

The Grapevine online

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH, GUARLFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

St Mary's Church, Guarlford, was consecrated on Thursday 5th December 1844, exactly 180 years ago. To discover more about the building and consecration, read pages 13-14.

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

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GUARLFORD

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Madresfield *contd.*

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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>



OLD HILLS MALVERN CHURCHES DECEMBER & CHRISTMAS SERVICES



Sunday 1st December

10.30am Advent Christingle Service at Powick
6.30pm Malvern & Upton Deanery Advent Carol Service
at Great Malvern Priory – All Welcome

Sunday 8th December

9.30am Advent Communion at Callow End
11.00am Advent Communion at Madresfield

Sunday 15th December

8am BCP Communion at Powick
9.30am BCP Communion at Guarlford
6.30pm Nine Lessons & Carols at Powick

Sunday 22nd December

9.30am Advent Communion at Callow End
11.00am Lessons & Carols at Madresfield
6.00pm Carols and Brass Band at Guarlford

Christmas Eve

2.30pm Crib Service at Madresfield
4.00pm Crib Service at Callow End
9.00pm First Communion of Christmas at Madresfield
11.00pm First Communion of Christmas at Powick

Christmas Day

11am Christmas Morning Service at Guarlford
11am Christmas Morning Service at Powick

Sunday 29th December

9.30am Covenant Service at Callow End



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Memories of Angus McCulloch

February 6th 1946 to September 27th 2024 by Rosemary McCulloch



The photograph on the front cover of the Order of Service at Angus's funeral shows him as many will remember him, in his practical jacket (lots of pockets) and sensible cap. It was the last photograph I took of him, in August this year. We were actually at the Worcestershire Beacon, courtesy of Malvern Rotary Club, who liaised with Landrover Experience and the Malvern Hills Conservators, to drive to the toposcope those who have difficulty walking the Hills. Angus was so pleased to have this outing for us together on the hills which we both love, especially when it was in a splendid new Range Rover, as Landrovers had been part of his life for many years.

At Angus's funeral in St Mary's, Guarlford, on October 25th, his brother Ian described a 'mischievous' Angus growing up with his two younger brothers in Cobham, Surrey, in the 1950s when we children seem to have had much more freedom than those of today. Angus was always fascinated by how things worked and became interested in radio, building crystal sets and setting up radio links across the vegetable garden, plus helping to create the public address system for gymkhanas as a teenager on his uncle's farm in Berkshire. So it was not surprising that he eventually decided to study the then comparatively new science of Electronics.

Angus was sent to board at St John's School, Leatherhead, where among other things, he joined the CCF (Combined Cadet Force) and became a member of the Rifle Club, which involved target shooting at the famous Bisley ranges. Sadly, when Angus was studying his A Levels his father died and, in 1963, at the age of 17, Angus set off to Bangor, North Wales, to study Electronic Engineering. As soon as he could, Angus bought an ex-army Austin Champ so that he could explore Anglesey and North Wales. The Austin Champ was followed by Landrovers in which we, with the boys in the back, made many happy trips - as our son Andrew recalled in his eulogy, some before the days when safety belts became compulsory for Landrover rear passengers.

It was at a meeting of the University Student Christian Movement that Angus and I met for the first time, when I started my English degree. After gaining his degree in 1966, Angus joined the Signals Research and Development Establishment in Christchurch as a Scientific Civil Servant, his career for the rest of his working life, doing work related to satellite communications, Army and RAF communications and air defence studies. Angus really enjoyed being at Christchurch, as he was actually based on a part of the site which overlooked the sea near Mundeford. All gone now, but the site of the big satellite dish is marked with a plaque beside a path down to the sea.

We were married in 1968 and settled down in a village between the coast and the New Forest. Our three sons were born, and we would have probably stayed there for many years, but in the 1970s the Christchurch establishment was merged with others (Malvern and Baldock) to form a new Royal Signals and Radar Establishment (RSRE) based in Malvern. So we moved here in 1978, and James joined the school in Madresfield, which began our relationship with Madresfield Church.

