



The Grapevine

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Compare this picture of Madresfield C of E School taken in September 2020 to the picture on page 6. What's different?

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What's On in the Parish

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Smile Train is a non-profit-making organization and charity that provides corrective surgery for children with cleft lips and palates.

If you would like to make a donation, see page 10.

Coronavirus Guidance for Churches from 14th September

Archbishop Justin Welby has stated that: 'After contact with Government we hear that there is NO CHANGE to guidance on places of worship. Worship is the work of God – not a social gathering – and gives the strength to love and service.'

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A glimpse through the 'covid keyhole'
by Melanie Newport (first penned in May this year)

On May Day 2020 I came home from work with an Easter egg and a big smile on my face. I love chocolate, but the smile was because the egg was one of several hundred that had been delivered to Worcester Royal Hospital that day for NHS staff as a thank you for the work we were doing amid the Coronavirus pandemic. The news spread like wildfire through the building...chocolate eggs...in the main entrance...send someone to pick them up! In a crisis, the NHS is fuelled by **pizza, chocolate and cake**; lots of cake. There have been so many gestures like this, big and small, some from big business, others from a nurse's Nan, and they do make us feel loved and appreciated. Pizza deliveries never made it to the Physio department, you needed to work in A&E for that!



It's been quite an experience working as a physiotherapist over the past few months; all our out-patient clinics were cancelled pretty much instantly and most of us were re-deployed onto the wards. All elective surgery (knee replacements etc) ceased, and existing patients on the wards were discharged in double-quick time. Wards were labelled red, amber and green depending on the patients admitted to them. **Green** meant using the standard gloves and apron, **Amber** was possible Covid so a surgical mask was worn too, and **Red** was Covid-positive requiring full PPE before entering the ward.

A second **Intensive Therapy Unit (ITU)** was opened, and a third was planned, but thankfully not needed. Lockdown really did protect the NHS.

Getting patients home was one thing, generally their families were only too happy to collect them, but equipment was another story – it's tricky fitting Grandad, his Zimmer frame and a commode all in the back of the same vehicle. So, often staff dropped bits off on their way home; no contact, 'I'll leave it by the back door'.

Training, we had SO MUCH training: **masks**, different types of PPE, and when to use what. I didn't have to work on ITU, but we were all taught about "proning" in case extra staff were needed. 'Proning' is a new way of managing people with certain types of breathing problems – it involves rolling patients on their tummy and helps the lungs function better. It's difficult to do with a patient on a ventilator, with lots of tubes and wires to manage, and the patient is unconscious so can't help at all – basically you wrap the person up in their sheet and six or more staff gently roll them over. It's called the **Cornish Pasty method** for a reason. (September update: The second ITU has now been closed and 'Bombed' – a super bleach deep-clean - and re-opened as a 'clean' ITU for urgent surgery, leaving the initial one for Covid-type patients.)

AGPs (**aerosol generating procedures** = coughing and spluttering into the air) required full PPE of gown, visor, mask and two layers of gloves. Does the patient have a chesty cough? Are we using a nebulizer (oxygen mask with clever gadget to vaporize their chest drugs)? And of course, any patient on a ventilator - they are unable to cough for themselves so tubing has to be disconnected and their lungs suctioned to clear the phlegm, so lots of virus-laden air.

Visors were like gold dust to begin with, and of course the staff in ITU or working on the respiratory wards took precedence. So we had to be inventive – I found that my husband’s chainsaw goggles fitted perfectly over my specs; some of the nurses preferred wearing scuba-diving face masks; we were a strange looking bunch, hair sticking out all over the place! Within a few days though, custom-made visors were delivered, some from local High School Design and Technology departments, others from companies, I think we even had some from Jaguar-Landover.



For most of the time, however, I am on wards where patients have been admitted because they are not coping at home for some reason: maybe they’ve had a fall, or have a bladder infection, and, yes, chest infections that might be the corona virus. The physio’s job is to help them regain the strength and stamina to be able to manage at home again. All are treated as suspected cases and are tested, but so long as they are not coughing, the PPE is apron, gloves and surgical mask.

