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

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10th OCTOBER at GUARLFORD

*** FOLK CONCERT & HARVEST SUPPER ***

For details see page 5

'Nativity 26' is an enchanting display of Nativity sets that you will see in St Mary's, Guarlford, in December. If you would like to loan a crib set or other craft linked with the Nativity, could you please contact Judith (01684 310756) or Rosemary (01684 565118). Guarlford Village Hall will again be open to provide refreshments in the Nativity Café

For more details see page 7.

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

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Verger: Vacant

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Village Hall Website:- <https://guarlfordvillagehall.co.uk/> - look in here for *The Grapevine* online

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

Bell Ringing: Practice Mondays 7.30 at Madresfield Church; contact Geoff Titmuss
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Treasurer: Situation vacant from Spring 2024 - church finance's enquiries to The Vicar.

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

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Movement Club: Children's gym, dance, drama and ballet 01684 574378

Parish Council: Clerk: Mr David Sharp, 20 Farley Road, Malvern Link 01684 573213
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Friends of Madresfield School : Chairman: Rebecca Perkins; Secretary, Helena Barley;
Treasurer, Lavinia Macdonald

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

Malvern Hills Trust representative: David Reynolds

Parish Council: Clerk: J. Barker 07539 605 118 E: newlandpc1@gmail.com

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)



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Malvern Hills Trust: Chase representative: Richard Fowler

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WHERE TO FIND THE GRAPEVINE ONLINE

- * <https://guarlfordvillagehall.co.uk/>
- * Google 'The Grapevine parish Magazine' then look out for Old Hills Malvern
- * www.madresfieldschool.net
- * <https://www.beauchampstleonard.org>
- * <https://e-services.worcestershire.gov.uk/MyParish/Publications.aspx?ParishID=94>



GUARLFORD VILLAGE HALL

Saturday 10th October 2026

2.45 pm – 6pm

Folk Concert with Acoustic Remedy



A variety of folk and world music. Using a range of instruments to create toe tapping music and song with a strong focus on improvisation while keeping true to the original style of the music.



Followed by a delicious

Harvest supper



Join us in our cosy hall to welcome in the Autumn with a great concert and tasty two course supper

Bring your own bottle

£15 per person To include supper **Booking essential**

To book a place;- email guarlfordvillagehall@gmail.com

Or telephone the secretary 07816 533251

Registered charity number 523145



JOIN US FOR A BENEFICE

HARVEST

Festival Service

ST PETER'S POWICK

Sunday 18th October
at 11am

*Donations of packets/tinned/ dry goods for
Malvern Hills Food Bank and St Mary's,
Pickersleigh Community Fridge & Larder*

CHRISTMAS IN GUARLFORD

2026



NATIVITY 26

St Mary's Church, Guarlford

***An exhibition of Nativity sets from
around the world.***

Friday 11th December 11am - 3 pm

Saturday 12th December 11am - 3 pm

Sunday 13th December 12.30 - 3 pm

(Activities for children)

**The Nativity Café will be open in
Guarlford Village Hall**

Friday 11th December 1 - 4 pm

Saturday 12th December 12 - 3 pm

Sunday 13th December 1 - 3 pm

with tea, coffee & home-made cakes on sale.

GUARLFORD VILLAGE HALL

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

2026 / 2027



October 10th	Harvest supper and music concert
November 7 th	Charities Morning
November 27 th	Advent Garland making
November 28th	X mas quiz
December 5 th	Christmas Fayre
December 11 th – 13 th	Nativity Cafe
December date tba	Carol singing
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January 13 th	Open meeting
January 23 rd	Burns night supper
February 13 th	Coffee morning and market
March 20 th	Easter Quiz
April 17 th	An evening with Reg Moule
May 22 nd	Line Dancing with Gav
June 19 th	'Royal Ascot' afternoon tea



More details for each event will be sent out on separate flyers.
 If you would like to be added to the mailing list, send an email to
guarlfordvillagehall@gmail.com



GUARLFORD WI News

In August Freddy Naftel gave us a talk entitled **Great Film Music**. He played us some short sections of recordings by well known composers of film music of the mid-twentieth century, illustrated with stills from the films he was talking about. It was interesting to hear how very large a part the music is and how successful a film may turn out to be. Something we probably don't realise when we watch, but he illustrated the point by playing some sections of music that did not seem to fit the film, which turned out to be box office flops. So an interesting and very musical evening.

