:5). Yet those desires became quickly misplaced. Power became associated with desire to see *our will be done*. *The story of Genesis unfolds as a story of increasing separation - shame separating us from God, brother killing brother, creation beginning to live in fear of humanity, nations separating from nations. Stewards turning to tyrants.*

We know that this story of separation, brokenness and struggle is seen through the eyes of the prophets of the Hebrew scriptures as the result of humanity *not walking in God's ways of justice, wisdom and care*. *The abuse of power time and time again leading to suffering. It is in Jesus that we see what it truly means to "be*

*like God" - what power truly is. The power to love and create; the power to serve and grow in compassion, the power of sacrificial love.*

That God trusts us with the freedom to learn how to become truly like Him, through His inner teaching and inspiration, is both humbling and terrifying. Here lies the "fear of God" as the beginning of wisdom. His grace and hope for us, lays upon our shoulders an awesome responsibility - one that we cannot bear without Him. Our efforts to exclude His wisdom and guidance from the halls of power have resulted in many of the human systems that we have created across our planet not serving all equally well at all. Inequality grows; lies multiply; power corrupts...

And yet... through all of this, as our power to harm grows with our technology and skill, so the Kingdom grows. Side by side. Like the wheat and the weeds in the field. We know that billions of acts of kindness happen unrecorded by our media every day... we know the prayers of those who hunger and thirst for what is right are heard every day. We know that alongside the foolishness of humanity's worst failings, the foolishness of God - lives and gifts offered in love and sacrifice for others - grows and multiplies.

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### WISE RESPONSE

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This is our wise response to these times. The mustard seeds of faithful prayers and acts of kindness towards each other and the creation we are called to steward become the majestic trees of the Kingdom of God. These are what blesses the heart of God in response to His hope and faith in us.

So we keep praying and doing the things we can in care and compassion. It's our place in God's creation to do so and we are promised that peace will result - no matter what storm is raging around us.

With peace and blessings,

Jules.

# DIOCESE IN EUROPE

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14<sup>th</sup> September 2020

To the Clergy, Readers and Churchwardens of the Diocese

## Letter for Creationtide

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We give our warm greetings to you, near the start of a new academic year. We do hope that, one way or another, you are finding time for rest and relaxation at some point during the summer. We are holding all our chaplaincies in our prayers as you begin the work and worship of a new term.

We live in unprecedented times. A virus which is both dangerous and highly infectious has spread to every continent. To control the virus, we are having to adopt major changes to the ways we live and gather. We are aware that these restrictions are particularly difficult for those living in foreign countries away from homes and families.

In the past, people have often interpreted plagues as a punishment sent by God. Viruses themselves are a part of God's good creation; they are essential in the global cycle of life and only a tiny percentage cause human disease. Moreover, according to most in the scientific community, including the World Health Organisation, Covid-19, like other coronaviruses before it simply spread to humans via a natural event, in what is referred to as zoonotic transmission, when a pathogen jumps from a non-human animal to human. (Zoonotic diseases are in fact quite common and include avian flu and salmonella.) But *the rapid global spread of the Covid-19 infection*, bringing suffering and death and causing a world-wide economic crisis, is the result of human activity, serious human negligence and lack of responsibility for the well-being of others. Earthquakes, tsunamis and volcanoes might fall under the category of natural disasters, but the difficult truth is that the *global spread* of this contagion is mainly a disaster of humanity's own making.

Thus it is equally down to us humans to control it. The Church must be at the forefront of this, showing maximum care for the well-being of our sisters and brothers. That means observing the detailed hygiene and physical distancing rules that are starting to become second nature to us. We sent guidance to you in May this year on the conduct of public worship. Whilst there was some relief for many of us with falling infection rates in June and July, rates are again increasing in many or most European countries. Moreover, over recent months, the Church of England has been issuing extensive guidance to churches in England. We are therefore issuing revised guidance that takes account of the national guidance, responds to queries that have been raised with us, and takes account of the continuing serious situation. The revised guidance is attached, and we ask you to read it carefully.

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It is encouraging to hear news of churches that are re-opening for worship. Many of our clergy are running hybrid worship – both physical worship for those who can attend and broadcasts for those who can't. We are well aware of the additional demands that Covid-19 is placing on clergy and lay officers as you enable people to gather in different ways and endeavour to ensure that no-one is left behind. Thank you for all that you are doing!

