



OLD HILLS MALVERN HEADLINES

21st & 28th June 2026



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

SERVICES FOR THE COMING PERIOD

SUNDAY 21ST JUNE

Third Sunday After Trinity

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

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

11.00am Morning Praise at Powick
(With the Lay Team)

11.00am Holy Communion at Christ Church
(With Rev Gary Crellin)

12.45pm Baptism at Christ Church

BCP Readings:

The Epistle: 1 Peter 5: 5-11

The Gospel: St Luke 15: 1-10

Collect:

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts hereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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 28TH JUNE

Fourth Sunday After Trinity

9.30am Living Communion at Callow End

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

12.45pm Baptism at Powick *(With Rev Gary Crellin)*

12.45pm Baptism at Christ Church

Readings:

Jeremiah 28: 5-9, Romans 6: 12-end,

Matthew 10: 40-end

Collect:

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, 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 18th June & 2nd July

THE VICAR'S BLOG

As June moves on, there is much for us to be thankful for across our churches and communities.

Despite the rather determined rain, the Madresfield Fete was once again a wonderful occasion. The weather may not have been ideal, but it certainly did not dampen people's spirits. It was encouraging to see so many people gathering together, enjoying each other's company, and supporting the many stalls and activities. Events like these remind us how important community remains in our villages, and we are grateful to all who worked so hard behind the scenes to make the day possible.

Last Saturday's Fun Choir concert at Powick by the *Feel-Good Chorus* from Pershore was another highlight. It was a joyful morning filled with music, laughter, and friendship. The choir's enthusiasm was infectious, and it was wonderful to see a good number of people come together to enjoy the performance. Music has a remarkable ability to lift our hearts and strengthen the bonds between us. If you missed it, you missed a treat. We have also been pleased to sell a good number of our recycled pew gardening signs at recent events. It is lovely to see parts of our Madresfield church kneelers finding a new lease of life in gardens across the parish while also helping to support the work of our churches. Looking ahead, we can anticipate the Powick Village Fete at the end of the month, and I am pleased that we will have a presence at it.

Across the benefice, this also seems to have become a season of baptisms. We have been delighted to welcome so many families bringing children for baptism, and demand has become so great that baptisms are now regularly spilling over onto Saturdays as well as Sundays. Every baptism is a reminder that God continues to call people into his family and that the Church's future is found not only in our buildings and traditions but in the lives of those who are just beginning their journey of faith.

This month we also give thanks for the many parishioners who have been helping to support the magnificent Lifepath week at Great Malvern Priory. Year after year, volunteers help bring history and faith to life for local children, and we are grateful for all who give their time and energy to make it happen. It's so good to embrace your inner monastic I find! We hope that many pupils, especially our Year 6 leavers as they prepare for the next stage of their education, will carry those memories with them for years to come. Seeds are often planted in young lives long before we see the fruit. You could say that about my baptism ministry too.

Speaking of our young people, the School Leavers' Bibles have now arrived. Another pleasant task awaits me as I design and sign this year's bookplates before they are presented. It is a tradition that I have cherished for many years, and one which provides a lasting reminder of God's love and the prayers of the church as children move on to new High School adventures. Due to the costs, we have to provide good quality paperback versions now as the hardback Bibles are just beyond our means. If you would like to make a donation to help us continue providing these Bibles in future years, please do let me know.

Sadly, however, the continuing shortage of volunteers, together with clergy who are sometimes simply tired, over-stretched or unwell, means that we will need to continue with a reduced pattern of services in some places. Please do keep an eye on these *Headlines* or our service posters and socials for the latest details. At the moment, it is services at Guarlford and Madresfield that are mainly affected.

Although we are not holding a Patronal Festival service for St Peter this year, his example is still worth reflecting upon during this busy season. Peter knew what it was to be busy, distracted, and overwhelmed. Yet over time he learned that discipleship is not about doing everything, but about following Christ faithfully. In one of his letters, he encourages Christians to cast all their anxieties upon God because he cares for them.

