



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



Dear Friends,

It seems too soon for this, but I must write that this is my last Sunday of placement here at Corley Parish Church and St. Mary and All Saints Fillongley. I am so grateful for how you have welcomed me (and Simon) over the past five weeks, for your words of encouragement, and for your feedback. All of these things I will reflect on as I continue to train for ministry.

Over the past five weeks, I have been able to shadow Ali and experience the day-to-day life of parish ministry including assemblies and Big Questions club at Bournebrook Church of England Primary School, Sunday Services in the two churches, Sunday evening Zoom services, pre-wedding and pre-baptism visits, home communions, post funeral visits, PCC and JCC meetings, as well as the never straight forward memorial applications and graveyard record requests! Ali has also supported me through sermon writing, acting as deacon, and putting together a Service of the Word. Of course, this is only a glimpse into the lives of the communities and Fillongley and Corley and into the many other activities Ali does in her role as rector. I do wish the placement could have been after restrictions lifted so I could see more fully how the church is engaged in the community and perhaps have heard the Fillongley Singers. But, alas, it was not to be. And yet, I would not give up this experience.

*Stop press*  
*Services for*  
*Sunday 11th July 2021*  
*9:00am Fillongley*  
*10:30am Corley*  
*Please bring and wear a*  
*face covering*



As I prepare to attend my last placement service on Sunday, I am also reflecting on this period of ordinary time, in an anything but ordinary year. The resilience of the Church, of the Body of Christ, during the calamities of life! I look at Corley Parish Church and St. Mary and All Saints Fillongley and see a faithfulness in the stormy gales and a hope even though it has been a season of loss. I also know that for everything there is a season, and hope that, as we move into the summer holidays, you would experience a season of healing and of peace. My prayer for you in this season is that of Psalm 23 that God would use this time to lead you beside still waters and restore your souls.

*"It is just as important as ever to attend to the little graces  
by which the dignity of our lives is maintained and sustained.  
Birds still sing; the stars continue to cast their gentle gleam  
over the desolation of the battlefields,  
and the heart is still inspired by the kind word and the gracious deed."*

- Excerpt from 'Life Goes On' by Baptist Minister Howard Thurman

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: Jul 11, 2021 05:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83179265559?pwd=SEpLYnU5QmMyc3RjRkFDeVFY0NtZz09>

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## Readings and Prayers for Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2021 ~ Trinity 6

### Collects

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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**

Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## Readings

2 Samuel 6: vs 1-5, 12b – 19

Psalm 24

Ephesians 1: vs 3-14

Mark 6: vs 14-29



## Reflections

There are two reflections attached this week ~ the first is from Revd Ali and the second is from Revd Jane, both for the 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity.

## HYMNS & WORSHIP SONGS

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

Let all the world in every corner sing (StF 57)

O Jesus, I have promised (StF 563) Tune ii: Hatherop Castle

O precious sight, my Saviour stands ( SfF 279)

*This modern worship song will probably be new to many of you. Here is the link to it being sung by the writer and composer, Worship leader, Vicky Beeching.*

[O Precious Sight - Bing video](#)

Beyond these walls of worship (StF 547)

## PRAYERS

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

### Thought for the week

Maybe it is a happy coincidence that the word 'prayer' rhymes with 'air'. Just as the oxygen around us is vital for physical life, so prayer is essential for our spiritual health. As Christians we believe that prayer is part of our life-support system.



Holy Spirit of God, just as you come alongside to convict, counsel and comfort us,  
Lead us to wise friends who will bring your words to us,  
Show your love to us and be your presence with us,  
As companions on our journey through life,  
For your name's sake **Amen**

## Praying Psalm 36

As pilgrim souls on whom your light has shone  
Let us leave judgement to your tender mercy  
And turn instead to you, keep pressing on

Towards the steadfast heights, the mountain country  
Of your holy presence. Let us drink  
From that swift river, our true ecstasy.

Refresh us Christ, and bring us to the brink  
Of that deep well where life itself is light  
And goodness, more than we can dream or think,

Flows from your plenteousness, from your delight  
In all your works, and where your loving kindness  
Shines through our day and comforts us at night,

Like soft wings safely overarching us,  
That we might put our utter trust in you  
And fret no more for passing wickedness.

