



BUSY, BUZZING CHURCH

Dear Friends,

As another hot but glorious summer draws to a close, I'm really thankful for all the visitors, old friends and new, that we've seen over the busy season. It's such a treat to gather together for worship on a Sunday morning with people from across the world. We always find we share in common the love that we have found in Jesus and the life that He gives us. Entering the fifth year here now, it's something that I find myself looking forward to more and more and a busy, buzzing church during the summer months is such a gift to us all. There have been many stories and conversations that have made it clear that our Lord is busy working through his people here and we continue to pray for openness and willingness to be available to Him so that we can minister in His Name and receive the good gifts He has for us (Matthew 7:9-11).

SOMETHING IS AFOOT!

It has been a particular joy to experience a growing sense of expectation in our worship; that Jesus is going to draw near, hear our prayers and act... that something is afoot!! This expectation enables our relationship with Jesus and each other to deepen as we are able to let go of any reticence to take risks in prayer and to silence any fear that it is somehow foolish to trust that God is going to keep His promises to us.

This openness and joy in worship reminds me of a song I used to sing in schools - a Matt Redman song 'Undignified' ([CTRL+click here for a link to the song](#)); the words are simple:

*"I will dance, I will sing
To be mad for my King
Nothing, Lord, is hindering
The passion in my soul
And I'll become, even more undignified
than this!"*

Strange words at first glance - how is it positive to be "undignified" in any way at all?!



The song is based on the words sung by King David in 2 Samuel 6. David brings the ark of the covenant to Jerusalem with great celebration. He sings and dances wearing only a linen ephod (a simple priestly undergarment for a king?!). He expresses his joy and excitement that God is with them with such abandon and exuberance that Michal, the younger daughter of the previous King, Saul, and his first wife criticises him, saying "How the king of Israel has distinguished himself today, going around half-naked in full view of the slave girls of his servants as any vulgar fellow would!" How-

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ever, rather than being embarrassed, David replies, "I will celebrate before the Lord. I will become even more *undignified* than this, and I will be humiliated in my own eyes."

LOVE & WORSHIP

For all his faults and failings, if there was one consistent thread in David's life it was his love and worship of God. We all know that he made many mistakes and was caused to regret many serious failings, but he constantly turned to God in trust and expectation, placing his life in God's hands. Think of the most famous of his Psalms, 23, the Lord is my Shepherd; the final verse reads, "Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." David believed in God's love and loved Him back. Faith and expectation; Delight in the presence and love of God and a deep desire to be with Him.

This *faith with expectation* is what Jesus, of whom David in his kingly priesthood is a mere shadow, calls us to embrace ourselves.

In Matthew 7, Jesus teaches us by saying "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened." Jesus says that , "your Father in heaven (will) give good gifts to

those who ask him!" We are being told that we can trust our Lord to bless us with what we need to follow Him into the Kingdom and the true riches of life - His presence and love made specific to our needs and situation.

So when we come together as his people (from wherever we are in the world and whatever walk of life we follow) with this sense of excitement and the expectation that we are going to hear from Him and be blessed... well, Jesus is as good as his Word... always!

LOOKING BACK

Looking back over the last few months at HTC, this is just what it has felt like. Real and alive. Expectant and blessed. So thank you again for all who have worshipped together here this summer. I hope we have all shared this blessing and looking forward to the next time we are together!

And my prayer now is that as we move into the next season at HTC, this "*faith with expectation*" will grow in all of us and that we will have our spiritual hearts and eyes wide open to what our Lord wants to lead us into.

With every blessing,

Jules.



Cayak 4 Cancer



Lindsay Hollingdale is kayaking around the island of Corfu raising funds for the cancer day clinic of Corfu General Hospital.

