



*St Beuno's Church in Clynnog
Fawr, Gwynedd*

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

Anglicans and Methodists in Unity.



*The mouth of the River Dart
from the South West Coast
Path. South Devon*

Dear Friends,

Your editor has returned from her travels to the North of Wales and the South of Devon and back to the centre of England ☺ As you can see from the 'holiday snaps' above I enjoyed some of the most beautiful parts of England and Wales, recharging my batteries along the way and being frequently reminded how fortunate we are to live in such a wonderful part of the world and to enjoy a free and protected lifestyle. This realisation has been brought into stark relief in recent weeks as our television screens have brought us many disturbing scenes of the fate of the people of Afghanistan. Let us pray that the situation in that country will improve very quickly and that a government will emerge which allows the people to live as we do, prioritising the human rights of *all* citizens.

Closer to home we are slowly but surely moving into a new post-pandemic normal situation. In our churches we continue to be sensibly cautious about the conduct of our services and there are fewer items attached to this bulletin than has been necessary in previous weeks. There has been a lot of talk in recent months as to how our Churches and worship will look as we emerge from the lockdown situation. With that in mind, you will find an interesting article attached to this bulletin entitled, "*Liturgy cannot just be a virtual experience*" which appeared in the Church Times at the beginning of August. Many have suggested that it is quite possible to experience worship as a virtual experience, logging on to our computers at home instead of actually coming to church. In the article Neil Thompson argues that this would turn worshippers into spectators rather than participants. Do have a read and consider where you stand with this vital question for the future of all our churches.

Revd Ali returns from leave next week and the content of this bulletin will be back to normal (whatever that is going forward!) and we look forward to seeing you all over the next month visiting the Arts and Flower Festivals in Fillongley Church which are taking place at the weekends in September. Further details are attached to this bulletin and you will no doubt have seen the banner at the crossroads in Fillongley.

With every good wish to you all

Suzanne Churchwarden.

Stop press
Services for
Sunday 29th August 2021
9:00am Fillongley
10:30am Corley
We still encourage you to
bring and wear a face
covering



Readings and Prayers for Sunday 29th August ~ Trinity 13

Collects

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings

Song of Solomon 2: vs 8-13

Psalm 45

James 1: vs 17-end

Mark 7: vs 1-8, 14, 15, 21-23.



HYMNS & WORSHIP SONGS

*Here are the Hymns that we **WILL BE** singing in Church this Sunday:-*

Holy Spirit, we welcome you (StF 385)

Here is a link to the worship song above which may not be familiar to you all ~

[Holy Spirit, We Welcome You \(With Lyrics\) - Bing video](#)

King of Kings, majesty (StF 331)

To God be the glory (StF 94)

We pray for peace (StF 719) ~ to be used as our prayers of intercession, to say together

Here is bread, here is wine (StF 586)

Hear the call of the Kingdom (StF 407)

PRAYERS

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

Prayers from World Vision

Dear Lord, thank you for Your son and that through Him we all have the opportunity for new beginnings. And thank you Lord for the fragrance of You that we can spread in our lives, through love, deed, and action.

Heavenly Father, as the disaster in Haiti becomes clearer each day, we pray for all those who have lost family, friends, and neighbours. For all those helping to comfort the grieving, for the medical staff looking after the injured and those searching for those missing, amongst the debris of collapsed buildings. Walk with them Lord.

Lord Jesus, as change sweeps across Afghanistan we pray for a ceasefire and that peace will replace fighting. That amongst the turmoil children and families find protection and that from this crisis lives can be rebuilt. **Amen**

Thought for the week ~ for faithfulness in prayer

The apostle Paul writes, *“For all of God’s promises have been fulfilled in Christ with a resounding “Yes!” And through Christ, our “Amen” (which means “Yes”) ascends to God for his glory.”* (2 Corinthians 1:vs 20) In other words, our prayers have already been answered, even before we pray them; and so our praying is all about us discovering and delighting in those answers.

Loving Lord, as we open the pages of your word and as we spend time in prayer, may we hear your Spirit’s voice speaking through the stories of long ago, showing us the next step on our path to abundant life. Through Christ, the Word made flesh, Amen.

Poet’s Corner CHURCH TIMES 20 AUGUST 2021

Malcolm Guite finds that his books have a habit of sorting themselves on the shelves

IN A recent Poet’s Corner (6 August), I hoped for a little sprinkling of TARDIS-dust to make my new study bigger on the inside than the outside, so as to make room for all my books. But, since I cannot avail myself of the science of *Doctor Who*, I have turned, instead, to the art of double shelving.

Fortunately, the stout pine boards I am using for my shelving system are deep enough to take two layers of books, and I am trying to shelve the taller ones behind and the shorter ones in front. This, of course, makes havoc of any attempt to arrange my books by subject — not that I was ever very good at that. In spite of my best endeavours, I have always found my books straying: from shelves to tables and desks, from one surface to another, and, eventually, back on to a completely different shelf, since there was no longer room in their original home.

I’ve always felt that the books had a hand in this themselves. It was quite natural that Coleridge would want to spend a little time next to Shakespeare — after all, I had his *Lectures on*



Shakespeare on another shelf somewhere. And, as for the promiscuous Mr Eliot, one week he'd be gadding about with Joyce and the next he'd be ensconced in intimate conversation with Dante. I liked it that way, even though it often took me a long time to find a particular book. But the search was always diverting, and sometimes an education in itself.

When it came to the new system of double shelving, I fancied for a while that I could arrange things so that each book concealed, and was backed up by, its sources. So one would take down a copy of *Paradise Lost* only to reveal behind it the two great tomes of its foundation: the Bible and the *Aeneid*. *George Herbert's Works* could be taken off the shelf to reveal its progenitors in the Book of Common Prayer, the versified *Psalms* of Phillip and Mary Sidney, and, of course, the *Songs and Sonnets* of his friend and mentor John Donne.

Alas, it could not be done. For one thing, there would need to be an Authorised Version of the Bible and a copy of the BCP behind almost every work of great literature which has been written since those two treasures were given to the world. And think what an extensive collection of poetry in several languages, not to mention literary criticism and philosophy, would have to be gathered behind just one slender volume of the poetry of Geoffrey Hill!




So, I have had to settle for sorting by size and not by subject, and, somehow, most, but not all, my books have found their way on to the shelves. They won't stay there for long, though, and already I see that my Tennyson is consorting with my Malory, while T. H. White seems to be taking supercilious and ironic notes, as well as tragic themes, from both.

And that is just as it should be; for, even in those rare times when the books are closed and silent, back on their shelves, their authors continue a long conversation in my mind, in my dreams, and sometimes in my poetry, too.

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RESOURCES

Attached to this Bulletin are these items ~

-  Order of Service for Holy Communion at Corley Church
-  Stories of Change: Hope, Faith & Love ~ Art & Flower Festival September 2021.
-  *Liturgy is not just a virtual experience* ~ Church Times 6th August 2021.



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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