This is the time of the year when people are moving to new jobs and new places of education. So we do encourage you to pay particular attention to the ministry of welcome over these weeks. Are there clearly identifiable folk who offer welcome to visitors? How can newcomers to church make contact with clergy? How can those who lurk on the edge of Zoom-based worship be drawn into the fellowship? In 2020, the ministry of welcome requires extra imagination – but it is of vital importance as people look for the human contact that is made so much harder by virus control measures.

It was said by some at the start of the pandemic that this virus was 'the great leveller': we now know that the reverse is true – the disease has affected the poor and those of black and Asian ethnicity disproportionately severely. In that context, I am very pleased to say that the last two bishops' appeals have generated £25,000 to be donated to: (1) the Anglican Communion Fund for its work with women in developing countries, and (2) the building of a new classroom for a school in Kenya. I am deeply grateful (as are the recipients) to all who donated to these appeals, and for the ability of our diocese to respond to world needs at a time when we could so easily be preoccupied by our own need.

Covid-19 control measures are, of course, affecting international travel. Planning ordinations in 2020 has been particularly challenging. But we are pleased to say that we are now planning on ordinations of deacons and priests going ahead on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September (Michaelmas), in Ghent and Rome. Please do pray that these very significant events will be able to go ahead and that the environment of tightening restrictions won't prevent our ordinands from travelling to them.

Over recent months, our occasional diocesan-wide Zoom-based worship events have been very popular. The next such event is later this week, on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 17:45 CET. We are celebrating God's Creation – 'Jubilee for the Earth' and our guest preacher will be the Bishop of Salisbury, the Church of England's lead bishop for the environment.

The widespread dissemination amongst humans of a virus which ought to have remained with bats, reminds us that much is wrong in our relationship with the natural world. And yet the massive behaviour changes on a global scale we have seen these last months give cause for hope. Maybe humanity can, after all, find within itself the motivation, will and resources to make the even bigger adjustments needed to address the huge issues of environmental destruction and climate change.

During the summer, the Sunday lectionary has been taking us through St. Paul's letter to the Romans. Many have found new spiritual resources in the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter of this letter, which is one of the high points of St. Paul's writing, drawing together his most important theological ideas. In verse 23, a verse beloved of Christian environmentalists, he writes about the 'groaning' of the whole creation, as it awaits the liberation of the children of God. Paul then goes on to describe how the Holy Spirit is at work in creation bringing everything to fulness. And he concludes, triumphantly, that 'neither death, nor life, nor rulers, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come...nor height, nor depth, nor anything in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.'

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This coming autumn and winter are likely to be tough, and Romans 8 may provide you with the rich spiritual food you need to survive and thrive over these coming months.

In these times of isolation, uncertainty and stress, we hope that each of us can trace the purposes of God and know his presence with us, even when the physical presence of others whom we love is not possible.

With the assurance of our continuing prayers for grace and strength for you in your ministry,

+ Robert Gibraltar in Europe

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## 'TOGETHER and APART'

We will continue to provide online 'Together and Apart' services, as well as the live Sunday service. There are also prayer meetings on Wednesday and Friday mornings. Please contact us, if you would like details of how to join us.

<https://sites.google.com/view/holytrinitycorfuonline/home>

# Give Thanks **GIFT DAY** 2020

2020 has been a strange year to say the least! I think everyone's life has been affected in some way by covid-19. (Please note I'm not giving it a capital letter!) While we are living in these uncertain and maybe scary times, we PRAISE THE LORD that we have an Anchor, a Stronghold, a Solid Rock to stand on. As Christians, we can put our trust & faith in our Heavenly Father, with the knowledge that He will sustain us and get us through the storm. What a Blessed Assurance we have in Him.

Although many church doors have been closed, the church is certainly alive and moving. God is always at work through His people.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who support and have supported HTC financially and not least, we give thanks to our Heavenly Father who always provides for our every need. *To Him be the Glory.*

The church has also been affected financially during this time. HTC will be having its annual **GIFT DAY on Sunday 4th October**. If anyone would like to give a one off gift or something extra to help God's work here in Corfu, please feel free to do so! Gift Day envelopes are available at church, or giving can be made into our Greek or UK bank accounts.

*"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." 2 Corinthians 9:7*

Bank details can be obtained by email from [spatou@otenet.gr](mailto:spatou@otenet.gr) or message Holy Trinity Corfu on Facebook.