You can support Lindsay by donating via Holy Trinity Church

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Cayak for Cancer Corfu

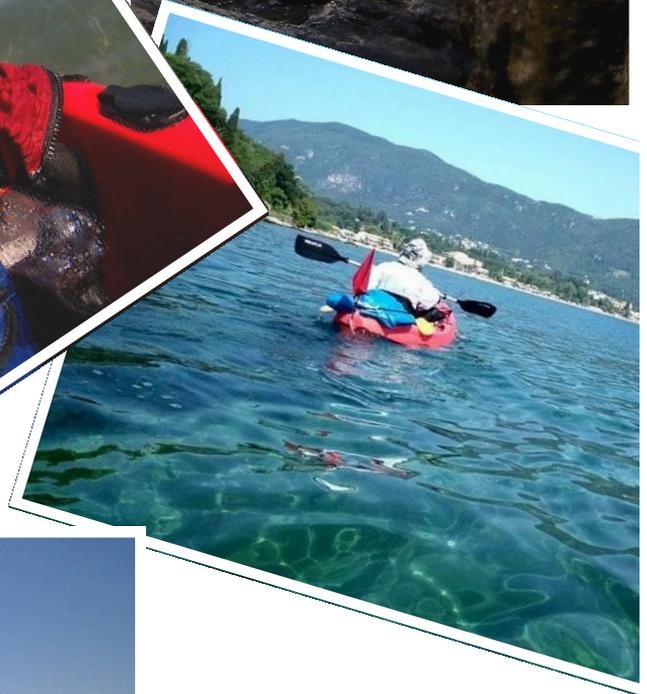


"The trip (approximately 200 kms) will be carried out in sections that can be covered in 2 to 3 days and these will be dependant on the weather conditions, my other commitments and finding a safe place to leave the kayak when I need to return home.

I would like to raise money to support the Cancer Day Clinic at Corfu General Hospital. This unit has been set up to enable patients to have their chemotherapy here without having to travel to the mainland."

Lindsay tel. (0030) 6944 741 133

Cayak 4 Cancer



Crossing Corfu harbour, as fast as possible!

At the time of preparing this edition of Pulse, Lindsay has nearly completed her circumnavigation of the island. She hopes to finish on Saturday 31st Aug. We hope to have a full article next month from Lindsay but in the meantime here are a sample of pictures of the trip so far!

Don't forget you can contribute in recognition of Lindsay's achievement, details are on the previous page.

THE AMAZING DIVERSE FAMILY OF GOD

Some of you may have met Majken last year, She is a young Swedish girl in her early 20's who worked in a hotel in Corfu. Not free to come to Sunday services and having no Christian fellowship she came into church on Friday mornings to spend time in the quiet with God . and also join in with worship songs and prayer. Majken helped decorate for a wedding blessing and also helped make pies for our harvest meal.

Now she is back in Sweden and has been working until she starts her studies soon. Majken loves Corfu and was able to come for a short 4 day visit in August and while she was here wanted to help at church. She loves HTC too (but most of all Jesus!)

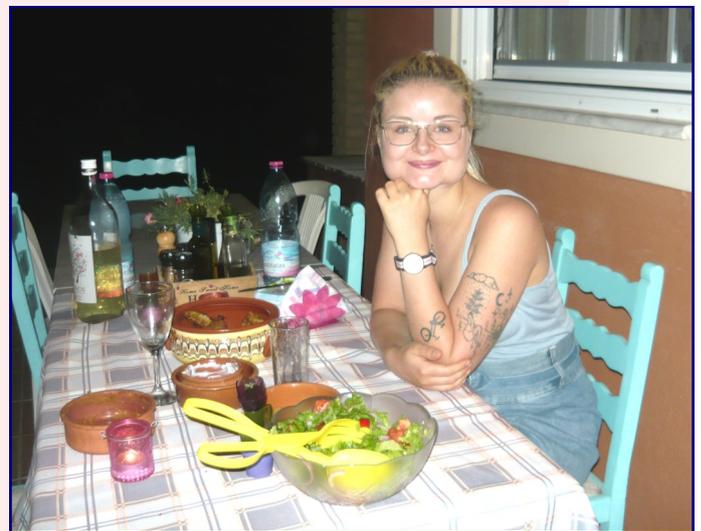
As there is a break from weekday activities in church in August, she came along hospital visiting and was a great help. In the 4 days here she managed to get in hospital visiting, prayer and worship , even a bible study which Jules threw in especially. And of course time on the beach!

At the hospital we saw several people and were looking for a specific holiday maker and family unsuccessfully. As we were leaving Majken noticed a TUI rep, and suggested we ask her, on my own I would not have noticed her.

Anyway it turned out that this was a rep from a cruise ship who had brought in a passenger who had been taken to the ward. The family had been waiting quite a while with not a clue as to what was happening and concerned about getting back to the ship before it sailed. Talking to us they said that we were like two angels sent, so we told them that this morning we had asked God to lead us to the right people. They were a little bit surprised, amazed! Anyway we were able to help out, and explain what to do and that the man would have to stay in for several days.

The wife and son stayed and the daughter and Rep, having got all the arrangements sorted, got back to the ship in time. Majken spent quite a bit of time with the Rep. who left saying that she now believes there is a God! WOW!

