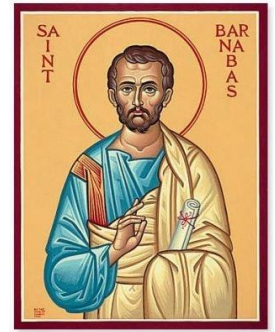




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A Letter from Stacy, our Ordinand on placement in the Benefice

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your gracious welcome last week when Simon and I (Stacy) attended our first services at Corley and Fillongley. As Ali shared in last week's bulletin, I am in the first year of a two-year training course at The Queen's Foundation in Birmingham and part of that training includes experiencing the day-to-day life of ministry.

Perhaps like many, I've had quite a circuitous journey on my way to ministry. I grew up in California and from a young age was actively involved in church along with my family. After I completed university, my sister moved to Mexico to work as a linguist with Wycliffe Bible Translators and my parents spent several years in Southeast Asia with SIL International, a faith-based charity serving language communities worldwide, as an administrator and as a teacher. I, on the other hand, joined the United States Air Force, and worked as an analyst. We had a history of military service in my family, and I was torn between feeling a sense of duty in serving my country and a sense of sadness at how my profession often caused so much hurt, especially as we were engaged in new wars around the world.

In the end, I left the military and began working in manufacturing as part of a company that made devices for people living in chronic pain. In this new career, I felt as though I was helping people. At the same time, I began travelling on short term mission trips – building houses with Habitat for Humanity or visiting children's villages with my church. On a trip to Northern Uganda and one to Rwanda, I was exposed to some of the after-effects of war, not the far away view from behind a TV screen but in the lives of people. This led me to a season of introspection about my military past and ultimately, after studying for a year in London, an exploration of peacebuilding work in the form of a reconciliation internship at Coventry Cathedral. Much to my surprise, it was there that I felt God calling me into priestly ministry and where all the roadblocks and obstacles that kept me from seeing the role of a priest as a possibility were slowly taken away. Amazingly, the Church of England and the Diocese of Coventry sent me to training starting this last September at Queen's. This has led me to you!

Over the next few weeks, you will find me 'shadowing' Ali at a variety of meetings, visits, and assemblies as well as participating in services. As part of the academic training, I will reflect on these experiences, anonymising all names and situations in my journaling. Please know that you are absolutely welcome to ask for privacy if my presence limits the conversation or is uncomfortable. I recognise that sharing comes out of relationship and trust, and I want to respect that space. I also would like to ask if you might consider giving me feedback about my participation

Stop press

Services for

Sunday 13th June 2021

9:00am Fillongley

10:30am Corley

Please bring and wear a face covering



in the services. I will provide forms from my training institution on Sundays when I am giving a sermon or co-leading a service. Any feedback you give will help me to grow and learn.

I am so grateful that I get to spend this time worshipping with you and learning a little bit about Fillongley and Corley. Over the next few weeks, I would love to get to know you and chat with you, in appropriately social distanced fashion of course. It is such a joy to be able to share five weeks with you on placement as I learn about ministry in the Church of England.

Grace and peace to you.

Blessings, Stacy

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=WUUhUQ1ZyOEhhSzhhUVlWwEXAxQU9lUT09>

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 13th June 2021 ~ Trinity 2

Collects

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Faithful Creator, whose mercy never fails: deepen our faithfulness to you and to your living Word, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings

1 Samuel 15: vs 34 - 16: vs 13

Psalm 20

2 Corinthians 5: vs 6-10 [11-13] 14-17

Mark 4: vs 26-34



Reflection

Reflections from Revd Ali and from Revd Jane for the second Sunday after Trinity, are attached to this eBulletin.

HYMNS & WORSHIP SONGS

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

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds (StF 322)

Spirit of the living God. (StF 395)

Amazing Grace (StF 440)

Jesus is the name we honour (StF 354)

I wonder how much longer it will be before we can sing this great worship song? In the meantime, here is the link for you to sing along at home :-

[\(1\) Jesus is the Name we Honour - Lyrics and Music Video - YouTube](#)

PRAYERS

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

Prayer changes us as we wait and hope. We become more aware of the needs of others, more aware of the presence of God, more aware of God, even in the silence of unanswered prayer.