*Christine Spatoula*  
Treasurer



# PULSE PRAYERS



*'Remember this, whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good deed.'* (2 Corinthians 9:6-8)



We give thanks for:-

- Answers to prayers and for your amazing power and work in our lives Lord.
- Jules' continuing improvements in the Sunday services, so that so many can still participate 'Together and Apart'. Thanks also to Peter for his technical abilities to help Jules.
- Our churchwardens, Pauline and Anne's steadfast efforts in helping to keep the church running efficiently. Lord, bless them for their dedication.
- Mark and Mary, their friendship, service and ministry and we ask your guidance and Blessing on their new chapter as they return to the UK.
- Visitors who have been able to come to our island and our church. May they receive the blessings and encouragement in the same way that the regular congregation do.
- The low number of cases of Covid on our island. Lord please continue to protect us here.
- Agencies who help others in regions of the world where the suffering is great. We particularly think of Sabina's Kitchen in Yemen, who we are also supporting. Bless Sabina and Pavla here who brought this charity to our attention.
- All-clear of cancer from Ginelle. Such a relief for Frank/Ginelle and the family.

***Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, His love endures forever. Psalm 107:1***

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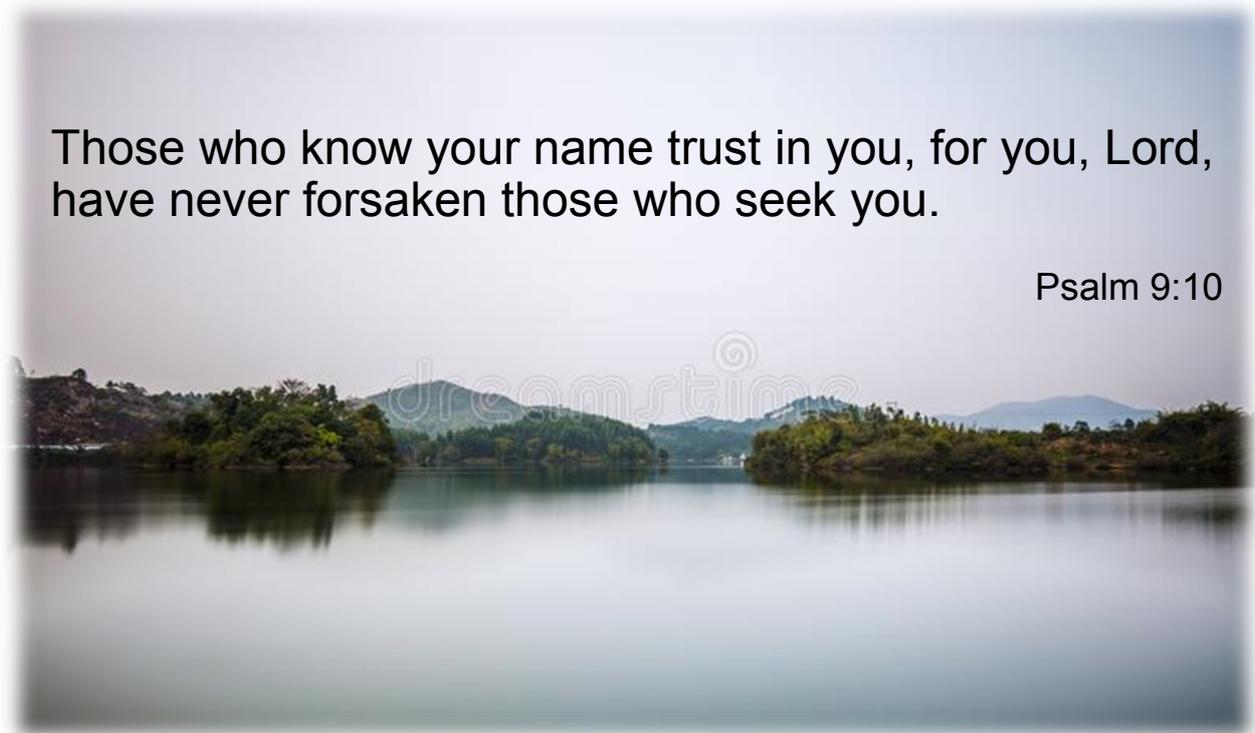