Majken visited the family while she was still here. Jules and the Pastoral team continue to visit



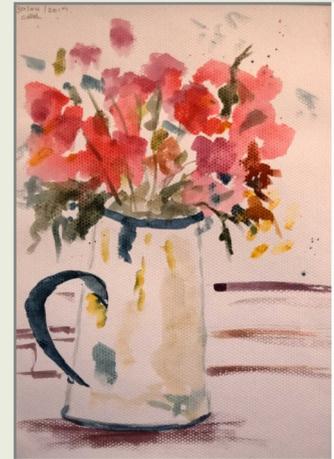
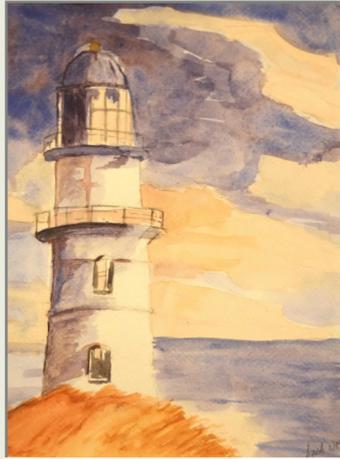
So, this is written as encouragement to all, that we just never know, how with willing spirits, God will touch hearts through the little things we do!

I hear lots of stories and others have much more to tell, so please share.

And how wonderful is the fellowship we have with other believers. Young Majken happily attends a large Hillsong Church in Sweden and is equally at home with us at HTC. *"It's the unity of the Spirit"* Thank you Jesus, that we are adopted into your family.

"How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God" 1.John 3.1

Water Colour Class Gallery



Classes start again on 8th October.
Contact Rita if you would like to join.

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Cartoons (with thanks to Reverendfun.com)



(See Daniel 6)

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DANIEL FOUND OUT THAT THE LIONS WERE
REALLY A COOL BUNCH OF GUYS



(See Genesis 6-8)

10-06-1998

IT WAS ONLY AFTER NOAH FINISHED HIS
ARK PROTOTYPE THAT HE FINALLY
ADMITTED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT A
CUBIT WAS

FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE!

This is a busy time for those of us working in tourism, pray for continuing strength for the final few weeks.

16th September - 4th October. Ordinand, Sebastian Jones will be with us. We pray that we find ways to enrich his ministry, that his time with us will be encouraging and rewarding.

19th - 22nd September. Jules, Anne and Rhona will be attending the Eastern Archdeaconry Synod in Budapest. Pray that it will be a time of encouragement and blessings. As well as for safe travel, of course!

We give thanks to the Lord for his amazing, diverse world-wide family and the joy and encouragement of our visitors at HTC.

A lot of holiday makers and others have ended up in hospital this season, pray for the equipping of our Pastoral team .

Our connection with Corfu hospital cancer/chemotherapy unit continues as congregation member Lyndsay Hollingdale is kayaking around the island to raise money for this unit.

We are going to miss a few of our younger ones and pray for the Hurley family moving back to Holland.



Also our talented flautist Danny who has faithfully played for us since he was quite young is going to university in Zurich. We pray he settles well, makes friends and finds a church family.



It was also a blessing on 25th Aug to see Lynn Wilkinson and Amira back in Corfu for the first time since they went to the UK seven years ago. - *'Happy 50th birthday, Lynn and love to husband Jimmy'*



What's on at Holy Trinity Corfu

Sun	1	10:30 Family Communion & Sunday School
Thurs	5	10:30 Bible Study at HTC 17:00 Worship Group
Fri	6	09:30 Prayer Meeting
Sun	8	10:30 Family Communion
Thurs	12	10:30 Bible Study at HTC 17:00 Worship Group 18:00 Church Council Meeting
Fri	16	09:30 Prayer Meeting 18:00 HTC South Communion at Messonghi
Sun	15	10:30 Family Communion
Thurs	19	09:15 Pastoral Care Group 10:30 Bible Study at HTC 17:00 Worship Group
Fri	20	09:30 Prayer Meeting
Sun	22	10:30 Lay led Service
Thurs	26	10:30 Bible Study at HTC 17:00 Worship Group
Fri	27	09:30 Prayer Meeting
Sun	29	10:30 Harvest Festival

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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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Congratulations

It was Reina Zorbas 80th Birthday on August 4th. Friends had taken her out for a meal beforehand and we took flowers and a card from HTC. Reina was celebrating with family on the day

Thank you Reina for all the love, care encouragement, service and faith building that you have given to so many of us here over past years, helping us to walk in "The Light of The Lord". May the light of The Lord always shine in your heart and spirit.

One of Reina's favourite songs,

We are marching in the Light of God...
We are living in The love of God...
We are moving in the power of God,,,

"But if we walk in the light and he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his son, purifies us from all sin" 1 John 1.7



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