



ONE BODY, MANY MEMBERS

Dear Friends,

We are continuing this month with the series on the gifts and fruit of the Spirit and I was drawn to the verses from one of our readings last Sunday from Romans 12, specifically verses 4 to 8, as follows

For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

...THE WAY THAT YOU DO IT!

As with so many things in life, it's not what you do; but the way that you do it! St. Paul is directing us to look into our hearts, not just to see the gifts we have been given, but also to look at how we feel about those gifts and our attitudes towards how we engage with them.

Take this phrase from the first sentence - *"each member belongs to all the others"*. We are very familiar with the image of the body as a picture of the followers of Jesus - all connected in the body of Christ. We are the body of Christ here on earth. It's easy to see the connectedness and unity that is implied by this picture. But St. Paul is urging us to think beyond the idea of connected individuals to seeing ourselves as an integrated part of the whole. We live in societies where "ownership is

nine tenths of the law", as the saying goes. If something is ours... it's ours. But when it comes to who we are in Christ we see that we "belong to all the others". The gifts we have "belong to all the others". This takes some thinking about. Surely, St. Paul is not a spiritual communist, is he! I don't think this is where he is heading at all!



PERSONHOOD & UNITY

One of the wonderful truths of the Christian faith is that we are individually called by God... by name... personally. Our individuality is not lost in Christ. In fact, it is essential for a true relationship of love with God and each other that we remain a differentiated person. But the Trinity reveals something profound about this personhood - three persons but one God. Personhood and unity. So it is when we share in this life. Personhood and unity.

This means that our spiritual lives are going to be lived in this way. Not the way of the world, the way of "property".

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So when it comes to the gifts we are given, we are given them for each other. They are not ours in the sense of ownership, but ours in the sense of who we are in the body. And the gifts we have are always for others.

A RELEASING TRUTH

Which leads to the second part of St. Paul's teaching about *how* we are to use these gifts. Simply and confidently and always with the focus on *the other*. The gifts, as the member of the body, *belong to all the others*. This is an incredibly *releasing* truth. No longer is our own ego or anxieties or nervousness our focus when we think about how we give our gifts to the church, what matters is how these gifts meet the needs of the body of the church. The fulfilment and joy we receive when our gifts are used within the church come from the fulfilment and joy others receive when we exercise our gifts for them. The only way in which we can become who we are called to be is by offering the gifts to others. It's very clear if you think about it... it follows the pattern of the cross. Jesus gives His life for the life of the world and through his self-offering releases us into the resurrection life he pioneered.

It's why St. Paul is so simple and clear - whatever your gift - give it! When you do, you will know the joy of the Lord within. Focus on others and you will find the fulfilment in Jesus your heart's desire.

It's the wonderfully, joyful, upside-down Kingdom world. And it's the Kingdom we have all been called to be part of. So this month we are going to be thinking about joy and how it is foundational to our whole outlook, who we are in Christ and how we can receive the inner enthusiasm to live life in all its fullness.

So, *enjoy* who you are called to be and enjoy giving your gifts... away!

With every blessing,

Jules.



'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>

YEMEN KITCHEN



UPDATE

Dear HTC friends,

Our kitchen is still continuing to serve daily meals and we are very grateful for that. Quarantine for Covid-19 was getting a little easier and suddenly a second wave of new cases came. So we are continuing to be extra careful. We are thankful to God that so far nobody from our people and staff was infected. We have also a petrol crises, boats are stuck in Djibouti, not allowed to reach Yemen for 3 months. This causes the petrol prices to reach three or four times their price in the black market. Plus the health system is on the verge of collapsing. Thanks to big petrol prices, the food prices also go up because of the cost of transportation.

When we thought that all the problems already happened to us, it started heavily raining and flooding in Yemen. Some of the houses in old Sana'a collapsed. They are old houses but very strong. Unfortunately, the five years of bombing made its damage to the structure of the houses and some couldn't take the heavy rains.

Our kitchen was also effected by the rains. We have a roof damage and owner of the property decided to sell the house. Surrounding houses will be also under demolition. On the land will be built something else. We are still cooking in the kitchen, just move a little to other side. In addition, in the same time we are looking for another suitable place. We found already about three places and we are waiting to have look at them. Hopefully, by end of this month we will move.

