



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

Anglicans and Methodists in Unity.



Dear Friends,

He is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The joyful acclamation on Easter Sunday morning when we share the great Good News of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Love has conquered death and we are free to have a new relationship with God and with each other.

We have three opportunities to gather together and share the delight that the light has returned and conquered the darkness. Unfortunately, we are still not allowed to sing but can I encourage you to bring an instrument with you so we can make an exultant noise together. Maybe you have an old tambourine or a triangle, some maracas or a shaker of some kind. Maybe you could fill a 'Pringles' tube with some dried peas? It would be wonderful to make a glad noise together especially as we say our alleluias.

The Services planned are:

Easter Sunday morning

The Parish Church, Corley	6.30am	Outdoor Service of Holy Communion. Please bring a garden chair (maybe a blanket too as unfortunately, the warm weather is not expected to last!)
The Parish Church, Corley	9:00am	Holy Communion <i>in church</i>
St Mary and All Saints, Fillongley	10.30am	Family Holy Communion

****Please note that there isn't a Zoom Service of the Word on Easter Sunday afternoon****

However you choose to celebrate Easter day, my hope and prayer for all of us is that we all experience something of the incredible gift of the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour.

I am taking some annual leave after Easter so will not be available until Monday 19th April. If you need any help or support in my absence, please do not hesitate to contact Revd Jane or any of the Church team in your village. I can be contacted on my mobile number in an emergency which is 07837 124509.

Take good care of yourself and each other as we negotiate our way into new and welcome freedom from the lockdown. Being able to gather outdoors with other people is such a pleasure

Stop press
Services for
Sunday 4th April 2021
EASTER DAY
9:00 am Corley
10:30am Fillongley
Please bring and wear a
face covering



and a privilege that we have taken for granted in the past. Thank God for the all the scientists and the front line professionals that have worked so hard to create the vaccines that are helping us to all have a bit more freedom. If you are fortunate enough to have already received your vaccine then you might like to think about supporting our poorest sisters and brothers across the world by 'twinning' your vaccine. UNICEF are running a campaign called Vaccinaid, (vaccinaid.org) aiming to roll out the vaccine in countries where it is not yet available.

So let's all enjoy the wonders of spring, rejoice in the resurrection and give thanks to God for all the gifts that we enjoy.

With love and prayers Ali



Readings and Prayers for Sunday 4th April 2021

Easter Day

Collects for Easter Day

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. **Amen**

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Readings

Isaiah 25: vs 6-9 Psalm 118

Acts 10: vs 34 -43

John 20 vs 1-18 Mark 16: vs 1-8



Reflection

A Reflection from Revd Ali for this Sunday is attached to this bulletin.

HYMNS & WORSHIP SONGS

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

Christ the Lord is risen today! Hallelujah! (StF 298)

See, what a morning, gloriously bright (StF 309)

Hear is the link for this glorious Easter worship song ~ we hope to be able to hear you singing along all around the Benefice ☺

[Stuart Townend - See What A Morning \(Resurrection Hymn\) - Bing video](#)

This is the day, this is the day (StF 152)

Thine be the glory (StF 313)

PRAYERS

We continue to pray for all those affected by the global pandemic in any way.

An prayer on Easter Morning

Lord, we offer you,
like the women who came to your tomb,
our tears,
the memories of your life,
the spices of our faith,
the ointment of our tenderness,
the flowers of our personality.

Amen

A Prayer from Brazil

Christ of the Easter Morning,
Hope is one of your best gifts to us
So teach us to give it to others

Amen

And here are two Prayer/Poems written in lockdown ~

GETHSEMANE MOMENTS

When mental turmoil and pain arrive, we remember Christ's sacrifice.
Anguish, torment and such mental pain, to show the world that he still reigns
Forever in our souls.
His sacrifice pledged for you and me, that night for us in Gethsemane.

Wendy Lloyd



THE SMALL THINGS IN LIFE

The small things in life are the ones that can please.
Having someone to love you who you can tease!
The smell of washing just in from the line
Pleases our senses time after time.
The sounds of birds chirping
The smell of new hay
Fill up our senses day after day.
The love of our families and the joy of good friends
These are the gifts that the good Lord sends.

Wendy Lloyd

POET'S CORNER CHURCH TIMES 26 MARCH 2021 *Malcolm Guite* makes an unforgettable pilgrimage, in the footsteps of St Cuthbert



THIS week, we have celebrated the feast day of St Cuthbert, one of my favourite saints. There is so much to like about him, and so much that seems pertinent to our lives, and to the Church now.

Like us, he was a Christian at a time when there were deep and apparently irreconcilable divisions in the Church. Although an Anglo-Saxon himself, his faith, — indeed, his moment of conversion — was the gift of Irish monks in the old Celtic church order: it was a vision of ascending light at the moment of St Aidan's death, in Lindisfarne, which turned his life and brought him to his first monastery. He lived at the time of that stormy Synod of Whitby, when his "side" lost, and he graciously gave up his place in the monastery at Ripon to Wilfrid, the victor in that synod, and returned to Melrose Abbey. Yet, when Cuthbert was called to leadership at Lindisfarne, he was able to build up a rich and diverse community, whose culture combined the best of his double Irish and Anglo-Saxon heritage. But, in his deepest heart, he was a hermit, a contemplative, and a mystic, and was glad to give up the episcopacy and return, at last, to a hermit's life on the Inner Farne. I knew the story of his life from Bede, but felt I came closest to him when I walked, as he did, on foot from Lindisfarne to Melrose, staying in Cuthbert's cave, and, as he did, reciting the Psalms aloud as I walked. It was an unforgettable pilgrimage, for such long walks bring you close to God, to nature, and to your own heart. The myriad seabirds crying and wheeling over the islands, and the lovely "cuddy ducks", for whose welfare he made special protective laws, and the high crags of the Eldon hills, still "a covering for the conies", were just as they were, just as Cuthbert would have seen them, when he walked by and blessed them.

Of course, even when he left this life, on 20 March 687, his wanderings were not over; for when the Vikings raided Lindisfarne, "Cuthbert's People", as his community came to be called, set off with the relics of their saint, and wandered all over the north, bringing his body as a kind of benediction to every place they visited, until he, and they, came to rest in Durham. I have been there, too, where the great cathedral towers over his shrine, and the dark stone proclaims "Cuthbertus" in august Latin lettering. But I prefer "Cuddy", the affectionate name by which he is still known and revered all over the north. And that is the name I used to title this sonnet, in which I tried to capture a little of who he was, and still is, for all of us:

Cuddy

*“Cuthbertus” says the dark stone up in Durham
Where I have come on pilgrimage to pray.
But not this great cathedral, nor the solemn
Weight of Norman masonry we lay
Upon your bones could hold your soul in prison.
Free as the cuddy ducks they named for you,
Loosed by the Lord who died to pay your ransom,
You roam the North just as you used to do;
Always on foot and walking with the poor,
Breaking the bread of angels in your cave,
A sanctuary, a sign, an open door,
You follow Christ through keening wind and wave,
To be and bear with him where all is borne;
The heart of heaven, in your Inner Farne.* (From *The Singing Bowl*, Canterbury Press, 2013)

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RESOURCES

Attached to this Bulletin are these items ~

- ✚ A Reflection from Revd Ali for Easter Day
- ✚ Order of Service for An Hour by the Cross on Good Friday at Fillongley Church
- ✚ Order of Service for Sunrise Holy Communion Service at Corley Church
- ✚ Order of Service for Holy Communion at Corley Church
- ✚ Order of Service for Family Holy Communion at Fillongley Church



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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