OLD HILLS MALVERN HEADLINES

20th & 27th September 2026

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

SERVICES FOR THE COMING PERIOD

SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER

Sixteenth 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)

BCP Readings:

The Epistle: Ephesians 3: 13-end
The Gospel: St Luke 7: 11-17

Common Worship Readings:

Jonah 3: 10-end of 4, Philippians 1: 21-end,
Matthew 20: 1-16

Collect:

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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 27TH SEPTEMBER

Seventeenth Sunday After Trinity

9.30am Living Communion at Callow End

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

Readings:

Ezekiel 18: 1-4, 25-end, Philippians 2: 1-13,
Matthew 21: 23-32

Collect:

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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.**

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

Midweek Communion – The Orchard Room

10.30-11.30am on 24th September & 8th October

Vicar's Blog – Trusting God with Tomorrow

As we move into the autumn, it is very easy to find ourselves thinking about what lies ahead. There are always things to organise, decisions to make and, if we are honest, things to worry about. That is true for us personally, for our villages and perhaps especially for our churches.

In a recent service I took at Bushley nr Tewkesbury, for churches that are in a long standing "vicar vacancy", I was reminded of Jesus' words: *"Take no thought for the morrow."* That does not mean ignoring tomorrow, but rather not allowing worry about tomorrow to prevent us from living faithfully today. We cannot know exactly what the future will bring, but we can be confident about one thing: **we do know who holds the future.**

And sometimes there are wonderful reminders that there is genuine reason for hope. Our Education Sunday service at Powick was a great example. To see children, families and staff from Powick, Madresfield and Callow End Schools worshipping and learning together was a real encouragement. We looked at education in the past, present and future, and were reminded that our churches and schools have an important part to play in the life of our communities. See the article with pictures for more info.

There are other signs of new life too. Plans for the new toilet and kitchenette facilities at Madresfield are progressing, while at Callow End we are even giving parts of the church a fresh lick of paint. And we are looking at the Nativities returning to Guarlford.

These may seem like small things, but they matter. They show that our churches are not simply buildings we are trying to keep open; they are places where things are still happening. People are still coming through the doors, children are still being welcomed, communities are still gathering, and new ideas are still taking shape.

Perhaps that is what Christian hope looks like much of the time. It is not necessarily dramatic or spectacular. Sometimes it is a new facility, a freshly decorated room, a child taking part in worship, or simply a group of people, remembering where the family nativity was to be put on display, gathering together and discovering that they still have something to share.

We are grateful for those who have gone before us, but we also have a responsibility to prepare these churches for those who will come after us. We are not simply preserving the past; we are helping to shape the future.

So let us continue to worship, pray, welcome and serve, trusting God with what lies ahead. We may not know what tomorrow will bring, **but we do know who holds the future**. *Rev Gary*

The Vicarage Office will be closed from **Monday 21st September, reopening on Friday 25th September.** Rev Gary is attending the Diocesan clergy conference.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 18th September – 7pm English Civil War Talk at St Peter's, Powick

Saturday 19th September – 12am -2pm Soup Lunch at St James', Callow End

Thursday 15th October – from 7pm Deanery Synod Meeting at St Andrew's Church, Malvern

Tuesday 27th October – 10am – 4pm Teams4U Shoebox packing at St James', Callow End

YOU'RE INVITED TO

A TALK ABOUT THE ENGLISH CIVIL WAR

Powick

Where England's troubles began and were happily ended

SPEAKER: HOWARD ROBINSON,
A DIRECT DESCENDENT OF OLIVER CROMWELL

FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2026
7PM, POWICK CHURCH (WR2 4QT)

FREE ENTRY **REFRESHMENTS**

DONATIONS WELCOMED TOWARDS THE POWICK CHURCH UNLOCKED PROJECT

Soup Lunch at St James, Callow End

Our next **Soup Lunch** is on

Saturday 19th September, 12noon -2pm

Donations will be for our Lent charity

Further Soup Lunch date for your diary for 2026:
Saturday 28th November

Visitor from Morogoro, Tanzania

Rev Gary will look after a priest from the Diocese of Morogoro, Tanzania from 25th to 27th September. You may get to meet Julius Ndeni, Priest of the Area Fire Parish, in the Railways Area of Morogoro Town - especially at the church services taking place across our benefice on the 27th of September. He will also be visiting Madresfield Early Years Centre, Pickersleigh Community Larder, Great Malvern Priory, and helping with the Harvest Festival at Severn Heights.

Intercessions Workshop – do you want to pray with and for us?

A number of people joined in with the Deanery Intercessions workshop led by Rev Canon Doug Chaplin. If that session has given you the courage and skills to lead our parish intercessions, please do not hold back - just speak with Rev Gary. Every support & encouragement will be offered! After nine years, it would be great to consider introducing lay intercessors within the GMN churches (subject to PCC approval).

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).

EDUCATION SUNDAY - 13TH SEPTEMBER

What a wonderful Education Sunday we had at St Peter's Powick!

It was fantastic to welcome children, families and staff from Powick, Madresfield and Callow End Schools, and to have such a great turnout from all three schools.

Together, we thought about what school means to us today, with the children themselves making an important contribution. We also looked back at what school was like in the past, with Alison, Pat and Julia sharing some memories of their own school days. And then we looked forward, as the three Headteachers, Mrs Price (Powick), Mrs Hibell (Madresfield) and Miss Curtiss (Callow End) shared their thoughts about what a school of the future might look like.

It was a lovely reminder that education is something we all have a part in - whatever our age. We learn from one another, we don't all have to be the same, and when things go wrong, we can forgive, learn and begin again.

We finished our time together with prayers for our schools, their children, families, teachers and communities — and, naturally, tea, squash and cake!

A huge thank you to everyone who took part and helped make today such a joyful celebration of our schools and the communities they serve.

May Powick, Madresfield and Callow End Schools continue to be places where children learn, flourish, make friends and discover the gifts they have been given.







DEANERY SYNOD MEETING

15TH OCTOBER 2026
FROM 7PM
ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, MALVERN, WR14 3JX

An Open Meeting with Bishop Hugh Nelson – Bishop of Worcester

Meeting open to **ALL** our church congregations – not just Deanery Synod Representatives – please come and be involved.

ZOOM ACCESS CODES

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

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