Our kitchen is very strong. We were cooking when there was cholera epidemic, Covid-19 epidemic, crises of petrol, crises of gas, heavy rains and flooding and we hope we will continue.

Thank you again for your concern and your generous help.

Wishing you a nice day .

Sabina and all the team in Yemen



PULSE PRAYERS



How wonderful is this unity in The Spirit, and "*How great is the Father's love that he has lavished on us that we should be called children of God.*"

1 John 3:1

We give thanks for-

- Jules, our chaplain, responding to Gods call to HTC. For the last 5 years, he has encouraged, uplifted and built us up in Spirit and Truth in joy, and taken us forward with his vision for the extension of The Kingdom. We are overjoyed that Jules has committed himself to another 5 years at HTC.
- Nigel and Anne Scotland on holiday here, preaching and encouraging us. *Lord bless them.*
- Anne, Mark and Jackie inspiring us with their preaching. *Lord bless them.*
- Our wardens and council ministry team. Wisdom in planning for the next few months. *Lord bless them*
- Our technical help. *Lord Bless them.*
- Our worship team. *Lord Bless them.*
- The whole HTC congregation near and far, encouraged and using their time and varied talents for your praise and glory. *Lord bless them.*
- The two-way encouragement of visitors near and far and online worshippers. *Lord bless them.*
- Your worldwide church and the amazing ways your people have come together during the pandemic. That your people have remained strong even while apart. Continue to bless your church and hold us together by your Spirit especially those not able to meet. Anoint your leaders and grow the number of believers as you draw people to you.

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God didn't remove the Red Sea for Moses. He simply made a way through it!

No matter what we are facing today, God may not take it away, but rest assured He will make a way through it.

So we will "*keep our spiritual fervour, serving the Lord, being faithful in prayer, patient in affliction and joyful in hope*" from Romans 12:9



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We pray for-

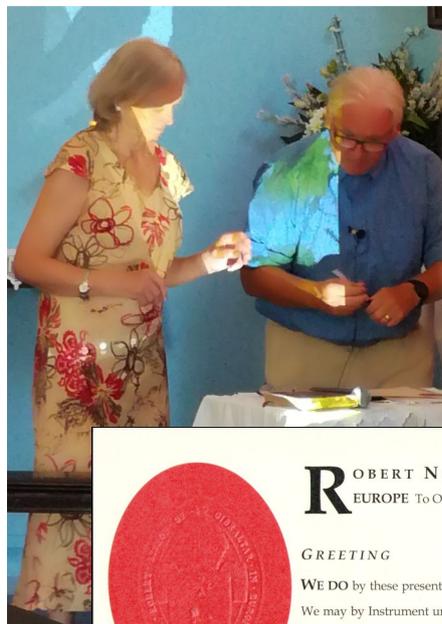
- Continued anointing, blessings, direction and protection on Jules Trish and family. That we too with Jesus, as our head, will be open and faithful servants under his leadership.
- Every provision and protection for Sabina's kitchen in Yemen, and an end to the conflicts there.
- A peaceful solution between Greece and Turkey over the maritime borders.
- Governments and leaders, to have compassion and integrity to find new ways of dealing with resources, so that justice and provision become a reality.
- Healing and wholeness for those who are anxious, mentally ill, or sick. Those having cancer treatment, Andrea Ginelle and especially remember young people and children at this time; Josh, Piper, Gracie, Noah, Harley and Ben.
- For those in mourning.
- Holidaymakers who have suffered tragedy, may you send the help they need and your healing presence and peace enfold and strengthen them.
- For those who are dying, to know your loving touch and open their hearts to you.
- Parents, children and teachers as schools as re-open.
- Young people, for hope and guidance for their future.
- The support and respite for those caring for elderly especially those with dementia and Alzheimer's, a great need locally.
- Corfu Municipality to be successful in finding property to start the Day Care centre for the elderly.
- The approval of the refurbishment and Logos Café, so that we can emerge from this time ready and excited about the new phase of our mission and ministry here. Thank you Lord, for your provision in so many ways and for all those supporting, helping and praying for HTC.

“Lord fill us with the knowledge of your will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding, that we may live a life worthy of you and may please you in every way. Bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of you, being strengthened with all power according to your glorious might so that we may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully give thanks to you Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light”

Colossians 1:9-12



CELEBRATE THE CHAPLAIN!



