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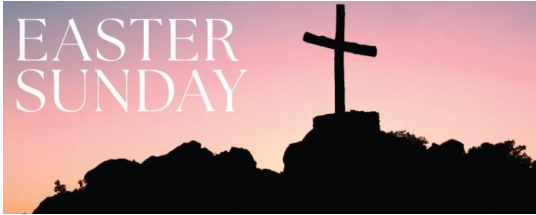
5th & 12th April 2026



Keeping you in touch with your churches across Powick, Callow End, Guarlford and Madresfield with Newland

SERVICES FOR THE COMING PERIOD

SUNDAY 5TH APRIL – HAPPY EASTER!



9.30am Easter Day Communion at Guarlford
(With Rev Canon Eric Knowles)

11.00am Easter Day Communion at Madresfield
(With Rev Gary Crellin)

11.00am Easter Day Communion at Powick
(With Rev Dr Bill Rumball)

Readings:

Jeremiah 31: 1-6, Acts 10: 34-43, John 20: 1-18

Collect:

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. **Amen**

SUNDAY 12TH APRIL

The Second Sunday of Easter

9.30am Benefice Service of Easter Communion at Callow End
(With Rev Dr Bill Rumball)

NO SERVICE AT MADRESFIELD TODAY

Readings:

Acts 2: 14, 22-32, 1 Peter 1: 3-9, John 20: 19-end

Collect:

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Intercessions for each week will be available to download from the website each Friday.

Midweek Communion – The Orchard Room
10.30-11.30am 9th & 23rd April

THE VICAR'S BLOG

A Short Vicar's Easter Message

Please see your Headlines mailing (or collect a paper copy from church) for the Easter/ April Pastoral message from Rev Gary

An Easter Prayer from the Melanesian Brotherhood:

Look: the hills and the valleys shine with promises
And every burning morning is a prophecy of Christ
He is coming to raise, forgive and to heal
Open wide your lives and forever love, not fear,
those that you meet.

This prayer comes from the Melanesian Brotherhood—an Anglican community of men living and serving across the islands of the South Pacific. They are not theologians in ivory towers. They are men who walk from village to village, often in difficult and dangerous situations sharing the gospel, praying with people, and working for peace. Some have even given their lives doing just that. And so, when they speak of hills and valleys shining with promise, they are not speaking lightly. They know what it is to stand in places of fear, of conflict, of uncertainty - and still to see the light of Christ breaking through. They know what it means to say, with conviction: "He is coming to raise, forgive and to heal."

Easter begins in the dark.

Before the alleluias, before the flowers, before the joy—there is a quiet garden, a sealed tomb, and hearts heavy with grief and confusion. And it is there, in that place, that God does something utterly new.

The resurrection of Jesus is not simply a happy ending to a sad story. It is the beginning of a new creation. It tells us that nothing—not even death—has the final word. It tells us that hope is stronger than despair, love stronger than hatred, and life stronger than the grave.

Easter speaks into our lives today. Whatever feels closed off, whatever feels lost, whatever feels beyond repair—God is still at work. The risen Christ meets us, calls us by name, and leads us into new life.

So, this Easter, may we not only celebrate the resurrection, but live it. May we be people of hope in a weary world, people of light in dark places, and people who carry the life of Christ wherever we go.

Alleluia! Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

With all good wishes. Gary x

The Vicarage will be closed from Easter Monday to Saturday 11th April.



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TEAMS4U EASTER EGG APPEAL

THANK YOU - We collected **288 Easter eggs for the children of Ukraine**. Such a simple thing, really. And yet, in a world that feels fragile, it becomes something deeply significant. A sign that even in the midst of war, there can still be kindness. Even in uncertainty, there can still be generosity. Even in darkness, small lights still shine.



