



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

*Anglicans and Methodists in Unity.*



*Poppies made by Church members*

Dear Friends,

“A week is a long time in politics”. A quote attributed to Prime Minister Harold Wilson in 1964.

This has been quite a long week for all of us. Last Saturday’s announcement by our current Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, taking us once again into lockdown. The presidential election in the United States, the result of which (as I write) is still too close to call. A long week indeed.

This second lockdown is something that has seemed to be fairly inevitable. The exponential rise in Coronavirus infection rates has to be tackled and it would appear that the ‘tier system’ has not been as effective as was initially hoped. The news was greeted by some with a deep sigh of resignation as our lives are once again put on hold for a few weeks. We have been here before. Hopefully we have learnt the lessons that the first lockdown taught us. That if we care for one another we can get through this together. That our retail infrastructure is robust enough to meet our needs if we don’t panic buy. That we all need to do our part to protect the NHS and our hard-pressed frontline essential workers. That communication is vital for all of us as we, once again, spend more time indoors.

Unfortunately, one consequence of the second lockdown is that, once again we have to suspend communal worship. We have been asked to close the church doors for 4 weeks to support the effort to reduce the R number. It is a painful reminder that even though we have done everything possible to make our churches Covid-secure, the best way to reduce the risk of infection is to keep our distance from each other.

But even though the physical buildings are closed, the church is still very much open. Prayer and worship still go on. Community still goes on. Caring for each other still goes on. Spreading the Good News of the Gospel through our life and witness still goes on. God’s love for each and every one of us still goes on. It just looks a little different for a few weeks.

During this lockdown I plan to record a worship service each week and make that available via YouTube. The e-bulletin will still continue with a reflection for the week with the order of service for the worship service that has been recorded so that we can worship ‘together but apart’.

This Sunday’s service will be a Remembrance service. Ordinarily, we would have had a large gathering at each of our War Memorials to remember the great sacrifice made so that we can

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*Services on Sunday next*

*10:45am Act of Remembrance  
at the War Memorial  
Fillongley Church*

*4:00pm Corley Church  
Act of Remembrance*

*Please bring and wear a face  
covering*



enjoy our freedom and way of life. This year, there will still be a short act of Remembrance at the memorials\*, and wreaths will be laid, but we need to keep the numbers attending to a minimum. If you do plan to attend in person, please remember to wear your face covering, to stay in your household bubble, not to mix with other households and to remember to keep a distance of 2 metres.

Alternatives to meeting in person are to join in with our recorded act of Remembrance, access the Coventry City act of Remembrance\*\*, mark the 2 minute silence from your doorstep at 11am or watch the national Act of Remembrance on television.

Remembering this year is different but we will still remember. We will remember all those who have died in so many conflicts, both military and civilian, and honour their sacrifice. We will remember the exorbitant cost of war to people, places and our common humanity. We will remember the lessons of history so we don't repeat them.

So, in this longest of weeks, please do remember that you are not alone even if we are apart. Please do not hesitate to contact me or one of the team for a chat or if you need any help. We are a community and if we all help each other we will come through this stronger together.

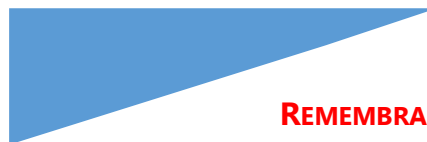
The darkest part of the night is always just before dawn. We will soon enter the season of Advent, when we wait in hopeful expectation for the light. The light that is promised. The light that is always with us. The light that brings us peace, peace that passes all understanding through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

God bless you and those that you love, now and always.

Ali.

\* Fillongley at 10.45am, Corley at 4pm

\*\*The programme will run on Sunday 8 November from 10.50am -11.15am and will be broadcast on BBC CWR and online via the Council and BBC CWR websites.



**REMEMBRANCE SERVICE 2020**

**HERE IS THE LINK TO THE YOUTUBE RECORDING OF THE REMEMBRANCE SERVICE**

<https://youtu.be/n4EZCF0OqR4>

**MANY THANKS TO ALI'S HUSBAND, PETE FOR PRODUCING THIS RECORDING.**



**LECTIONARY Readings and Prayers for Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

**Third Sunday before Advent**

**Remembrance Sunday**

### **Collects**

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## Readings

**Wisdom of Solomon 6: vs 12-16**

**Psalm 70**

**1 Thessalonians 4: vs 13 –end**

**Matthew 25: vs 1-13**



## Talk / Reflection

Revd Ali's reflection for Remembrance Sunday is attached to this Bulletin for you to read at home.