When Angus retired in 2005, his life changed completely as he forgot work and took up many new interests, including helping with our two parish churches on the PCC, U3A groups and particularly local and family history. He developed two websites - one for the Guarlford History Group when he worked on the second Guarlford book, and the other his own, 'Angus and Rosemary's Miscellany of Malvern', which continues to attract interest from Malvern and around the world. Many is the morning I've stood as 'bag lady' holding camera equipment and notebooks as Angus photographed parts of Malvern and Guarlford, including for the updated record of St Mary's Guarlford churchyard, based on the excellent survey made around 1990 by Cora Weaver, June Hebden and Raymond Ward (done so well before the advent of computers and digital cameras).

Another big change in our lives was the birth of our first grandson, Ryonosuke Angus McCulloch, in Japan in 2012, followed by his cousins the triplets, Emma, Chloe and Zac, in Hertfordshire in 2017. Angus took on the role of grandpa with great enthusiasm, and I had hoped for many more years together, so it was a devastating shock when Angus died unexpectedly on September 27th.

However, my sons, James, Stuart and Andrew, and I have taken great comfort in the many messages, beautiful cards, flowers, cakes (and even trifle), and the many people who came to the funeral. We would like to thank all of you, especially Revd Gary, who has been such a support, plus Carleton who played the organ. Also Elizabeth Palmer, who so kindly read Psalm 121, one of Angus's favourite readings, plus all those who made the church very welcoming; Spilsburys for their excellent service, and of course Helen Owen and Kirsty Johnson who so attentively provided wonderful refreshments in the village hall.

I apologise to those I wasn't able to speak to directly at the funeral and afterwards - it was a hard day. In his eulogy Andrew referred to a letter we found that Angus had written years ago, in case he wasn't able to say goodbye to us. Just a few sentences from that letter to finish:

"Remember life is a team effort. We must all work together for the common good. Scientists and Engineers work in teams, each contributing their specialist knowledge to the job. Contribute in your own ways and be sensitive to the feelings of others."



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 3rd December** for ***St Nicholas***

and on **Tuesday 28th January 2024** for ***Candlemas***

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

Everyone is welcome.



*'Twas the night before
Christmas*

Join us for a community Christingle with
a difference!

St Peter's Church, Powick
Sunday 1st December at 10.30am

Cash donations to the Children's Society

Malvern Hills Trust says thank you and puts Bill on view

A decisive vote at the Malvern Hills Trust's public board meeting on 17th October means they will introduce a **private bill** to Parliament on 27th November. This is a proposal for a law affecting a single organisation like theirs and opens up the proposed governance changes to full public scrutiny. During the summer, you had the opportunity to have your say on the proposals for taking the Trust into the 21st century. Trustees carefully analysed nearly 500 pieces of feedback and have now published this and a report on changes to the Trust's proposals as a result www.malvern hills.org.uk/governance-changes/consultation



Near Earnslaw Quarry

John Michael, Chair said *“I wish to thank all those members of the public and organisations who took the time to engage in the consultation process. This is all about modernising the Trust's governance so it can operate more effectively now and for*

You'll be able to view a complete copy of the bill from the 4th December on the Trust's website – see link below. For those who need it, a hard copy will also be available to view (or to purchase) at the Malvern Hills Trust offices on Grange Road, Malvern WR14 3EY between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday except for Bank Holidays).

Deborah Fox, Chief Executive Officer

More information about the proposals to future-proof the Trust for the benefit of the landscape and people is available at www.malvern hills.org.uk/governance-changes

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in the first instance. For urgent enquiries, please call the office number 01684 892002. Out of hours, you can contact us by phoning 01684 892002 and following the instructions on the message (including for livestock issues).

