



## UNITED BENEFICE OF CORLEY PARISH CHURCH & ST MARY & ALL SAINTS CHURCH, FILLONGLEY WITH FILLONGLEY METHODIST CHURCH

### *Anglicans and Methodists in Unity.*

Dear Friends

It has been a busy week for Pete and me, trying to settle into our new temporary accommodation in Allesley. Getting used to a new house and a new environment is always challenging. We knew where everything was in our old house. We knew where our favourite dog walks were. But change is always part of life and one that can enhance our lives if we embrace it. There have been surprises and delights since we moved. The discovery of new places to walk, the beauty of the large rectory garden with its abundance of wildlife – the dog has been particularly enamoured of watching the local rabbits and squirrels as they scamper through the garden. Fortunately, she is wise enough just to watch and not bother chasing them!

Our communal lives are changing and evolving too as the lockdown continues to be released. This week sees face coverings being compulsory in shops and I wonder if they will become a familiar part of our daily lives for the foreseeable future. Change, especially when it is forced on us, can be difficult to embrace. But hopefully the benefits of being able to enjoy so many of the more familiar and comfortable things that we can now appreciate, such as meeting our friends outdoors or venturing out to our favourite pub or restaurant will outweigh any discomfort.

Our worshipping lives will also change and evolve over the forthcoming months. At the moment we can't sing in church or all receive the gifts of bread and wine during Holy Communion. But we can listen to sacred music and share in a spiritual Communion as the priest consumes the gifts on our behalf. And it is a great joy that we are now able to hold small weddings, Christenings and funeral services in church. We will continue to closely monitor the Government and Church of England guidance for any changes to the services that we are able to offer.

Unfortunately, one of the services we are unable to host at the moment is my licensing as Rector. Legally the service has to take place in church with the Bishop and representatives of the church and community gathered. But as an interim solution, Archdeacon Sue Field is going to 'welcome' me to the post in a Zoom service the week after next. This will mean that I am able to officially begin ministry as your new Rector instead of just operating under a general Permission to Officiate. If you would like to 'attend' the service, just let me know and I can send you a Zoom invitation. The service will be on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm.

*Stop press*

*Services on Sunday next*

*9:00am Fillongley Church*

*10:30am Corley Church*

*Please bring and wear a face covering*



In the meantime, if there are changes in your life that you would like to talk about, please don't hesitate to contact me.

With love and prayers

Ali

An excerpt from St Paul's Letter to the Philippians (4: 6,7)

<sup>6</sup>Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus

## LECTIONARY Readings and Prayers for Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2020

### Trinity 7

#### Collects

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**



Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

#### Readings

Genesis 29: vs 15-28 ~ Psalm 128 ~ Romans 8: vs 26-end ~ Matthew 13 vs 31-33, 44-52.

#### 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 9:00am 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 ~*

Come, now is the time to worship

Faithful One ~ another gentle one to sing along with this week

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uxviwvjyg1w>

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God

Praise my Soul, the King of heaven



## **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.*

### **From St Columba's Rule of Life**

Do not give room to a person who is full of idle chatter and tittle tattle; just give them your blessing and send them on their way.

Go along with any rule that evokes devotion.

Divide your work into three parts: first, your personal needs; second, the needs of your community; third, work that meets the needs of your neighbours, either discipling or practical work.

Give to people in need.

Do not eat until you are hungry. Do not sleep until you are ready for it.

Do not converse with people except for a good cause.

Every time you receive something, give something away to a friend or a poor person.

Love God with all your heart and strength. Love your neighbour as yourself.

Make the Old and New Testaments your home at all times.

Work at your devotion until tears come, or at least until perspiration comes.

## A Sixteenth-century prayer.

Lord temper with tranquillity our manifold activity

That we may do our work for thee with very great simplicity.

## RESOURCES

Attached to this Bulletin are these items ~

- ✚ Service of Holy Communion Corley Parish Church  
Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July at 10:30am
- ✚ Service of Holy Communion Fillongley Church  
Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July at 9:00am
- ✚ Reflection from Revd Ali Massey for Trinity 7
- ✚ Lift up your hearts *Church Times 17th July 2020*
- ✚ Worship during the pandemic – A Preacher's Experiences

*from Michael Harris, Methodist Local Preacher and good friend of Fillongley Church*



## 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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