



The Grapevine online

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

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The Grapevine will be posted online in the last week of January; March, May, July, September and November.

GUARLFORD

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Vergers: Vacant

Malvern Hills Trust representative: David Fellows

Parish Council: Clerk: Mrs Gill Hollick, 2 Bamford Close, Guarlford WR13 6PF

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Village Hall Website:- <https://guarlfordvillagehall.co.uk/>

W.I : meets 7.30, Guarlford Village Hall, second Tuesday in the month. All welcome.

President: Carol Murphy E: wifolk@guarlfordparish.uk

MADRESFIELD

Bell Ringing: Practice Mondays 7.30 at Madresfield Church; contact Geoff Titmuss 01684 572495

Churchwardens: Mr Christopher Bennett, Hayswood Farm, Madresfield, 01684 891047; Mrs Elizabeth Palmer, 33 Hall Green Close, WR14 3QY 01684 575914

Secretary: Wendy Palmer 01684 899223 E: wendy.palmer@outlook.com

Treasurer: Situation vacant from Spring 2024 - church finance's enquiries to The Vicar.

Cricket Club: Secretary: Peter Hughes, Holly Lodge, Madresfield 01684 572649

Early Years Centre www.meyc.co.uk 01684 574378 (9am-2pm)

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Vice Chairman: Hannah Willey; Secretary, Christine Warner ; Treasurer, Hannah Hollick ; Press Officer, Tracy Williams

Madresfield Club : Secretary, Mrs Jo Morgan 01684 573363

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
01684 574378 or Mrs Elaine Ward 01684 565714.

NEWLAND

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Newland Parish Council meets bi-monthly at 7pm on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at The Beauchamp Community (January, March, May, July, September, November)



Community Support Officer: PC Dee Stanley

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WHERE TO FIND THE GRAPEVINE ONLINE

- * <http://www.guarlfordparish.uk/news.htm>
- * http://www.guarlfordparish.uk/vill_mag.htm This site displays past editions.
- * <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>



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

APRIL 2025

Sunday 6th April

The Fifth Sunday of Lent/Passiontide Begins

9.30am Lent Communion at GUARLFORD

11.00am Lent Communion at POWICK

Sunday 13th April

Palm Sunday

10.30am Benefice Palm Sunday Service at GUARLFORD

Thursday 17th April

7.00pm Maundy Thursday Liturgy at POWICK

Friday 18th April

12noon Good Friday Service at POWICK

Sunday 20th April

Easter Sunday

9.30am Easter Communion at CALLOW END

9.30am Easter Communion at GUARLFORD

11.00am Easter Communion at POWICK

11.00am Easter Communion at MADRESFIELD

Sunday 27th April

The Second Sunday of Easter

9.30am Easter Communion at CALLOW END

11.00am Easter Communion at MADRESFIELD

Midweek Communion at The Orchard Room in Colletts Green

Thursdays 10th & 24th April from 10.30-11.30am



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For Zoom Access codes and links, please contact us via
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SCAN ME



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

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Sunday 13th April

Palm Sunday

10.30am Benefice Palm Sunday Service at GUARLFORD

Monday 14th April

7.00pm Compline for Holy Week at CALLOW END

Tuesday 15th April

7.00pm Compline for Holy Week at GUARLFORD

Wednesday 16th April

7.00pm Compline for Holy Week at MADRESFIELD

Thursday 17th April

Maundy Thursday

7.00pm Maundy Thursday Liturgy at POWICK

Friday 18th April

Good Friday

11.00am An Hour by the Cross at POWICK

12noon Good Friday Service at POWICK

***There will be An Hour by the Cross at
GUARLFORD, CALLOW END and MADRESFIELD
between 12noon and 3pm. Please see local notices for details.***

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SCAN ME



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

MAY 2025

Sunday 4th May

The Third Sunday of Easter

9.30am Easter Communion at GUARLFORD

11.00am Easter Communion at POWICK

Sunday 11th May

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

9.30am Easter Communion at CALLOW END

11.00am Easter Communion at MADRESFIELD

Sunday 18th May

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

8.00am BCP Holy Communion at POWICK

9.30am BCP Holy Communion at GUARLFORD

11.00am Morning Praise at POWICK

Sunday 25th May

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

9.30am Easter Communion at CALLOW END

11.00am Easter Communion at MADRESFIELD

Thursday 29th May

Ascension Day

7.00pm Deanery Ascension Day Service at UPTON PARISH CHURCH

A Celebration of Licensed Lay Ministry

Midweek Communion at The Orchard Room in Colletts Green

Thursdays 8th & 22nd May from 10.30-11.30am



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SCAN ME

Western View through Barn Window January 15th 2025

'It was a very atmospheric afternoon with the mist coming down, the Malvern Hills already disappearing. We sat down in front of the picture window and composed our own poems. I thought the child's poem was such a contrast to mine. A young child's view of the world looking beyond the weather outside. She is nine years old.'