## **HYMNS & WORSHIP SONGS**

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

[O God, our help in ages past \(StF 132\)](#)

Here you can sing this hymn along with those gathered in Westminster Abbey ~

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=o+god+our+help+in+ages+past+hymn&&view=detail&mid=F904384D333B870F62B4F904384D333B870F62B4&rvsmid=F5E0DCC2C2BA0E81360EF5E0DCC2C2BA0E81360E&FORM=VDMCNR>

[Beauty for brokenness \(StF 693\)](#)

[Peace, perfect peace, is the gift of Christ our Lord \(StF 710\)](#)

[For the healing of the nations \(StF 696\)](#)

*Also, here are links suggested to pieces of music which you may find comforting at this time of remembrance ~*

FOR THE FALLEN [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NPtV4Oc\\_jHY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NPtV4Oc_jHY)

REST IN PEACE by Peter Skellern <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EipEvYOJV70>

A CHANT from the RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH “Let my prayer arise in Thy sight as incense, and let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice. Lord, I have called to Thee, hear me! Attend to the voice of my prayer when I call to Thee!”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nG5qEzymh5c>

## PRAYERS

### ***A Call to Prayer for the Nation ~ November 2020***

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York call the Church of England to prayer for the nation throughout the month of November...

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches/call-prayer-nation>

### **A video message from Bishop Christopher**

On the eve of a further period of lockdown, Bishop Christopher sends a message to the people of Coventry and Warwickshire...

<https://vimeo.com/475508448>



### **The FEPOW Prayer ~ the prayer used by World War 2 Far East Prisoners of War:-**

*As we that are left grow old with the years  
Remembering the heartaches,  
the pain and the tears  
Hoping and praying that never again  
will man sink to such sorrow and shame  
The price that was paid –  
We will always remember  
Every day, every month – not just in November.*

### **The Price of Peace**

We who have died that our land might live,  
That England should see the dawn.  
We that gave all that we had to give  
The hope of our sons unborn.

What if our dying should be in vain ~  
Who fell that the strife might cease?  
What if the bloodshed must start again ~  
When we were the price of peace.

Look up – look on to a time ahead  
And think of your children's sons.  
Are they, like us, to be 'soldier dead',  
And protégées of the guns?

Red grow the poppies on Flanders soil,  
Redder the blood of the stain.  
Peace for you is the fruit of our toil ~  
Unless we have died in vain.

*by Margaret Elizabeth Williams 1943 from Poems of Hope ~ an anthology of poetry written by Far-East Prisoners of War during and after incarceration by the Imperial Japanese forces in the Second World War, or by their families since.*



## Advent Window Trail in Fillongley.

As many of you will know the usual Christmas Tree Festival has had to be postponed until next year. Instead we are going to have an **Advent Window Trail** around the village starting on Advent Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November.

How it works:

- ✚ 24 volunteers are needed to decorate a street-facing window ('an advent window') on a theme around the Nativity story.
- ✚ A plan is created so that a new window is lit up every day from 1<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> December.
- ✚ Each window remains lit up from its opening day from at least 5pm – 8pm until 1<sup>st</sup> January.

**SO**, we need you to volunteer to decorate your Advent Window. Please give your name and contact details to

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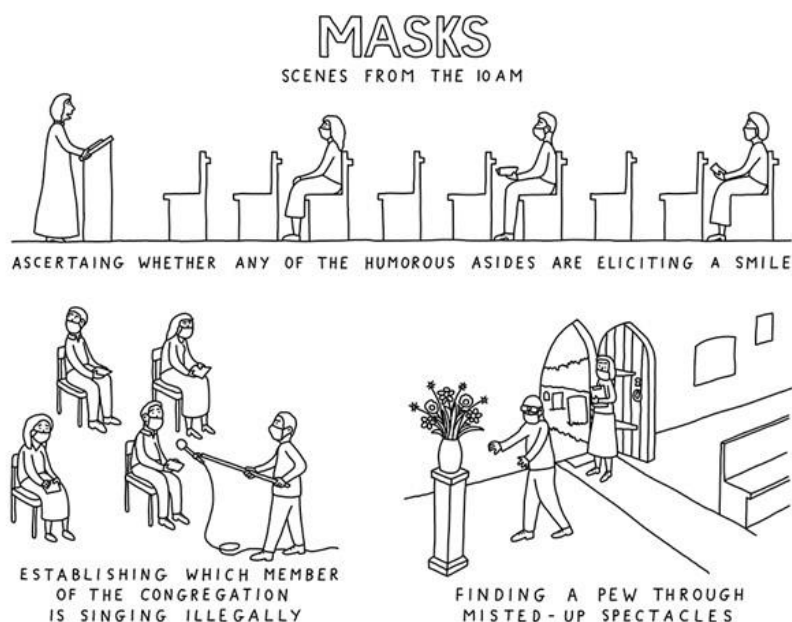
by Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020, and she will send out all the instructions for you.

We would also like you all to decorate the trees/bushes outside your home in the lead up to Christmas to create a wonderful Trail around the village for everyone to enjoy.

## RESOURCES

Attached to this Bulletin are these items

- ✚ A Reflection for Remembrance Sunday by Revd Ali Massey
- ✚ A Service of Remembrance for Corley and Fillongley Parishes
- ✚ Bookmark “We shall keep the faith” ~ *this attachment you may wish to print and give to special friends*



*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. <sup>i</sup>

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