



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



Anglicans and Methodists in Unity.

Please bring along with you to Fillongley Church this Sunday a percussion instrument, perhaps home-made, which you can bang or shake in time to the music.



Stop press

Services on Sunday next

10:30 am Corley Church

9:00 am Fillongley Church

Please bring and wear a face covering



Dear Friends,

Summertime and the livin' is easy
Fish are jumpin' and the cotton is high
Your daddy's rich and your ma is good lookin'
So hush, little baby, don't you cry

The quintessential sound of summer. Billie Holliday as well as many, many others have recorded Gershwin's lyrics. I don't know about you, but when I hear that song, I really do think of those long lazy days of late childhood, when there wasn't a care in the world and the days were always sunny, and the long summer holidays stretched out with the promise of adventure before the 'back to school' signs went up in the shops.

This year, summertime isn't particularly easy. The Coronavirus pandemic has fundamentally changed the way that we are operating at the moment. We might not have the same sense of freedom and joie de vivre that summer usually brings. But there are always glimpses of sunshine in even the dreariest of days. The easing of lockdown has meant that we are able to get out and about again. We are able to spend time with loved ones and some of us are lucky enough to be able to go on holiday.

I am taking a 2 week break starting today (Friday 7th August). I am travelling to one of my favourite places, Norfolk. Norfolk is for me, one of those 'thin' places. Places where it seems as if heaven is just a little bit closer to earth. It may be the big open skies or the glorious sandy beaches, but it really does feel that there I can exhale the 'stuff' of the world and stand in the presence of God.

I wonder if you have a 'thin' place ~ somewhere that makes you feel better, somewhere that soothes your soul, somewhere where the presence of God might feel a little more tangible? It is something that we, as human beings have always sought. The desire for the 'thin' place can lead us on journeys of discovery both internal and external and my hope and prayer for all of us, is that despite the current restrictions we all may find and enjoy our 'thin' place soon.

If however, things don't feel at all rosy and the tears are all too near the surface then please don't hesitate to get in touch with someone in the team. We are all travelling this strange new world together and can help and encourage each other if the way feels especially tough.

Jesus understood that our lives weren't always going to be full of rainbows and unicorns but encourages us to trust that God has plans to prosper and not harm us, (Jeremiah 29:11). Jesus tells us to try not to worry (Luke 12:22 – 34) and that God cares so much for each of us that God will provide for our needs.

So, I hope that this summer is kind to you; that the light will overcome the darkness and that you are able to 'rise up singin' and that with God standing by, you won't need to cry.

God bless you. Love and prayers Ali

LECTIONARY Readings and Prayers for Sunday 9th August 2020 ~ Trinity 9

Collects

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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.**

Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Readings

Genesis 37: vs 1-4, 12-28 ~ Psalm 105 vs 1-6, 16-22, 45. ~ Romans 10: vs 5-15

Matthew 14: vs 22-33.

Talk / Reflection

The reflections for Sunday 9th August 2020 are 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 where Revd Jane Braund will be presiding and the Service at Corley will start at 10:30am where the Revd Liz Jones is presiding. If you would like to only read the reflections for Sunday they are also available as attachments. The reflection will be shared in the sermon slot at each service.

HYMNS & WORSHIP SONGS

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

Give thanks to the Lord our God and King.

This will be a new worship song for many of you so here is a nice lively recording for you to easily sing along with 😊

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3IPdtqgouCc>

In Christ alone

For the healing of the nations

Great is thy faithfulness



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.

A Prayer for our relationship with God

Loving Saviour, show yourself to us
That knowing you we may love you as warmly in return;
May love you alone, desire you alone,
Contemplate you alone by day and night
And keep you always in our thoughts.
May affection for you pervade our hearts.
May attachment to you take possession of us all.
May love of you fill all our senses.
May we know no other love except you who are eternal;
A love so great that the many waters of land and sea
Will fail to quench it. **Amen**

Columbanus

A Prayer for our relationship with others

Lord, help me to take the time to sit in the shoes of the other person.

To start from where they are.

To listen to what they feel.

To refrain from the too hasty judgement or the too ready answer.

To smile and be gentle and yet not to collude with the slipshod

But to prayerfully see a thing through.

Amen.

RESOURCES

Attached to this Bulletin are these items ~

✚ Service of Holy Communion Corley

Parish Church Sunday August 9th at

10:30am

✚ Service of Holy Communion Fillongley

Church Sunday 9th August at 9:00am

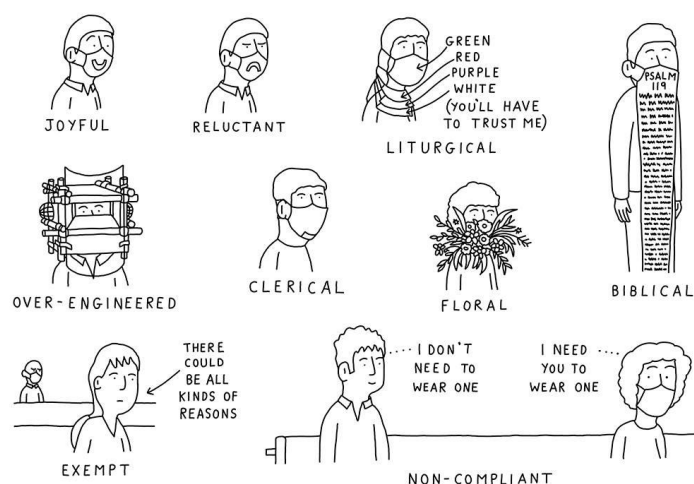
✚ Reflection from Revd Liz Jones for

Trinity 9

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Trinity 9

FACE MASKS



The latest Dave Walker Cartoon

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. ⁱ

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