



As they were watching,
he was lifted up,
and a cloud took him
out of their sight.
Acts 1.9

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

Anglicans and Methodists in Unity.



Dear Friends,

Once again, the rules are changing. On Monday 17th May we will be able to enjoy a little more freedom from the restrictions on our lives caused by the Coronavirus pandemic. We will be able to meet with other people indoors (up to six people or two households). I don't know about you, but just thinking about being able to say 'come in for a coffee' to someone is a great joy. Like everyone else, I have had to do all my work 'visiting' via the telephone, Zoom or in people's gardens. The changeable weather has made those garden visits a particular challenge! We will also have the freedom to gather in groups of up to 30 outdoors. We have already been allowed to worship outdoors, but once again our fickle weather has made planning for outdoor worship challenging!

It will also be wonderful to be able to welcome up to 30 people at weddings and baptisms too. We have 4 weddings planned in the Benefice this year as well as requests for baptisms coming in. It will be lovely to be able to hold those joyful family occasions once again in church.

But we still need to be cautious. We are all being advised that social distancing with close family and friends will be a matter of personal judgment – we have all got used to doing risk assessments over most activities, whether that is a trip to the shops or sitting outside a restaurant. Assessing and managing risks has become part of our everyday life. In church however, our current guidance remains in place. We will still need to wear face coverings and maintain social distance. Until the Church of England issue new guidelines we must continue with all the measures we have put in place to stop the spread of the virus. So in church it will still be 'Hands, Face and Space'.

Looking further ahead, you may have seen in the media, that there are calls for a National Thank You Day in the Summer - an opportunity to recognize and thank everyone who has worked so hard to help us get through the pandemic; all those frontline workers who kept going while the rest of the country locked down, all those who have gone the extra mile to make life during the pandemic more bearable, all those who we might take for granted, but without whom our lives would not be as rich or enjoyable. Whether the national day goes ahead or not, there is going to be a 'Songs of Praise and Thankfulness' outdoor service on Sunday 4th July in the churchyard of St Mary and All Saints Church, Fillongley. This is for everyone in our communities of Corley and Fillongley. The plan is to gather and sing our favourite hymns and worship songs before enjoying some summer refreshments and each other's company. There are so many wonderful hymns and songs we could sing that it would be impossible for me to choose. So, I am asking for your

Stop press
Services for
Sunday 16th May 2021
9:00 am Corley
10:30am Fillongley
Please bring and wear a
face covering



suggestions. What is your favourite hymn or worship song? Why is it your favourite? Then perhaps we can have a Corley and Fillongley 'Top 10'. Give me a call or email me with your suggestions and I will start a list. The most popular ones will be included in the service.

It has been a real privilege to be able to return to leading worship, once a week, at Bournebrook School. It is wonderful to be able to share sacred stories and pray with our wonderful young people. Because of the continuing restrictions I can only lead worship with one of the 'bubbles' each week but I am looking forward to the day when the whole school can be welcomed back into church and for when all the other activities that church members offered can resume. If you would like to be involved in thinking about how we, as a church, can help support our lovely young people's spiritual development at school, and in church, then please do give me a call. It would be great to think about planning for September.

So do enjoy your new freedom next week (cautiously of course 😊) but if you are struggling to find joy in that freedom then please do not hesitate to give me a call and perhaps we can have that cup of coffee?

Love and prayers

Ali

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=WUhUQ1ZyOEhhSzhhUVlWeXAxQU9lUT09>

Meeting ID: 854 7538 0558 Passcode: 572740

Telephone: 0 203 481 5237 United Kingdom 0 203 481 5240 United Kingdom

Readings and Prayers for Sunday 16th May 2021

The Sunday after the Ascension ~ Easter 7

Collects

Ascension Day

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens, so we in heart and mind may also ascend and with him continually dwell; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Risen Christ, you have raised our human nature to the throne of heaven: help us to seek and serve you, that we may join you at the Father's side, where you reign with the Spirit in glory, now and for ever. **Amen**

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Readings

Ascension Day

Acts 1: vs 1-11 Daniel 7: vs 9-14

Psalms 47 Psalm 93

Ephesians 1: vs 15-end

Luke 24: vs 44-end



The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Ezekiel 36: vs 24-28

Acts 1: vs 15-17, 21 – end

Psalms 1

1 John 5: vs 9-13

John 17: vs 6-19

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:-

Hail the day that sees him rise. Alleluia! (StF 300)

There is only one hymn to be singing along with at Ascensiontide, and here it is. The melody is by Robert Williams (1782 – 1818) and it is sung to Charles Wesley's wonderful words. Enjoy!