Wearing the full PPE, oh my giddy aunt! It’s so hot and uncomfortable, and I am grateful that it is always there when I need it, but the gowns come in different sizes and not always the one that fits you. On one occasion a colleague and I needed to treat a gentleman who was coughing a lot and Covid positive. The gowns were far too long for two shortish physios. Trying to help this chap out of bed into his chair was like a comedy act. We trod on each other’s’ hems, parked the bed wheels on them and laughed so much our visors steamed up! The poor man in question arrived safely in his chair, chuckling and coughing – great for clearing his chest – objective achieved.

We have a staff of over 30 physios at Worcester, and yes, a few caught the bug, none of the ITU staff though, so the space suit PPE definitely works. Several physio staff had to self-isolate with minor symptoms, you could spot them easily from their lovely tans from a week at home in the sunshine. Four of our girls had a miserable time of it, but none were admitted to hospital, and all are back at work again now. Sadly there have been staff deaths, including one nurse I knew well, but thankfully very few.

Clapping for the NHS on a Thursday night – what a weekly spectacle this became. But people had to be careful. We had a lovely old chap in his nineties who fell over whilst clapping and ended up in hospital with a possible broken hip, fortunately only bruised this time, and he went home the following day with strict instructions: please no more clapping.

Scrubs bags - so many people have been sewing for the NHS. The bags have been invaluable, you can stuff your uniform in them at the end of the shift, then at the end of the week the whole lot goes into the washing machine, minimising cross contamination. And scrubs sets too - at the height of it all, staff were going through several sets a day, a myriad of colours and patterns. Headbands also helped to stop the mask elastic digging in behind your ears. Ouch! All these bits and pieces have been so greatly appreciated by us all.

We’ve had **plants** as well, kindly donated by local nurseries who were closed due to the lockdown. Amongst others, the Dutchman who sells alliums at the Spring Show and also the people from Bransford Nursery. I came home with a lovely scented dianthus, appropriately named Memories.

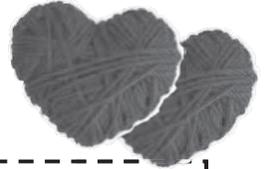
Pairs of knitted hearts (one for the patient, the other for the family) such a lovely idea, which gives relatives a tangible link to their loved ones. Initially these were for those who



had lost their lives, but are now also being used in Care Homes to connect family members. Guarlford WI knitters are part of this, and I took in over 34 pairs, thank you to Judith, Di, Gill and Rosemary.

Over the last few months, the situation has eased somewhat, the bug is still out there but there seem to be fewer admissions and the hospital atmosphere is relaxing. We are starting to think about how we can safely re-open clinics – as I write in September, the Physio Out-Patients department is now up and running again, mostly telephone consultations but with the occasional face to face appointment. All of us look forward to getting back to a new normal.

Stay safe – and keep washing your hands!



A tribute to the NHS prepared by the Strokestown Boy – Peter Connor

I'll tell you a tale, that's been recently written,
Of a powerful army, so Great it saved Britain,
They didn't have bombs and they didn't have planes,
They fought with their hearts and they fought with their brains,
They didn't have bullets, armed just with a mask,
We sent them to war, with one simple task,
To show us the way, to lead and inspire us,
To protect us from harm and fight off the virus,
It couldn't be stopped by our bullet proof vests,
An invisible enemy, invaded our chests,
So we called on our weapon, our soldiers in Blue,
"All Doctors, All Nurses, Your Country needs you"
We clapped on our streets, hearts bursting with pride,
As they went off to war, while we stayed inside,
They struggled at first, as they searched for supplies,
But they stared down the virus, in the whites of its eyes,
They leaped from the trenches and didn't think twice,
Some never came back, the ultimate price,
So tired, so weary, yet still they fought on,
As the virus was beaten and the battle was won,
The many of us, owe so much, to so few,
The brave and the bold, our heroes in Blue,
So let's line the streets and remember our debt
We love you, our heroes,

Lest we forget

Church Reopening

week, which means I will be

With our churches reopening on Sunday 6th September, it is great to worship with you again in person. The **rota for worship** has moved into a service per parish each officiating and presiding at our churches once a fortnight.