We pray for:-

- Tensions between Greece and Turkey to ease.
- A vaccine to be developed to be distributed to all and put an end to the pandemic.
- Governments to help the needy in their countries. Let no injustice be done.
- The sick and poorly whom we have on our hearts: Andrea, Josh, Makis. We pray especially for the children: Piper, Noah, Charlie, Gracie, Ben who has just finished 3½ years of chemo. Lord, heal them and give comfort and peace to their families.
- The dying who are left alone. Lord may your presence enfold them and loved ones they are separated from.
- Comfort for those who have lost loved ones recently, with a new hope in Jesus
- Young people returning to school after such a long break. Renew in them a willingness to learn.
- People who have postponed treatments. Lord protect them until they are able to continue or start their treatment.
- Those who feel isolated, depressed or neglected. The elderly who fear to go out and who have no visitors or contact with others. Show them your love and friendship and bring others to them who can help.
- The people of Greece whose homes and businesses were ravaged by Cyclone Janos.
- Refugees to be accepted in countries that they have escaped to. A new camp for those in Lesvos after fire destroyed the previous one.
- An end to prejudice and bigotry. That everyone can be respected and valued as God's creation
- The approval of plans for Logos Café to go ahead so that more people will visit HTC and feel the warm welcome and love of your Holy Spirit.
- "Straightforward Christianity" a course adapted from Nigel Scotland's book, to inspire and enrich our own witness and for it be made available to others.
- Gift Day. Thank you Lord for all your provision and generous giving hearts

Those who know your name trust in you, for you, Lord,  
have never forsaken those who seek you.

Psalm 9:10



# LOCAL NEED

## FOOD COLLECTION

THERE ARE SEVERAL FAMILIES AND PEOPLE ON THE ISLAND FALLING INTO GREAT NEED AT THE MOMENT ,AND WE WOULD LIKE TO HELP. ITEMS COLLECTED WILL BE GIVEN **TO THE HELLENIC RED CROSS** TO DISTRIBUTE, AS WELL AS TO THOSE MADE KNOWN TO US

## ITEMS NEEDED

Non perishable groceries  
Canned food  
Pasta  
Rice  
Beans and pulses  
Milk  
Tomato juice,  
Juice for Children  
Any kind of sweet things  
Household Cleaning stuff  
Toiletries  
And most of all **OLIVE OIL**



For locals, items can be brought into the Church on Friday and Sunday Mornings 10am-12pm. If you would like to contribute, but are unable to do so because you are not on Corfu, then any donations offered will go towards a big shop.\*\*\*

Thank you and Be Blessed.

\*\*\* To make a donation please contact HTC Treasurer, Christine Spatoula [spatou@otenet.gr](mailto:spatou@otenet.gr)

# Meeting together!

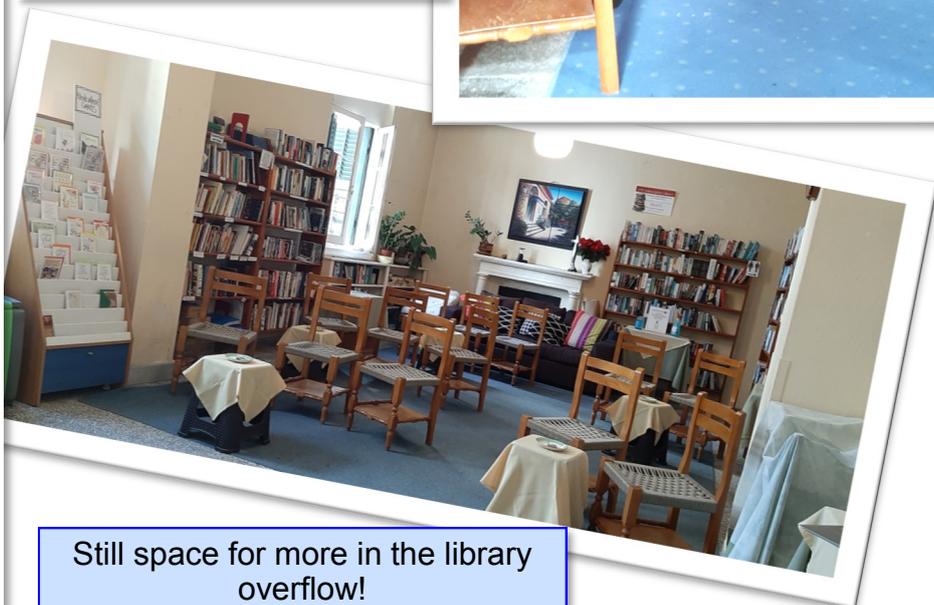
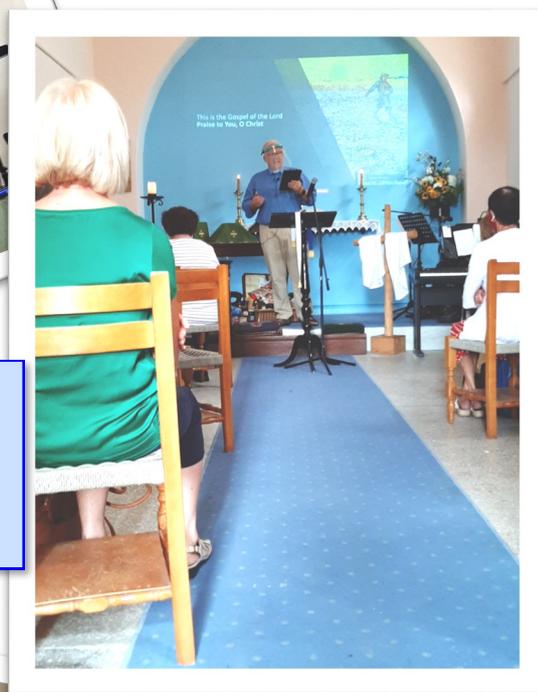
The Harvest gifts were given to Sister Theonymphe to distribute to the needy in the area around the church and to The Hellenic Red Cross for those in need in the wider community.

