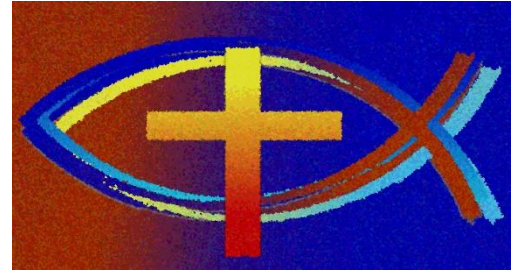




**UNITED BENEFICE OF CORLEY  
PARISH CHURCH & ST MARY &  
ALL SAINTS CHURCH,  
FILLONGLEY WITH FILLONGLEY  
METHODIST CHURCH**

*Anglicans and Methodists in Unity.*



Dear Friends,

I think we can all agree that autumn is definitely here.

The last few days of lower temperatures and the nights really drawing in remind us of how the seasons change irrespective of what is happening in our world or our lives. We are all living through a time of uncertainty and anxiety. Uncertainty about this horrible coronavirus and anxiety for our loved ones, our livelihoods and our future. But the glories of the natural world, the beauty of God's creation, the incredible resilience of nature and the ever changing seasons remind us that this too will pass. Night will follow day, the sun will rise again tomorrow. There will be sunshine after the rain and through his Son, Jesus Christ, God promises us all life in all eternity.

Sometimes, just taking some time to 'be' in the natural world is all that we need to remind us of the truth - that God is with us in all times and in places and God's bountiful gifts of creation are a reminder of God's love for each and every one of us. Here in Corley and Fillongley, we are really fortunate that God's creation surrounds and envelopes us despite only being a few miles from the city.

Last Sunday, at Corley, we held an outdoor harvest Holy Communion service. It was so wonderful to be able to gather outside (although it was a bit chilly!) to give thanks to God for the wonders of creation as well as giving thanks to all those people who work so hard to produce our food and care for the natural world. The gifts that the congregation brought will be delivered to the Foodbank after being quarantined for a few days and an online donation was made to the foodbank, as a result of 'auctioning' fresh produce and lovely jams and chutneys that were donated.

We hope, weather permitting, to do the same at Fillongley on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October. If you would like to come, then you will need to bring a garden chair to sit on and it might be wise to bring a blanket or a nice big coat to keep you warm.

This Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> October, is my official Institution, Induction and Installation service as your Rector. Unfortunately, due to the coronavirus, we are severely restricted on the numbers able to attend. So please could I ask you for your prayers on Sunday at 10.30am rather than your presence. I hate to ask you to stay away from your church, but we do have to stay within the guidelines and maintain social distance within church. Despite St Mary and All Saints being a lovely big church, we can still only safely accommodate about 30 people in total. That total has to include everyone involved in the service including the Bishop, Archdeacon and me.

When this is all over, and it is only a matter of time and us all playing our part to reduce the risk of infection, then we will have a celebration to which all the community will be invited. And of course, in true Church of England tradition, there will be plenty of cake!

*Stop press*

*Services on Sunday next*

*10:30am Fillongley Church*

*9:00am Corley Church*

*Please bring and wear a face covering*



If the shorter days and the darker nights are adding to your anxiety, then please do not hesitate to contact me, Rev Jane or any of the team whose contact details are attached. We may not be able to alleviate all your concerns, but we can listen and travel this journey with you.

With love and prayers for you and those that you love.

Ali

### STOP PRESS ~ ITEMS coming up .....

- The Church Website is in the process of being revamped and you can now find news, a calendar and opportunities to get involved on there, with more to follow soon.....
- FILLONGLEY ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING & ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING will be held in Fillongley Church on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 7:00pm. See you there!
- Look out for the ANNUAL CHURCH REPORT from Fillongley, which will be sent out in the next few days on both our mailing lists.

### LECTIONARY Readings and Prayers for Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2020 – Trinity 17



#### Collects

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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 God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

#### Readings

Exodus 20 ~ Psalm 19 ~ Philippians 3: vs 4b – 14. ~ Matthew 21: vs 23-end

#### Talk / Reflection

This Sunday, Revd Ali is being installed as Rector & Vicar in the Benefice, at the 10:30am Service at Fillongley. The Sermon will be preached by The Right Reverend John Stroyan, Bishop of Warwick. At the 9:00am Service at Corley, the Revd Liz Jones will be preaching and her Talk is attached to this Bulletin.

## **HYMNS & WORSHIP SONGS**

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

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky StF 663

*Another chance to sing along with this special Worship song*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2zr9SMm1gII>

How deep the Father's love for us

Be still for the presence of the Lord StF 20

All my hope on God is founded. StF 455

## **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 at this time of concern**

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following your will, does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust you always, though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death; I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone

*Thomas Merton*

We give thanks to the God and Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ; for in our union with Christ he has blessed us by giving us every spiritual Blessing (Eph. 1:3).

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen

### **A Prayer for the Feast of St Francis**

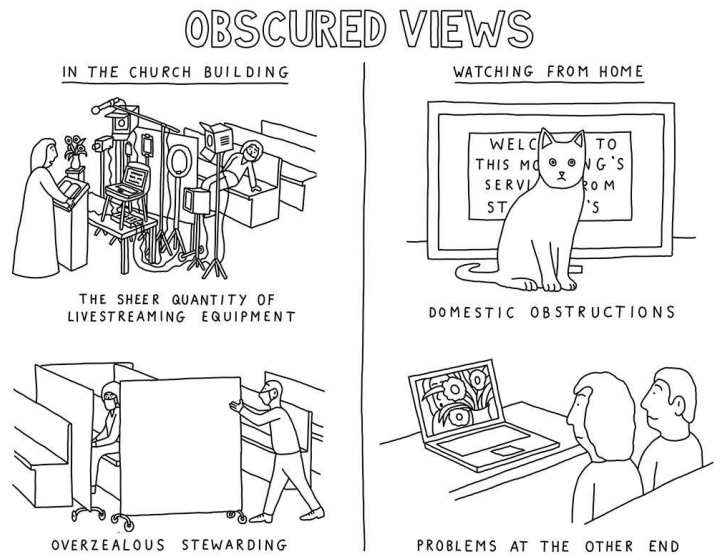
Lord, make me an instrument of your peace  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love  
Where there is injury, pardon  
Where there is doubt, faith  
Where there is despair, hope  
Where there is darkness, light  
And where there is sadness, joy

O Divine Master, grant that I may  
 Not so much seek to be consoled as to console  
 To be understood, as to understand  
 To be loved, as to love  
 For it is in giving that we receive  
 And it's in pardoning that we are pardoned  
 And it's in dying that we are born to Eternal Life  
 Amen

## RESOURCES

Attached to this Bulletin are these items ~

- ✚ Service of Holy Communion at Corley Church. Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2020 9:00am
- ✚ Service of Installation of the Revd Alison Massey at Rector at Fillongley Church. Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October 10:30am
- ✚ Reflection from Revd Liz Jones for Trinity 17
- ✚ Infected Vicar: I thought I had been careful. Church Times 2.10.2020



## 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. <sup>i</sup>

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