The pattern has been published before, on the Headlines news sheet and on the website. I am sure I have seen it printed on notice boards too as well as the Powick Parish Magazine and The Grapevine. The pattern of worship/venues is largely as follows **but do check the magazine/website/noticeboard etc for some variation, particularly as we approach Remembrance-tide.**

Weeks 1, 3, 5 & c (starting Sunday 6th September) 9.30am Guarlford 11.00am Powick

Weeks 2, 4, 6 & c (starting 13th September) 9.30am Callow End 11.00am Madresfield

Each service will be a service of The Eucharist/ Holy Communion with a sermon and opportunity for private prayer/candle lighting. Regrettably, we cannot sing hymns together but where possible music can be used to reflect and listen to. I am hopeful that where we can the bells will toll out too! They have been silent for too long. I am so grateful for all that have been involved in assessing and preparing our churches for worship. Thank you.

Each church has restricted seating capacity to adhere to **social distancing requirements**. I will see how it goes but for services where I and the wardens anticipate greater demand, I will consider instituting a 'book your seat' process, like some other churches have done. **Face masks must be worn in church** please. **Sanitiser** will be available. Please take direction on where to sit and how to engage with the service (especially the administration of Holy Communion) from the sidespersons on duty etc.

From 13th September, there will be a service of **Evening Prayer on Zoom** (internet service) at 5.30pm for 30mins. This might be attractive to those of you that may for good reason feel that you cannot physically attend church yet because of concerns or your availability. More details on how to access that service will be promoted next week.

I am thinking through how to produce a **Notice Sheet** to supplement our parish magazines and our website. Producing something like *Old Hills Headlines* needs help and support. It will take a few more weeks to get this up and running. A weekly email bulletin might have to suffice for the time being.

St James' at Callow End has been open each Wednesday afternoon since the end of July for private prayer and devotions. This has been welcomed by those that come along but I do need to consider how sustainable it is once our churches get into the flow of being open again on the volunteers that give up their time to set the church up each Wednesday afternoon, clean it afterwards etc. More anon.

Rev Gary

**The Reverend Gary Crellin, Vicar of the Parish of Powick
and the Parish of Guarlford and Madresfield with Newland**

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

From Mrs Julie Greenwood, writing a few weeks before retiring as head teacher of Madresfield School

The first half of the school year seems so far away now. All was going well - the school was looking and feeling great; the children were happy and using and applying their resilience and perseverance skills daily to move their learning forward. The long-awaited **OFSTED** inspector was just about to walk through the door and we were ready. Then came the Coronavirus pandemic.

We had two weeks' unofficial notice. The word was out on the educational grapevine that schools would close on a certain day in March and we did. Thanks to Madresfield Court, our long battle for a decent speed broadband arrived as 'Fibre to the Building' eight days before lockdown. Without this upgrade, the dedication and inspiration of **Mr Speakman** and the support of our IT support company we would still have been in the dark ages. The school's ability to communicate, transfer data and meet via Zoom and Teams improved beyond everyone's wildest dreams and we all soon became experts at this new way of communicating. Class emails gave the children access to their class teachers along with the weekly lesson packs and online lessons and resources. Our website transformed overnight too. **Kay Shuard** in the office ensured that everything was communicated clearly and that it was updated on a daily basis.

The Government announcement that schools were to open on 1st June was met with fear and excitement. I have been immensely proud of all the staff at Madresfield. They have worked tirelessly to support all our children in school and online throughout this very challenging time. The Easter holidays and half term disappeared into just another day of dealing with the latest Government guidance and meeting the increasingly diverse needs of our children and families. Since returning in June, we have offered the opportunity for every pupil to return to school for learning and contact with school, their friends and their class teachers before school closes for the summer. Not all have taken up the offer to return for a myriad of reasons. However, it is not unusual at the moment to walk around school and discover one of our TAs deep in conversation with a pupil over the internet or on the telephone.

