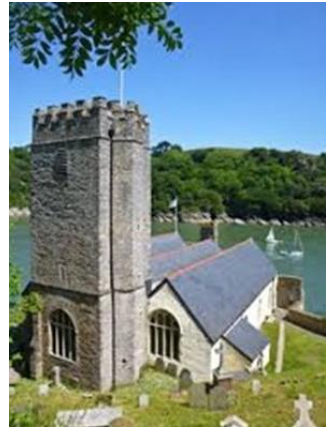




**UNITED BENEFICE OF CORLEY
PARISH CHURCH & ST MARY & ALL
SAINTS CHURCH, FILLONGLEY WITH
FILLONGLEY METHODIST CHURCH**

Anglicans and Methodists in Unity.



*St Petrox Church
Dartmouth Devon*

Dear Friends,

Remember, remember the 5th of November.....

November is a month for remembering, remembering the the Gunpowder Plot of 1605 on the 5th then on the 11th we remember Armistice day, a day when communities come together to remember the sacrifice of those who perished in the Two World Wars and unfortunately, many other armed conflicts since.

We also remember **All Saints' Day** and **All Souls' Day** at the very beginning of the month. All Saints' Day (also known as All Hallows' Day or Halloween) is the day after All Hallows' Eve (Hallowe'en) and is celebrated on the 1st November. It is a day to remember all the saints, known and unknown, throughout Christian history. All Saints' Day reminds us that it isn't just the famous saints that have had an impact on our history but all those faithful believers who have gone before us. The ordinary women, men and children who have witnessed to the love of God expressed through Jesus Christ. All those saints that we may have known, those saints who don't have special days, but are special to us.

All Souls' Day is marked on 2nd November, following on from All Saints' Day. It is an opportunity for us to remember all those that we have loved and lost and to express our belief that they are in the tender care of God our heavenly Father. We gather together in church to remember, and sometimes to read a list of names of those that have died in the past year, to give thanks for their lives and to remember all that they meant to us. These two special remembering days are often joined together in the church calendar.

This year, we will be holding an **All Saints'/All Souls' service at St Mary and All Saints Church, Fillongley on Sunday 1st November at 4pm.** There will be an opportunity to light a candle or maybe to place a leaf on our 'remembrance tree', as well as to listen to readings, gentle music and some prayers.

If you would like to remember someone that you have loved and lost but don't want to attend the service, the church will be open from **2pm until the service at 4pm.** There will be the opportunity to add a leaf or light a candle and just spend a quiet moment remembering and giving thanks to God for the life and love that was shared.

Stop press

Services on Sunday next

9:00am Fillongley Church

10:30am Corley Church

Please bring and wear a face covering



Remembrance Day will be a little different this year. We won't be holding a service in church, but will be working together with the Parish Council to hold an open-air act of remembrance on Sunday 8th November. Because of the need to maintain social distance and to avoid the spread of the Coronavirus, we are asking if people might be able to mark Remembrance Day in another way instead of gathering in person by the War Memorial.

The Royal British Legion has suggested that we might like to make a donation to the Poppy Appeal and download and print a poppy (or colour a poppy) to place in our windows. A very demonstrable way of showing our respect and our thanks to those who gave so much for us to enjoy the freedoms we have today. Another idea would be to paint a poppy on a stone and place it near the War Memorial sometime before the 11th November, to pause for a moment and to give thanks. We could also remember and pay our respects in our own homes. Maybe standing on our doorsteps at 11am on the 8th to hold a 2 minute silence? However we mark this day, it would be good to remember the work of the Royal British Legion and to make a donation if we can.

<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/ways-to-give/donate>

So as we hold all these 'rememberings' together, perhaps the most important thing to remember is that each and every one of us is the beloved of God, that we are loved and remembered by God every day. Perhaps knowing that we are loved and remembered, we might then be able to reach out to those for whom remembering is difficult, or sad, by offering our time to sit and reminisce, to pass the tissues or to celebrate earlier times.

Whatever you are remembering this month, remember that if you need to talk to someone please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Finally, we must remember that November can be glorious – high pressure bringing bright days, gorgeous foliage, crunching leaves underfoot and the pleasure of rosy cheeks and hot chocolate after a long autumnal walk, summed up beautifully by Carol L Riser in the poem, Autumn.

"When the trees their summer splendour
Change to raiment red and gold,
When the summer moon turns mellow,
And the nights are getting cold;
When the squirrels hide their acorns,
And the woodchucks disappear;
Then we know that it is autumn,
Loveliest season of the year."



With love and prayers Ali

LECTIONARY Readings and Prayers for Sunday 25th October 2020 – Last after Trinity

Collects

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your Word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings

Nehemiah 8: vs 1- 12

Psalms 119: vs 9-16

Colossians 3: vs 12-17

Matthew 24: vs 30-35



Talk / Reflection

The last Sunday after Trinity is Bible Sunday and Revd Ali's reflection is attached to this Bulletin and will be preached at both Services on Sunday in the Benefice.

HYMNS & WORSHIP SONGS

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

O worship the King, all-glorious above (StF 113)

Abba, Father, let me be yours and your alone (StF 439)

Put peace into each other's hands (StF 712)

We are marching in the light of God (StF 483)

A really lively worship song for you to sing along with this week ~

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=we+are+marching+in+the+light+of+god&docid=608001622368456630&mid=790848427F541ADFEBA3790848427F541ADFEBA3&view=detail&FORM=VIRE>



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.

Paul's Thanksgiving and Prayer

⁴I always thank my God when I pray for you, Philemon, ⁵because I keep hearing about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all of God's people. ⁶And I am praying that you will put into action the generosity that comes from your faith as you understand and experience all the good things we have in Christ. ⁷Your love has given me much joy and comfort, my brother, for your kindness has often refreshed the hearts of God's people.

Philemon vs 4-7

During this time of pandemic and lockdowns we have become even more aware of the people with whom we have great affinity. God still wants us to continue with that awareness and to keep in touch whether through means of technology, by letter or just by offering each other in prayer.

Friends are a little bit of heaven here on earth *Anon*

A Prayer of thanks for friendship

Father, I offer you these friends

Jesus, I thank you for these bonds,

Spirit I look to you for this rapport.

Amen



***"You're sitting where my pew was" said
Mrs Tredgett***

RESOURCES

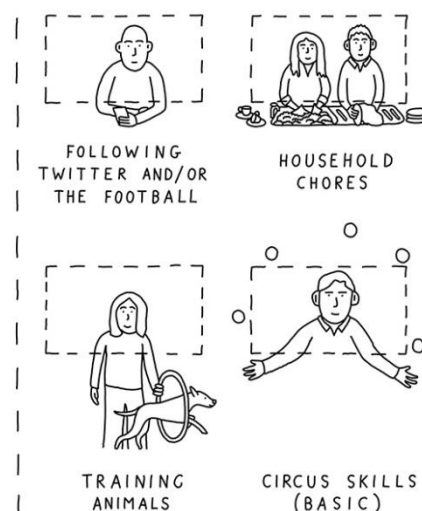
Attached to this Bulletin are these items ~

- ✚ Service of Holy Communion at Corley Church. Sunday 25th October 2020 10:30am
- ✚ Service of Holy Communion at Fillongley Church. Sunday 25th October 9:00am
- ✚ Reflection from Revd Ali Massey for Trinity
- ✚ This Autumn Day – a reflection.



THE ONLINE MEETING

APPEARANCE | REALITY



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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