

United Benefice of Corley Parish Church & St Mary & All Saints Church, Fillongley with Fillongley Methodist Church



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The Supper at Emmaus

Dear Friends.

We hope that you have all enjoyed a special time during this last week, perhaps meeting up with friends and family for outside gatherings in your gardens and outside spaces. The next step on our roadmap out of lockdown so happily coincided with Holy Week and Easter, making it feel extra special compared to last year when we were all locked down for the celebrations of Christ's resurrection.

This week after Easter is traditionally a time for our clergy, and indeed all of us, to take some time for rest and recuperation, and that is exactly what Revd Ali is doing for the next two weeks. In the meantime we continue our services with Revd Jane and Revd Liz officiating for us, and our Service of Evening Prayer on Zoom at 5pm on Sunday resuming this week.

The Church, of course, continues in the season of Easter for several weeks until Ascension Day and Pentecost. As we continue this journey of hope this Eastertide, here are some words from the Bible Reading Fellowship and from Julian of Norwich.

On the first day of creation, God said, "Let there be light!" On the first day of the resurrection, the Father said, "Let there be

Jesus!" Rejoice, therefore, that the darkness is passing, as the dayspring from on high dawns upon us. Hallelujah! **BRF**

If there is anywhere on earth, a lover of God who is always kept safe, I know nothing of it, for it was not shown to me. But this was shown: that in falling and rising again we are always kept in that same precious love. **Julian of Norwich**

If things are not going so well for you as we emerge from lockdown, please do not hesitate to contact Revd Jane or Revd Liz, or any member of the Church team listed at the end of this bulletin.

With every good wish

Suzanne Churchwarden.



Your invitation to our Service of the Word Sunday at 5pm on ZOOM

Suzanne Whiting is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom

meeting.

Topic: Service of the Word

Time: Mar 21, 2021 05:00 PM London

Every week on Sun, until Jun 27, 2021,



Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85475380558?pwd=WUhUQ1ZyOEhhSzhhUVIWeXAxQU9IUT09

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Readings and Prayers for Sunday 11th April 2021 The 2nd Sunday of Easter ~ Low Sunday

Collects

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. **Amen**

Readings

Exodus 14: vs 10-end; 15: vs 20 & 21.

Acts 4: vs 32-35

Psalm 133

1 John 1 vs 1 – 2: vs 2

John 20: vs 19 - end

Luke 24: vs 13-35



Reflection

A Reflection from Revd Jane 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:-

Rejoice the Lord is King (StF 335)

Put peace into each other's hands (StF 712)

Teach me to dance to the beat of your heart (StF 477)

Here is the link to this lively worship song for you to sing and perhaps dance along with \odot

teach me to dance - Bing video

And can it be (StF 345)

PRAYERS

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

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.



Our Morning Star

O God, our morning star
Splendour of light eternal
Shining with the glory of the rainbow
Come and waken us from the greyness of our apathy
And renew in us your gift of hope
Amen

Saint Bede the Venerable (672 – 735)

Celtic Blessing

May there always be work for your hands to do. May your purse always hold a coin or two. May the sun always shine on your windowpane. May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain. May the hand of a friend always be near you. May life fill your heart with gladness to cheer you

Traditional Celtic Blessing

POET'S CORNER CHURCH TIMES 1 APRIL 2021

Maundy Thursday is about everything that lockdown, last year, seemed to negate, says *Malcolm Guite*

THERE is something tentative and hesitant about the way we are approaching our second Holy Week and Easter still in lockdown.



We are grateful not to be so utterly locked out of church and community as we were on that last strange Easter Day, but not quite sure how and where and whether to gather this time, how to keep company and at the same time keep safe.

There must have been some similar hesitancy, caution, and uncertainty for the first disciples about where and how to keep the Passover with Jesus, about how to gather for that first Maundy Thursday. Our cautions and precautions are driven by anxiety about exposure to infection, theirs by fear of exposure to the authorities. The brooding threats of betrayal and arrest, gathering throughout Holy Week, must lie behind those mysterious, seemingly clandestine arrangements for obtaining the use of the upper room.

And yet they felt they had to take the risk; so much of the meaning of Maundy Thursday is bound up in the intimacy of personal exchange, the shared touch of the foot washing, a disciple leaning on Jesus's breast, the shared bread and cup, all being together and breathing the same air, all the things we have had to do without for more than a year: those little kindling contacts with one another, and, through the sacrament, with our Saviour.

In Linton, we won't actually gather in person till Easter Day, and then at a social distance, and everything will also be online. Yet even that small gathering is better than last year, when it was so hard to find the virtue in the virtual. I remember the shock of it, still so early in the strange new world of that first severe lockdown, when literally nothing was moving: the roads were empty, the planes all grounded, even the parks and playgrounds were deserted.

And, on that Maundy Thursday evening, when I should have been in church, I sat down instead and wrote this poem. Reading it again both takes me back and helps me to look forward.

Maundy Thursday, All the World is still

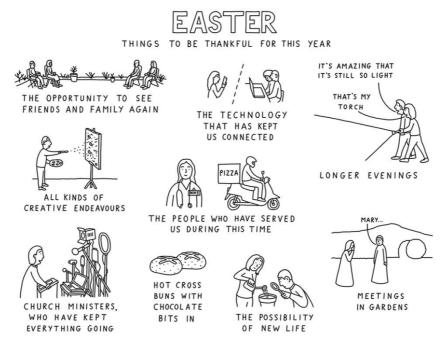
Maundy Thursday, all the world is still
The planes wait, grounded by departure gates
The street is empty and the shopping mall
Deserted. Padlocked, the playground waits
Against the day that children play again
Till then our sad refrain is just "refrain".

Maundy Thursday, all the world is still
And Jesus is at supper with his friends
No longer in the upper room, that hall
In Zion where the story starts and ends,
For he descended from it long ago
To find his new friends in the here and now.

Maundy Thursday, all the world is still
And Jesus is at supper with his friends
Our doors are locked for fear, but he has skill
In breaking barriers. With ease he bends
Our prison bars, slips past the sentry post
And joins us as the guest who is our host.

Maundy Thursday All the world is still
But in cramped quarters on the fifteenth floor,
In lonely towers made of glass and steel,
And in the fierce favelas of the poor,
Touching with wounded hands the wounds he tends,
Christ Jesus is at supper with his friends.

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RESOURCES

Attached to this Bulletin are these items ~

- A Reflection from Revd Jane for the Second Sunday of Easter
- Order of Service for Holy Communion at Corley Church
- Order of Service for Holy Communion at Fillongley Church
- Order of Service for Evening Prayer on Zoom 5pm Sunday



The Easter Service was ticket only

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.

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