I look up.

I look at the birds

the trees and the view.

I look at the beautiful oak tree,

the old gate

and multicolour stones.

And I see a beautiful

World



Western View through Barn Window

Cold January afternoon

towards close of day.

Bright chaffinch flies onto fence

mown green grass by sheep beyond.

Distant silhouettes of winter trees

fading into the mist,

pattern of branches against grey sky

soon to disappear.

Grandma arrives calling

children for tea, gymnastics.

Father impatient to go

sounds horn of car.

All is silent again.

Little dog relaxes once more and sleeps.

Outside a thick mist has

covered the trees.

No one would know they are there.

The grass colour fades,

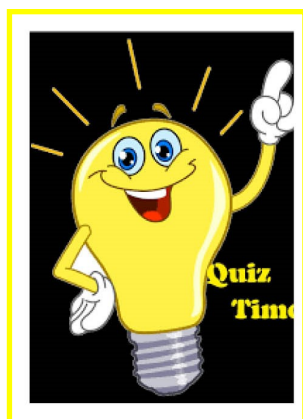
the dark fence remains.



Rosemary Boaz



GUARLFORD VILLAGE HALL



BRING YOUR OWN BOTTLE

EASTER QUIZ

In support of the village hall regeneration fund

Saturday 29th March 2025

7.00 pm for a prompt 7.15pm start

Bring a team of 4 or
come on your own and join a team

**Tickets include supper of soup, crusty bread
and delicious homemade puds**

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£10 per person

Prizes

To book a place email guarlfordvillagehall@gmail.com

Or telephone the secretary on 07816 533251

All the proceeds from this evening will go towards the refurbishment of the

Peter Mayner Room



Vicar's Easter Letter - April 2025

Hallelujah! He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

Dear Friends

Easter is nearly with us. I want you to see yourself as an Easter person. I want to share with you the powerful message of hope that this season brings.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is a message that transcends time and place. It speaks directly to the struggles, the fears, and the pain we all experience in a troubled world, and it calls us to a life of renewed hope and purpose.

In the midst of our busy lives, our challenges, and the headlines that often seem full of despair and angst, Easter reminds us that there is always light breaking through the darkness. The story of Christ's resurrection, as told in the gospel of Luke, invites us to look beyond the immediate, to trust in God's presence, and to remember that even in the darkest moments, God's love is still at work.

In Luke's gospel, we hear of the women who go to the tomb early in the morning (Luke 24:1-12). Their hearts are heavy with grief, expecting to find Jesus' lifeless body, but instead, they find an empty tomb and are met by two angels who proclaim, "*Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!*" These words are not just for the women at the tomb - they are for us today. In a world so often marked by suffering and uncertainty, the message of Easter is clear: **death does not have the final word.** Jesus' victory over the grave is the victory we share as Christians.



What does the real Easter message mean for you? I am sure you are like me - anxious whilst reading the news headlines or watching the nightly news bulletins. What else can go wrong for us? Maybe you are struggling with a personal, work or family concern. Where does chocolate eggs and the Easter Bunny resonate with you? In a world still wrestling with the effects of war, poverty, inequality, and fear, the Easter message is one of resilience and Easter reminds us that no matter how broken or hurting our world may seem, there is always the possibility of resurrection - new life and hope.

The world often tells us that things will never change, that the pain we feel today will always be with us, but Easter tells us otherwise. The resurrection of Jesus proves that transformation is possible, that redemption is real. **Where there is despair, there can be hope. Where there is hatred, there can be love. Where there is death, there can be life.** This is a message we need to hold on to, especially as we face the challenges of our own lives and the struggles within our communities.

As your vicar, I see the ways in which God's love and resurrection power are at work in our communities. Perhaps it's in the kindness of neighbours helping one another, the tireless work of our elected representatives and public servants, the listening ear of a friend or the quiet prayers spoken in our homes. These are signs of new life, signs of resurrection happening right here, right now.

This Easter, let us reflect on what God is calling us to in our own village communities. How can we be people of resurrection in a world that desperately needs hope? How can we, as the church, be a beacon of light in the darkness? The church, after all, is not just a building; it is the people of God. Remember - we are called to be agents of God's love and grace wherever we are—whether that's in our homes, our workplaces, or on our streets.

As we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, let's remember that this new life is something we are invited into, not just for ourselves but for others. It's an invitation to share the good news with those who are struggling,

to show mercy to those who are hurting, and to extend love to those who feel forgotten.

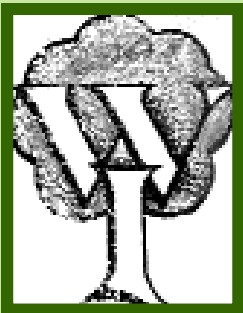
This Easter, I pray that we will all encounter the risen Christ in new and life-giving ways. May we experience the power of His resurrection and be transformed by it. May we strive to bring that message of hope and new life to a world in need.