A bulk shop using the monetary gifts was included in the distribution.



Some of HTC meeting in church on Harvest Sunday.

Who can you recognise, even with masks in place?



Still space for more in the library overflow!  
Thanks to Trish for the pictures.

# FRUIT and GIFTS



## PART FIVE - WISDOM

So far, in this series of articles exploring the gifts and fruit of the Spirit we have considered love, prophecy, service (or ministry) and joy:

- The sacrificial love of Jesus is foundational to our living;
- Being able to see the world around us through the spiritual eyes gives us prophetic insight into the bigger salvation history unfolding around us;
- Understanding how we practically serve each other and our Lord puts love and insight into practice and...

Joy... is the outcome and gift of experiencing the fulfilment of walking in step with the Spirit - living in the grace and love of God. These four gifts give us a broad canvas on which to paint our Christian lives!

And a broad canvas is very helpful. It gives us a vision, a big picture of who we aspire to be in Christ. It sets the tone and direction for our lives. However, if you are anything like me, the issues and challenges we face in life come in the very particular circumstances, relationships and choices we have to make. Our stresses and anxieties can often arise from the very specific decisions that come our way on a day to day basis. Our broad canvas gives us the shape of our lives but how can we know what the right thing is to do in everyday life? How can we be sure that we are being... wise?

Wisdom is a huge thread running throughout the Old and New Testaments. So much so that in the Old Testament there is even a particular kind of writing that is seen as wisdom literature. Its subject matter focuses on moral and philosophical insights. Wisdom, a deep understanding of how things must be, is seen as an attribute of God:

The Lord by wisdom founded the earth;  
by understanding he established the heavens;  
by his knowledge the deeps broke open,  
and the clouds drop down the dew.  
*Proverbs 3:19–20 (NRSV)*

God, who is behind all creation and whose understanding is beyond us, is the source of true wisdom. So knowing God's ways and aligning our lives to them is, by definition, wise. And... because His ways are so much higher than ours (Isaiah 55:9), wisdom must be revealed... given to us. Wisdom is a gift. As we might expect, this gift, this revelation develops through the canon of scripture and the revelation in Jesus fulfils and deepens the gift. So in the Old Testament scriptures, the wisdom literature has two key strands... practical morality and philosophical reflection. The practical morality is, of course, inherent in the Law of Moses but is developed in Job and the book of Proverbs to wrestle with the reality of living in a world where many choose not to live by God's ways and seem to do very well! The

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overwhelming theme is that evil choices have within them their own downfall. It may seem that greed, lies and deceit can reap material gain - but it is always short lived and carries within it the seeds of unhappiness. So...

A false witness will not go unpunished, and the liar will perish.

*Proverbs 19:9*

Laziness brings on deep sleep; an idle person will suffer hunger.

*Proverbs 19:15*

Wine is a mocker, strong drink a brawler, and whoever is led astray by it is not wise.

*Proverbs 20:1*

Bread gained by deceit is sweet, but afterward the mouth will be full of gravel.

*Proverbs 20:17*

This practical wisdom aims to be a guide and an encouragement to constantly choose the right moral path and to see that right dealing with each other and honouring God's laws brings respect, honour and ultimately a more secure prosperity. Very practical. But to what end, asks the philosopher? If we are all to end back as dust, then what is the purpose? Solomon, proverbial in his wisdom, struggled with this... after all, what do you give to the man who quite literally has everything! His conclusion, rather to his downfall (or rather the future Israel's downfall) was this:

There is a vanity that takes place on earth, that there are righteous people who are treated according to the conduct of the wicked, and there are wicked people who are treated according to the conduct of the righteous. I said that this also is vanity. *So I commend enjoyment, for there is nothing better for people under the sun than to eat, and drink, and enjoy themselves, for this will go with them in their toil through the days of life that God gives them under the sun.*

*Ecclesiastes 8:14-15*

This lack of purpose, other than enjoyment may well have been instrumental in Solomon's falling away from the Lord, enabling and participating in the worship of idols to please his many wives; and ultimately (Kings 11:1-13) the breaking of his covenant with the Lord that led to the breakdown of his kingdom after his death.