Sunset looking towards Poolbrook





Old Hills Malvern Churches

A Message from the Vicar: Christmas 2024

Dear Friends,

As we approach the end of this year, we are once again invited to celebrate the wonderful story of **Christmas, a story of hope, peace, and joy.**

For some of you, Christmas might be in full swing, if the queues to get into the Malvern Retail Park are anything to go by. For others, you may be gearing yourself up for the Great Feast that is Christmas. That said, I am grateful for those that ventured out, during Storm Bert (after a dose of the white stuff - not the shop - but the snow that preceded the stormy mild weather) to Guarlford church to have a look at our popular **nativity exhibition**. How appropriate to host this lovely pre Christmas display in the delight that is Guarlford church as it begins its 180th anniversary year - a church dedicated to The Blessed Virgin Mary. Each nativity scene had its own way (through, felt, pottery, olivewood or Lego) of telling the first Christmas story. In addition, each one had its own family story of where it was bought and why.

Are you getting many **cards** this year? What about those **red cards** we are getting through our letter boxes? A parcel still to be delivered. The Black Friday (or is it a month of Black Fridays?) sales are filling the Royal Mail vans, and other couriers, to get bargains out to us to wrap up and send out...or back! But I urge you, please, to take your time and look forward; don't dwell on the hassle (or not) of putting up with Great Aunt Maud (etc) over Christmas but look forward, in the midst of our busy lives, to loving and understanding the true meaning of the season. The birth of Jesus Christ, born in a humble stable, continues to offer us the greatest present of all: the promise of God's love and presence with us, no matter where we are or what we face.

Christmas is not just a moment in time, but a way of life. The light of Christ shines into the darkness, bringing warmth to our hearts and guiding us through life's challenges. As we gather together to celebrate, whether at church services (see our programme of **Advent, Christmas and December services** on page 5) - be it the brass and lights in Guarlford, the end of term school assemblies for our three church schools, a return for **Lessons and Carols at Powick and Madresfield** or **the cribs**, or **midnight services** or seeing a certain vicar dressed as a very seasonal orange, there is something for everyone or anyone if you decide to come along. Around our family tables, or in our communities, let us remember the call to **share that light** with others. In a world that often feels divided and uncertain, with conflicts and climate change filling our news space, the message of Christmas remains as vital as ever: *"Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people."* (Luke 2:10).

This December, I encourage you to take time to reflect on the blessings we've received in the past year, to give thanks for the love we share, and to look for ways to bring Christ's light into the lives of those around us. Whether through acts of kindness, prayers of compassion, or simply being present with those who need a friend, we can all make a difference.

Let us also remember those who find this season difficult: the lonely, the bereaved, the struggling. May we reach out in love and support to all in those circumstances, and you know where they are, offering them the same hope that Christ came to bring. As we approach Christmas and the New Year, let us do so with hearts full of gratitude, faith, and a renewed commitment to living out the love of Christ every day.

Wishing you all a blessed and peaceful Christmas across these villages I am pleased to serve.



Rev Gary Crellin and his family

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

Report from Guarlford

Guarlford Village Hall is now open again!

On September 26th, local M.P. Dame Harriett Baldwin accompanied parish council chairman Mike Huskinson in an opening ceremony at the village hall. The Trustees had set up a display showing the extensive work which had been undertaken to repair the roof, walls and staircase as well as installing a new kitchen, storage area and insulation throughout. This massive project had cost **£182,000** funded by successful grant applications and the many fundraising events held in the hall and supported by the local community



The hall is now a light and very well insulated space with modern clean facilities ready for hire as well as many more social events organised by the committee. The first event to be held in the hall was a **Barn Dance** with the fantastic Andy Maliphant and the Plump Hill Band. Everyone had a super time with lots of dancing and supper of Lasagne followed by apple pie.

