



**UNITED BENEFICE OF CORLEY  
PARISH CHURCH & ST MARY & ALL  
SAINTS CHURCH, FILLONGLEY WITH  
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*Anglicans and Methodists in Unity.*



*Coventry Cathedral ~ Chapel of Unity*

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Dear Friends

It probably wasn't a great surprise to any of us, when the Prime Minister announced that we wouldn't be moving from step 3 to step 4 of the Covid Recovery Plan on Monday. The announcement that we would all need to observe 4 more weeks of the current restrictions was discussed at length in the media prior to the press conference – but it was still disappointing.

Most of us are enjoying the freedoms that have been possible since we moved into step 3 on 17<sup>th</sup> May. Being able to meet in groups of 6 or 2 households indoors has been a great joy and it has been wonderful to hear stories of families being together for the first time in many months. I am sure that I am not alone in hoping that we will be able to move to step 4 as soon as possible after July 19<sup>th</sup>, but we still do have to be vigilant, especially with the Delta variant of the Coronavirus being so much more transmissible than the original strain.

One thing that lockdown has reminded us of, is that we are all made for relationship. Being unable to spend time with our loved ones and friends has been difficult for everyone. The only thing that made the separation bearable was that we were keeping our distance to protect each other. We are incredibly lucky in this country that the vaccine programme has been such a success. Over 72 million\* doses of the vaccine have been administered with just over 45% of the population being fully vaccinated. It has been an incredible and unprecedented programme of vaccination. But there are still over 50% of the population who haven't been fully vaccinated yet so we do still need to be cautious.

It is tempting to ignore the guidance if we are fortunate enough to be fully vaccinated, but as Christians we are called to love God and to love each other. Part of that loving each other is to protect each other from harm. So when we meet in church for worship we are still going to have to observe social distancing and good hygiene to reduce the possibility of transmission. But, as we are able to meet in groups of up to 6 people indoors, we have revisited our risk assessment to try and allow greater numbers to attend services. It has been especially difficult to limit numbers attending funerals so I am hoping that our new risk assessment, that includes personalised seating plans for occasional offices (funerals, weddings and baptisms), will mean that we can accommodate more of the family and friends that provide comfort, support and encouragement at momentous life events. Social distancing will still be in place, masks will still be worn and there will still be a one way system for moving around in church, but hopefully this will be a small step back to some kind of normal.

*Stop press*

*Services for*

*Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2021*

*9:00am Corley*

*10:30am Fillongley*

*Please bring and wear a  
face covering*



Unfortunately, we still are not allowed to sing in church, but we are allowed to sing outside. So, on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July we will be raising our voices in songs of praise and thankfulness, in the churchyard at St Mary and All Saints Church, Fillongley at 5pm. There is still time to nominate your favourite hymn – you can email me [reverendalimassey@gmail.com](mailto:reverendalimassey@gmail.com) or give me a call with your choice.

If in the meantime you are struggling with any of the current restrictions or would just like to have a chat, then please do not hesitate to contact me on 07837 124509 or 01676540320.

With love and prayers for you and yours

Ali

[\\*https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/details/vaccinations](https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/details/vaccinations)

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## 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 20th June 2021 ~ Trinity 3

### Collects

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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**

God our Saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and in power; hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

### Readings

1 Samuel Chapters 17 & 18

Psalm 9

Psalm 133

2 Corinthians 6 vs 1-13

Mark 4: vs 35 -41



## Reflection

The Reflection this week is from Stacy Nelson Taylor, our Ordinand on placement from Queen's Theological College, Birmingham.

## HYMNS & WORSHIP SONGS

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

We have a gospel to proclaim (StF 418)

May the mind of Christ my Saviour (StF 504)

I need thee every hour (StF 467)

There is a higher throne (StF 337)

*This worship song is rapidly becoming a firm favourite with many. Enjoy singing along here:-*

[There Is A Higher Throne {with lyrics} - //Keith & Kristyn Getty\\ - YouTube](#)

## PRAYERS

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

### Psalm 84 *Quam dilecta!*

O HOW amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of hosts!  
My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be always praising thee. Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee: in whose heart are thy ways. Who going through the vale of misery use it for a well: and the pools are filled with water. They will go from strength to strength: and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion. O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer: hearken, O God of Jacob. Behold, O God our defender: and look upon the face of thine Anointed. For one day in thy courts: is better than a thousand. I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God: than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness. For the Lord God is a light and defence: the Lord will give grace and worship, and no good thing shall he withhold from them that live a godly life. O Lord God of hosts: blessed is the man that putteth his trust in thee. **Amen**



### Thought for the week

As we pray, we lift our eyes beyond the 'now' of our own struggles and the griefs of those for whom we pray, to catch a glimpse of the bigger picture and the long view, which is God's eternal perspective.

