



OLD HILLS MALVERN HEADLINES

7th & 14th June 2026



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

SERVICES FOR THE COMING PERIOD

SUNDAY 7TH JUNE

First Sunday After Trinity

9.30am Living Communion at Guarlford

11.00am Living Communion at Powick

(Both with Rev Gary Crellin)

4.00pm Pet Service/Blessing at Powick (as part of Sunday Fun in Powick Churchyard)

(With Rev Gary Crellin)

Readings:

Hosea 5: 15 – 6: 6

Romans 4: 13-end

Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26

Collect:

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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 14TH JUNE

Second Sunday After Trinity

9.30am Living Communion at Callow End

(With Rev Dr Bill Rumball)

NO SERVICE AT MADRESFIELD TODAY

Readings:

Exodus 19: 2-8a

Romans 5: 1-8

Matthew 9: 35 – 10: 8 (+9-23)

Collect:

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son 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 4th & 18th June

THE VICAR'S BLOG.....Paws for Thought

Stan, the Vicar's Dog (or more correctly, the family's pet) is getting old disgracefully. He's lounging around now for most of the day, toying with his food, smelling awfully because of his bad breath (we have tried!) and doing unspeakable things with his toy teddy. He is still, after 9 years at the vicarage, a mixture of a guard dog or old fluff ball when the doorbell, or the video ring, goes off. Stan has "doggy dementia", a matted coat as he won't go anywhere near a dog groomer and has double cataracts, but he can, on a good day, still walk my legs off on his daily walks! He is still learning what to make of the steady stream of callers to the vicarage. Some folks he likes, some he doesn't! In his old age, he is becoming more gracious. He will often race around the door to inspect people carefully, accept a fuss as though granting a royal favour, and occasionally even choose to stay in the room as long as he is resting on the person's lap or feet. Just don't get too near his mouth! Now, I did warn Bishop Hugh about Stan when he called in on me last Tuesday as he was visiting the deanery. I am not sure if he has yet gotten over his encounter with Stan - which I hope is not career limiting for me!

I think human beings can sometimes be a little bit like that too. Not everyone finds gatherings or even opening the door easy. Illness, age, anxiety, caring responsibilities, exhaustion, or simply the practical realities of life can make it harder to come through the church door, even when people would very much like to remain connected. One of our busiest services isn't in fact in our churches, it's a fortnightly communion at the Orchard Sheltered Housing on Colletts Green.

One of the things I treasure most in parish life is being invited into people's homes, when I get the chance. Sometimes those visits are centred around communion: two people in armchairs, a short prayer, bread, and wine shared, and a cup of tea afterwards. Sometimes family, neighbours, or friends gather too, and an ordinary sitting room becomes a tiny congregation filled with conversation, laughter, memories, and grace. Those moments remind me that community is usually built through kindness, presence, and the simple habit of showing up for one another.

June is a month when gardens fill with colour and people begin gathering outdoors again, across garden fences and around tables or at a village fete. In a world that can sometimes feel hurried and disconnected, perhaps one of the holiest things we can do is simply to gather - in churches, in kitchens, in gardens, at bedsides - reminding one another that nobody is forgotten, and that we belong to each other still. The older I get, the more I suspect that much of life's real goodness is found not in grand occasions, but in small companionable circles: tea poured, prayers shared, chairs drawn close, and the reassuring knowledge that none of us walks alone. With all good wishes,

Rev Gary and Stan 🐾



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 6th June – 11.30am – Baptism, St Peter's, Powick
Saturday 6th June – 11am-5pm Madresfield Court Open Gardens and Village Fete (see poster for more details)
Sunday 7th June – 2-4.30pm - Sunday Fun in Powick Churchyard (see poster for more details)
Tuesday 9th June – 7.30pm – Deanery Synod at Holy Trinity Upper Parish Hall
Saturday 13th June – 10.30am-12noon – Feel Good Chorus, St Peter's, Powick (see poster for more details)
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

St Mary's Church Stall
Something for everyone!
 Join us in supporting our beautiful churches while discovering treasures for your home and garden.

- BOOKS** For every reader
- JIGSAWS** Fun for all ages
- CHILDREN'S GAMES** Play, laugh and learn!
- PLANTS** Beautiful plants for your garden
- WALKING STAFFS** Kindly donated to us
- GARDEN SIGNS** Made from recycled wood taken out of our churches
- HASSOCKS** Fantastic as garden kneelers

St Mary's, Madresfield
 St Mary's, Guarford

WELCOME TO OUR GARDEN

Come find us at the **MADRESFIELD FETE** on **SATURDAY 6th JUNE** 11am – 5pm

We need you!
 If you'd like to help volunteer for the stall, please do let us know.

FREE CAR PARKING available.
 Tickets for the fete are available online or on the gate on the day.

IN MEMORIAM

Raymond Holloway: Funeral & burial will take place on Tuesday 16th June, 2.30pm at St Peter's, Powick
Matilda Shuard: Funeral and burial will take place on Wednesday 17th June, 1.00pm at St Peter's, Powick
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN GLORY

A great big
THANK YOU

Our Soup Lunch, Coffee Morning, Cakes, and Plant Sales raised an amazing amount of money for Christian Aid - a staggering **£848.33**. Thank you for all the support we received to make this possible. *Frances.*

FEEL GOOD CHORUS Coffee & Cake Concert

Special community event – uplifting & joyous songs – all welcome! Free entry.
Saturday 13th June 10.30-12noon
 At Powick Church www.paulaevansvoice.com

SUNDAY FUN
in POWICK CHURCHYARD!
 An afternoon of nature, adventure and community for all ages

- NATURE TRAIL** Explore and discover!
- TEDDY BEAR TRAIL** Find the bears hiding in the churchyard
- BUILD A BUG HOTEL** Make a home for our tiny friends
- POWICK ACTION ON CLIMATE EMERGENCY**
- EVERYONE WELCOME** Bring your teddy! Bring a pet!
- REFRESHMENTS** Tea, cake and good company!

SUNDAY 7th JUNE
2-4.30PM
 OUTSIDE - WEATHER PERMITTING

PET SERVICE / BLESSINGS starts at 4pm

Don't miss the **TEDDY ABSEIL!**

BISHOP HUGH AT POWICK SCHOOL

It was wonderful to mark Bishop Hugh's visit to the Malvern & Upton Deanery on 2nd June. His very first visit of the day with Rev Gary was to Powick Primary School. He was welcomed by Mrs Price, Headteacher, and helped lead the Assembly on Respect with the very able pupil contributions. Of note was the bishop's dance moves to some cracking iSingPOP tunes, and he appreciated Rev Gary's usual approach to the great Amen. See Facebook (Malvern & Upton Deanery Diocese of Worcester) for photos of the wider day in the Deanery.

Eco Church - Lifestyle Questionnaire

For those unable to attend last Sunday's Cafe Church at Madresfield, it is not too late to take part. Please consider completing the questionnaire that is available in each church or attached as part of the emailing of this edition of *Headlines*. Please return any completed questions online to oldhillsmalvern@gmail.com or give to Rev Gary, the wardens or to Philip Betts. Deadline for completion is the end of June.

ZOOM ACCESS CODES

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

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

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).