



Old Hills Malvern Headlines



22nd November 2020

*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 and 5.30pm instead.**

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

**Callow End Church is open for Private Prayer
each Sunday during Lockdown from 12noon-1pm**

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

Bible Readings for the Church Based Services

Sunday 22nd November – Christ the King



Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24

Ephesians 1: 15-end

Matthew 25.31-end

Collect

**Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to
the throne of heaven that he might rule over all
things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity
of the spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the
whole created order to worship at his feet; who is
alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

Intercessions

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

**Deadline for Christmas shoe boxes for Teams4U is 27th
November.** Contact me to arrange collection if you
cannot get your box into one of our schools. Gary

VICAR'S BLOG!

Today is the last Sunday of the church year, and our focus is on celebrating and remembering that Christ is King. He holds absolutely everything, including us, in his hands. Arthur Balfour, who was British Prime Minister from 1902 until 1905, said, "Nothing matters very much, and few things matter at all."

I think there are two things that matter to me this week – firstly, that you feel looked after in these challenging times. The contact, prayer and worship (albeit by Zoom) holding you if you are either anxious or carefree. I am so pleased that a number of you are using the phone option to join in - and it's easy!

Secondly, the truth that Christ is King is one of those few things that do matter: it gives us hope, not just for us but for the whole universe. Whatever has been, and whatever is to come, Christ will continue to be King and will continue to hold us, and to lead us safely through the rest of our lives.

In light of this, take some time over the coming days to ponder what are the few things that truly matter in your life, and pray for the grace to hold those things close as we end this year and travel together into a new normal one.

Rev Gary

Advent Carols

**A Live Streamed service of Advent Carols
will be hosted by Malvern Link with
Cowleigh Parish at 5.30pm on Advent
Sunday, 29th November 2020. We are
invited to join in with our neighbouring
parish to welcome in the Advent season.
Joining instructions will be shared next
week.**

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News from Newland/Beauchamp Community

Just to advise that Father Chris Sterry, Chaplain of the Beauchamp Community in Newland, has been given leave of absence for the next six months as he receives treatment for prostate cancer. Father Andrew Law (formerly of Malvern College) will be the acting Chaplain during this time.

Prayer for the Nation during Lockdown2

On Wednesday 4 November, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York and Bishop of London called the Church of England to pray for the nation throughout the second national lockdown. We're invited to pray at 6pm every day, when some churches and cathedrals will also ring bells. There are lots of prayer suggestions and resources available online. A special prayer for each week of lockdown is added to the parishes' website.

Field of Memories

During the month of November, the Field of memories at Madresfield remains in place as a commemoration of the lives that we have all lost but will never forget. This installation has certainly resonated with a number of people:

Seeing the crosses made me think about all the members of my family that I still love but cannot see any more.

It was lovely to receive a letter from the church to give us this opportunity to remember my dad. We still remember all that was done to support us in our time of need and it was lovely to come to Madresfield to place the cross in such a beautiful church yard.

I called by Madresfield Churchyard this afternoon on my way home. The Remembrance Garden brought tears to my eyes. What a wonderful alternative to our All Souls Remembrance Service. Thank you for the idea and for the reality of the garden.

I placed two crosses in the churchyard today - one was for my husband, the other for a friend - originally from Clevelode and Guarlford - whose cremation took place in Cheltenham earlier in the pandemic. Such a lovely idea to remember in this way.

Lyttleton Well Christian Bookshop currently have Advent Calendars and Candles available to order. Please ring 01684 573702 or email bookshop@lyttletonwell.co.uk

A copy of their 'Newsletter for Advent' which includes details and pictures of items available can be found on the 'links' tab of the Old Hills website.

Journey through Christmas around Powick and Callow End

There is no doubt in my mind that Christmas will happen this year but will be understandably different. No crib services, no carol services - when/where am I going to get to wear my Christmas jumpers this year and to use my cracker jokes on the unsuspecting parishioners?

Powick has a good history of Christmas themed displays in church, and a very innovative display a few years ago called *Advent Live*. In time, I hope to resurrect that idea. Last year, Madresfield had a small Christmas tree festival in church that brought out a surprising number of organisations for such a small place which was well supported. Again, this is going to be impossible this year.

Instead, I am hoping that you will benefit from a ***Journey through Christmas***... an opportunity for households to decorate a lit (street facing) window with a Christmas scene formed like a stained glass window (nativity or secular) and light up these windows on the run up to Christmas - from the 5th-28th December). If people are happy to share addresses (no names), a listing can be made available for families to take exercise safely and view these windows. Let me know if you wish to participate by the 5th December.

I am hoping that two different journeys can be set up - one in Callow End, the other in Powick.

For Powick, I will do something similar and have a collection bucket in place for donations for The Friends of each School and a Christmas related charity - after all, it is supposed to be a season of goodwill. Please keep an eye on social media, the parishes website or call The Vicarage for further information

NEW 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.

Meeting ID: an eleven digit code

Passcode: a six digit code

Dial by your location

+44 203 051 2874 United Kingdom

+44 203 481 5237 United Kingdom

+44 203 481 5240 United Kingdom

+44 203 901 7895 United Kingdom

+44 131 460 1196 United Kingdom

Meeting ID: repeat the eleven digit code as above