



Old Hills Malvern Headlines



7th February 2021

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

SERVICES FOR THE COMING PERIOD

Church Services during lockdown are suspended.

**A Zoom Service will take place every
Sunday at 10.30am (Spiritual Holy
Communion) and 5.30pm (Contemplative
Evening Prayer) instead.**

*Please note, Zoom services can now be accessed by
telephone – check covering email for details.*

**Thursday Night Prayers
at 8.30pm by Zoom**

Sunday 7th February

10.30am Service

BCP Holy Communion (Said) "Sexagesima"

5.30pm service

Contemplative Evening Prayer

**(6pm – Pandemic Prayer Vigil by Churches Together in
Malvern – contact us for Zoom codes)**

Bible Readings



Genesis 3: 9-19, 2 Cor 11: 19-31, Luke 8: 4-15

Collects

10.30am (BCP) – O Lord God, who seest that we put not our trust
in anything that we do: Mercifully grant that by thy power we may
be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

5.30pm (CW) - Almighty God, you have created the heavens and
the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your
hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy
Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. Amen.

Intercessions

Intercessions for the week can be downloaded from the
Parishes' website.

Hymns

No hymns this week – Said services

VICAR'S BLOG

As the Church moves through the Christian Year from Epiphany to Lent, we pass through three Sundays which have to modern ears strange titles. Septuagesima, Sexagesima & Quinquagesima are in fact three Latin words and they indicate how far away we are from Easter – that is, 70, 60 & 50 days respectively.

From the fifth century after Christ these Sundays emerged as a preparatory cycle for Lent in the West. In the Church of the East in the Byzantine tradition there also emerged a cycle of preparation before Lent, with the last two Sundays being known as "Meatfare" and "Cheesefare" Sundays (or meat or cheese free days - perish the thought! But saying that, perhaps I should give up my joy for cheese this coming Lent). In the West, in the modern post 1960s Roman Catholic and Anglican Prayer Books, the "Gesimas" have been abolished. However, they remain part of the Christian Year in The Book of Common Prayer so they will feature this Sunday in Worship.

In these three weeks the faithful begin to turn their minds to Lent, its solemnity and how they will keep it, in joining with their Lord in his fasting, meditating, praying and resisting temptation in the wilderness. Let's prepare to prepare. I hope we can all find a way of doing that whilst decisions regarding lockdown easing are contemplated. Pass me the cheese board one last time..... Rev Gary

New Chairman for The Beauchamp Community

Although sitting geographically in the benefice, The Beauchamp Community and St Leonard's Church in Newland is a separate Charity Trust - and in church parlance is known as an "extra parochial place." Following Lady Morrison's sudden death in October last year, the Chairmanship of the Beauchamp Community Trustees fell very sadly vacant. The Trustees have asked Peter Hughes to become their Chairman - an offer which he wholeheartedly accepted. Peter is also well known to the parishes as the Treasurer for GMN Parish. We wish Peter well with this role.

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Lent Study Book

For those interested in reading during Lent and refreshing your faith as a consequence, I will be reading the Archbishops' Lent Study book this year. You may wish to join me:

Living His Story - revealing the extraordinary love of God in ordinary ways
Hannah Steele (2020)

SPCK Publishing. (ISBN978-0-281-08517-0)

Lenten Collection

Due to the obvious difficulties in organising counting and paying in a charity collection at the moment, I will be opening up the Pop-Up Collection for Malvern Hills Food Bank again over Lent. Please consider giving food to these collections as they pop up across our parishes - or donate at the Vicarage anytime over Lent.

TELEPHONE ACCESS FOR ZOOM BASED SERVICES

After a successful trial, a new audio version of Zoom can be used by parishioners to engage with our Zoom based worship services. You will need to have the Meeting ID and passcode that can be given to you upon request. All you have to do is ring one of the following UK numbers, enter these codes and await connection. It is hoped that this additional functionality will broaden the appeal of Zoom based worship, especially for those without a computer or a stable internet access.

For those wishing to join with the video option, the one link and meeting code will cover both the 10.30am and 5.30pm service – us it to access either or both services.

Sunday 7th February 10.30am and 5.30pm Services

Meeting ID: 811 2932 5864

Passcode: 504332

Thursday 4th February 8.30pm Service

Meeting ID: 890 5246 6180

Passcode: 476908

Dial by your location

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LENT ARRANGEMENTS

A Lent study will take place on Thursday evenings via Zoom (phone and PC/Video). The dates and times are as follows:

Lent week 1. Thursday 18th February 7.45pm

Lent week 2. Thursday 25th February 7.45pm

Lent week 3. Thursday 4th March 7.45pm

Lent week 4. Thursday 11th March 7.45pm

Lent week 5. Thursday 18th March 7.45pm

Lent week 6. Thursday 25th March 7.45pm

7.45 to 8.30pm (night prayer optional 8.30-9pm)

My booklet, 'Praying in Lent' is available on request. The book was developed last year and deserves another airing this year. If you would like a copy, please let me know and I can arrange for one to be delivered. The booklet is available to download from the Online Worship tab on the website too.

ASH WEDNESDAY – THE START OF LENT *Wednesday 17th February 2021*

This will be observed with an online video service accessible on YouTube on Wednesday 17th February. You can view this video at any time over Lent. Lenten Prayers will happen as part of the Compline Service, following the Lenten study, each Thursday during Lent.

Arrangements for Holy Week and Easter will be published nearer the time.

During our Online Virtual Coffee Morning, Marguerite and Alan Barnwell talked to those gathering for coffee about their litter collection walks which they undertake for lockdown exercise. Having witnessed a lot of litter during our family dog walking, I put online my concerns. Some of you might have seen my post on varying Facebook pages regarding my alternative Lenten collection this year - which is a bit different but highly appropriate given the state of our verges, ditches and highways by the litter that seems ever present. A number of respondents on social media have made me aware of the Malvern Hills District Council Scheme - Adopt a Street. Here are some details:

Adopt a Street Malvern Hills

Do you love where you live and would like to help keep it looking clean and tidy? Then join the Malvern Hills District Adopt a Street scheme and make a difference to your community. All you have to do is sign the online pledge which includes:

Telling us which area of land you would like to adopt (public land only unless you have permission from the landowner)

A promise from you to litter pick your chosen site at least three times a year on dates of your choosing and at your convenience.

The area you choose to litter pick can be as small or as large as you like. The scheme is open to individuals, schools and community groups. You can use your black bin at home for disposing of any litter you collect but if you find the volume you are collecting is an issue then please contact cepo@malvern hills.gov.uk and someone will assist you. Community groups should pre-agree collection arrangements in advance by using the above email address.

In return for your commitment we will provide you with:
Free Litter picking equipment and bags (limited to 10 sets for community groups/schools)
Guidance on health and safety

We will still be carrying out our litter picking and street cleansing duties as well as a range of other activities to encourage people to dispose of their litter responsibly. Together we can help keep Malvern Hills District clean and tidy.

A splendid opportunity for us to care for God's creation. Why not consider joining up for Lent? Remember to take care with social distancing, rubbish disposal and traffic if you do embark on a lockdown litter pick.