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*Your news about your community -
Guarlford, Madresfield, Newland*

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Madresfield contd.

Parent & Toddler Club: Tuesdays 11-12; Gymini classes throughout Wednesdays;
Holiday Play Schemes; After School Collection & Care
Babies to PreSchool Care 8am-6pm daily

Movement Club: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday at Madresfield Early Years Centre
01684 574378.

Parent & Toddler Groups run daily in term time at Madresfield Early Years Centre
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- * <https://www.oldhillsmalvern.co.uk/useful-links>
- * www.madresfieldschool.net
- * <https://www.beauchampstleonard.org>
- * <https://e-services.worcestershire.gov.uk/MyParish/Publications.aspx?ParishID=94>

NATIVITY 24

An exhibition of Nativity sets ('Nativity 24') is planned for St Mary's, Guarlford, from Friday 22nd to Sunday 24th November 2024, and we would welcome the loan of Nativity sets, however small.

If you would like to offer anything for the exhibition, could you telephone Judith on 01684 310756 or Rosemary on 01684 565118, please?

After visiting the exhibition in our lovely St Mary's church, 180 years old this year, you will be able to stroll round to our beautifully regenerated Guarlford Village Hall for the Nativity cafe. More details in the next issue of *The Grapevine*.

Rosemary McCulloch

Below are two examples of Nativity sets. Why not try making one yourself? You could use wood or wool, paper or plastic, gold or gabardine, cotton or cashmere, satin or suede, silver or steel, linen or leather, felt or faux fur - all or any of those materials.



Book your place today at:
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Teaching and Ministry Day

Friday 20th September 2024
10am to 4pm @ The Wellspring

Jesus and You: A Journey from Sorrow into Joy

Price: £31

Includes coffee on arrival, soup
and roll lunch, plus afternoon
coffee and cake.



Event Leader
Diana Hunt

'He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.' —Romans 8:11—

Join Diana Hunt at The Wellspring as we journey together with Jesus, from the sorrow of the Cross to the joy of resurrection. This day is aimed at those feeling trapped in a cycle of darkness and despair, who long to experience the freedom that Jesus offers.

Report from Guarlford

The village hall might have been closed for the summer but it hasn't stopped Gualfordians getting together to have a good time. For the third year running, Penny Close has been the setting for a summer street party, this time to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the D Day landings. The sun shone and music from the 1940's created a lovely atmosphere for everyone to enjoy the barbeque, play games, share their picnics and generally enjoy a lovely afternoon together.



A few days later, on 12th June, the village hall trustees held their **Annual General Meeting**. Although this had to be held in the small downstairs room at the hall, the trustees were delighted to welcome so many members of the community to the meeting. The room was packed but everyone appreciated the tea and cake on offer and contributed some excellent ideas for activities they would like to see in the hall once it re-opens in September. **Mr Phil Thomas** was elected to be the new Chair of the Trustees after which everyone expressed their thanks to **Mrs Jenny Cameron** for guiding the village hall through the period of refurbishment.

The next big event in Guarlford will be the **re-opening of the village hall on Saturday 28th September** at 2pm, everyone will be welcome to see how lovely the hall looks and maybe sign up for some of the events and activities which are planned for the coming weeks.

*Advance notice *** The Barn Dance will be held on 26th October *** If you have been before you will know how much fun this event is. Tickets will be available at the opening event.*

Gill Hollick
Secretary
Guarlford Village Hall
guarlfordvillagehall@gmail.com

ITS NEARLY TIME * AFTER THE LONG WAIT

Guarlford Village Hall is re-opening on
Saturday 28th September at 2.00 pm



*** Come and join us for tea and cake.**

*** Enjoy our cosy, smart, light and bright facilities.**

*** See some of the activities coming up for the autumn.**



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** the lovely loyal people of Guarlford and surrounding areas
who have attended our many fundraising events*

**WE NEED GROUPS TO BOOK OUR HALL FOR REGULAR SESSIONS
AND**

WE ARE OPEN FOR PRIVATE BOOKINGS SUCH AS FAMILY PARTIES

For more information e-mail the secretary at guarlfordvillagehall@gmail.com tel 07816

A Special Service for pre-schoolers, their parents & carers

You are warmly invited to join us at the

PreSchoolers' Service 1.30 - 2 pm

in St Mary's Church, Madresfield

on **Tuesday 24th September** for

Harvest

Do come along, sit on the carpet, sing songs and listen to a story.

Everyone is welcome.