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That is perhaps a lesson for all of us this summer. Amid fetes, concerts, baptisms, school events, and the ordinary demands of daily life, we are invited to give thanks for what God is doing among us, while trusting him with the things we cannot do ourselves. May God bless you in these busy, joyful, and fruitful summer days. *Every blessing - Rev Gary*

A Prayer for a Busy Season

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the richness of life in our churches and communities: for celebrations and friendships, for baptisms and children, for volunteers and visitors, for music, laughter, and service.

In the midst of busy diaries and many demands, help us not to lose sight of you. Give strength to those who are tired, encouragement to those who serve, and wisdom to those who lead.

Bless our schools, our Year 6 leavers, and all who are preparing for new beginnings. May the seeds of faith sown through Lifepath, through worship, and through the gift of your Word, bear fruit in years to come. Like St Peter, teach us to trust you when the waters seem deep and the tasks seem many. Help us to do faithfully what you ask of us, and to leave the rest in your hands.

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

P.S. Stan deserves a special mention for behaving himself so well at our Pet Service, following a wonderful afternoon of churchyard activities at Powick on 7th June. All teddies have been accounted for after their respective zip wire trips. One final question: has everyone discovered the new multi-storey bug hotel yet? Do have a wander around and see if you can find it—and perhaps meet some of its tiny residents!

THE WELLSRING LEDBURY

Saturday 27th June 10am – 4pm Guided Retreat

'GRACE: FROM INSIDE OUT'

with Joe and Cathy Silmon. for further info or to book visit

– www.thewellspring.uk/events

Service cancellations over the summer: Guarlford and Madresfield Churches

Sadly, the churches in Guarlford and Madresfield have had to reduce the number of services from two per month to one per month over the next few months (July and August in particular). These cancellations are due to clergy availability over the summer (ill health or holiday plans) and a reduction in the number of volunteers available to set up and close down Guarlford church in particular. It is hoped that for Guarlford, greater outreach and awareness of the church's situation will entice some local folk to help with the set up and closure of the church from September. This falls currently to two volunteers which is not sustainable unless help comes forward. Such volunteers will be required to undergo the necessary safeguarding checks and training. In Madresfield's case, it is hoped that Fr Chris will be well enough to return in September. In any event, we need to keep the situation open to review. *Rev Gary*

STONE CARVING WORKSHOPS

Ever wanted to try your hand at stone carving? Join master sculptor Brian Nyanhongo for a 1, 2 or 3-day course in Malvern any day from June to September.

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GREAT MALVERN PRIORY

A reminder to pray for Lifepath week 22nd - 26th June

SAFEGUARDING: We are all responsible for protecting ourselves and others from abuse, harm, or neglect, especially our children, young people, and vulnerable adults, and report safeguarding concerns. If you have any concerns or questions, then please contact Gary (01905 8303270) or Sheila (07912 030805).

OPEN GARDEN

Sunday 28th June, 10.30am-4.00pm

The Heriots Farmhouse, Clevelode Lane, Guarlford, WR13 6PA

A one-acre garden surrounding a 17th century Worcestershire Long Barn with views to the Malvern Hills. Herbaceous borders, ponds, vegetable garden, orchard, rare breed hens, ducks, and bees. Developed with wildlife in mind.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 18th & Friday 19th June – Archdeacon's Visitations at Holy Trinity Church, Malvern

Saturday 20th June – 1.30pm – Wedding at St Mary's, Madresfield

Sunday 28th June – 12.45pm – Baptism, St Peter's, Powick

Thursday 2nd July – 7.30pm - Admission Service for Wardens and Archdeacon's Charge at Pershore Abbey

Friday 17th July – School Leaver's Services:

9.15am at St James' Callow End

10.30am at St Peter's, Powick

1.15pm at St Mary's, Madresfield



ZOOM ACCESS CODES

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

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