

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

Anglicans and Methodists in Unity.



Dear Friends,

Traditionally, at this time of year, our thoughts turn towards celebrating the harvest. Giving God thanks for all the good gifts of God's creation and for those who steward God's creation on our behalf and to give thanks for all those who work so very hard in often difficult conditions to produce the food we eat. This year has been particularly challenging for many of our farmers. The changeable weather has meant that some crops, such as apples, have done well and there is a bumper crop, whilst others such as cereal crops have done less well. The NFU have reported that the wheat yield this year may reduce by 30%. Added to this are the difficulties that Covid 19 and Brexit uncertainty have created with employment of seasonal workers and it is clear to see that our farmers have had a really difficult time. But, I once heard a farmer friend say, that by nature, 'farmers are the ultimate optimists'. After all, year after year they sow their seeds and raise their livestock in hope of a good crop. All in the face of years of experience that has seen crops blighted and food prices 'at the farm gate' plummet. So, we are taking our lead from our eternally optimistic farmers and planning outdoor harvest services to celebrate!

The harvest service at Corley will be Sunday the 27th September at 10.30am and will be a Harvest Holy Communion. There will be a table set up under a gazebo for the priest to officiate at the service close to the main entrance of the church. If you could bring along a garden chair (and maybe a blanket and an umbrella too) and sit at socially distanced intervals in front of the gazebo then we can celebrate this harvest time together.

The service at Fillongley will be held on Sunday 18th October at 10.30am. This service will also be a Harvest Holy Communion. Weather permitting the gazebo will be set up near the gate on Church lane and again you will need to bring a chair with you.

For both of the services, as well as your chair (and maybe blanket and umbrella!) you might like to bring a gift of tinned or dried food to be donated to our brothers and sisters in need in the local area. Unfortunately, we still aren't allowed to sing our praises but we hope to share some traditional and not so traditional harvest songs. So maybe, if you have a small percussion instrument such as a triangle, tambourine, castanets or even maracas you might like to bring those along so we can raise a joyful 'harvest home!'.

Of course, all our plans are subject to Government and Church of England guidance. At the moment the C of E guidance states:

"Following indications that the number of people permitted to take part in a social gathering is to be reduced from 30 to six in England, we understand the new regulations will not apply to public worship or individual prayer in church buildings."

Updated 9/9/20

Stop press

Services on Sunday next

9:00am Fillongley Church

10:30am Corley Church

Please bring and wear a face covering



So our optimistic plans go ahead until we hear otherwise and pray for a couple of those bright autumnal sunshine days that make us feel glad. If however, you don't feel at all glad and a chat might be helpful please don't hesitate to contact me, Rev Jane or any of the team.

With love and prayers

Ali

Harvest Collect

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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



LECTIONARY Readings and Prayers for Sunday 13th September 2020 ~ Trinity 14

Collects

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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**

Merciful God, your Son came to save us may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings

Exodus 14: vs 19-end ~ Psalm 114 ~ Romans 14: vs 1-12 ~ Matthew 18: vs 21 – 35

Talk / Reflection

Revd Ali's and Revd Jane's reflections for this Sunday 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 9am and the Service at Corley at 10.30am. If you would like to only read the reflections for Sunday they are also available as attachments. The reflections 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 ~

Meekness and Majesty (StF 362)

Take my life and let it be (StF 566)

There's a wideness in God's mercy (StF 416)

And the one to sing along with this week is

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WL-UdwB0Qvc>

Hear the call of the Kingdom (StF 407)

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.

Christ has no hands but yours

Christ has no body on earth but yours.

No hands but yours, no feet but yours.

Yours are the eyes through which Christ's compassion is to look out for the world.

Yours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good.

Yours are the hands with which he is to bless us now

St Teresa of Avila

Forgive us for the good we ought to have done which we have left undone,

And for the things we have left undone which we ought to have done.

Book of Common Prayer (adapted)

With these hands I bless the lonely, the forgotten and the lost;

With these hands I shield the messengers from attacks within, without;

With these hands I dispel darkness and rebuke the evil forces;

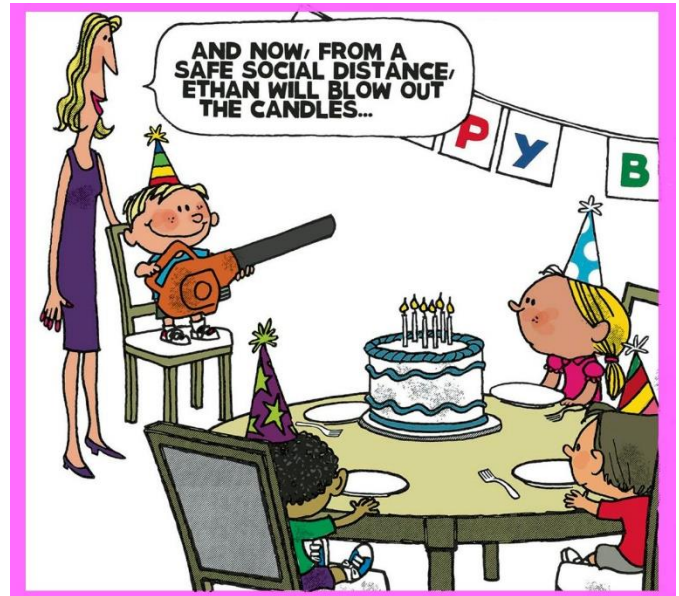
With these hands I pray your victory for those who fight for right.

Anonymous

RESOURCES

Attached to this Bulletin are these items ~

- ✚ Service of Holy Communion
Corley Parish Church Sunday 13th
September at 10:30am
- ✚ Service of Holy Communion
Fillongley Church Sunday 13th
September at 9:00am
- ✚ Reflection from Revd Ali Massey for
Trinity 14
- ✚ Reflection from Revd Jane Braund for
Trinity 14
- ✚ Pandemic inspired poetry:



The moving finger writesagain. *Church Times* 4.9.2020

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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