Old Hills Malvern Churches

Vicar's Pastoral Letter

August 2024

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Every blessing -

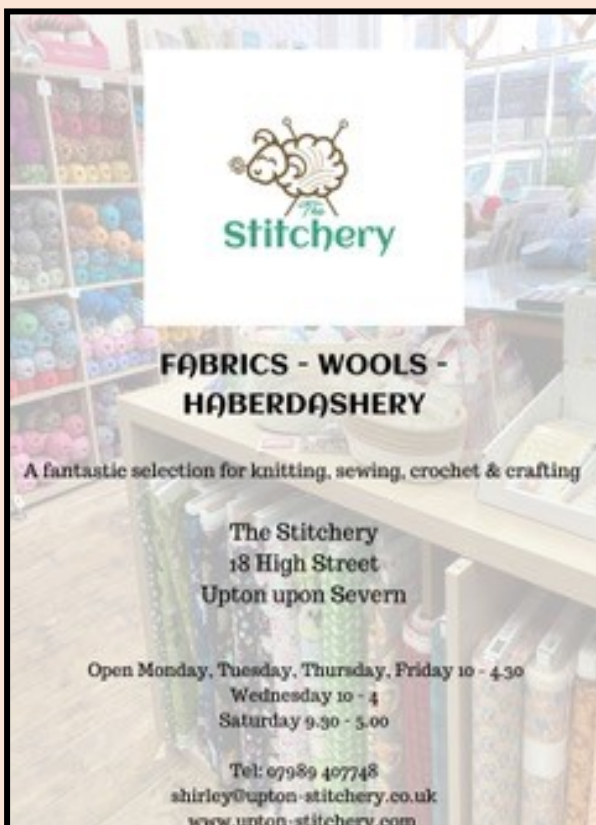
Rev Gary

HELP YOUR COMMUNITY

Everyone is welcome to advertise their services in our *Grapevine*.

In return, we would like a donation to be paid to the *Grapevine* account. See page 2 for bank details.

When there is enough money to be useful, a small team will decide which community project is supported with *Grapevine* funds. It might be new curtains for a village hall, prefect badges for a school or the hire of a digger to clear a pond.



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GUARLFORD WI

JULY 2024

Another interesting few months in our temporary home, the Cube Green Room.



Andrew Burney introduced us to the **benefits of hypnotherapy**. Not just an entertaining stage act but also an important tool in the treatment of anxiety and addictions. It can support people to achieve their goals, be it public speaking, stopping smoking, weight loss or many others.

It was nevertheless amusing to sit with closed eyes and try to resist his persuasive instructions to raise and lower our hands. A surprising number of hands appeared to fall under his spell. Certainly an informative and different evening.

June was a **flower brooch workshop** with Chris Champness. Silver wires were worked into flower or butterfly shapes before beads were secured to the frame and a pin wired to the back. There was huge selection of beads of all colours, sizes and shapes and there was much discussion as to the most effective combinations. The final display showed the results of a very industrious evening.



Caroll's **Open Garden** was very successful with a large number of plants and cakes donated and a large sum raised for the charity 'Tools For Reliance' that sends refurbished tools to third world countries. WI members served refreshments to very appreciative visitors – and to top it all the sun shone!

Together with Welland WI we have raised enough money for one toilet to send to '**Toilet Twinning**', a charity whose aim is to provide toilets for the Third World.

This year we decided to celebrate our birthday with a cream tea at **St Richard's Hospice Café**. Friendship, good food, good company while at the same time helping to support a very worthwhile local charity.

That is our WI.

Sue Orgill





Church Services and Online Worshipping Opportunities for Your Church in the Old Hills Malvern Churches

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Sunday 18th August

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11.00am Morning Praise at POWICK

Sunday 25th August

The Thirteenth Sunday After Trinity

9.30am Morning Praise at CALLOW END

11.00am Living Communion at MADRESFIELD

**Midweek Communion at The Orchard Room in Colletts Green
Thursdays 1st, 15th & 29th August from 10.30-11.30am**

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For Zoom Access codes and links, please contact us via

revgarycrellin@gmail.com or oldhillsmalvern@gmail.com



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OLD HILLS MALVERN HEADLINES

SUMMERTIME HEADLINES



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

SERVICES FOR THE COMING PERIOD

SUNDAY 28TH JULY

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9.30am Living Communion at CALLOW END

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Both with Rev Gary Crellin

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With Rev Canon Peter Nokes

We are sorry that the early 8am service is cancelled in August due to lack of priestly cover. The service resumes in September.

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

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THE VICAR'S BLOG



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Powick Times

See the latest edition of Powick Times here:

[Powick Issue 15 July 2024 PowickTimes
\(oldhillsmalvern.co.uk\)](http://oldhillsmalvern.co.uk)

Covering news from Powick, Callow End and surrounding villages.