For me personally, as I am retiring from education, it was meant to be a year of doing things for the last time. Like so many others, my hopes and experiences have been dramatically changed. With social distancing rules, many of the events that should have marked the end to my career have not taken place. I feel this personally, but realise that I am one of many of all ages who have missed important milestone events in their lives.

I leave Madresfield with a range of mixed emotions. I am so grateful for the five years I



have spent working within this community. I hope I have given a fraction of what I have received from the children, families and colleagues I have worked with over the years. I consider it a privilege to have been part of the Madresfield family and know that I have been blessed to end my working life in such a place. Moving forward it will continue to change and grow and be a special place for the children and families it serves.

There was a satirical comedy series on TV at one time and every episode contained the catch phrase 'Don't mention the war'. I've always thought - why ever not?

It's true the world war years evoke so many sorrowful memories, but I am of the opinion that our modern world should discuss and debate what happened during those dark years if we and future generations are ever to learn anything from when the whole world was in turmoil.

Those were the years when the world changed for ever, yet those monstrous years are now within the pages of innumerable history books that are just peeped at now and then.

It is easy for today's peoples to take for granted the democracy of a free society if they do not look back and appreciate the huge sacrifice the youth of those dark years gave for the privileges we and our successors enjoy today.

There were many commemorative services and celebrations planned for this 75th anniversary year but unfortunately because of the Covid 19 restrictions all large gatherings were curtailed. However, many poignant tributes and smaller ceremonies from across the world were televised and broadcast of which I felt compelled to listen or to watch.

Today, many of those who had first hand experiences of fighting a war, the many civilians and even those who were children during those dark years, are dwindling to just a few; yet listening to their testimonies and watching old film coverage not only reinforced my deep admiration of their courage and fortitude, but also I learnt even more about those darkest of years.

During the summer months of 80 years ago the air Battle for Britain raged over our Kentish countryside. The average age of the young British and Polish pilots was just 18, with an expectancy of just six 'combat sorties' before being shot down as they fought to successfully repeal Hitler's invasion of our Isles. Then the next huge turning point of the war was the defeat of Rommel's army in the sands of north Africa. We and the brave men from our commonwealth countries, many of whom were volunteers, were joined by our American allies as the war raged on through lands and seas until at last an end was in sight with a victory in Europe on May 8th 1945.

The most brutal of fighting was still raging in the Far East, where thousands upon thousands of Hindi and Muslim Indians volunteered to also fight alongside the Allies to be rid of a fanatical military might that had vowed to die in battle. Over two thirds of the million Allies still fighting in the Far East were either killed or died in the atrocious POW camps during those last 3 months of the war it ended with the dropping of the atomic bombs, at last there was an end to the carnage of the Second World War.

Because the news of the surrender had not yet been disseminated to remote areas, there were British, New Zealand and Australian military still fighting and dying in the depth of the jungles of Borneo, Therefore, it was not until several months later and after several weeks ship passage that all of the Allies of the Far East were repatriated. Most jubilations back in the Allies home countries had calmed, so is it any wonder that these men who endured so much and so far from home adopted the name of The Forgotten Army?

Sadly, during these post war years, there were times our military forces were called upon to defend peoples from aggression and tyranny. These acts in places such as Cyprus, Korea, Kenya, Aden, Belize, Falklands, Bosnia, Afghanistan and Iraq may not have been on such a huge scale as the two world wars but never the less they are equally horrendous on lives, if it is not for them the world would be a much sorrower place. We should remember and not let them fall also into being called a "Forgotten Army".

I'm an old lady now who was just a wee child during those dark years, but both I and my husband are proud to have strong connections with our military Forces. We have ensured our children and they, their children too, know and appreciate what their ancestors endured so we might have a future. I hope that the Covid 19 is waning so that we might be able to congregate with like-minded individuals and once more honour and pay our respects to all service personnel on Remembrance Sunday this 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War.

Lest We Forget

Remembrance Sunday will be different this year. Highly likely to be wreath laying only and prayers around the war memorials with no full church service.
To be confirmed.