So practical wisdom to facilitate good moral choices is a good thing... as far as it goes. But it is certainly not the end of the gift. It is, of course, in Jesus, that a deeper wisdom is revealed that is not just about good moral choices but about the fulfilment of who we are called to be in God. An eternal purpose beyond the immediacy of rewards secured in this life through living well.

This purpose of wisdom, to lead us to something more, is inherent in all creation. Proverbs 8-9 personifies wisdom as inherent in all creation - fundamental to the reason behind creation. Many commentators see this inherent and incarnated wisdom in creation as a shadow of the *logos* of John 1 - the Word - through whom all things were created. The incarnation of the Word of God is this wisdom of God made visible, tangible; accessible to us. The wisdom of God made clear in a life lived that we can see and understand more clearly - both in the practical sense and in the sense of answering the deeper questions of the meaning of life.



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But again, as with all things in Jesus, we are taken further in to the heart and mind of God. We are not left as observers but are called to *participate* in the heart and mind of God. We are offered the gift of *sharing* in the wisdom of God. St. Paul puts it like this...

Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

"For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?"

But we have the mind of Christ.

*1 Corinthians 2:14-16*

Wisdom in Christ is not some captured idiom to guide a moral decision, but a participation in the Divine life. The gift we are given here takes us into God's own mind through the tangible work of the Holy Spirit within our minds. We are, by humbling ourselves through faith in Jesus, to receive His insights and guidance. So again, St Paul says:

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. *Romans 12:2*

Here is the gift of wisdom imparted into the particular events and choices of our daily living. The transformation of our minds by the work of the Holy Spirit that we may conform ourselves not to worldly priorities but to the deeper priorities of God. With eternal purpose to our decisions. This gift of imparted wisdom is part of our daily living, overflowing from our prayer life in the Spirit. Its manifestations are specific and relevant to what lies before us. Whether for our guidance or the offer of guidance to another, these unspoken words of wisdom are the real incarnation of the wisdom of God *within us*.

The consequences of this wisdom and the choices we take as a result of listening may often seem like foolishness to the world around us. We may well be called to relinquish Solomon's pleasure-first maxim (!) as we seek to

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act in ways, which are in step with God's Kingdom ways. Financial or social rewards don't necessarily feature highly in our motivations to act in accordance with God's guidance. We can appear weak as we seek peace and reconciliation over revenge and retribution. We can even seem to waste our time on those whom society has deemed as worth less than others. Giving of ourselves to those who cannot offer anything in return may be observed as a foolish investment of our resources! But again St. Paul, expresses this truth to us:

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. *1 Corinthians 1:18*

So the gift of the wisdom of God, a sharing in the mind of Christ is a gift for each of us, every day in every situation. It is not simply a reference guide to help us through difficult choices but an invitation to be part of the life and mind of God. It will not only bring a deeper joy than the world can hope for but a foretaste of the fulfilment that awaits those who see that God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. (*1 Corinthians 1:25*)

So whatever and wherever we find ourselves today... remember His promise to give you the wisdom you need to walk with Him.





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## A frayed knot – Featured on BBC Radio Oxford’s ‘Reflections’, 27 September 2020



I was in Corfu about three years ago, and I brought back quite a lot of souvenirs – including one of my favorite things: a beautiful painting of Jesus praying. He’s painted wearing a red robe and what makes this artwork unique is that it’s painted onto a porous stone tile from a Greek house roof.

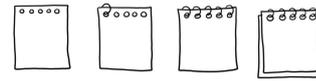
When I moved into my new house last September, I hung it up in my living room, where I can see it as soon as I walk in the room. But I recently returned from a trip to Wales with some new paintings, and I decided to move the roof tile into my spare bedroom (i.e. my office) and hang the Welsh paintings up in its place.

You can imagine my dismay when, the next day, I heard an almighty crash and rushed into the spare room to find that my cat, Angus, in his pursuit of a fly, had knocked the roof tile from the window sill onto my desk where it had broken in two.

