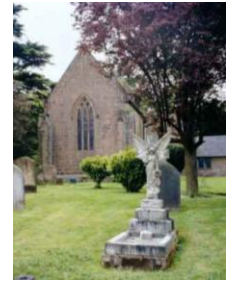




**UNITED BENEFICE OF CORLEY PARISH  
CHURCH & ST MARY & ALL SAINTS  
CHURCH, FILLONGLEY WITH  
FILLONGLEY METHODIST CHURCH**  
*Anglicans and Methodists in Unity.*



Dear Friends,

It was with great joy (and some trepidation) that we opened up the churches last Sunday. It was joyful in seeing people coming into buildings that have remained dormant for the last 15 weeks. Joyful to be able to celebrate God's love and the great mystery of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ in public once more. It was joyful seeing the response of worshippers reclaiming sacred space. It was joyful celebrating the Eucharist at Corley, even though not everyone was able to partake of the physical gifts. It was joyful being in a physical rather than virtual church community. Joyful to worship God together, even if we couldn't sing! It was joyful to meet some of the community that I feel called to serve.

But there was also a sense of trepidation. The Church Councils had thought long and hard about reopening. Were our guidelines and risk assessments robust enough? Had we done everything in our power to keep everyone safe? We will revisit those questions often and revise our guidance and practice as our experience and the Government and C of E guidance continues to evolve. We have to be careful. Unfortunately, Coronavirus hasn't gone away yet and we still need to do everything in our power to protect each other, to protect the most vulnerable amongst us and the NHS.

On Sunday, everyone who attended the services observed social distancing. The pews had been selectively opened to allow at least a 2 metre distance between worshippers but it soon became clear that we were almost at full capacity with 12 worshippers at Corley and 24 at Fillongley. The last thing we want to do is to have to turn anyone away from worshipping at their church so we have decided to look again at the government advice regarding face coverings in

enclosed public spaces. By asking everyone who attends a service to wear a face covering we will be able to accommodate more of our worshipping community. Evidence suggests that wearing a face covering does not protect you. However, if you are infected but have not yet developed symptoms, it may provide some protection for others you come into close contact with<sup>1</sup>. So, if we are all wearing face coverings then we are each doing our best to keep each other safe from the virus. Face coverings don't have to be medical grade masks, those are best reserved for frontline health and care professionals. A scarf, bandana or home-made mask is thought to be sufficient<sup>2</sup>.

*Stop press*

*Services on Sunday next*

*9:00am Fillongley Church*

*10:30am Corley Church*

*Please bring and wear a face covering*



<sup>1</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/staying-safe-outside-your-home/staying-safe-outside-your-home>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/how-to-wear-and-make-a-cloth-face-covering/how-to-wear-and-make-a-cloth-face-covering>

But it is really important to remember that if you have any concerns at all about gathering to worship in the church building, you must not feel under any pressure to return.

From this Sunday we will still be observing social distancing. We will still offer hand sanitiser at the entrance and exit to church, we will still ask for your contact details but we will **also** ask you **bring and wear a face covering**.

It is a new and strange landscape that we are travelling together, as we learn to live in a world where Covid 19 is, unfortunately, an ongoing reality. If, however, we travel with love and care for each other, then the journey will be worthwhile and joyful.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if a chat might help.

God bless you. Love and prayers. Ali



## LECTIONARY Readings and Prayers for Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2020

### Trinity 5 ~ Sea Sunday



#### Collects

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

#### Readings

Genesis 25: vs 19-end ~ Psalm 119 vs 105-112 ~ Isaiah 55 vs 10-13

Romans 8 vs 1-11 ~ Matthew 13 vs 1-9, 18-23

## Talk / Reflection

Revd Ali's reflection for today is included in the full Orders of Service attached to this bulletin. If you would like to worship along at home with the gathered congregations at the churches, the Service at Fillongley will start at 9am and the Service at Corley at 10.30am. If you would like to only read Ali's reflection for Sunday it is also available as an attachment. The reflection will be shared in the sermon slot at both services.

## HYMNS & WORSHIP SONGS

*Here are the Hymns that we would have been singing in Church on Sunday ~*

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

Be still my Soul

Eternal Father strong to save

*On this Sea Sunday, it seems appropriate for this hymn to be the one which we can sing along with this week ~*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bDjwUzUnNpU>

All my hope on God is founded

## PRAYERS



*Sundays @ 7pm.*

*A reminder that we are lighting a Candle every Sunday at 7pm during this time and putting it in our windows to be a sign of our solidarity and hope in the light of Jesus Christ that can never be extinguished.*

## **The Community of Aidan and Hilda ~ Contemporary Celtic Christians**

### **Who are we?**

*We are a dispersed, international and interdenominational Christian community who draw particular inspiration from Celtic Christian Spirituality as lived out by Celtic Saints such as Aidan and Hilda.*

## **What is our way of life?**

*Daily Bible Reading is at the heart of our way of life. In addition, we study the history of the Celtic Church, becoming familiar with the lives of saints such as Aidan, Bridget, Columba, David and Patrick. Their feast days are always remembered and their examples as to how to live out our lives are followed. The way of life has three guiding principles ~*

-  *Simplicity*
-  *Purity*
-  *Obedience*     *in our relationship with God.*

## **A Prayer from a scribe in a Celtic Monastery**

*O Lord, may it be your wisdom, not my folly*

*Which passes through my arm and hand.*

*May your words take shape upon the page.*

*For when I am truly faithful to your dictation*






*My hand is firm and strong.*

## **RESOURCES**



*Anne was having that dream again*

Attached to this Bulletin are these items ~

-  Service of Holy Communion Corley Parish Church Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 10:30am
-  Service of Holy Communion Fillongley Church Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 9:00am
-  Reflection from Revd Ali Massey for Trinity 5 – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July
-  Lift up your hearts *Church Times 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2020*
-  Reflection from Revd Andrew Haines for Trinity 5 – Romans 8: vs 1-11

## **AND FINALLY DON'T FORGET .....**

If there is anything that you need or know of someone who would appreciate being contacted or added to the mailing list for this weekly e-bulletin, please do not hesitate to contact Revd Ali, Revd Jane or any of the Churchwardens and Church Stewards listed below. <sup>i</sup>

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