



OLD HILLS MALVERN HEADLINES

19th & 26th July 2026

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



SERVICES FOR THE COMING PERIOD

SUNDAY 19TH JULY

Seventh Sunday After Trinity

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 for Sea Sunday at Powick
with special Order of Service, readings and hymns

(With The Morning Praise Team)

11.00am Holy Communion at Christ Church

(With Rev Gary Crellin)

BCP Readings for Trinity 7:

The Epistle: Romans 6: 19-end

The Gospel: St Mark 8: 1-9

Collect:

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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 JULY

Eighth Sunday After Trinity

9.30am Living Communion at Callow End

11.00am Living Communion at Madresfield
(followed by a baptism)

(Both with Rev Gary Crellin)

Readings:

1 Kings 3: 5-12

Romans 8: 26-end

Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

Collect:

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, 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 on 16th and 30th July

THE VICAR'S BLOG

As another school year draws to its close, I have found myself sharing in many different emotions. I am looking forward to celebrating with the children, staff, and families of our church schools in Powick, Callow End and Madresfield as they look back with gratitude and forward with excitement to new adventures at the end of year services on Friday 17th July. The end of term always reminds us that every ending is also the beginning of something new.

That truth was felt especially deeply at the moving Service of Commemoration and Valediction for Malvern St James, which I officiated through my link with Christ Church and as Area Dean. It was held in a packed Great Malvern Priory. Students, staff, parents, and generations of former pupils gathered to give thanks for all that the school has been. There was sadness, certainly, but also remarkable hope. As voices filled the Priory singing their school song, *The Best Is Yet to Come*, I couldn't help but wonder whether that might also be God's promise to us. Our churches face challenges, as every generation has, yet if we remain faithful to Christ, open to his Spirit and ready to embrace the opportunities he places before us, perhaps the best really is yet to come.

Meanwhile, many of us will be enjoying the closing stages of the FIFA World Cup and the drama of the Wimbledon finals, cheering on those who have persevered through triumphs and disappointments alike. Closer to home, I hope many of you will join us for our next concert at Powick. I'm looking forward to welcoming the Rock Choir—though if they sing with too much enthusiasm and take the roof off the church, I suspect I'll have quite a story to tell the Diocese... and perhaps even a faculty application to complete! Summer also brings the privilege of celebrating many weddings across our churches. Every couple who stands before God to make their vows do so with hope, promising to walk into an unknown future hand in hand. They are a reminder that love always dares to believe tomorrow will be better than today—perhaps another quiet echo that, with God, the best really is yet to come.

As we look ahead to the weeks of summer, may we all find moments to rest, to rejoice in God's goodness, and to look to the future with confidence. For Christians, hope is never wishful thinking; it is confidence that Christ has gone before us and is calling us onwards. Whatever this next season holds for our churches and our communities, we step into it knowing that God is already preparing the way. Perhaps, then, those young voices singing so enthusiastically in the Priory were proclaiming something far deeper than they realised: in Christ, the best really is yet to come. With all good wishes - *Rev Gary*



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Let us pray. Loving Lord, thank you for every ending that opens the door to a new beginning, and for every new beginning that is filled with your promise. Bless our schools as another year closes, watch over all who are setting out on new paths, and strengthen those making lifelong vows of love and faithfulness. Renew your Church with courage and joy, and help us always to believe that, because Christ walks before us, the best is yet to come. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Saturday 18th July – 3pm, Rock Choir Concert at St Peter's, Powick (see poster for more details)

Wednesday 9th September – 7.30-9.00pm Intercessors Training at St James', Callow End



Let us entertain you!

ROCK CHOIR

Performing at

POWICK CHURCH

Sat 18 July 2026, 3pm

Free Entry & Parking

Something for everyone including:

Emile Sande Sam Ryder Keane

Erasure Toto Roy Orbison

Lady Gaga Simon & Garfunkel

Donations requested to Powick Church Unlocked project for urgent building repairs

LEADING PEOPLE IN PRAYER - A WORKSHOP FOR INTERCESSORS AND THOSE NEW TO INTERCESSING

Are you sometimes asked to lead the prayers in your church services? Or perhaps you have been asked and said no, because you weren't sure how to do it? Or have you been doing it for some time, and would like to think about how you do it?

This workshop is intended first for those who are just starting or just considering leading prayers in their church. However, it will also be of value to those who have been doing it for some time, as we can all benefit from stepping back and reflecting on what we do.

The workshop will cover moving from reading prayers that are part of the authorised Common Worship provision, through adapting them for particular occasions, to writing your own from scratch. It will conclude with some ideas for more creative ways of developing them beyond words, and for all-age congregations.

The workshop will be led for the Malvern and Upton Deanery by Rev Canon Doug Chaplin, Discipleship and Lay Training Officer, who is also the author of a short book on the subject, Leading Common Worship Intercessions: A Simple Guide. (Church House Publishing, 2009). The event is being opened up to other Deaneries to ensure we have a good number attending for this workshop

Date: Wednesday 9th September – 7.30-9.00pm

Venue: St James Church, Upton Road, Callow End

Please book via oldhillsmalvern@gmail.com

Tuesdays @ 6pm

Deanery Prayers for anxious times via Zoom

These prayer meetings will be suspended in August for the summer holidays and will re-commence in September.

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).

ZOOM ACCESS CODES

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

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