Let us be people who live with joy, who live with love, who live with hope, because Christ is risen! Hallelujah!

A Happy and blessed Easter to you all -

Rev Gary

The Reverend Gary Crellin, Area Dean of Malvern & Upton and Vicar of the Parishes of Powick with Callow End, Guarlford & Madresfield with Newland



GUARLFORD WI

In February, our speaker was **Philip Bowen** who gave a most interesting and entertaining talk about the Tudor bishops of Worcester. The most famous of these was Hugh Latimer who, along with Nicholas Ridley and Thomas Cranmer, eventually became one of the Oxford Martyrs, all three burned at the stake there under the reign of Queen Mary. We were told of Italian clergy who became bishops of Worcester without ever setting foot in England and just pocketed the monies paid to them, and one very suspect Bishop, who poisoned a rival. Worcester Cathedral has now thankfully no such notoriety!



Georgia brought many interesting rock and fossil specimens

In March, our speaker was geologist **Georgia Jacobs**. A fascinating evening learning about the geology of our own area, the geopark way, which stretches from the north of the county, through the Malvern hills, the oldest rocks in Britain, down to Gloucester. Georgia brought many interesting rock and fossil specimens for us to examine, and also some beautiful geology-themed embroidery that she had created. I am sure many of us will be looking at the geopark website, (www.geopark.org.uk) to find out more, and find interesting places to visit locally.





Georgia also some beautiful geology-themed embroidery that she had created.

We recently had our last skittles match of the season and won , much to our surprise. As this is now two wins altogether for our team, we are hoping to keep up the momentum next season.

We will soon have the speakers for our next year booked, so plenty to look forward to in 2025.

Our next meeting is Tuesday 8th April, 7.30, in Guarlford Village Hall. New members are always welcome, you do not have to live in Guarlford to join, so if you would like to come along and give us a try, we look forward to welcoming you.

Paula Parsonage

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

You are warmly invited to join us at the

PreSchoolers' Service 1.50 - 2.20 pm

[NOT THE USUAL TIME !]

in St Mary's Church, Madresfield

on **Tuesday 25th March** for

Jesus's Friends

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

Everyone is welcome.





Newland News 24

So, after a hiatus, I have decided to return to writing the *Newland News*. Much has changed in the last year in my personal life but what remains the same is the weather; it is so unpredictable, but there is something

wonderful about the sun coming out bright and strong on a frosty February morning. I ended up bundled up like an eskimo, but I still want to sit out in the quadrangle and enjoy the sunshine and I do not regret it. Usually, I am driven inside when my ears are so cold I cannot feel the tips.

Despite everything, the garden is starting to bloom, and I saw my first daffodil in the middle of February. I was worried it would not survive but it has so that is great.

Two weeks later and the *tête a têtes* are blooming and putting on a strong display and finally you know spring has sprung. The other sign is the gardeners out and about with wheelbarrows tidying up ready for the upcoming planting season.



A cold, crisp morning at the Beauchamp



Daffodils - a welcome sign of spring

I have to say I welcome the recent warm weather. It is so much more fun to be able to walk around without a great big puffy coat on to keep warm.

We have a new chaplain at the Beauchamp community for the first time: a lady, Revd Angie Watts, and yes that is her name. We welcome her to the role and hope she thrives here at the Beauchamp.

Candlemas is one of my favourite services. The church lit by all those candles it looks fantastic. Although the service has many names, the one that appeals to me is 'the light of the world'. Who cannot love that idea, that someone came to light our way out of darkness?

In the outside world, Severn Trent appear to be tunnelling to Australia opposite our gate. Actually, they are installing a new water main, but the pile of earth dug out seems so high you have to wonder.

The mobile library is still running and parks outside the Beauchamp community at 2.25pm on the first Thursday of every month. It's a case of use it or lose it. The other thing I notice is that the bus service has been extended beyond the 17.30 finish to 19.30, better than it was. Again, it's use it or lose it.

Jane Tinklin

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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Financial Help for Those in Need

The **Madresfield Relief in Need Charity** is an ancient charity for the benefit of those living in the ancient parish of Madresfield with Newland. The charity is overseen by *the Charity Commission* and managed by local trustees including Rev Gary Crellin.

The Covid pandemic has made life very tough for many. The trustees would like to help anyone within our parishes who needs support during this very challenging time.

If you would like to apply for financial support, please contact Rev Gary Crellin through the contact details below.

All applications will be treated in strict confidence.

To make an application please contact:

Rev Gary Crellin, The Vicarage, 31 The Greenway, Colletts Green, Powick WR2 4RZ

Email: revgarycrellin@gmail.com

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>



QR Code for the Old Hills Malvern Churches

If you have a phone or 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.



**If you have to dial 999 or 112
and cannot speak Dial 55
You can be found from
your dialling location.**



Guarlford Village Hall is
available for hire for
small gatherings.
For more information contact
Gill Hollick on 07816 533251

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