



OLD HILLS MALVERN HEADLINES

19th & 26th April 2026



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

SERVICES FOR THE COMING PERIOD

SUNDAY 19TH APRIL

The Third Sunday of Easter

8.00am BCP Communion at Powick
(With Rev Gary Crellin)

9.30am BCP Communion with hymns at Guarlford
(With Rev Canon Eric Knowles)

11.00am Morning Praise at Powick
(With The Morning Praise Team)

Readings For BCP Services:

The Epistle: 1 Peter 2: 19-end

The Gospel: St John 10: 11-16

Readings For Morning Praise Service:

Acts 2: 14a, 36-41, 1 Peter 1: 17-23,

Luke 24: 13-35

Collect:

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and 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**

SUNDAY 26TH APRIL

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

9.30am Easter Communion at Callow End

11.00am Easter Communion at Madresfield
(Both with Rev Gary Crellin)

Readings:

Acts 2: 42-end, 2 Peter 2: 19-end, John 10: 1-10

Collect:

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he 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 23rd April & 7th May

THE VICAR'S BLOG

Whenever our eyes are opened.....

There's a particular moment in the Road to Emmaus story (Luke 24:13–35) that always feels deeply familiar. Two disciples walk along, talking about everything that has happened, trying to make sense of confusion, loss, and shattered hope. Jesus comes alongside them—but they don't recognise him.

They see... but they don't see. It's only later, in the breaking of bread, that their eyes are opened, and they realise he has been with them all along.

That strange mixture—of presence and unawareness—feels very much like the way we live today. We are surrounded by activity, information, and noise. We scroll, we watch, we analyse. And yet, how often do we miss what is right in front of us? Moments of grace. Quiet acts of kindness. The nearness of God. So, I think that the Emmaus story gently challenges us: what are we overlooking? Where might Christ already be walking beside us—in our conversations, our worries, our ordinary routines—unnoticed?

Interestingly, this sense of seeing and not quite seeing echoes even in the wider world. Recently, the safe return of the Artemis II /Orion mission around the Moon and back captured imaginations. For days, eyes were fixed on screens, tracking a spacecraft travelling vast distances through the darkness of space - often unseen, yet carefully guided, never alone. Only at key moments did it come back into view, re-entering the atmosphere, visible again, its journey revealed. There's something of Emmaus in that. So much of what is real, important, and life-giving happens beyond what we immediately perceive. Presence does not depend on visibility. Perhaps faith, like that journey, is about learning to trust what we cannot always see - and to remain attentive for those moments when our eyes are opened.

As we move further into spring, we might expect fields full of lambs by now. And yet, at least so far, they seem few and far between. Jesus' words in John 10 remind us that he is the Good Shepherd, calling his sheep by name, leading them to life in all its fullness. Whether the fields feel full or empty, the Shepherd is still at work - often quietly, often unseen. So, in this season, we are invited to look again. To notice more carefully. To be open to the possibility that Christ is nearer than we think.

And on a more local note, we look forward to welcoming many of you (and, we hope, many visitors too) to our inaugural Wedding Display at Powick Church on 25th–26th April. It's a chance to see the church prepared for celebration, to imagine new beginnings, and to share in the life of our community. Do come along and do spread the word - we would love to see a good gathering.

With every blessing, *Rev Gary*

WELCOME

A Parish welcome to Sarah Price who starts as the Head Teacher at Powick Primary CofE School on Monday 13th April 2026.



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MADRESFIELD CHURCH

Today, Wednesday 1st April, a small but efficient band of us came together to clean Madresfield Church.

As Chris was hogging the Henry, I decided to clean out a cupboard and came upon a very well-worn brush with the wording:

H. D. COZENS, Tailor & Habit Maker, 57 Fleet Street, TORQUAY.



So, who was Henry Douch Cozens?

Henry was born in Bath in 1838 and died in Torquay in 1929. In the 1851 Census, age 13, he was found to be staying with his aunt Ann Douch, a 'Tailors Wife', in Oxfordshire.

He then settled in Tormohun (now known as Torquay) in Devon, married Hannah and had six children. Business must have been good as they had two servants.

Census records show Henry's profession as a Tailor & Outfitter; no records exist of the Habit Making part of his profession. However, the 1911 Business Directory of Torquay upgraded his profession and he is listed as a Gentlemen's Tailors & Outfitters.

He worked from number 15 Fleet Street, Torquay, now a Pavers shoe shop and his Son Leonard worked from number 16 as a Hatter and Hosier.

At this point in time Fleet Street was the central commercial hub in Torquay, known for its variety of shops and trades serving the growing seaside resort town. There were many tailors in the area serving the local population and visiting gentry.

As to how the brush became so worn, and how it ended up buried at the back of a cupboard in Madresfield Church, well that's another (unknown) story.... *Marguerite Barnwell*

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK – 9TH TO 16TH MAY

Saturday 9th May

Soup Lunch at St James, Callow End
12noon to 2pm

Serving seasonal soup, roll, cheese scone & tea/coffee

Saturday 16th May

Coffee Morning at Abbey View
33b Upton Road, Callow End
10am to 12noon

With bring & buy, plants & cakes & raffle

Both events raising funds for Christian Aid

Tuesdays @ 6pm - Deanery Prayers for anxious times

The world at the moment can seem like a black and scary place. In so many places the situation seems hopeless. It is easy to get to a place of despair and helplessness. However, there is something we can do - as Christian we believe in the power of prayer.

On a Tuesday at 6pm a group of people from across the Malvern and Upton Deanery have started to meet to pray via zoom. Zoom is a great place to meet for prayer as it is accessible for most people and doesn't need anyone to travel or find an appropriate meeting place. The prayer meeting is a strict 30mins tops and is providing an easy way to pray in a very difficult time.

Prayers have ranged from the situation in the middle east to the installation of our new Archbishop. The meeting ends with everyone saying the Lord's Prayer - in whichever version or language is right for them - a joyous cacophony of sound.

To access the prayer meeting, from 14th April when it resumes, please use the Old Hills Malvern Zoom links regularly shown on Headlines.

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

A message from our Electoral Roll Officers – Alison & Margaret

With the upcoming Annual Parochial Church Council meetings across our parishes, we need to ensure that the Electoral Roll for each parish in the Benefice is correct and up to date.

Please see the notices governing what is required in each church and do notify us of any changes or if you wish to be added as new or removed from the respective parish roll. The roll enables you to vote in the coming elections for Wardens and PCC members and the Deanery Synod. This is a revision year so no renewal applications from existing members are required.

It's nearly here! Please do accept your 'invitation' to 'A Parish Wedding' taking place on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th April at Powick Church, 10am – 4pm each day. Your support will be much appreciated and we're sure you'll have a lovely time - it's going to be quite something! Please invite family, friends, neighbours, spread the word however and wherever you can! All monies raised will help fund the urgent building repairs needed which is the current priority for the Powick Church Unlocked project.

This is also a final request for white tablecloths and a wedding photo if you would like to have yours displayed in the Hall of Fame (for those ladies not exhibiting a dress). Please bring the items to Powick church on Sunday 15th or contact Kay to collect (kay@shuard.com or 07702 733598). We hope to see you at the event!

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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