In September Barbie Elliot taught us **the art of teabag folding**. This craft originated in the Netherlands in the 1990s. Someone had the idea of, instead of throwing used teabags away, wrapping them in pretty paper and crafting origami-style small pictures. Everyone enjoyed it, and Barbie was very patient with us all.

Here is one of the finished examples of teabag  folding by a crafty WI member.



Our next meeting on October 13th at 7.30 will feature a talk on **Madresfield Court gardens** by David Butt, Madresfield Court's head gardener. It is an open meeting so all are welcome. Free to WI members; visitors £5 includes entrance and refreshments.



W I meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.30, in Guarlford Village Hall.

Paula Parsonage

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

You are warmly invited to join us at the

Pre-Schoolers' Service Tuesdays 1.45 - 2.15 pm

in St Mary's Church, Madresfield

on **8th December** for *Christmas*

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

Everyone is welcome.



Old Hills Malvern with Christchurch Malvern Churches

Pastoral Letter October 2026

Dear Friends,

I love the changing of the seasons, and there is something particularly special about the turning of summer into autumn. After what has been a remarkably hot summer for us all, the days are beginning to shorten, the evenings have a cooler feel, and the first signs of autumn are appearing all around us. The fields that have been golden with corn earlier in the summer are now being ploughed over; the hedgerows that were heavy



with fruit

seems to be reminding us that there is a time for growing and a time for gathering in.

Across the Old Hills Malvern churches, we shall have one **harvest service** this year - it will take place at **St Peter's Church in Powick on 18th October at 11am**. As we gather together, we will have the opportunity to give thanks for all that God has provided and for those whose hard work enables food to reach our tables.

I came across a lovely poem that praise should set to music and sung. I think it puts **Harvest** in context beautifully:

*We sing the harvest of the fields, The harvest of the seas,
The harvest of the mines and wells, God's goodness gives all these.*

I particularly like the breadth of those words. **Harvest** is not simply about the crops that are gathered from our fields. It is about recognising all the many gifts upon which our lives depend: the food we eat, the water we drink, the energy we use, the work of farmers and fishermen, those who produce and transport our food, and so many others whose efforts we may never see.

For our farmers, this year's weather has brought its own particular challenges. The hot, dry summer may have made for glorious days and beautiful evenings, but the weather that we enjoy can bring very different circumstances for those working the land. **Harvest** is therefore also a time to remember the uncertainty and hard work that lie behind the food we so easily take for granted. When the harvest is safely gathered in, there is much for which to give thanks. But **Harvest** also asks us to look beyond ourselves. The final verse of the poem says:

May people who receive these gifts Accept our love as well.

Those words seem especially appropriate this year. Our **Harvest** offering will be given to the **Malvern Hills Foodbank and Pickersleigh Community Larder**: both help to provide practical support for people in our local communities who may be finding things difficult. As we give thanks for the abundance that we enjoy, we are reminded that God's gifts are not simply for us to keep, but to share and that might include advice and guidance too to support those that are challenged in order that they may prosper too.

There is something deeply Christian about that movement from gratitude to generosity. We receive, we give thanks, and then we look for ways in which that we have received can become a blessing to someone else. That is one of the reasons why I love **Harvest** so much. It gives us a chance to stop and notice. To look at the food on our tables, the beauty of creation around us, the work of human hands and the goodness of God, and simply to say thank you.

And perhaps **Harvest** can encourage us to carry that spirit of gratitude into the rest of the year. We do not need to wait until October to notice God's goodness. There are blessings to be found in the ordinary things of every day – a meal shared with friends, a warm home, a beautiful morning, a kind word, a

helping hand. Gratitude changes the way we see the world, and generosity changes the lives of others. So, as we gather at Powick on 18th October, may our **Harvest** celebration be a joyful opportunity to give thanks for the fruits of the earth, for those who work to provide them, and above all for the generous love of God. As we bring our Harvest gifts, may we remember those who will receive them, praying that our small offerings might be a practical expression of God's love and our care for one another.

With grateful hearts we raise our voices in praise – and with generous hearts, may we share what we have received.

