



OLD HILLS MALVERN HEADLINES

4th, 11th & 18th October 2026

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



SERVICES FOR THE COMING PERIOD

SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER

Eighteenth Sunday After Trinity

11.00am Living Communion at Powick

12.45pm Baptism at Powick

(Both with Rev Gary Crellin)

Readings:

Isaiah 5: 1-7, Philippians 3: 4-14,

Matthew 21: 33-end

Collect:

God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SUNDAY 11TH OCTOBER

Nineteenth Sunday After Trinity

9.30am Living Communion at Callow End

(With Rev Dr William Rumball)

Rev Gary is at Bushley & Birtsmorton this Sunday

Readings:

Isaiah 25: 1-9, Philippians 4: 1-9, Matthew 22: 1-14

Collect:

Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SUNDAY 18TH OCTOBER

Twentieth Sunday After Trinity

8.00am BCP Communion at Powick *(With Rev Gary Crellin)*

9.30am BCP Communion with hymns at Guarlford

(With Rev Gary Crellin)

11.00am Harvest Service at Powick *(With the Lay Team)*

11.00am Holy Communion at Christ Church

(With Rev Gary Crellin)

BCP Readings: St Luke the Evangelist

The Epistle: 2 Timothy 4: 5-15

The Gospel: St Luke 10: 1-7

Harvest Readings:

Matthew 13: 24-30

Other readings TBA

Collect:

God, our light and our salvation: illuminate our lives, that we may see your goodness in the land of the living, and looking on your beauty may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Vicar's Blog

*If it had not been the Lord who was on our side
—let Israel now say—*

*if it had not been the Lord who was on our side,
when our enemies attacked us,
then they would have swallowed us up alive,
when their anger was kindled against us;
then the flood would have swept us away,
the torrent would have gone over us;
then over us would have gone
the raging waters.*

*Blessed be the Lord,
who has not given us
as prey to their teeth.*

*We have escaped like a bird
from the snare of the fowlers;
the snare is broken,
and we have escaped.*

*Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth. (Psalm 124)*

What is your record like in thanking people? Our parents and grandparents were really very good at thanking others for their help. Victorian ladies would pen beautiful little cards to thank others, and I can certainly remember older family members making up little posies or baskets of fruit or vegetables from the garden to thank someone for their help. Do we make do now with "Cheers"? Or perhaps a short email or WhatsApp with a strange emoji alongside? Do we thank someone briefly at the time and then forget it, or do we thank them a little late? Perhaps we never say thank you to them at all.

Psalm 124 is one of the Psalms of Ascent sung as the pilgrims climbed the steep tracks to the Temple in Jerusalem. King David gives his thanks to God for the way He has saved the nation from attack by their enemies. When our life becomes difficult and we appeal to God for help, then we too should always remember to thank God when we feel He has listened and answered our prayers, especially if we don't like the answer much, because He has different plans for us! Maybe in that case we need to be sure we haven't gone off God's path, and that we are still following His path. *Rev Gary*

Lord God, we thank You for Your love for us.

We thank You for not doing what we ask,
and sometimes for doing what we ask.

We also thank You for beauty, music, art, and drama.

We thank You for friends and family.

We thank You for animals, birds, and our world.

Lord, we just thank You. Thank You! **Amen.**



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

Parishes' Harvest Festival Service 18th October - 11am - St Peter's Powick

This year, there will be one Harvest Service for the whole benefice. Given the hot summer, most of the farmers had to take drastic action to bring in the harvest very early so for Most, the first harvest is a distant memory - maybe as early as June or July. For other farmers, a harvest happens daily - take the work and service dairy farmers or our fisherfolk for example.

The demand for help and support for people in unexpected need continues, so the Harvest collection will take the form of a dry goods/tins/packages (only).

Items currently needed: Cup-a-soup, instant mashed potato, cooking sauce in jars, tea bags, tinned carrots, tinned curry, tinned peas, tinned soup, pasta packets (microwaveable), porridge oats, tinned fruit, razors for shaving, shower gel, bars of soap, deodorant, toilet roll, toothbrushes, washing powder, washing up liquid.

it will be distributed to the Malvern Hills Food Bank and St Mary's Community Fridge and Larder. If you are unable to come to the specific service at Powick, feel free to drop any donation off at a forthcoming church service in your local church (last date for collections - Sunday 25th October) and it will be distributed for you. The schools will be having harvest services and assemblies in our church as follows:

Callow End

Friday 16th October at 9.15am in the church

Powick

Wednesday 21st October at 1.30pm in the church

Madresfield

Friday 23rd October at 9.30am in the Church

Christmas Shoeboxes for Teams4U

Filling a shoebox on your own can be quite expensive, so this year a group of us will be covering and filling shoeboxes in the Peter Mayner Room, Guarford Village Hall, on Charities Morning, **Saturday 7th November**. (Charities are given the use of a table in the Village Hall to publicize their charity and raise funds if they wish, so there should be plenty to see.) If you would like to offer gifts in advance, or provide empty shoeboxes, wrapping paper or other donations, that would be very welcome, telephone 01684 565118. Or you can bring items to fill the shoeboxes on the day, between **10am and 12 noon**, please.

Have a look at the Teams4U website
<https://teams4u.com/shoebox-resources/>. Scroll down to the videos especially. Many thanks. *Rosemary McCulloch*

(Don't forget there is also Shoebox packing at St James', Callow End on Tuesday 27th October from 10am-4pm)

Do remember - an 11am Service takes place weekly at Christ Church, Malvern - everyone from our Old Hills Malvern Churches will be made most welcome.

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

Midweek Communion – The Orchard Room

10.30-11.30am on 8th and 22nd October



You are invited to a gathering to explore Bishop Hugh's vision for our diocese with him.

This autumn, come and meet Bishop Hugh, hear something of what he has discovered about our diocese, and explore with him what it means to be Kingdom People today. There will be a chance to ask questions and we'll pray together. All welcome. These are not specifically deanery events - come to whichever is most convenient. To find out more scan the QR or visit www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/join-the-story



Tues 6 October	St Kenelm's Church, Clifton on Teme
Thur 15 October	St Andrew's Church, Malvern
Wed 21 October	Venue in Pershore & Evesham Deanery
Mon 9 November	Claines Church, Worcester
Sat 14 November	St Peter's Church, Ipsley, Redditch
Sat 21 November	venue in Greater Dudley Deanery

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ZOOM ACCESS CODES

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

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