This was followed at the start of November when Guarlford Parish Council organised an Emergency Response training session provided by Heartstart Malvern. This was also well attended and provided everyone with the skills and confidence to respond to an emergency and how to use the defibrillator.

Guarlford is now in the run up to Christmas which started off with a Nativity exhibition in St Mary's Church in the centre of the village. After an enjoyable visit to the church to see the lovely range of Nativity sets loaned by local people, visitors were able to cross the road to the village hall where the Nativity Café was open for drinks and home-made cake.

Still planned for the run up to Christmas is the **Advent Event** on 29th November where those attending will be helped to make their own Christmas garland for their door while enjoying mulled wine and nibbles. This will be followed the next day by the **Christmas Quiz** on 30th November

The traditional **Christmas Fayre** will be held on 7th December between 2pm and 4pm. This is open to everyone and is a great place to get into the Christmas spirit and maybe pick up a few unique gifts. Father Christmas will be there with gifts for the children. The last event before Christmas will be **Carols in the Close** at 4.30 pm on Sunday 22nd December with the brass band, followed by more carols in St Mary's and hot drinks and mince pies in the village hall. Everyone will be welcome.

The next meeting of Guarlford Parish Council will be held on Monday 9th December at 7.30 pm in the village hall, the agenda will be posted on the village notice board and also on the new village web site where there are details of all the events coming up in the village.

Gill Hollick, Secretary, Guarlford Village Hall & Clerk to Guarlford Parish Council

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GUARLFORD CHRISTMAS FAYRE



FREE ADMISSION

Saturday 7th December 2024



2.00 pm – 4.00 pm



Guarlford Village Hall



Lots of Stalls, Crafts, Cake, Raffle, Games,
Refreshments etc

Shop for Christmas gifts at a traditional village
Christmas Fayre



Come and see Father Christmas



All proceeds to Guarlford Village Hall new boiler fund

St Mary's, Guarlford 1844-2024

Guarlford is a sprawly parish so, in the old days, people who lived there had to trek up to 4 miles each way to the Priory church on Sundays. That's not so bad if you own a horse-drawn vehicle or could cadge a lift. What about if you wanted to go to Evensong on a cold wintry night - on foot? On top of that, the parish church was crammed full with visitors during the 'season'. In 1843, Lord of the Manor, Edward Thomas Foley, decided enough was enough. Guarlford needed a chapel of ease - a church within the parish for those who had difficulty reaching the parish church because it was so far away. Lord Foley gave half an acre of land in The Long Meadow on which to build the church and churchyard, which lay between the residences of Mr Walter Haynes and Mr Bullock. Lord Foley had already given a quarter of an acre in the same meadow for the new school and playground and was to give more for the rector's house.

The Laying of the Foundation Stone

'The day was one of unbroken splendour [and] an Italian sky spread its rich canopy over the happy and cheering scene,' reported *Berrows Worcester Journal* in a report of the laying of the foundation stone. There was a band and 300 schoolchildren who paraded around carrying banners and flags bearing messages of welcome to the visitors. Today, we couldn't imagine a more notable congregation of 'rank, fashion and beauty', swelled by 'many of the middling and lower classes' that congregated on The Long Meadow. The former included the village's most prominent residents (Great Malvern was still a village), an MP, a general, two colonels, a major and a captain, one knight and ten clergymen, many in surplices. The churchwardens attended, as did the builder carrying his drawings and implements, Colonel Bund (Vice-chairman of the committee) carrying the inscribed brass plate, the architect's representative carrying a silver trowel, the Lord of the manor carrying the mallet (a symbol of authority and the right to act as the presiding officer), the choir and the children from the schools.



Rev Dr Henry Card

The vicar of Great Malvern Rev Dr Henry Card, gave a speech and led the prayers. Then Col Bund placed the brass plate under the foundation stone. It read '*Laus Deo*: this, the foundation stone of a chapel to be consecrated to the praise and glory of the holy undivided Trinity, and in honour of St Mary, the blessed Virgin, was laid by the Lady Emily Foley the 19th day of August, 1843, in the sixth year of the reign of Queen Victoria.' The plaque was accompanied by the coins of the realm - a sovereign, half-sovereign, half a crown, a shilling, a sixpence and four pennies.



