

Friday May 22nd – Galatians 5:13-21

Freedom : personal or civil liberty; liberty of action.

On May 8th we celebrated the 75th Anniversary of V. E. Day – Victory in Europe when we gave thanks for those, who in so many different ways, brought WW2 to an end. We were free from the threat of invasion from the Nazi forces.

Currently much of our freedom is restricted due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

How do we use our freedom? It is one thing to be set free from war or for our movements to be restricted to avoid the spread of disease, and quite another to decide what to do with our freedom when we've got it. Freedom *from* restraint , if it is to be of any use must be matched by a sense of freedom *for* a particular purpose.

Paul in this letter argues that all those who believe in Jesu Christ are free – free from their past, free from the claims of the Jewish law.

What is Christian freedom ? Being free *for* God, and free to love one's neighbour and to be led by the Holy Spirit into a new life.

Acrostic : to find a word which begins with each letter of a particular word.

Example:

Freedom/Faith/Father

R

E

E

D

O

M

Try to find words which have a link with the word chosen.

This example isn't easy, so we've made some suggestions for the first word!