



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

### *Anglicans and Methodists in Unity.*

Dear Friends,

I am writing this as the country comes to terms with the death of Captain Sir Tom Moore. Captain Tom, as he became affectionately known, was a real inspiration to so many during the pandemic. His resilience and determination to make every day count, his incredible fund-raising, his humility and his constant optimism really made him an icon of the pandemic. His catchphrase 'tomorrow will be a good day' is something for us all to hang on to. I have written this many times, but there is hope of a brighter future just around the corner. The magnificent vaccine programme rollout, the news that at least one of the vaccines reduces the transmission of the virus and the levelling out of the infection rate, all point towards a better day tomorrow and that is the hope that we, as Christians, hold onto. With God there is always hope of a better day tomorrow. Rest in peace Captain Tom and rise again in glory.

In our house we sometimes have 'Eeyore days' - named after the character in Winnie the Pooh. Eeyore days are days when you just feel down and everything feels like hard work. Eeyore day is also shorthand for 'please be gentle with me because I am feeling a bit fragile'. It is a way of sharing that you are having a tough time, but the emphasis is on the 'day' part. Today might be an Eeyore day, but tomorrow, to quote Captain Tom, will be a good day. It is confidence in God's promises that the sun will rise tomorrow, that the birds will sing and nature will continue to amaze and delight in all its glory. But if your Eeyore days are starting to become more frequent or difficult to shake off, please do not hesitate to ask for help.

We are fast approaching the season of **Lent**. Shrove Tuesday or Pancake Day is on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February then Lent starts on Ash Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February. As we are still in national lockdown and unable to gather for worship in church, **the service for Ash Wednesday (17<sup>th</sup> February) will be via Zoom at 7pm** - an invitation is attached below. If you are on the electoral roll for either Corley or Fillongley church you will receive an order of service and a small envelope of ash to use at home during the service. If you are not on the electoral roll then you will be able to download the order of service from our website.

Our **Lent course** this year be based on the Church of England's Pilgrim course. [www.pilgrimcourse.org](http://www.pilgrimcourse.org) The course lasts for 6 weeks beginning on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February at either 10am or 7pm. If you would like to find out more or register for the course please contact me and I can ensure that there will be a course book available for you. The course is designed for everyone who is interested in finding out more about the Christian faith. It doesn't matter if you have been a church member for years or if you are just 'dipping your toe in the water', there is something for everyone. Each of the sessions is stand-alone so it doesn't matter if you miss an odd session.

The Coventry Diocese has also produced some really helpful resources for Lent this year, called 'Leaning into Lent'. <https://www.coventry.anglican.org/leaning-into-lent-2021/> There are 2 sections – 'nourishing you' and 'resources'. On the 'nourishing you' page there are suggestions of how to create a sense of Sabbath during Lent. One of suggestions is a quiet day on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February, which is open to everyone and can be booked via the webpage.

However you are intending to mark the season of Lent this year, I do hope and pray that it will be a time of coming closer to God and that you will be blessed by the season.

I do hope that we will be able to gather again for worship in our churches again soon. But in the meantime, please do join me for the recorded services of Holy Communion (This Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> February, we have a special guest preacher!) or on Sunday at 5pm for a Zoom Service of the Word.

Take good care of yourself, each other and God bless you and yours.

Love and prayers

Ali

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Topic: **Ash Wednesday Service**

Time: Feb 17, 2021 07:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86879822998?pwd=SU1PcFBYbM2VwbVM2VUftWUpMUXVCUT09>

Meeting ID: 868 7982 2998

Passcode: 728690

Dial by your location

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Topic: **Sunday Evening Service of the Word at 5pm**

Time: Feb 7, 2021 05:00 PM London

Feb 7, 2021 05:00 PM

Feb 14, 2021 05:00 PM

Feb 21, 2021 05:00 PM

Feb 28, 2021 05:00 PM

Mar 7, 2021 05:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85475380558?pwd=WUUhUQ1ZyOEhhSzhhUVlWeXAxQU9lUT09>

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Here are the links to Sunday's Services on  
YouTube ~

BCP Service

[https://youtu.be/KrRQDFhb\\_Zg](https://youtu.be/KrRQDFhb_Zg)

CW Service

<https://youtu.be/hSe7PvpPWQc>

## Readings and Prayers for Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2021

### The Second Sunday before Lent

#### Collects

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. **Amen**

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

#### Readings

Proverbs 8: vs 1, 22-31

Psalms 104 vs 26 – end

Colossians 1: vs 15-20

John 1: vs 1-14



#### Reflection

You will find Revd Ali's Reflection for this Sunday attached to this bulletin. The text of the Guest Preacher's Sermon on Sunday will be available in next week's eBulletin.

### **HYMNS & WORSHIP SONGS**

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

[We have a gospel to proclaim \(StF 418\)](#)

[Make me a channel of your peace \(StF 707\)](#)

[Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine \(StF 548\)](#)

[Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord \(StF 89\)](#)

If this worship song is new to you, we hope that you will enjoy singing along using this link ~

[Everlasting God - sing along \(Lyrics\) - Bing video](#)

## PRAYERS



*Throughout February we are invited by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to pray for our nation. It is suggested that you set aside time every evening to pray, particularly at 6pm each day. More than ever, this is a time when we need each other. Prayer is an expression of love.*

### **A Prayer from the Bible Reading Fellowship**

God of all comfort, strengthener within, inspirer beyond and supporter alongside, you uphold us in mind, body and spirit with your wrap-around care. Help us in our turn to pass on that sure and certain comfort to others, in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **The Prayer of Saint Benedict**

Gracious and Holy Father, please give me:

Intellect to understand you;

Reason to discern you;

Diligence to seek you;

Wisdom to find you;

A spirit to know you;

A heart to meditate upon you;

Ears to hear you;

Eyes to see you;

A tongue to proclaim you;

A way of life pleasing to you;

Patience to wait for you;

And perseverance to look for you.

## Thank you, God, for incarnation:

For taking the risk of being human,  
Of making friends,  
Of offering love,  
Of living in hope.  
Thank you for being here, for calling me to do that, too.  
Thank you, God, for incarnation.

Michael Forster.

## RESOURCES

Attached to this Bulletin are these items ~

- ✚ Reflection from Revd Ali for the Second Sunday before Lent
- ✚ Order of Service for Evening Prayer (Sunday at 5pm on Zoom)
- ✚ Order of Service for Holy Communion (BCP)
- ✚ Order of Service for Holy Communion (Common Worship)
- ✚ Nuclear threat calls for leadership. Dr Christopher Cocksworth, the Bishop of Coventry Church Times 29th January 2021



## 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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