Planning for the 'Parish Wedding' event on Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th April is underway and we're excited by how it's shaping up. We have a few requests below if you are able to help with any of them:

-Can you help with setting up the event on Friday 24th April? If so, please let Kay know on 07702 733598 or kay@shuard.com

-Do you have any white tablecloths or sheets we can borrow to cover the tables where dresses are being displayed? If yes, please bring them to Powick Church this Sunday (Palm Sunday 29th March, Benefice service) or contact Kay (details above) for collection.

-If your wedding dress won't be on display, do you have a wedding photo (ideally in a frame) we could include in our wedding Hall of Fame?! If yes, please bring it to Powick Church Powick church on Palm Sunday or contact Kay (details above) for collection.

Finally, please pray for all those involved in organising the event, that it will be enjoyed and well-supported by the community.

Lent Collection - Embrace the Middle East

A Second Collection (very Catholic!) will be available over the Holy Week and Easter services at POWICK for the charity, Embrace the Middle East. A small group has been following their Lent Study, *Acts of Hope*, and this will be a small donation for the work of this charity that is active across the Middle east, especially in these challenging times. Donations can be also received at the Vicarage (please put on the envelope 'LENT COLLECTION') or give online via the charity's website www.embraceme.org.

Easter Poem: *The Garden Awakens*

In the stillness of the morning,
Before the break of day,
A quiet hope was stirring
Where sorrow laid its weight.

The stone was rolled away,
The darkness split by light,
And death lost its power
In that transforming sight.

A voice called out a name,
So tender, clear, and near—
And grief gave way to wonder,
And love outshone all fear.

Now every dawn speaks softly,
Of life that will not cease,
Of wounds that shine with glory,
Of hearts restored to peace.

So let the world awaken,
Let every soul arise—
For Christ is risen among us,
And hope will never die.



A Short Easter Reflection

Easter reminds us that God often works in ways we do not expect. The first witnesses were not powerful or certain - they were grieving, unsure, and surprised. And yet, they became the bearers of the greatest news the world has ever known. This gives us courage. We don't need to have everything figured out. We don't need perfect faith. We simply need to be open to the risen Christ, who meets us where we are and invites us to follow. Where might you notice signs of resurrection in your life this season?

EASTER PRAYERS

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

Risen Lord Jesus, we thank you that death is defeated, that hope is alive, and that your love will never let us go.

In the light of Easter morning,
fill our hearts with joy, renew our faith,
and send us out as witnesses to your new life.

For you are alive and reign with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

A Prayer for the World

Living God, on this holy day of resurrection,
we pray for your world.

Where there is darkness, bring light.

Where there is war, bring peace.

Where there is despair, bring hope.

Teach us to be people of the resurrection—

to speak kindness, to act justly,
and to walk humbly with you.

Through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Our Communities

God of new beginnings,
we thank you for the life of this community.

As spring unfolds around us,
so renew your Church with fresh vision and courage.

Help us to welcome all, to serve generously,
and to share the good news of Easter with joy.

May our homes be places of peace,
our friendships signs of your love,
and our lives reflections of your grace.

In Jesus' name, we pray. **Amen.**

A Short Easter Prayer (for all ages)

Lord Jesus, thank you that you are alive.

Thank you that you bring light into our darkness
and hope into our hearts.

Help us to follow you, to love others,
and to live as people of Easter joy. **Amen.**

Easter Blessing

May the God of new life
raise you with Christ from all that holds you back.

May the risen Lord Jesus
walk beside you in every joy and every challenge.

And may the Holy Spirit

fill you with hope, courage, and peace,
so that you may live as Easter people
in the world God loves.

And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS

Review of the Year and Accounts for 2025

GMN - Sunday 10th May

12.30pm, St Mary's, Madresfield

Christ Church - Tuesday 19th May

3.00pm, Christ Church, Avenue Road, Malvern, WR14 3AY

Powick - Tuesday 19th May

6.30pm, St Peter's, Powick

ZOOM ACCESS CODES

Codes and access numbers for ALL Old Hills Malvern
Meetings and Services 2026:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86594255282?pwd=UkZ2cytyMUd2OWN2Sy8yZndoMS8rZz09>

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