With every blessing, **REV GARY**



REMEMBERING THOSE THAT WE STILL LOVE

BUT SEE NO MORE

The Parishes All Souls Memorial Service 2026

St Peter's Church -Powick for the churches across Powick, Callow End , Guarlford , Madresfield, Newland and Christchurch Malvern - and beyond. Sunday 1st November 2026

Dear Friend

Each year, I invite the families that I have supported with funeral arrangements back to a special service of memories and remembrance. This year, the service will take place at **St Peter's Church, Powick on Sunday 1st November at 4pm**. This is an open opportunity to come with your family to light a candle and to take part in a corporate act of thanksgiving with other families as we mark their loss and passing at a time of the church year set aside for this purpose.

It is my normal practice to read out a list of names of those loved ones, as a roll of honour at this service. In addition, the service is open to anyone in our villages and parishes that wishes to remember in that same way anyone they would like to remember in their family. The service is very well attended and there is a palpable sense of togetherness - being there with one another and our shared memories.

You may have received this message, or a letter from me last year. For me, grieving the loss of a loved one dear span the years, so I do encourage you to consider coming again if you feel this service will help you or your family. There is no need to pre book, just come if you can.

The 4pm service is preceded by a period of quiet reflection in the same church, from 3pm, to mark those babies or young children that have died and to give thanks for those that support parents in their grieving. This is an open service that often sees parents just drop in for a moment of stillness and quiet - and provides a similar opportunity for candles to be lit too for the Little Angels in our midst.

There is no requirement to rebook- just come along if you feel this service will help you.

Every blessing to you

REV GARY



CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES

Every year, Revd Gary Crellin collects **Christmas Shoeboxes** for **Teams4U**, a small charity based in North Wales, who then deliver them to children in Eastern Europe (Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, Bosnia and Romania). I see from the Teams4U website that these are unconditional gifts, ie with no political or religious strings attached, given to children identified by organisations like the Red Cross via schools, hospitals and orphanages.



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, Guarlford Village Hall, on Charities Day, **Saturday 7th November**. (That day charities are given the use of a table to publicise their charity and raise funds if they wish). We would welcome donations of items to fill the shoeboxes between **10am and 12 noon** please.

warm gloves * scarves
hats



Soap * flannels
pretty hair ornaments



Pencil cases crayons / coloured pencils
colouring books toys
notebooks
games
bubbles



Or you can contact me on 01684 565118 if you would like to offer gifts in advance, or provide empty shoeboxes, wrapping paper or other donations. We would of course be happy to receive filled shoeboxes too. Sadly, transport costs have gone up and **donations of £3.50 a box** to help with costs would be very welcome.

You can see on the Teams4U website videos of ideas for boxes for children from three years to teenage:

it's amazing how much you can fit into a shoebox! All new please. (We won't need any toothpaste or toothbrushes, as we hope to have a source which will donate plenty.)



We find great pleasure in filling these boxes, but that's nothing to the pleasure that Gary and others have witnessed when children open them.

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

Thank you.

Rosemary McCulloch



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

OCTOBER 2026

Sunday 4th October

Trinity 18

No Service at Guarlford Today

11.00am Living Communion at POWICK

12.45pm Baptism at POWICK

Sunday 11th October

Trinity 19

9.30am Living Communion at CALLOW END

No Service at Madresfield Today

Sunday 18th October

Trinity 20

8.00am BCP Holy Communion at POWICK

9.30am BCP Holy Communion at GUARLFORD

11.00am Morning Praise at POWICK

Sunday 25th October

Last Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Living Communion at CALLOW END

11.00am Living Communion at MADRESFIELD

There is also a weekly service at CHRIST CHURCH every Sunday at 11am.

Midweek Communion at The Orchard Room in Colletts Green

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



01905 830270 www.OLDHILLSMALVERN.CO.UK

For Zoom Access codes and links, please contact us via
revgarycrellin@gmail.com or oldhillsmalvern@gmail.com

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

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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

Being Kingdom People

Join us

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

SAFEGUARDING: We are all responsible for protecting ourselves and others from abuse, harm, or neglect, especially our children, young people, and vulnerable adults, and report safeguarding concerns. If you have any concerns or questions, then please contact Gary (01905 8303270) or Sheila (07912 030805).

ZOOM ACCESS CODES

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

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

**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 533 251



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

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