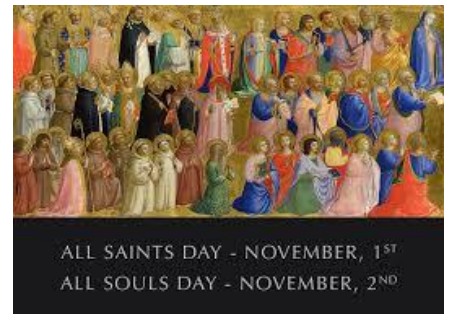




**UNITED BENEFICE OF CORLEY
PARISH CHURCH & ST MARY & ALL
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Dear Friends,

Remembering is such a bittersweet thing, isn't it?

When we remember it can be paradoxical – there is the joy of a cherished time being brought back to our minds, but with the sadness that that time is now past. That cherished time can only be revisited in our memories.

Memories can be triggered in many ways, certain places, sounds, especially music, a familiar smell or a significant date. Memories often bring a smile to our face but sometimes they come tied up with a ribbon of grief because some of the people at the heart of that memory have died. It can be hard, but it is important that we know it's alright to hold that joy and pain together. To find moments of joy and laughter in the darkness of pain and grief. Because both the joy and the grief come from the same source, love. If we didn't love then we wouldn't grieve.

Whilst there is nothing as painful as the death of someone we love, we may find ourselves grieving other things too. We might be struggling with all sorts of other losses at the moment. The loss of a relationship, or of our working life or for many of our younger people at the moment, the loss

of both our present and our imagined future. It might be the loss of our 'normal life' before Covid 19, many of us don't want a 'new normal', and we want our old normal back even if it wasn't perfect.

And perhaps, that is what is at the heart of any type of grief. It isn't just the loss of someone or something we loved, it is the loss of the normality of life. We have to come to terms with a new way of being, a way of being that we didn't plan or don't want.

And yet, because it must, a 'new normal' does start to come together. However slowly and painfully, life doesn't and cannot stay the same - it never really does, we are always moving forward, evolving and changing. So, in our remembering, we must be careful not to get stuck in our desire for the past. Remembering must be part of the process of moving into a new way of being, a new way of living, a new normal.

In all our remembering, God is with us in all of it. It is important to understand that it is ok to shout and rail at God for the pain we are feeling, for our lost hopes and dreams. But to hold onto the fact that God will be there in the darkness, holding us and reminding us that the darkest part of the night

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Services on Sunday next

9:00am Corley Church

4:00pm Fillongley Church

All Souls Service

Please bring and wear a face covering



is just before dawn. The sun will rise again, the light will return. The light will not deny our grief but help us to see new ways of being, new ways to live and new ways to experience both joy and pain.

As we pass through the season of remembering, we move into the Advent season of waiting. Waiting for the light. The explosion of light into the world at Christmas. The light of the world that comes to us as a vulnerable baby, the light that is Jesus Christ.

So, my hope and prayer for all of us this season of remembering is that we remember and are able to embrace the light.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it (John 1:5)

With love and prayers Ali

P.S just a reminder that we will be holding an All Saints'/All Souls' service at St Mary and All Saints Church, Fillongley on Sunday 1st November at 4pm.

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 light a candle and just spend a quiet moment remembering and giving thanks to God for the life and love that was shared.

LECTIONARY Readings and Prayers for Sunday 1st November 2020 ~ All Saints' Day

Collects for All Saints' Day

O Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son, Christ our Lord; grant us grace so to follow thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys, which thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings

Revelation 7: vs 1-4 & 9-12

Psalms 34

1 John 3: vs 1-3

Matthew 5: vs 1-12



Talk / Reflection

Rev'd Ali's reflection for All Saints' Day is attached to this Bulletin and will be preached at 9:00am Service at Corley Church.

HYMNS & WORSHIP SONGS

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

[For all the saints who from their labours rest \(StF 745\)](#)

[Purify my heart, let me be as gold \(StF 508\)](#)

[There is a higher throne \(StF 337\)](#)

And to sing along with this week.....

[Father God, I wonder \(StF 72\)](#)

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=father+god+i+wonder+youtube&docid=608006574390379984&mid=D564E8561B0706B77D1ED564E8561B0706B77D1E&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.

Alone with none but you, my God,
I journey on my way.
What need I fear, when you are near,
O King of night and day?
More safe am I within your hand
Than if a host did round me stand.

My life I yield to your command,
And bow to your control,
In peaceful calm, for from your arm
No power can snatch my soul.
Could earthly foes ever appal
A soul that heeds the heavenly call!

Attributed to St Columba.

Eternal Friend, as I thank you
For your cloud of witnesses that shine so brightly
And who beckon to us so eagerly,
Help me to grow strong and holy like them
That I may live more fully and boldly for you
And keep my eyes on the eternal kingdom.
Anon.



RESOURCES

Attached to this Bulletin are these items ~

- ✚ Service of Holy Communion at Corley Church. Sunday 1st November 2020 at 9:00am
- ✚ All Souls' Service at Fillongley Church. Sunday 1st November 2020 at 4:00pm
- ✚ Reflection from Revd Ali Massey for All Saints' Day
- ✚ Latest news from the Nuneaton Food Bank

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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