



**UNITED BENEFICE OF CORLEY
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Dear Friends,

You may have already heard ‘though the grapevine’ that I am leaving the Benefice at the end of October.

This was a really difficult decision to make. I have really loved being your Rector and I have only made this painful decision due to my worsening mental health. I’m afraid that I need to take some time away from ministry to concentrate of getting well again. I believe that God has plans to ‘prosper and not harm me’ (Jeremiah 29:11) and that I am, as we all are, a beloved child of God to whom Jesus sent God’s only Son so that we may have life in all its fullness (John 10:10). But I also need to take responsibility for my own mental and physical health, hence the decision to step down as Rector.

I plan to work my period of notice and with the support of the Church Wardens, Church Steward Wardens, Archdeacon Sue and my GP will continue to lead worship and to officiate at occasional offices. My last service in the Benefice will be on Sunday 31st October. I am so very sorry to have to leave after such a short season of ministry in these wonderful communities and I hope and pray that the right person will be called to lead the churches soon.

Even though my current difficulties are with my mental health, please do not hesitate to continue to contact me if I can be of any help and support.

With love and prayers

Ali

Stop press
Services for
Sunday 5th September 2021
9:00am Corley
10:30am Fillongley
We still encourage you to
bring and wear a face
covering

September is a time when we often think of new beginnings. As schools and colleges return to a new academic year, there are new opportunities for us to explore how we can live as God’s people and positively influence those around us as we encounter God in our everyday lives. This Autumn there are sessions planned by the Diocese looking at being faithful in the areas of rest, work and play:

Everyday Faith at Rest, Monday 27th September, 7.30pm.

In a culture where we admire busyness, how do we take time to rest?

Everyday Faith at Work, Monday 18th October, 7.30pm

How do we live out God’s call for us in our workplace?

Everyday Faith at Play, Monday 29th November, 7.30pm

Following Jesus, how do we join in and stand out while having fun?

Each session lasts for 2 hours, and will be held on Zoom. For more information and to book, please go to the Diocesan Equip Hub, <https://www.equiphub.org.uk/category/everyday-faith/>.

There is also have a new Diocesan online learning platform, **EquipHub**, which will be launched on 6th September 2021 (www.equiphub.org.uk). At the launch there will be 4 BCDM (Bishop's Certificate in Discipleship and Mission) Modules available for people to sign up for:

- The Bible in Five Acts Understanding the Bible - Renewing your Life
- Exploring Themes in the Bible
- The Book of Revelation

www.equiphub.org.uk/category/bcdm/

BCDM modules are designed for anyone who has an interest in developing their own discipleship. I do encourage you to have a look at the website and see if any of the courses interest you, especially as there is a special offer at the moment – reducing the cost of each module to £15 instead of the usual price of £25. (If you enter the following code **£15-BCDM-Course**. This code is valid from 06 September 2021 to 31 December 2021).

If you would like to have a chat about BCDM modules then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Blessings

Ali

Readings and Prayers for Sunday 5th September ~ Trinity 14

Collects

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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**

Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings

Proverbs 22 vs 1-2, 8-9, 22-23.

Psalms 125

James 2: vs 1-17

Mark 7: vs 24 – end



Reflections

Attached to this bulletin you will find a Reflection from Revd Ali for Trinity 14 and the transcript of the Talk being given at the service at Fillongley, "Caring for God's Creation" from Suzanne.

HYMNS & WORSHIP SONGS

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

I am a new creation (StF 553)

For the beauty of the earth (StF 102)

I, the Lord of Sea and sky (StF 663)

For the fruits of his creation (StF 124) Tune : Ar Hyd Y Nos

You shall go out with joy (StF 487)

And here is a link to worship song which may be a new one to you, and which links with our Creation theme this Sunday at Fillongley

Creation sings

[Creation Sings the Father's Song with lyrics Keith and Kristyn Getty - Bing video](#)

PRAYERS

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

From World Vision



Pray for protection



Heavenly Father, we ask for your protection over all those who feel fearful for their future in Afghanistan. For local World Vision staff who remain committed to work tirelessly for the needs of Afghan children and families, we ask you protect them Lord.