*Malcolm Guite*

## Poet's Corner

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Rereading a childhood book, *Malcolm Guite* decides to take up the old Arthurian tales



AS WE have gradually gathered all the books in our house from obscure shelves and dusty corners, ready for our move, we have unearthed a forgotten treasure: a wonderful little book which I have since been re-reading with great pleasure. It was Roger Lancelyn Green's retelling of the stories of King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table, in the Puffin Story Book series, with a lovely cover of red-and-blue-coloured woodcuts showing Arthur and Guinevere and some heraldic beasts — among them, the familiar little puffin himself, re-imagined in medieval style.

This particular copy, which was Maggie's as a child, was printed in 1957, the year I was born. Yet, as I turned the pages, the old stories grew and blossomed in my mind as fresh and green as ever. It is a beautiful retelling, drawn mostly from Malory, and all deftly handled and woven together in a clear narrative arc — something which is sometimes hard to find amid all the meandering criss-cross pathways of Malory himself.

But this find brought more than the nostalgic pleasure in re-reading a childhood favourite. It was timely in another sense. I had, in fact, begun to take up the old Arthurian tales myself, to see if I might retell them for our own age; so, Lancelyn Green stirred me on further to the task, as well as sending me back to the great sources.

There is, of course, no single source, no "original" or "authentic" version of the story. Each writer takes up the tale from another, embroiders, elaborates, develops a theme, and then hands the story on. And each retelling, in every age, necessarily highlights the elements of the primal myth, which that age needs to hear.

When I first thought of writing about "the matter of Britain", as the old bards called the *Arthuriad*, I wondered whether it might not be the land itself, the actual *matter* of Britain, which holds and

keeps the story, and will tell it to us afresh if we have ears to hear. That certainly came out in some verses I sketched out as an invocation or prelude to my own retelling of the tale in ballad form:

*. . . From where the waves wash Cornwall's caves  
Out to the White Horse Vale  
The lands still hold the tale of old  
Like hidden treasure, buried gold  
Once more the story must be told  
Poet, take up the tale.*

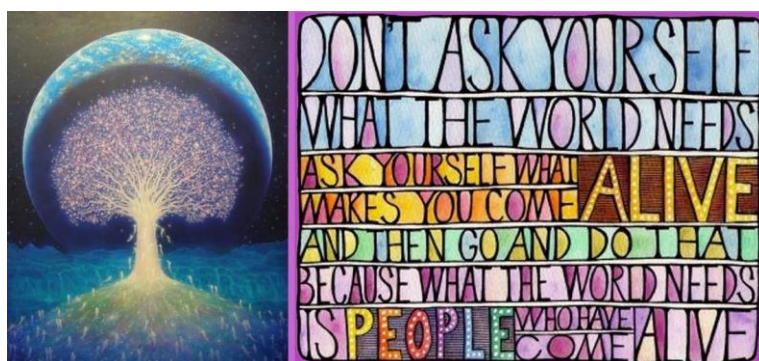
*Tell of the king who will return  
Tell of the holy grail  
Tell of old knights and chivalry  
Tell of the pristine mystery  
Of 'Merlin's Isle of gramarye'  
Poet take up the tale. . .*

*. . . Lift up your eyes to see the light  
On Glastonbury Tor  
Then come down from that far green hill  
To where the sacred waters spill  
And shine within the chalice well  
And listen to their lore. . .*

*You may yet walk through Merlin's isle  
By oak and ash and thorn  
The ancient hills do not forget  
And you might wake their wisdom yet  
Who knows what wonders might be met  
On this midsummer morn'.*

*So I have taken up the tale  
To tell it full and free  
The tale that makes my heart rejoice  
I tell it, for I have no choice  
I tell it till another voice  
Takes up the tale from me.*

*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.*



## RESOURCES

Attached to this Bulletin are these items ~

- ✚ A Reflection for Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2021 ~ Trinity 6 from Revd Ali
- ✚ A Reflection for Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2021 ~ Trinity 6 from Revd Jane
- ✚ Order of Service for Holy Communion at Corley Church
- ✚ Order of Service for Holy Communion at Fillongley Church
- ✚ Order of Service for Service of the Word on Zoom.
- ✚ *Has there been spiritual awakening in Lockdown?* Church Times 2.7.2021



*For safety's sake the PCC met outdoors.*

## 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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