[🎵 Hymn | Hail the day that sees him rise | with LYRICS - Bing video](#)

There is a Redeemer (StF 338)

Meekness and majesty (StF 362)

Crown him with many crowns (StF 347)

PRAYERS

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

Thy Kingdom Come Prayers

Almighty God, your ascended Son has sent us into the world to preach the good news of your kingdom; inspire us with your Spirit and fill our hearts with the fire of your love, that all who hear your word may be drawn to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Loving God, when I am feeling lost or lonely or afraid or uncertain of the way ahead, be my guide, a lamp to my feet and a light for my path, and today help me to be a good companion to those I meet. **Amen**



Thy Kingdom Come
MU Service 2021
Friday 14th May 2pm on
Facebook and YouTube

Mothers UNION
Christian care for families

The Mothers' Union Service for Thy Kingdom Come is on YouTube and Facebook on Friday. Here us the link for you to join and enjoy

[Thy Kingdom Come 2021 - YouTube](#)

Ascension Day ~ by *Malcolm Guite*

We saw his light break through the cloud of glory
Whilst we were rooted still in time and place
As earth became a part of Heaven's story
And heaven opened to his human face.
We saw him go and yet we were not parted
He took us with him to the heart of things
The heart that broke for all the broken-hearted
Is whole and Heaven-centred now, and sings,
Sings in the strength that rises out of weakness,
Sings through the clouds that veil him from our sight,
Whilst we ourselves become his clouds of witness
And sing the waning darkness into light,
His light in us, and ours in him concealed,
Which all creation waits to see revealed .

L of the way ahead, be my guide, a lamp to my

Poet's Corner CHURCH TIMES 07 MAY 2021

As he prepares to move, *Malcolm Guite's* walks around Linton
have a valedictory feel



MY FAMILIAR walks and visits to favourite places in and around Linton have begun to take on a valedictory, almost elegiac feel, as I realise that, come July, we will be leaving Linton behind and starting a new life and new adventures in Norfolk ([Poet's Corner, 30 April](#)). So, every walk seems to have an extra poignancy and savour as I gather into myself, and store in the treasury of my memory, all that I am seeing, rather like Frodo revisiting his favourite haunts in the Shire before setting out on his long journey — not that I am in any way comparing a journey to Norfolk with a journey to Mordor!

So, as I cross the Lady Bridge and admire some bright new painted stones on the ever-lengthening Linton Snake ([Poet's Corner, 5 March](#)), I remember how I paused on this bridge, early in my time here, and watched the posturing of “Mussolini”, the village goose, and contrasted it with the humility of the village girl who bore our Saviour, and for whom our church is named. And, meeting the river again, this time at the ford by the millpond, I admire the delicate ripples spreading across the pond when a blossom falls and remember how, standing here once, I was inspired to write a poem about ripples in light and water in honour of Hertha Ayrton, the pioneering Girton scientist.

Walking up past the golden humming in Linton's own “bee-loud glade”, I head for the green waterside pathways of “the pocket park”, where I used to fantasise about how wonderful it would be if one could actually have a “pocket park”: a magical green handkerchief that one could take out of one's pocket, spread on the ground on some dull grey pavement, and — hey presto! — there would be a delightful garden and parkland to enter through a magic door. Each place is richer for its associations with some moment of thought, of contemplation, of creation.

They will all still be there, of course, when I'm gone, and there for me to revisit when I want; and they will be there in another sense as well. They will be there in my memory, ready to be summoned, to be visualised, to be entered into and dwelt in again as places of rest and meditation. I find that it is only the places where you have had some insight or inspiration, where something significant has happened, that first embed and then open themselves up in this way. It is as though an insight, or a significant moment, when it comes, attached itself to everything around it: to the falling of a blossom, to a ripple in the water, to the vista unfolding at a turn in the path.

It's rather like those moments in the Gospels to which scholars have drawn our attention, when some little — indeed, unnecessary — detail is suddenly highlighted: that there was “much grass” in the place where the 5000 were fed; that the pool at Bethesda had “five porticoes”. These little details, indelibly etched on someone's mind, suggest a living link, a personal memory: somebody was there to witness the wonder, and suddenly every detail in the scene was charged with significance and retained when they came to tell the story.

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RESOURCES

Attached to this Bulletin are these items ~

- ✚ A Reflection from Revd Ali for the Seventh 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
- ✚ *Music Charity organises live concerts in churches* CHURCH TIMES 07 MAY 2021

One day 2020 will be the one-word Catchphrase for everything messed up. “Hows your day?”, “A total 2020.”, “Say no more.”



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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