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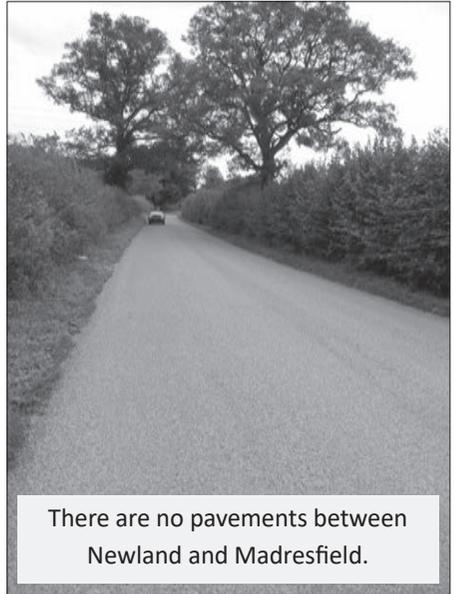
The **new normal for the church services** means facemasks, social distancing and no hymns. The facemasks are a bit strange since you have to rely on people's eyes to see if they are smiling, especially during The Peace, which is now a wave and a smile. Then there is the lack of singing, which kind of disrupts the flow of the service. I am now having to think about when I should be standing and when sitting; before, it just came naturally. If this continues much longer, I will know the new rhythm and have to adjust back to the old. Hmm not a good thing I feel. Even though I cannot sing, I do miss singing hymns in church.

Sadly, we have traffic back to pre-lockdown levels on the main road. I did so enjoy the lack of traffic in April and May, but it is a sign of the return of a more normal life.

Has anyone else noticed the **lack of pavements** if you want to walk from Newland to Madresfield? There are no pavements for the bottom of the slip road into Madresfield village. The lockdown has increased the desire for people to walk for exercise, but do be careful if you are walking that way.

The library in Great Malvern has reopened in a new way of course due to social distancing. The other good news is that from 3rd September the mobile library is back visiting Newland. All are welcome. It parks up outside the community on the first Thursday of the month at 2.25pm. No library card? No problem; they will join you up for free.

Our **annual Sunflower competition** was judged and the winner of the tallest and most beautiful flowers were declared. Ten flowers entered this year. Mine, unfortunately, was eaten by something before it really grew. But in compensation my roses have been wonderful this year and even now, despite all the inclement weather, Super Trooper, my fantastic scented orange floribunda is still going strong. The potentilla found at Brockhampton, mentioned in the last Grapevine, is blooming and will get a bit of a tidy up once it stops flowering as it is rather overgrown at the moment. I think it's called White Lady, which seems appropriate given its small white flowers.



There are no pavements between Newland and Madresfield.



Here is a photo of our new pond / water feature and its lovely view of part of the quadrangle so everyone can see how well it's coming on. The plants are taking hold and despite a nocturnal visitor leaving small hoof prints in and

around the pond and a bit of damage done to the plants. The pond is still looking good. The visitor is believed to have been a Muntjac deer.

Social distancing is here to stay until a vaccine is found and despite the changes to the world around us somethings are constant, the beauty of the gardens at the Beauchamp Community is one of them. The vagaries of the British weather is the other.

As usual our website is available <https://beauchampstleonard.org> for anyone who wants to know more about the community.

Jane Tinklin



Several times whilst driving down Guarford straight, I have seen a lady litter picking. She has been tidying the grass verges from the junction of Chance Lane to Guarford Church.

There has also been someone keeping the 'kiosk island' litter free. I don't know who they are but a huge THANK YOU for their community spirit.

A cartoon illustration of a young girl with short dark hair, wearing a grey t-shirt and a dark skirt. She is walking and holding a black trash bag. A plastic bottle lies on the ground near her feet, and she appears to be about to pick it up.

Guarford Village Hall is set to re-open on Monday 7th September. Available for hire for small gatherings. For more information contact Gill Hollick on 07816 533251

SMILE TRAIN

Covid completely disrupted our Lenten Charity collection this year. If anyone wishes to donate to **SMILE TRAIN**, please could monies be taken to church or left with **Elizabeth Palmer** 33 Hall Green Close, WR14 3QY 01684 575914 Gift Aid envelopes are available. The appeal will be open until the end of November.