On Sunday 23rd August, Jules signed his Declaration of Oaths and received the Bishop's Licence for the next 5 years.

Sadly, due to Covid-19 travel recommendations Archdeacon Leslie was not able to come to us, so our church warden Pauline was officially appointed to stand in as the Bishop's representative.



ROBERT NEIL by Divine Permission LORD BISHOP OF GIBRALTAR IN EUROPE To Our well-beloved in Christ JULIAN JOHN WILSON Clerk

GREETING

WE DO by these presents grant you Licence for a period of five years (or until such later date as We may by Instrument under Our hand direct) to minister as a Priest in the office of Chaplain of the Anglican Church of The Holy Trinity, Corfu in the Eastern Archdeaconry within the Diocese in Europe, you having first made the Declaration and Oaths required in this particular

AND SO We commend you to Almighty God, whose blessing and favour We humbly pray may rest on you and your labours, asking also that you will pray for Us, your fellow servant in Christ

IN TESTIMONY whereof We have caused Our Episcopal Seal to be hereunto affixed and the same has been subscribed with Our authority this twenty third day of August in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty, in the Seventh Year of Our Consecration

Pauline M. Argyros - Aspofiti
23/08/20



Then after the prayer meeting on Friday 28th Trish was able to hold a small celebration, with chocolate cake & 'bucks-fizz' for Jules' birthday.

"We pray that Jules being rooted and established in love, may have power, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge -that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God"

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

FRUIT and GIFTS



PART FOUR - JOY

Rejoice! Be Glad! Exult! Be filled with joy!

Billy Sunday, one of the greatest evangelists of the early 20th century said this, "If you have no joy in your religion, there's a leak in you Christianity somewhere!"

The IVP New Testament dictionary says that St. Paul expresses in his letters that the Christian faith is much a religion of joy as it is of grace.

The agape love of acting grace in our lives is one of *four* words that saturate the new testament writings; joy is expressed through at least *seven* different words for joy that are used to try and communicate the deeply foundational joyful nature of the new life we are given in Jesus - over 300 times!

This joy is not a passing feeling - it's not the hilarity of the sharp stand-up comic; it's not the relaxing of inhibitions as the wine flows; it's not that happy feeling we have when opening presents at Christmas. It's much, much deeper; much more powerful.

Joy grows as, in our hearts; we know the presence and peace of the Holy Spirit bringing us into unity with God in Christ. Joy overflows in tears of thankful wonder as we begin to comprehend the breadth and depth of the love of Jesus who suffered and died for us - for the joy that He knew would follow as all barriers to our communion with God were destroyed. Fear, death, transient pain - all ultimately defeated by His gracious love.

Joy comes from knowing that nothing separates us from this love - nothing. We are safe in Him. Our path towards that banquet celebration in heaven is secured... by Him.

Joy, like grace, like our saved relationship with God is a gift and a fruit of the Spirit; something given and something that grows.

Joy is the magnet in our mission. The world, we know, is always full of calamities and catastrophes. There are always burdens to bear and pain to endure, in one form or another. The call to mission is a call to bring healing and hope to these situations - to be salt in a bland world and light in the darkness of fear. Yet without joyful confidence that the Lord holds all these things in His loving hands and heart, we bring nothing of real, lasting value.

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The Bible is written through many hundreds of years of human history. Dark and dangerous times when human life was cheap and violent power the loudest voice to be heard. Many of the stories of the Old Testament are written against this background. Death and loss ever present. Yet the psalmists express joy and rejoice that God is present; right alongside the harsh realities of life. How can they do this? They can do this because joy is based on the foundation of faith - a prophetic understanding of the true reality in which they live. God is sovereign. In Him, we can trust.

