



OLD HILLS MALVERN HEADLINES

16th & 23rd May 2021



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

SERVICES FOR THE COMING PERIOD

Sunday 16th May

8.00am BCP Communion at Powick

9.30am BCP Communion at Guarlford

11.00am Morning Service (non-communion) at Powick

5.30pm BCP Evening Prayer via Zoom

BCP Readings:

1 Peter 4: 7-11

John 15: 26-end & 16: 1-4

Common Worship Readings:

Acts 1: 15-17, 21-end

1 John 17: 6-19

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Collect:

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Sunday 23rd May

Whit Sunday/The Pentecost

9.30am at Callow End

11.00am at Madresfield

Living Communion (Mass for Hard Times)

5.30pm Contemplative Evening Prayer via Zoom

Readings:

Acts 2: 1-21

Romans 8: 22-27

John 15: 26-27, 16: 4-15

Collect:

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thursday Night Prayers at 8.30pm by Zoom

Trinity Sunday Group Service – Sunday 31st May at 11am

Unfortunately, the speakers that were expected to attend our service and talk about the Diocesan Transformation agenda cannot now attend – therefore you are stuck with me! A service of Living Communion for Trinity Sunday will be on offer at 11am at Powick – the only service in the benefice that day.

VICAR'S BLOG

Thy Kingdom Come 13-23rd May 2021

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus. Why don't you give it a try? After all, prayer is not the domain of one hour a week in a church. Every person, household and church are encouraged to pray in their own way. After the very first Ascension Day the disciples gathered with Mary, constantly devoting themselves to prayer while they waited for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Like them, our reliance on the gift of the Holy Spirit is total – on our own we can do nothing. This is a special time to pray especially as this short additional season of "Thy Kingdom Come" coincides with significant and hoped for positive changes with the pandemic road map. During the 11 days of Thy Kingdom Come, it is hoped that everyone who takes part will:

- Deepen their own relationship with Jesus Christ
- Pray for 5 friends or family to come to faith in Jesus
- Pray for the empowerment of the Spirit that we would be effective in our witness
- Pray, especially for our three Church schools with the option of engaging with a (virtual or actual) Prayer Walk for our schools

Through the centuries Christians have gathered at that time to pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit. 'Thy Kingdom Come' picks up this tradition. Over the years more and more worshipping communities have dedicated the days between Ascension and Pentecost to pray 'Come Holy Spirit'. We must pray that the Spirit will inspire and equip us to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with our friends and families, our communities, and villages. Specifically, the Church again invites each and every Christian across the globe to pray that God's Spirit might work in the lives of 5 friends who have not responded with their 'Yes' to God's call. Whether you have joined in 'Thy Kingdom Come' before or not, we invite you to take part – along with churches from over 80 different denominations & traditions in nearly 90% of countries (172) around the world.

Prayer has been offered up every day at 12noon across our parishes. The website is full of resources. We have gathered, been locked away, met on Zoom and now the stone moved away from our tomb on Easter Day. Our prayer during this short but powerful evangelist season will help our faith. Join in with our fellow Christians across Malvern each night at 6pm to join our prayer together.

"In praying 'Thy Kingdom Come' we all commit to playing our part in the renewal of the nations and the transformation of communities."
Archbishop Justin Welby

The Ascension - A special Service of the Word will take place on Zoom on **Thursday 13th May at 8.30pm** in lieu of Compline. A special e-sermon will also be sent to you on Ascension Day.

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THY KINGDOM COME 2021



13th – 23rd May Evening Prayer for 20 minutes will be held on Zoom each evening at 6pm, led by various Malvern church leaders. The principal aim for Thy Kingdom Come is for Christians to pray that others come to know Jesus Christ. It is an initiative of the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, supported by all major Christian denominations including the Methodist Church.

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 – use it to access either or both services.

Thy Kingdom Come 13th to 23rd May, 6pm Evening Prayer

Meeting ID: 893 0382 4924

Passcode: tkc2021

The following Zoom Code can be used for ALL services and Meetings across the parishes during the month of May. It will be used first on the Compline Service on Thursday 29th April

Meeting ID: 828 8235 3178

Passcode: 761469

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Thy Kingdom Come - ("give us this day our daily bread...") - a Foodbank collection for the time between Ascension and Pentecost

Separately, you will see details of the Zoom Prayer service being coordinated by Churches Together in Malvern for the Thy Kingdom Come Initiative, nightly at 6pm. Maybe it is time to use this short season to support our growing connection with the Foodbank. The Pop Up or Flash collections for the Foodbank returns! Please see Facebook for more details and check the Foodbank website for the latest shortage list. The collections, that will take place between 10am-4pm will be as follows:

Tuesday 18th May - Callow End - The Bush

Wednesday 19th May - The Vicarage and Link Nursery - Powick

Thursday 20th May - Guarford – Phone box

Friday 21st May - Madresfield Social Club

Copies of Headlines will be available for reading in church.

Annual Parochial Church Council Meetings – Change of Dates

Despite the significant progress we are making as a country with vaccinations and Covid risk assessments, we are still following a Government Roadmap to safely manage lockdown easing from the Covid-19 pandemic. Having sought advice on the status of having our Annual Meeting as part of, or just after an Act of Worship on a Sunday, as we did last year, I am advised that we cannot do this during the Roadmap stages, so we are proposing to hold the Parishes' meetings as follows:

**Tuesday 25th May, 7.30pm Powick APCCM at St Peter's
Wednesday 26th May, 7.30pm, GMN APCCM at Guarford**

Copies of the annual report and statement of accounts will be viewable on the parishes' website with a limited number of reference copies available at each meeting.

Notices for the forthcoming APCCMs and Meetings to Elect Wardens will be places in churches over the next week.

Please contact Rev Gary to discuss candidature for vacant positions and roles on our PCCs:

One Deanery Synod Representative for Powick (one nomination received)

Two Lay PCC members for Powick (two nominations received)

Secretary of the GMN PCC

Up to two Lay PCC members for GMN PCC

Malvern Churches Together AGM & Vacancies



This has been postponed until September on a date to be decided by the Executive, which itself will now meet on 8th June.

Nominations are requested for a new Chair to be appointed at the AGM. Dan Bennett will be standing down from this role during the summer.

Nominations are requested for a new Secretary to be appointed at the same meeting. Jane Haggart is also standing down this summer.

We thank them both for their hard work over recent years and wish them God's blessing. Please consider prayerfully whether you might stand for either important role.

Baptism Matters - keeping in touch with baptismal families

After nearly 12 years of looking after the Cradle Roll, Marion Lewis has decided to hand the book back and I am after someone to take on this important ministry of giving thanks for baptisms and sending an anniversary card to those children we have helped begin their journey of faith. Can you take on this lovely job for our churches? Baptisms are on the rise now the church is reopening. Any help appreciated.

Benefice Transformation Committee

Further to the agreement of both PCCs recently, a small group, made up of church and community representatives, will be meeting and consulting on the visibility and future of our churches over the summer months. This is a wide-ranging, open, and frank conversation to aid our thinking on the next steps for the benefice. As well as worship and music, the group will look at our buildings and churchyard, our community links, and our eco-credentials. Where next for our churches? Vicky Whitehouse will coordinate this group - which will report into each PCC regularly as ideas develop