Vicar's Pastoral Letter - October 2020

As I write this letter to you all, I am basking in the delight in getting back into our church buildings and beginning to worship with you all again. **A big thank you** for all of you that made this happen. As has been spelt out before, it is worship in the new normal - whatever that means. But we have done it, we are gathering again. May be not as many times a month as we used to, but perhaps less is going to be more as we move forward in a number of ways in this developing new normality.

With all that is going on at the moment, with the debacle of the education results at the end of summer, the too-ing/fro-ing of quarantine rules for travellers to different countries, the sheer amount of time it takes to fix the drainage at St Peter's or sort the wall out at Guarlford, defining what **The Rule of Six** means (sounds very Apocrypha) or justifying the suspension of our mid-week service at The Orchard, I was reminded by a colleague's vicar's *letter* recently that, as philosopher Friedrich Von Schlegel said, '**The historian is a prophet looking backwards**' and I think that rather neatly defines the problem anyone taking decisions in these uniquely uncertain times faces.

Attempting to chart a course through the uncharted waters of Covid-19 is in a sense, a prophetic task. We've never faced a global pandemic before; there's no historical road map to fall back on and so it's down to our elected officials to build the road. And when you're out breaking ground in new territory, it's inevitable you are going to get some things wrong. That's why it's always much easier to play the role of historian than prophet. We all can say, "I would have done it better", but few of us actually have the courage to get up and do it.

I say all this with half an eye on one our recent bible readings, from **St Paul's letter to the Romans** (in particular, chapter 12), where Paul talks about what true worship is. In the Bible, true worship isn't just enjoying your favourite church music, nor is it Book of Common Prayer instead of our latest offering – *Mass for Hard Times*. Instead, it's something far more radical. It's everyone who knows Jesus offering themselves to God as living sacrifices, saying "not my will but yours be done", and being ready to use whatever gifts God has given us as he would have us use them. That's true worship.

Here's how Paul concludes his thoughts on true worship, "*Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.*"

So, what's your gift?

I am looking for gifts, and it's not yet Christmas. I am looking for people to help your church, and I am getting a bit fed up with asking.

As we approach the season of annual meetings, I am hoping that some of you reading this letter will consider **how best you can use your gifts to support Your Churches**. With churchwarden and other vacancies to be filled across our churches, help being needed in different quarters of church life, perhaps your time in lockdown or furlough has given you the nudge to step up to the plate. Maybe you fancy helping with producing our online services if you are a keen *Youtuber*, maybe you are a dab hand at web site design. Perhaps cleaning or flower arranging is your joy. What about helping with our **Open the Book** story telling (when we can go back to schools, until then, be a video star....).

Your gift, if offered, will be valued, not returned. It's time to look forward, not back. Let's make history.

Take care and every blessing -

Rev Gary

The Old Hills Malvern Churches

Your Church in Powick, Callow End, Guarlford, Madresfield with Newland

Wanted - apply within....

Volunteering opportunities

With the **new normal** taking shape and churches reopening, your Vicar is keen to hear from individuals, groups or organisations that can help with his developing ministry of the Churches across these beautiful villages in the following ways:

Chief Operating Officer - Church (aka The Churchwarden at Guarlford)

In the likely event that **Churchwarden vacancies** will not be filled at the Guarlford, Madresfield with Newland Annual Parish Meeting in early October again, the net is being widened. If you are interested in organising and supporting the church and its building in your community (after all, it's your church), please contact The Vicar. This role would particularly appeal to those with a bit of time on their hands, are team players and have an organisational flair. Can see the beauty of our church buildings in the village of Guarlford and will strive to work to keep them that way? Can you work with a **vicar** and **verger** that are keen to see the church in that village flourish? How can we work together to make that so? Post available from October.