Two Discoveries - to get you through the summer

It was lovely to hear from Brian and Yulia Boaler recently - they were married at Madresfield last December. They shared how their faith is being fuelled by two discoveries - The BBC Radio 4 Daily Service is broadcast on BBC 4 Extra between 9.45am-10am - with a talk, a reading and a hymn or two. For Brian, who doesn't get out much because of his age and health, this helps keep him connected with his wider Christian family. Also, Brian is using one of those Smart Speakers too - try asking it for a hymn or the prayer for today, if you need it. Thanks for those suggestions, Brian.

Prayer Diaries and the Bishop's Vacancy Consultation

The new quarterly prayer diary and the information to contribute to the Bishop of Worcester vacancy are now in each church. Remember to take part in the consultation - you only have until the end of July so to do.

CTiM NEWS

Sundays through July & August at 5pm in St Matthias Church: 'The Chosen'

Each week there will be a screening of an episode of The Chosen (Season 2), a dramatized depiction of the Gospel Story. All welcome.

Saturday 3rd August, 10.30-11am in Great Malvern Priory

Churchyard: A Vigil to remember both the nuclear devastation of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and also all conflict in the world today, organised by Malvern Churches Justice & Peace Group.

For young people: Movie Mondays on each Monday evening in August at 7pm in the Gospel Hall in Cowley Road.

Thursday 5th September, 7.30pm at St Andrew's

A relaxed evening of Christian and secular music with guitarist and song-writer John Froud, some original and some well-known. Pay as you like; nibbles, tea & coffee provided.

Friday 13th September at All Saints, Wells Road

Young people are invited to 'Secret Church' - we will be meeting from 7-8.30pm, in the crypt, worshipping with the world's hidden Christians, imagining what meeting together looks like in places where religious meetings are illegal.

Friday 20th September: Teaching and Ministry Day with Diana Hunt at Wellspring, Ledbury.

Join Diana Hunt at The Wellspring as we journey together with Jesus, from the sorrow of the Cross to the joy of resurrection.

Saturday 21st September: Quiet Day with Joe and Cathy at Wellspring - for details go to www.thewellspring.uk

Sunday 22nd September at 6pm: Mental Awareness Seminar at Malvern Baptist Church

Thursday 3rd October: CTiM Hot Dog Supper (vegetarian options will be available!) at Lyttelton Well, with Treasure Hunt and activities for children, from 4pm to 6.30pm, with food served from 5pm.

Any questions please contact Geoff Richardson on: chair@ctmalvern.org.uk or 07909 774912

I received another totally unexpected message this week - from Roger Sayer. He is a famous organist who played on the soundtrack of the film, *Interstellar* - an epic Sci Fi drama set in a dystopian future where the earth is suffering from catastrophic blight and famine - and a group of astronauts begin a search for a new home for humankind. Directed by Christopher Nolan, it's a developing classic which is 10 years old this year. The musical score is very popular indeed and sells out when it is played live. Notable recent sell outs in some large and famous buildings are Brugge Cathedral, St Paul's Cathedral and York Minster. Roger will be performing the score at Worcester Cathedral on July 30th at 9.45pm. It is part of The Three Choirs Festival. Roger is on a mission to engage and enthuse young people who love this music and would be bowled over to hear it live and in such an iconic venue. Do attend and support and be bowled over by this performance. Hope to see you there. *Rev Gary*

The Vicarage Office will be closed to visitors and callers from Friday 2nd to Tuesday 20th August

YOUR CHURCHES

Church Services - Each church notice board will have a list of services but you can visit the online calendar at <https://www.oldhillsmalvern.co.uk>



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If you have a phone or a tablet, you can use it to scan this QR code, which will take you directly to the churches' website. No need to remember the www. address - scan and be teleported as if by magic straight to the website. Give it a go.



**If you have to dial 999 or 112 and cannot speak
Dial 55**

HANS ZIMMER'S INTERSTELLAR

10TH ANNIVERSARY
GLOBAL TOUR

INTERSTELLAR ORGANIST

ROGER SAYER

PLAYS THE ORIGINAL SOUNDTRACK

WORCESTER CATHEDRAL
TUESDAY JULY 30
9.45PM

Tickets: 3choirs.org



PLEASE NOTE that, like hairdressers, butchers and European museums,
Rev Gary's normal day off is **Monday**.

FOR SALE AND WANTS



Guarlford Village Hall is available for hire for small gatherings.

For more information contact Gill Hollick on 07816 533251

Gardener required for a local attractive holiday let, to include regular mowing, strimming and upkeep of hedges.

Please contact Rosemary Boaz 01643 703761

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