Journey to Contentment by Sally Welch (BRF, 2020)

Thought for the week

'Prayer is one of the great gifts from our amazing God. The creator of the universe, who is also our loving Father....cares about the minutiae of our lives just as much as the fate of his beautiful planet.'

Becky Sedgwick, *Parenting for Faith* Coordinator for the Bible Reading Fellowship.



Lord God, whose faithfulness is heaven-high,
Whose forgiveness is ocean-wide
And whose friendship is earth-deep,
Remake us in the image of your Son,
To care for each other and for your world,
So that once again you may delight in creation
And declare it to be 'very good'.

Amen

Poet's Corner CHURCH TIMES 04 JUNE 2021

Malcolm Guite's daily walk leads to a reflection on the relationship between work and play



"I LIKE work; it fascinates me. I could sit and look at it for hours." Jerome K. Jerome's famous aphorism is more than just a lazy man's bravado: sometimes, it really is true.

It has certainly been true for me on my morning walks over this past week. George and I start our walk with a long slow ramble round the Linton Recreation Ground, which gives me a chance to wake up gradually, and gives him a chance to follow his nose and catch up with the scents and trails of all the other Linton dogs, "reading" the lampposts, as it were, and occasionally leaving comments of his own; for dogs invented "Nosebook" long before we ever came up with Facebook.

But the walks this week have had the added fascination of watching Linton's new skateboard park gradually, skilfully, magically take shape. It started with some construction-site fencing round an old bit of weedy concreted wasteland, and the arrival of several lorry loads of earth and clunch, together with three very skilled men. It has, indeed, been fascinating to watch them.

After clearing the space, they fashioned a series of wooden templates marking the height and shape and flow of the various runs and swoops and humps and bumps for the skateboarders to enjoy, and on which to hone their skills. Then, with a series of splendid yellow diggers, dump trucks, and rollers, they built up and "landscaped" the park to match the template. This included fabricating various reinforcing iron grids and meshes, all of which they did on site.

They seemed to have a remarkable panoply of skills between the three of them. The youngest of them was, I think, an apprentice, and, occasionally, in between the songs on their classic-rock playlist, one would hear the master, a middle-aged man with a full beard, instructing the apprentice, in the best way, to draw a template curve with a compass, and to saw and plane it smooth. The work is not quite finished yet, but, morning by morning, I have been watching something beautiful take shape, something that certainly matches the tagline of their playground construction company: "Artistic Engineering".

But I've enjoyed more than the fascination of watching other people work. It has been wonderful to see grown-ups working solely so that children should play, and it's good to live in a society that agrees that adult skills and resources should sometimes be deployed just so that young people can have fun.

But there's something more in the playful relationship between work and play which has been unfolding this week. I can see that the men enjoy their work: there are big grins when they are driving the diggers, and a smile of quiet satisfaction when they see the curve of the track perfectly following the template. I wondered whether these same men played with toy diggers and toy

hammers and saws when they were boys; whether, for them, play itself had become work, just that kind of work which enables others to play.

Maybe it's the same with me. "You're only playing at work," my stern teacher used to say when she caught me doodling rhymes in the margins of my school exercise book; but now that playing with words *is* my work. I only hope that I can make something as appealing and beautiful as the Linton skateboard park.

Malcolm Guite is a poet, priest and singer-songwriter. He is a Chaplain of Girton College and Associate Chaplain of St Edward King and Martyr in Cambridge, and is the author of many anthologies of poetry. He is a weekly columnist in the Church Times where he writes the very popular 'Poet's Corner' which is now included here each week for you to enjoy.









*It's time for the Church to have a "**Spring Clean**", but first we are going to start having a sort out of all the "stuff" that seems to have accumulated over many months.*

***This coming Saturday, 12th June at 9:00am** Ali and Suzanne, and probably Colin will be in church making a start. If you have an hour or more to spare, come and join us for a bit of reverse retail therapy i.e. having a throw out!*



RESOURCES

Attached to this Bulletin are these items ~

-  A Reflection from Revd Ali for the Second Sunday after Trinity.
-  A Reflection from Revd Jane for the Second Sunday after Trinity
-  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
-  *Learn a little more about Fillongley Church Member, Heather Greaves.....*



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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