Chief Finance Officer - aka PCC Treasurer at Powick with Callow End

Expressions of interest are urgently required by anyone in our communities with financial flair, attention to detail and the tenacity (and time) to work through church finances with the Vicar, Wardens and Powick Church Council. You might be an **accountant or book keeper** with time and experience to offer, or someone with good organisational, inputting and admin skills that would be willing to pick this up and run with it, with support and guidance. After 6 months closed, and exciting major schemes (as well as some liabilities to attend to) whilst navigating uncharted times during the Covid19 Pandemic, what better time to build your CV's credentials, or use your well hone financial acumen, to support the Church in your village. Again, contact the vicar for further information.

Post available from January 2021 to aid handover and joint working from now.

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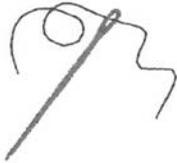
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Madresfield Early Years Centre www.meyc.co.uk 01684 574378 (9am-2pm)

Mrs Alice Bennett 01684 574378

* Madresfield Parent & Toddler Club; Tuesdays 11-12; Gymini classes throughout Wednesdays * Holiday Play Schemes * After School Collection & Care

- Babies to PreSchool Care 8am-6pm daily

Social

Madresfield Club : Secretary, Mrs Jo Morgan 01684 573363

Bell Ringing: Practice Mondays, 7.30 at Madresfield Church

Geoff Titmuss 01684 572495

Guarlford Village Hall Bookings: Don Hill 01684 563667

Countryside Matters

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Newland representative: Tom Yapp 01886 833122

Guarlford representative: David Fellows

Community Support Officer: PCSO Martin Butcher

**The Parish of Powick and Parish of Guarlford and Madresfield with Newland
COVID Worshipping Timetable - 6th September 2020 - Advent Sunday 2020**

DATE	TIME	SERVICE	VENUE	LEADER/Notes
6 th September	9.30am	H Communion	Guarlford	Dedication services to mark reopening
Dedication services	11.00am	H Communion	Powick	
	5.30pm	Evening Service	Zoom	
13 th September	9.30am	H Communion	Callow End	
Dedication Service	11.00am	H Communion	Madresfield	
	5.30pm	Evening Service	Zoom	
20 th September	9.30am	H Communion B	Guarlford	
	11.00am	H Communion B	Powick	
	5.30pm	Evening Service	Zoom	
27 th September	9.30am	H Communion	Callow End	These services can be pseudo Harvest services. Chances are they will be supplemented by a Lords Alive FaceBook service by Kay/Vicky
	11.00am	H Communion	Madresfield	
	5.30pm	Evening service	Zoom	
4 th October	9.30am	H Communion	Guarlford	
	11.00am	H. Communion	Powick	
	5.30pm	Evening service	Zoom	
11 th October	9.30am	H Communion B	Callow End	
	11.00am	H Communion B	Madresfield	
	5.30pm	Evening service	Zoom	
18 th October	9.30am	H. Communion	Guarlford	
Luke The Evangelist	11.00am	H. Communion	Powick	
	5.30pm	Evening Service	Zoom	
25 th October	9.30am	H. Communion	Callow End	
	11.00am	H. Communion	Madresfield	
	5.30pm	Evening Service	Zoom	
1 st November	10.30am	All Saints Day	Zoom	
	5.30pm	All Souls Open Memorial	Zoom	
8 th November	9.30am	Remembrance	Guarlford	
Remembrance services - memorial thanksgiving and wreath laying only	10.45am	Remembrance	Madresfield	
	10.45am	Remembrance	Powick	
	3.00pm	Remembrance	Callow End	
	5.30pm	Evening Service of Spiritual Communion	Zoom	
15 th November	9.30am	H Communion B	Guarlford	
	11.00am	H Communion B	Powick	
	5.30pm	Evening service	Zoom	
22 nd November	9.30am	H. Communion B	Callow End	
Christ the King Advent -1	11.00am	H. Communion B	Madresfield	
	5.30pm	Evening Service	Zoom	
29 th November	10.30am	Advent Live!	Zoom	
Advent Sunday	TBA	Deanery Advent	The Priory	