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Dear Friends.

Just after our eBulletin was published last Friday, we learnt the sad news of the death of His Royal Highness Prince Philip. For the vast majority of us he has always been there, as the Queen's Consort; a man of faith, a man who valued family and, above all, a man with a sense of humour

who was not afraid to 'say it as it was'. I am sure that we all have many happy memories of him and some of us may have been fortunate enough to meet him. He had the gift of being able to put everyone he met at their ease and clearly enjoyed the company of his fellow human beings. In this past week, we have all learnt something more about Prince Philip which illustrates his many qualities, the things about which he cared most and his deep love for his family and his country.

May he rest in peace.

Revd Ali has returned from her leave in order to lead the Service of Commemoration for Prince Philip on Friday evening at Fillongley Church. (Due to Covid restrictions, if you wish to attend this service, at 6pm on Friday evening, please contact Revd Ali to book your place) Stop press
Services for
Sunday 18th April 2021
9:00 am Corley
10:30am Fillongley
Please bring and wear a face covering

Revd Liz Jones will continue as scheduled to lead our Services on Sunday and we are very grateful to Liz for being with us, especially as her job as Chaplin at UHCW continues to be very demanding.

Our Service of Evening Prayer at 5pm on Sunday on ZOOM will take place as usual, with Revd Ali leading.

And finally..... a lovely bit of good news ~ Revd Jane and her husband Andy became grandparents for the first time last week. Their new granddaughter, Hallie arrived on Wednesday 7th April. Many congratulations to them all.

With every good wish

Suzanne Church Steward Warden.

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

Ali Massey 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 18th April 2021 The 3rd Sunday of Easter

Collects

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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**

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Readings

Zephaniah 3: vs 14-end Acts 3 vs 12-19

Psalm 4 1 John 3: vs 1-7

Luke 24 vs 36b-48



Reflection

A Reflection from Revd Liz Jones 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:-

Jesus is King (StF 327)

Come, let us sing of a wonderful love (StF 443)

O for a thousand tongues to sing (StF 364)

Here is the link to this wonderful hymn written by Charles Wesley in 1739 to commemorate the first anniversary of his conversion. It is sung here by The St Michael Singers in Coventry Cathedral

O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing (Hymn with words and music) - Charles Wesley - YouTube

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder (StF 82)

PRAYERS

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

God of our lives, we give thanks for the life of Prince Philip, for the love he shared among us, and for his devotion to duty. We entrust him now to your love and mercy, through our Redeemer Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Merciful God, be close to all who mourn, especially The Queen and all members of the Royal Family. May they know the hope of your promises and the comfort of your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Eternal God, we give thanks for the life of Prince Philip, founder of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. We remember his vision and imagination, his interest in young people and his support for them. Inspire us with the same commitment to serve friend, neighbour, and stranger alike, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

Gracious and heavenly Father, source of every blessing, giver of every good gift, we worship and adore you and bless your holy name. We praise you for the revelation of yourself in our Lord Jesus Christ and every glimpse we have of your nature. May our love and worship of you so fill our lives that we show you forth to others. We praise you for all the joys of life, and the everyday blessings which we receive from you. May we in turn be a source of blessing to all with whom we come into contact. We ask in Jesus' name. **Amen**

The Mothers' Union anthology of public prayers.

POET'S CORNER CHURCH TIMES 9 APRIL 2021

Malcolm Guite welcomes a word in season from The Grateful Dead

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MAGGIE and I take it in turns to do the dishes: that way, we can each turn up the volume on our favourite listening without

disturbing the other, and speed through the chores, enveloped in our own reverie. She prefers *The Archers;* so, while she is washing up, our kitchen is in Ambridge; but I prefer The Grateful Dead, and, when I'm on duty, my dishes clatter and glisten amidst the alternating lights and mists of mystic '60s San Francisco.

Those who don't know their music might reasonably assume that a band called The Grateful Dead was some dreadful heavy-metal, goth-rock monstrosity. Nothing could be further from the truth. They really come out of the folk, blues, and country traditions, albeit turned on, tuned in, and melded together, old mandolins somehow morphed into electric guitars, but with their melodies and motifs as delicate as ever.

Indeed, the band's name is itself an allusion to a folk motif. "The Grateful Dead' is the term folklorists give to a whole genre of traditional fairy tales, in which the hero, at the start of a journey, does an act of sheer gratuitous kindness to the dead, an act that can have no immediate reward. There are many variations: a sea captain finds a floating coffin and diverts his voyage to rescue it and bring it to shore for decent burial; a youngest son, setting out to seek his fortune, gives his last three pennies to help a widow bury her husband. But, in each case, the young hero is joined later in his journey by a mysterious, sometimes angelic, figure, who saves or rescues him, works good magic, brings him his fortune, wins him his bride. And, in each case, this mysterious figure turns out to be "the grateful dead" returning a favour, giving thanks for an honour, blessing the living.

There is certainly something magical in the band's music, especially in live performances with their trademark long, intricate, trance-like improvisations that lift you into another realm — it's amazing how many pots and pans you can wash and dry without knowing you've done it, in the course of just one Jerry Garcia guitar solo. But, doing the dishes on the anniversary day of reflection and the commemoration of those who died of Covid this past year, I found myself lifted out of myself, in a kind of healing lamentation, through a song that The Grateful Dead themselves made to honour the dead — *Bird Song* — an elegy for Janis Joplin, whom they had known and loved:

All I know is something like a bird within her sang All I know she sang a little while and then flew on. . .

The song goes on to speak of both laughing in the sunshine and crying in the dark, its tender lyrics shot through with the sinuous silver thread of the music. That song was still playing when, leaving the last of the dishes to dry in the rack, Maggie and I walked out into the spring twilight, remembering our own losses over this strange year, ready to light our candle of remembrance, and hold it in silence with the others on our street, the last words of *Bird Song* fading in my mind as the candle flickered and the stars came out: "sleep in the stars, don't you cry, don't you cry, dry your eyes on the wind. . ."

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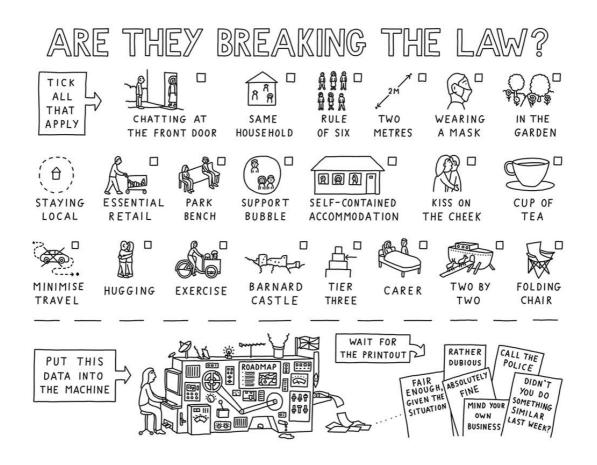
RESOURCES

Attached to this Bulletin are these items ~

- A Reflection from Revd Liz Jones for the Third 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
- A Reflection from the Archbishop of Canterbury, The Rt Revd Justin Welby following the death of HRH The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.



The flower ladies had to make up for lost time



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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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