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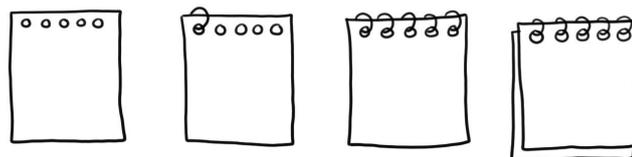
With Angus in the metaphorical doghouse, I went to see a local restoration professional about mending it. She explained to me that it shouldn't be too difficult, and that if the process went well, you wouldn't even be able to tell it had been broken. But more interestingly, she pointed out the fraying string that had been hanging the stone on the wall. The string is three years old by now and it came with the artwork when I bought it. I thought it looked quite strong, but this lady told me the opposite. Basically, if I hadn't moved the tile when I did, at some point in the near future it would have come crashing down from the wall and broken even worse than it did.



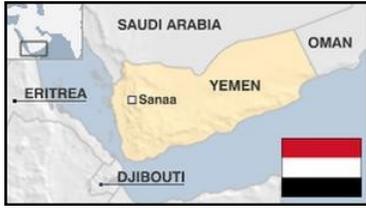
The string looked perfectly fine to me – but it took a professional to tell me that it wouldn't have been for much longer. We're all good at keeping up appearances; the phrase "I'm fine, how're you?" is a staple of my vocabulary. But I know there are parts of me that need patching up, and in some cases, a complete overhaul – and the Bible tells me that God is the ultimate source of refreshment and restoration. Jesus tells us in Matthew 11: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." God is a God of abundance; He's not going to run out of love, time or patience – even if we do. And we can ask Him freely for everything we need, 24/7. The Apostle Peter says that we can cast our cares on God, because He cares for us.

Maybe today is a good time to check in with yourself – where do you appear okay, but actually feel like you're ready to snap? And what about friends, family, neighbors? Where do you need to be refreshed and restored? And how can you be someone that refreshes and restores others?

I'm looking forward to getting my mended painting back; Jesus looks so peaceful in it! Whatever your day holds, whatever this next week or month looks like, may you find rest for your soul and the peace of God which passes all understanding.



# YEMEN KITCHEN



**UPDATE**

To trinity church in Corfu.

We are happy to tell you that finally the heavy rain stopped. We are now catching up for the time. At the moment, we are looking for another place for our kitchen. It's a difficult because a lot of places are rented by displaced people from other cities or the place is not suitable for cooking. A lot of people are coming to capital city Sana'a from all the cities of Yemen. In Sana'a, it is much safer and they can get better help. Sana'a had about 2 million residents and now there are about 7 million.

Petrol crises are still continuing therefore the prices of food and vegetables are going up. Especially locally grown vegetables are very expensive now.

After the covid 19 quarantine, we are waiting for school to open for the new school year. And then we can visit our families again and see how they are doing. We hope that epidemic will not have a second wave like is happening in Europe now. Meanwhile in covid 19 quarantine we manage to collect from our family, friends and neighbours a lot of clothes and even some toys for our families. And we can't wait to give it to them.

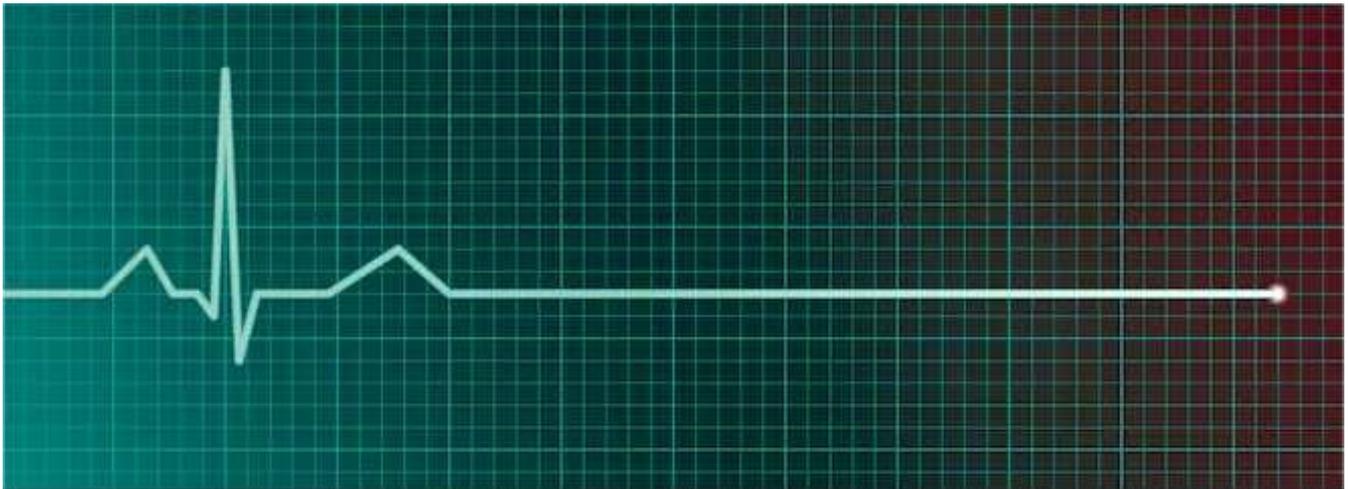
For some time we didn't hear any warplanes flying, over Sana'a and we were very thankful and praying to God that it will stay that way but unfortunately this week start bombing again. It is so difficult for children. In one side, they are excited to finally start going to schools and in the other, they are afraid to sleep at night because they hear planes and explosions.