Pray for peace



Father God, as change sweeps across Afghanistan we pray for peace. We lift our concerns for those fleeing their homes and country, and for all who are uncertain about the future. Father, children are often those most affected during times of crisis, so amongst the turmoil protect your little ones.

Pray for recovery



And Lord Jesus, with time, we pray that Afghanistan will recover from this devastating crisis and that it becomes a nation where children and families can rebuild their homes, communities and lives. In Your holy name. Amen.

A Prayer in times of extreme weather

God our creator, create in us a new heart,
A new understanding, a new way of living.
God our redeemer, rescue us from the brink of disaster,
Open our eyes to see the dangers that lie ahead.
God our Sustainer, equip and energise us,
To hold fast to the changes that we need to make. **Amen**

Poet's Corner

CHURCH TIMES 03 SEPTEMBER 2021

The year 1549 was significant for North Walsham — and the Church, *Malcolm Guite* reflects



AS A historic market town, North Walsham is naturally proud of its old Market Cross. The “market cross”, is not, in fact, a cross at all, but an elegant octagonal structure. Eight open arches lead into a raised wooden floor above, on which fine oak beams lift a two-stage roof, leaded, and all crowned with a clock and a weathervane. The clock and weathervane are later additions, 18th- and 19th-century; but the market cross itself began life in 1549 as a gift from the Bishop of Norwich to the people of the town.

And, as I sat down to rest by the cross and read a brief inscription of its history, it was this date of its inception that struck me; for 1549 is, famously, the date of another gift from the Church to the people of England: the Book of Common Prayer. Perched on the edge, under one of the arches, and enjoying a bottle of local ale and a pork pie bought from the market stalls, I found myself pondering on the many things that the Market Cross and the BCP have in common.

Both were a transformation of something that already existed, but with the aim of making it more accessible and more widely used. That 1549 BCP was the first prayer book to include the complete forms of service for daily and Sunday worship in English. Morning and evening prayer already existed, but now they could be entered into and enjoyed much more fully, with a real understanding of their meaning. Likewise, there had been a stone pillar to mark the “market cross”, and the rights, which had been granted back in the 13th century, to buy and sell and exchange goods around it; but, in 1549, it was transformed: the eight arches or porticoes, like the sides of a font, welcomed people in from all directions, and provided a centre, a shelter, and a focus for the community — again, all things that the BCP was there to do.

Of course, the Market Cross is not now exactly as it was in 1549, and neither is the BCP. The BCP was revised further in 1552 and 1604, and the first iteration of the market cross was not actually completed till 1555. The BCP was, of course, abrogated under Mary, and again under Cromwell, but eventually revised and restored, after many vicissitudes, in 1662. Likewise, our little market cross was destroyed, together with the entire market, in a fire of 1600, only to be restored by another bishop and re-presented to the town in 1602.





So, as with anything worth preserving, there is always a need for revision and restoration, but there is also a long continuity. All the essentials of life which were brought and exchanged here in 1549 — the beer and butter, the bread and wine — are still brought and exchanged, perhaps wrapped a little differently.

And, likewise, the things that we bring and exchange in our life of prayer remain essentially the same: we bring the pain and joy, the confession and thanksgiving; we bring them into the shelter, the time-worn table of exchange which is our common liturgy, and come away, as though from market, revived, refurbished, supplied again with the week’s necessities of grace, glad for the gift our common prayer — our common place of exchange — and thinking that maybe, with so much grace on offer, we got a bit of a bargain.

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RESOURCES

Attached to this Bulletin are these items ~

-  Order of Service for Holy Communion at Corley Church
-  A Reflection from Revd Ali for Trinity 14
-  A Talk, *Caring for God’s Creation* ~ Suzanne Whiting, for Creation Sunday at Fillongley Church
-  *Our polite evasion is a threat to society* Church Times 27 August 2021



Derek welcomed feedback from the congregation

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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