## A Prayer from the BRF

Lord Jesus Christ, stir up in us a godly passion for our neighbours and friends who have not yet experienced the welcoming love of our Father God. **Amen**

## Poet's Corner CHURCH TIMES 11 JUNE 2021

*Malcolm Guite* reflects on two great feasts of the Church, and finds joy in both



THERE is something suggestive and fruitful, some intuitive mystery, about the way the two feasts of the Visitation and Corpus Christi sometimes approach closely to one another.

Corpus Christi, linked as it is back through Trinity Sunday and Pentecost to Easter itself, is, like them, a moveable feast. So it happens this year that Corpus Christi has fallen just three days after the Visitation. Why do I find that suggestive? I suppose it is because both feasts are about an encounter with hidden presence, both are about kinship and welcome, both about a sudden and unexpected joy, a glad recognition — a kind of leaping in the womb.

When Mary greeted Elizabeth, each of them was carrying in themselves a hidden life, known to them but hidden from the world, and the life that was quickening in Elizabeth's womb leapt with joy at the presence of the Lord of Life himself quickening in the womb of Mary. Those who stood without, those who merely gazed on the surfaces, could know nothing of this, but the two women knew intimately in themselves what was happening, and were filled with the Spirit and rejoiced. And, more than that, their joy overflowed in words of poetic prophecy; and, for a moment, the invisible was made audible.

So, too, in the Eucharist, Christ himself, the very quick and quickening of life, comes to us, makes his visitation, but likewise veiled beneath another form; and something deep within us responds. Perhaps, like Elizabeth, we all carry a hidden John the Baptist: a wombed forerunner, the prophetic part of our soul, the spirit of discernment.

That part of ourselves is so often silenced and ignored, but in the sacred, concentrated space of the liturgy, it stirs to life; and, more than that, at the approach of the Saviour towards our outstretched hands, it leaps for joy in us.

Perhaps I sensed that, although not as explicitly as I am saying it now, when I came to write "Love's Choice", my poem for Corpus Christi in *Sounding The Seasons*. In my poem in the same series for the Visitation, I had written: "From quiet hearts the sudden flame of praise And in the womb the quickening kick of grace."

When I came to write the poem for Corpus Christi, something made me reach for the word "visitation" to describe the moment of receiving the sacrament: "A little visitation on my tongue." Perhaps in that year also the two feasts swam close together; I don't remember. But, re-reading my poem for this year's Corpus Christi, I sense afresh their kinship:

### **Love's Choice**

*This bread is light, dissolving, almost air,  
A little visitation on my tongue,  
A wafer-thin sensation, hardly there.  
This taste of wine is brief in flavour, flung  
A moment to the palate's roof and fled,  
Even its aftertaste a memory.  
Yet this is how he comes. Through wine and bread*



*Love chooses to be emptied into me.  
He does not come in unimagined light  
Too bright to be denied, too absolute  
For consciousness, too strong for sight,  
Leaving the seer blind, the poet mute;  
Chooses instead to seep into each sense,  
To dye himself into experience.*

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*Coventry City of Culture 2021 gets started....*

## RESOURCES

Attached to this Bulletin are these items ~

- ✚ A Reflection for Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2021 ~ Trinity 3, from Stacy Nelson Taylor, our Ordinand on Placement
- ✚ 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 poster for **Ansley Open Gardens Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

***Erratum in last week's eBulletin ~ You will remember that last week's eBulletin featured an article about Heather Greaves receiving an award which implied that this given by the Mothers' Union. Apparently the award was nothing to do with the Mothers Union, but was awarded by the Marsh Christian Trust in conjunction with PACT, the organisation that Heather volunteers with. Our apologies for this error.***

## 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. <sup>i</sup>

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