At the end, we would like to thank you from our heart for your support and generous help. Thank you again from all of us here in Yemen.

*Sabina and all the team in Yemen*



# “There’s NO PULSE...”



It’s true in November there won’t be a PULSE!

But don’t be too concerned the patient will be revived in December.

The reason is that Mary and I will be leaving Corfu to return to live in the UK at the end of October. I’m planning to still edit and produce PULSE for HTC from the UK. With the availability of emails and the internet there shouldn’t be any difference to the way that we work now. Except I won’t be able to make comment about current conditions on the island!

So... I hope you will feel deprived and miss your monthly input from HTC, but we should be back to a normal service in December!

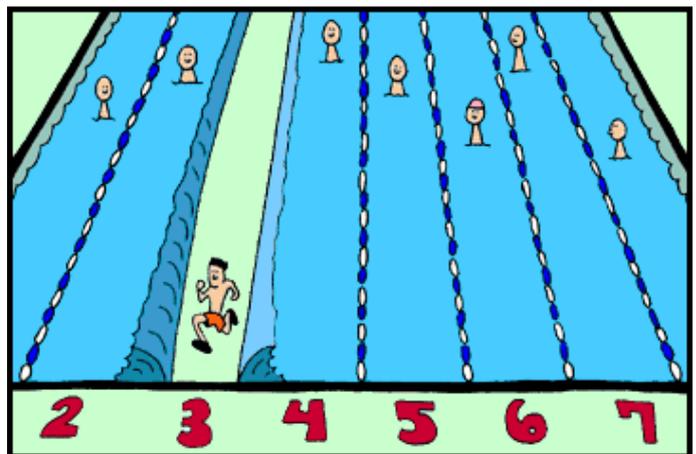
Blessings.  
Mark Hyder-Smith

## Cartoons (with thanks to Reverendfun.com)



Thanks to Benoit Paquette 10-11-2000

I CAN TRY TO TAKE YOU TO MY LEADER  
... BUT IT WILL INVOLVE YOUR COMING  
WITH ME TO CHURCH, READING SCRIPTURE,  
PRAYING, ETC...



Thanks to Los (See Exodus 14) 10-18-2000

NOT ONLY DID MOSES BREAK THE SCHOOL  
SWIM RECORDS THAT DAY, BUT HE ALSO  
BECAME THE ONLY SWIMMER TO WEAR  
RUNNING SHOES

## What's on at Holy Trinity Corfu

Fri	2	09:30	Prayer at HTC & FB
Sun	4	10:30	<b>Family Communion at HTC &amp; On-Line. GIFT DAY</b>
Mon	5	18:00	Home group
Wed	7	9:30	FB Prayer Group
Thurs	8	18:00	Ministry Team meeting
Fri	9	9:30	Prayer at HTC & FB
Sun	11	10:30	<b>Family Communion at HTC &amp; On-Line</b>
Mon	12	18:00	Home group
Wed	14	9:30	FB Prayer Group
Thurs	15	9:15	Pastoral Care Group
Fri	16	9:30	Prayer at HTC & FB
Sun	18	10:30	<b>Family Communion at HTC &amp; On-Line</b>
Mon	19	18:00	Home group
Wed	21	9:30	FB Prayer Group
Fri	23	9:30	Prayer at HTC & FB
Sun	25	10:30	<b>Family Communion at HTC &amp; On-Line</b>
Mon	26	18:00	Home group
Wed	28	9:30	FB Prayer Group
Fri	30	9:30	Prayer at HTC & FB
Sat	31	9:00	Gardening Party



## Links





<https://europe.anglican.org/prayer-diary/prayer-diary>



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