



OLD HILLS MALVERN HEADLINES

21st & 28th January 2024

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



SERVICES FOR THE COMING PERIOD

SUNDAY 21ST JANUARY

The Third Sunday of Epiphany

8.00am BCP Holy Communion at POWICK

9.30am BCP Holy Communion at GUARLFORD

11.00am Christingle Service at POWICK

(with Powick School Choir)

5.30pm BCP Evening Prayer via ZOOM - **CANCELLED**

(Revd Gary will be at the Christian Unity Service)

BCP Readings:

The Epistle: Romans 12: 16-end

The Gospel: St Matthew 8: 1-13

Christingle Service at Powick – Separate readings

Collect:

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities, stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SUNDAY 28TH JANUARY

The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

9.30am *ACE Communion at CALLOW END

11.00am *ACE Communion at MADRESFIELD

(with Fr Chris Sterry)

*(*Advent, Christmas & Epiphany Seasonal Liturgies)*

Readings:

Malachi 3: 1-5, Hebrews 2: 14-end, Luke 2: 22-40

Collect:

Lord Jesus Christ, light of all the nations and glory of Israel: make your home upon us and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God. Amen.

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

Midweek Communion – The Orchard Room

10.30-11.30am Fortnightly on Thursdays

*Heavenly Father,
help us to find time to be with You,
time to praise You, time to thank You,
time to confess to You, time to listen to You,
and time to request of You. May we also learn to be
consistent in finding time to be with You. Amen.*



The Vicar's Blog

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, 'Everyone is searching for you.' He answered, 'Let us go on to the neighbouring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.' And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons. (A reading from Mark 1 vv New Revised Standard Version)

After his teaching in the synagogue the previous day and the healing of a man, we now get a really beautiful, homely, incident reported in Mark's Gospel as he kickstarts his account of Jesus's earthly ministry. Jesus returns to Peter's home and finds that the latter's mother-in-law (so Peter was married or a widower!) has a fever. Jesus may well have been tired after a busy day, yet he stops to heal her, and as if to prove how well she is she gets up off her bed to serve her guests a meal. By evening the sick of the whole town arrive at their door asking Jesus to heal them, which he does.

We often use the term "time out" to refer to anyone who just needs a break, or a child might be given time out to chill out: maybe they lost out in a game or a sporting competition. To them it can seem like the end of the world, but if we adults can't encourage them to see that winning and losing is all part of life, then they will make particularly unpleasant adults in the future. "Time out" can also mean sitting on the "naughty step" or "going to your room" in order to calm down. I have to do that all the time - just ask Alison!

But for Jesus "time out" was a way to refresh his spiritual batteries and his power. We know that before each great act in his life he spent time with God in prayer, and throughout the three years of his ministry healing left him depleted in power. Look at the story of the woman with a haemorrhage where this is also mentioned. So it is that the next morning Jesus gets up early to find quiet space to be with God in prayer.

We too need to refresh our spiritual batteries as often as we can by spending quiet time with God. How can you plan to do this as a regular pattern? Was this a new year resolution you are struggling to keep already? Every blessing to you and yours - Rev Gary



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SCAN ME



Churches Together in Malvern will be hosting the **Christian Unity Service** at St Joseph's RC Church on the **21st of January at 4pm.**

Refreshments will be available from 3.45pm
The preacher will be Bishop John, the Bishop of Worcester.

During the week Thursday 18th – Wednesday 24th January (excluding 21st) there will be the opportunity to meet together for prayer on Zoom at 7.30pm. These will be led by members of the Clergy. All are welcome.

Meeting ID 889 0695 0470 - Passcode 961476

The Link has been emailed to your church representative, if you would like to have the link emailed to you to make for easier access, please contact

magandpewsheet@ctmalvern.org.uk

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

In the depths of Winter
let the light shine

Make-Sing-Celebrate-Eat!

St Peter's Church

Powick

January 21st at 11am

LADY CHAPEL, POWICK CHURCH

Research has been done showing the connection between the Russell and Domville families (memorials in Lady Chapel), together with the Pakington family (graveyard). An all singing/dancing excel spreadsheet is available showing the families, including photos. This will need to be emailed. A condensed paper copy of the family tree is available, together with notes giving details of all the Domville/Russell memorials. Hopefully a copy will be added to the church archives. I will need to arrange for this to be professionally printed within the next few weeks so please let me know if you would like a copy.

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Prayer Pilgrimage led by the Archbishop of Canterbury Saturday 3 February 2024

All welcome - join us as we pray for our diocese as well as peace and justice throughout the world in 2024 and beyond.

10am: Top Church, Dudley

An interview with the Archbishop followed by worship and prayer.

12.30pm: Pershore Abbey

Prayer lunch - bring your own picnic lunch

2.15pm: Worcester Cathedral

An interview with the Archbishop followed by worship and prayer in various prayer stations.



Wanted - good home for the Vicar's low mileage upright, English, piano. Free to a good home. And it needs a good home rather than the Dump.

Please let Rev Gary know before the end of the month if you are interested in collecting it. **Special Offer** - Rev Gary will reimburse the first tuning!

IN MEMORIAM

Robert Chadney

Funeral at Vale Crematorium on
Thursday 1st February at 10am

Stanley Charlton

Funeral at Vale Crematorium on
Friday 2nd February at 11am

Don Hill

Funeral at Guarlford Church
on Thursday 8th February at 2pm.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN GLORY

ZOOM ACCESS CODES FOR 2024

Codes and access numbers for ALL Old Hills Malvern

Meetings and Services 2024:

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

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