Lady Emily Foley

Then the stone was lowered by a pulley and Lady Emily

struck the stone three times with a silver trowel. She and Dr Card repeated, 'In the faith of Jesus Christ, we place this foundation stone, in the name of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Ghost.' The ceremony concluded with the *Jubilate Deo* and the Benediction. Then those who were entitled departed to the houses of Mr Haynes and Mr Bullock, who kindly offered refreshments and entertainment.

Description of the Church

The building cost £1357 of which half was donated by Lord Edward, £55 by wealthy benefactors Charles Morris and his family and the remainder by public subscription. The architect, Thomas Bellamy of London, did not charge for his designs and drawings, which left money in the kitty to pay Mr McCann the builder. The church was designed and built in the severe Early English style, like the majority of Victorian churches. Its windows were long, narrow and lancet-headed; the trussed roof very lofty; there were 186 free pew spaces and a full-sized chancel. The geometrical chancel window, made by Mr G Rogers of Worcester, was presented by the curate of the new church, Rev H Romney and comprised three lights in which the four Evangelists and the Trinity appeared in medallions. The font window, also made by G Rogers, was donated by Walter Haynes. John Archer of the Foley Arms and the Abbey Hotel presented one of the south stained glass windows that was made by Mr Fairs of Hanover St, London but one of the west windows, by Mr Wailes of Newcastle, had not been completed by the time of the consecration of the church of St Mary the Virgin on Thursday 5th December 1844.

The Consecration

The bishop and clergy gathered at the schoolrooms at 11 o'clock and processed to the church, where almost the whole village was waiting for an extraordinary event comprising splendour, pomp and excitement. Their numbers were augmented by visitors from Malvern and elsewhere and the schoolchildren, who sang appropriate hymns and psalms during the service. The prayer was read by the curate, Rev Mr Romney, and his Lordship Edward Foley was assisted at the altar by the bishop's chaplain, Rev H J Stevenson. The sentence dedicating the church to St Mary was read by Rev A Wheeler, the principal surrogate of the diocese, signed by his Lordship and handed over to the registrar, J H Clifton Esq.

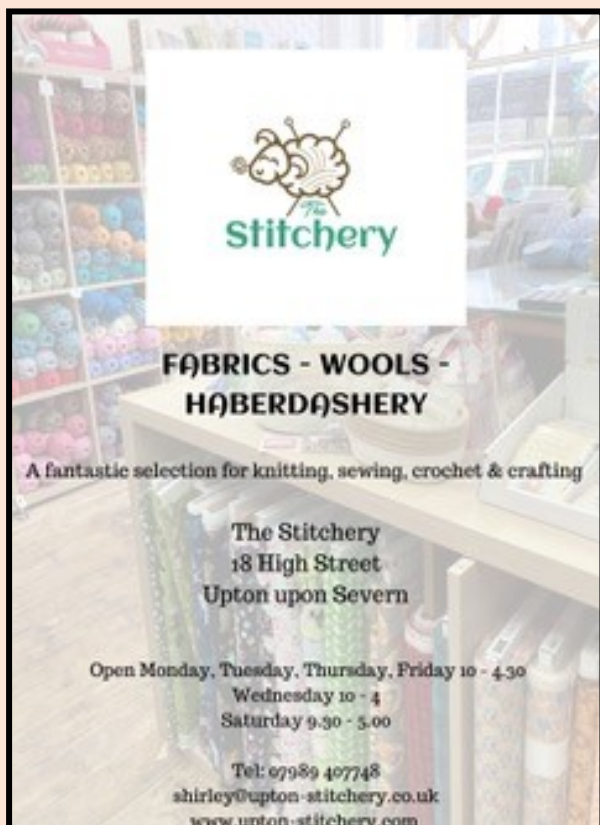
That was 180 years ago. Today, you could print out this article and go and see for yourself the plots where the church, churchyard and schoolrooms were built. Have a look inside the church and count the pew spaces. Or find out exactly where Mr Bullock and Mr Haynes lived. Who were they and are they buried in the churchyard?

