



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



Anglicans and Methodists in Unity.

Fillongley Church June 2019

Dear Friends

Today is a brighter day. I am sitting writing this and can see blue sky piercing the clouds that have been so prevalent over the last couple of months. The worst of storm Cristophe has, thankfully, passed a little to the north of us here in Corley and Fillongley. The ground is still sodden, but God willing, we will not experience flooding in the villages.

It also feels a brighter day because there is a new President of the United States of America. I didn't watch all the inauguration ceremony yesterday but caught the highlights. The entire tone of the ceremony, from the President attending church in the morning, the Invocation by Rev Leo O Donavan* when he quoted scripture and Pope Francis, all on the message of love and hope to the incredible poem by Amanda Gorman** which didn't shy away from the difficult past few weeks but ended with words of hope and an exhortation to be people of hope. Then the ceremony itself with the oath taken by Kamala Harris and Joe Biden, in front of the nations of the world, to uphold the greatest of Christian values. I feel hopeful that the new administration will be one that will seek reconciliation, justice, peace and hope, and that this brighter day is the start of a brighter 4 years for America and beyond.

Yet there is still darkness here and throughout the world; the shadow of the pandemic still looms large. The infection numbers may be slowing down slightly but the horrific death toll continues to rise; but there is hope. The vaccination programme is gathering pace with the incredible target of vaccinating the entire adult population by the autumn. There will be a brighter day in the months to come. In the meantime, we have to be patient ~ to stay at home to save lives and to try and do our part to ease some of the enormous stress on the NHS.

At our *Zoom Service of the Word* on Sunday, Rev Liz (who as many of you know is a chaplain at UHCW) shared just how difficult the situation is in our local hospitals, how the staff are under intolerable strain and many are at breaking point. I asked Liz what we could do to help. Prayer is the first and easiest thing for each of us to do. Keep all our wonderful frontline staff in our prayers every day but Liz also told us of the impact that one school had on some of the front line staff. Everyone in the school had written a short note of encouragement, a verse of scripture or a prayer and had put that with a tiny gift – maybe a bite-size chocolate bar, an individually wrapped biscuit or a tea bag, that kind of thing – in an envelope and sent them to the hospital. These gifts were left in the staff break rooms and the response to them was overwhelming. Just a tiny token of appreciation gave some of those very-nearly broken health professions the boost that they needed to carry on with their life-saving work. I wonder if this is something we could do too? If you would like to get involved then you can drop any messages or gifts off to Revd Liz at "Morahill", Tamworth Road, Corley or to me at The Vicarage, 16 Holbeche Crescent, Fillongley and we will make sure they get to the hospital and to other care workers.

So, as we remain in lockdown and wait for the day when we too can emerge into the bright light of a world where Covid-19 is under control, I'd like to share with you the very end of Amanda Gorman's poem.

Our people diverse and beautiful will emerge, battered and beautiful.

When day comes we step out of the shade, aflame and unafraid.

The new dawn blooms as we free it

for there is always light,

if only we're brave enough to see it

If only we're brave enough to be it

So, we wait in hope and love for the day when we step out of the Coronavirus shade. Look after yourself and each other and if you would like to get in touch, please don't hesitate to call me, Rev Jane or anyone of the team.

Love and prayers Ali

* <https://www.nbcnews.com/video/watch-rev-father-leo-o-donovan-leads-inauguration-invocation-prayer-99729989737>

**<https://edition.cnn.com/2021/01/20/politics/amanda-gorman-inaugural-poem-transcript/index.html>

Ali Massey is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: **Service of the Word**

Time: Jan 10, 2021 05:00 PM London

Every week on Sun, until Feb 7, 2021, 5 occurrence(s)

Jan 10, 2021 05:00 PM

Jan 17, 2021 05:00 PM

Jan 24, 2021 05:00 PM

Jan 31, 2021 05:00 PM

Feb 7, 2021 05:00 PM

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Weekly:

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Here is the link to Sunday's Service on
YouTube ~

<https://youtu.be/7UvRsgEuM5I>

Readings and Prayers for Sunday 24th January 2021

The 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

Collects

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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**

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings

Genesis 14: vs 17-20

Psalm 128

Revelation 19: vs 6-10

John 2: vs 1-11



Reflection

You will find Revd Ali's reflection for this Sunday attached to this bulletin

HYMNS & WORSHIP SONGS

Here are the Hymns that we would have been singing in Church this Sunday:-

For the healing of the nations (StF 696)

From heaven you came, helpless babe (StF 272)

Amazing grace - how sweet the sound (StF 440)

Here is the link to a beautiful version of this much loved hymn ~

[The Most Beautiful "Amazing Grace" I've ever heard - Bing video](#)

Hear the call of the kingdom (StF 407)

PRAYERS



We continue to pray for our world, our nation, our communities, our families and friends, and for ourselves.

Prayer for the 46th President of the United States

Sovereign God, give grace to the new President of the United States and those in the new administration, that they may use their gifts and abilities to serve the common good, and to seek that unity which is your gift and your will; through him who came not to be served but to serve, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Celtic prayer for unity

Father, I make myself one with you.

Jesus, I make myself one with you.

Spirit, I make myself one with you.

Christians of every church, I make myself one with you. **Amen**

As the week of prayer for Christian unity draws to a close we pray for ~

- ✚ A shared vision of working together for the kingdom of God
- ✚ A renewed commitment to listening and learning from each other.
- ✚ A creative openness as to how we can support each other to enable all ages to grow in faith
- ✚ A humility and willingness among all Christians to work together and make Christ known to all in our day.

Epiphany at Cana by Malcolm Guite

Here's an epiphany to have and hold,
A truth that you can taste upon the tongue,
No distant shrines and canopies of gold
Or ladders to be clambered rung by rung,
But here and now, amidst your daily living,
Where you can taste and touch and feel and see,
The spring of love, the fount of all forgiving,
Flows when you need it, rich, abundant, free.

Better than waters of some outer weeping,
That leave you still with all your hidden sin,
Here is a vintage richer for the keeping
That works its transformation from within.
'What price?' you ask me, as we raise the glass,
'It cost our Saviour everything he has.'



RESOURCES

Attached to this Bulletin are these items ~

- ✚ Reflection from Revd Ali for the Third Sunday of Epiphany
- ✚ Order of Service for Evening Prayer (Sunday at 5pm on Zoom)
- ✚ Order of Service for Holy Communion (Recorded on YouTube)
- ✚ Keep the stories of faith and freedom alive. *Bishop Dr Alan Smith*

Church Times 15 January 2021

- ✚ The Methodist Church ~ Coventry and Nuneaton Circuit News.
December 2020/January 2021



**There were 10
commandments,
eight
recommendations
and six suggestions**

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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