The New Testament overflows with joy - right alongside the reality of the cross. The expression of joy grows as the texts develop. St. Mark mentions joy very little - concentrating on the activities and sacrifice of Jesus. But by the time St. Luke researched and collated his Spirit given scriptures, joy has been found in every step of the way. His has become a "gospel of joy". St. Luke (and St. Matthew) tell of the joy at the birth of the Messiah - remember John the Baptist jumping for joy even before he is out of the womb? There's joy throughout Jesus' mission and when that mission is shared with the seventy and they see the Kingdom

come through their acts of faith, Jesus' own joy exploded as he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit. Turning to his disciples, he tells them, "Blessed are the eyes that see what you see!" He teaches them that their true joy does not lie in the power they have seen working through them but that they themselves are part of the Kingdom; their places in the eternity of heaven are assured. Only the disciple who lost his joy when he lost his faith did not face his own death with courage and joy as a gateway to their deepest fulfilment. And St. John... well... he shares, to complement the other gospel writers, the joyful words of Jesus - in prayer, in private - so that our "joy may be complete".

As the good news spread, St. Stephen showed no fear as he rehearsed the greatness of God's actions to save the world, his joy expressed itself in his open heart towards Jesus - "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit" - and towards those who threw stones at him - "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." His joy was not defined by his circumstances, it was no fleeting emotion, it was defined by his true life hidden to those around him in Jesus; but to him - right before his eyes!

And St. Paul, the theologian of joy, separated from his people, beaten, imprisoned... joyful to the last. Why? Because of the certain hope in the cross of Jesus and the powerful work of the Holy Spirit nurturing his inner life and opening wide his spiritual eyes.



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As someone once said - happiness is an emotion, and joy is an attitude. Emotions come and go, but attitudes come and grow.

We know we live in difficult times. We know that we are going to face challenges in the months and years to come as the consequences of the current pandemic unfold. But this is not the full picture; it does not define who we are and where we are heading. We are in Christ; we will always be. Time spent in the joyful presence of the Holy Spirit, allowing him to give us His perspective will not only mean that we will have that peace that the world cannot give - it means that our deep joy will keep us fruitful in the mission and ministry that unfolds during this time. Again, joy is our magnet in mission.

There is so much more to say... the importance of our worship in expressing our joy, how joy overflows in thankfulness and true freedom, how joy makes each day a gift beyond price...

C. S. Lewis said this, "We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition, when infinite joy is offered to us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in the slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea."

To allow joy to grow within us requires no secret teaching or special insight - it is given by the Holy Spirit. He is no secret! We well know that the simple act of being present with Him,

worshipping and thanking our Lord for all he does, giving him our lives in prayer and... *simply asking* Him to have His way in us is the way we receive and grow.

So, we will leave the last words to St. Paul and I pray that we will all follow his teaching, rooted in his deepest experiences:

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Amen?



The Breath Prayer

Written by @SheridanVoysey

Lord God, fill me with your Holy Spirit

I receive your **love** & release my **insecurity**

I receive your **joy** & release my **unhappiness**

I receive your **peace** & release my **anxiety**

I receive your **patience** & release my **impulsiveness**

I receive your **kindness** & release my **indifference**

I receive your **goodness** & release my **ungodliness**

I receive your **faithfulness** & release my **disloyalty**

I receive your **gentleness** & release my **severity**

I receive your **self-control** & release my **self-indulgence**

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HE'S JUST LIKE HIS GRANDFATHER ...
BALD, AND HE SLEEPS THROUGH CHURCH



08-29-2000

I'M WELL AWARE OF WHAT THE SIGN SAYS,
OFFICER, BUT THERE MUST BE A WAY WE
CAN GET OUR CHURCH BACK

What's on at Holy Trinity Corfu

Wed	2	9:30	FB Prayer Group
Fri	4	09:30	Prayer at HTC & FB
Sun	6	10:30	Family Communion at HTC & On-Line
Wed	9	9:30	FB Prayer Group
Thurs	10	18:00	Church Council meeting
Fri	11	09:30	Prayer at HTC & FB
Sun	13	10:30	Family Communion at HTC & On-Line
Mon	14	18:00	Home group
Wed	16	9:30	FB Prayer Group
Thurs	17	9:15	Pastoral Care Group
Fri	18	09:30	Prayer at HTC & FB
Sun	20	10:30	Family Communion at HTC & On-Line
Mon	21	18:00	Home group
Wed	23	9:30	FB Prayer Group
Fri	25	9:30	Prayer at HTC & FB
Sun	27	10:30	Family Communion at HTC & On-Line celebrating Harvest.
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Wed	30	9:30	FB Prayer Group

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