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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Entertaining and Educational Children's Books for Christmas

These two books are a great Christmas read. Young children can read them and younger children can have the stories read to them. They are deliciously illustrated and a lot of fun.

The Pyjama Chase is a typical dairy-farmer experience where all the cows escape in the night and dash all around the village.

They eat the flowers and leave cow pats all over the neighbours' gardens.

The family realise the great escape and all put boots and coats over their nighties and pyjamas.

The cows are rounded up and locked safely back in the barn. The police laugh when they see all farmer Bennett's family in their pyjamas and their wellies.

Read the book to find out what Farmer Bennett does next.

As well as being immensely entertaining, the book teaches children of the milk products made from milk including yoghurt, cheese and ice cream.

The Enormous Christmas Tree is set in Madresfield Church and the illustrations in the book of this beautiful church are astonishingly accurate.

The Danish tradition of white and silver lights and decorations only is discussed.

Children decorate the tree and enjoy a story.

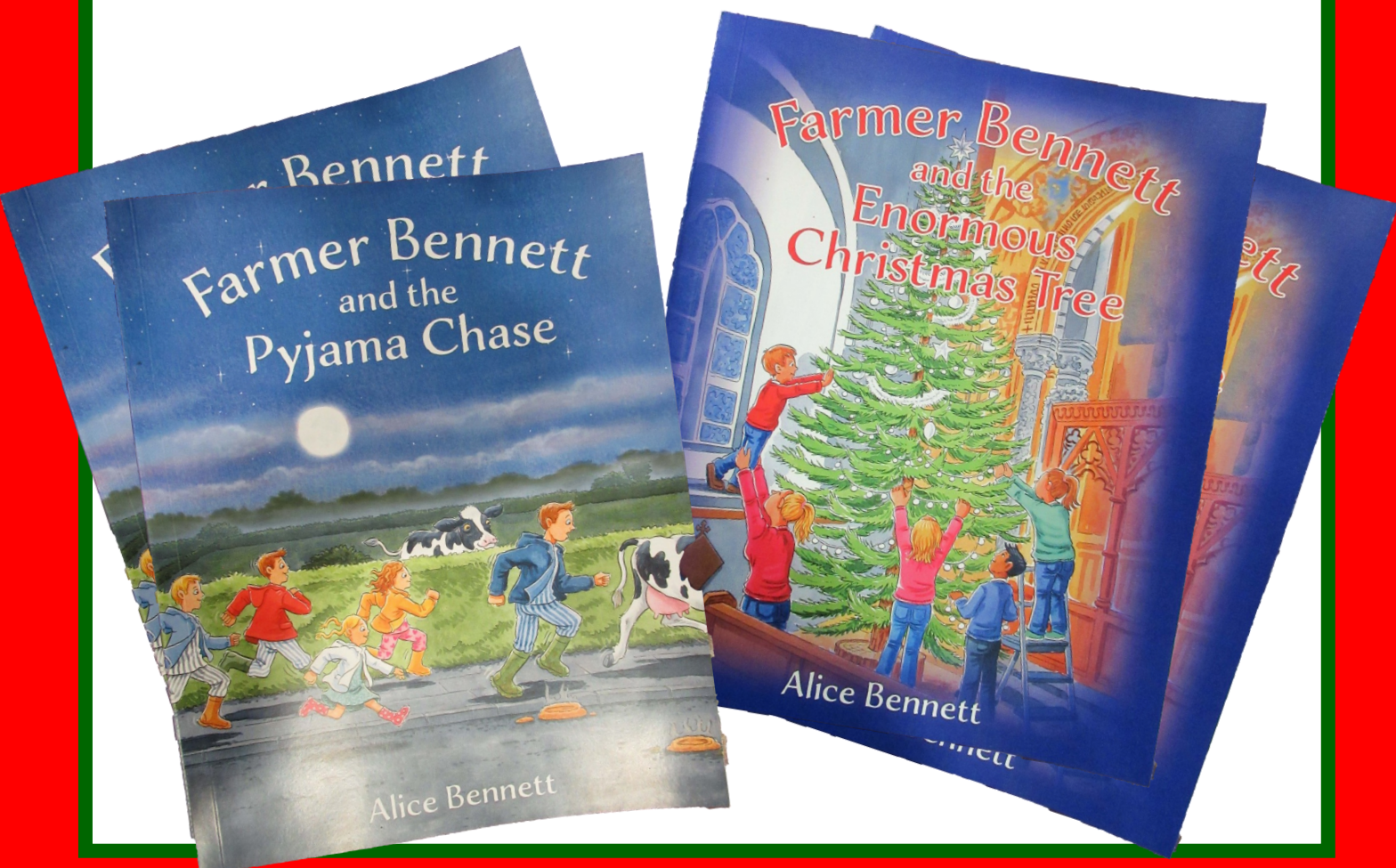
They look at the crib set and learn the real reason for Christmas.

As the teacher unplugs the tree, it topples over - Farmer Bennett has NOT tied it up!!

The tree crashes down on top of the children but the backs of the pews saves them and they all crawl out, frightened but not injured.

Read the book to discover what Farmer Bennett did next and what happened to the Christmas tree.

SEE PAGE 16 FOR AN ORDER FORM



Farmer Bennett Books - Order Form

CUSTOMER DETAILS:

FULL NAME:

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

EMAIL:

ORDER DETAILS:

ITEM		QTY
Christmas Packs (All of the below)	£24.00	
Farmer Bennett and the Enormous Christmas Tree	£9.00	
Farmer Bennett and the Pyjama Chase	£9.00	
Colouring Book	£5.00	
Crayons	£1.00	


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Collect - Free

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Delivery - £3.50

Account Name:

**Madresfield Early Years Centre
School Fund**

Account No:

00230529

Sort Code:

20-98-61



Rev Gary bought this olive-wood scene during a Holy Land Pilgrimage. It shows the wall dividing the new Israeli settlements built on the West Bank on land that was stolen from the Palestinians. If this had been done two thousands years ago, how would the Three Wise Men have got through?

Nativity 24, Guarlford



Rev Gary bought these tin-plate figures in a garden centre some years ago. He's still looking for shepherds and angels. Do let him know if you know of any for sale.



WOW!



A small travelling posada from Spain. The pearls shine out the radiance of Christmas.



This Fairtrade Nativity is made from banana fibre by the Kawangware Street Youth Project in Nairobi.



Judith Knott made these fabric figures from felt and card using a design she found in Jean Greenhowe's book *Bazaar Bestsellers*.

A candle illuminated Sheila Lynes's colourful glass Nativity .



Loaned by Marguerite and Alan Barnwell, this scene is crocheted in cotton and stuffed with wadding once used to protect delicate fruit in a delivery box. The stable is made from an old pallet.



The £ coin shows just how tiny this little Nativity scene is, set inside a hat and bought by Di Smith from a Christmas market in Krakow.



Loaned by Frances Betts, this set was knitted from the pattern book Knit the Nativity by Jan Messent



Another tiny Nativity from Rev Gary's monumental hoard.



Divine - what more can be said?

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.



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and cannot speak Dial 55
You can be found from
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Guarlford Village Hall is available for hire for small gatherings. For more information contact Gill Hollick on 07816 533251

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**.