

**Worship Services**

**5th May**

Studley 10am Holy Communion + Children's Group  
- Commission new DCC

Mappleborough 10am Morning Worship Going Deeper  
- *Ankorn House*

6pm Youth Group - *Vicarage*

**Thursday 9th May Ascension Day**

Mappleborough 9.30am Churches Together Holy Communion  
(with pastries and hot drinks from 9am)

**12th May Christian Aid Week begins**

Studley 8am Holy Communion  
10am Prayer and Praise + Youth Discussion  
3.30pm Messy Church - *Parish Centre*

Mappleborough 10am Holy Communion for All - commission new DCC  
Oldberrow 4pm Holy Communion



**19th May Pentecost**

Studley 10am Opening the Bible + Children's Group



6pm Holy Communion - *Parish Centre*

Mappleborough 10am Café Church

**26th May**

Studley 8am Holy Communion  
10am Worship for Everyone - Songs of Praise  
Mappleborough 10am Holy Communion  
Morton Bagot 4pm Evensong

**News, information and events coming up**

**Christian Aid Week 2024 – 12-18 May**

**Seven days, so many ways to make a difference.**

Every Christian Aid Week, people across Britain and Ireland raise funds, act and pray for their global neighbours in a celebration of hope for a fairer world.

This year's appeal is focussing on the organisation's work in Burundi, one of the most densely populated and poorest countries in Africa.

More than 70 per cent of the population live in poverty and more than half of children are chronically malnourished.

You can find out more about Christian Aid's work in Burundi at our 10am services at Studley on 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> May or come along to our Christian Aid Afternoon Tea at the Parish Centre on 19<sup>th</sup> May at 3.30pm.

As part of our fund-raising effort, we are hoping to deliver a Christian Aid Week envelope to every house in Studley and Mappleborough

Green. If you can help with this, please contact Lynda Barr (07792 658926).



You can donate on-line via our giving page at

<https://fundraise.christianaid.org.uk/envelope-2024/studley-christian-aid-week-2024>

Or scan the QR code

**Scones needed please** for the Christian Aid Churches Together Pentecost Tea next Sunday 19th May. Please let Kate or Mercia know if you can provide some.

**Acts435** charity have been approached by a single mum newly housed in Studley having escaped domestic abuse with her daughter for urgent help to buy an oven. If you would like to donate towards the £200 needed, please click on the link below and contribute anonymously to the collection

<https://www.acts435.org.uk/needs/R53853/>

**Newcomers Welcome Tea 3.00pm Sunday 5th May**

If you have joined Arden Marches churches in the last year or so, you are warmly invited to a light afternoon tea at The Vicarage, 3 Manor Mews, Studley B80 7PR. A relaxed time for us to get to know one another better. RSVP to Kate (contact info below).

**Tuesday Life group**

The Tuesday life group is starting a course on 'Fruits of the spirit in everyday life' which comprises a short video and discussion. We meet on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 7:30 pm usually at 59a Bromsgrove road. Anyone is welcome to join us. If you would like to know more see Lynda Barr or Hilary Volrath



It's **Alpha Course** time of year again! The **Alpha Supper** that gives a taster of the course will be **Wednesday 29th May in Ankorn House**, and the course

will then be on following Wednesdays. This is a great opportunity to explore the Christian faith more deeply, whether you have any previous experience or not! Do consider joining us, or inviting someone along to the supper, and please pray for the Holy Spirit to be at work bringing people to faith in Jesus Christ. More info from Kate.

**Annual Meetings**

At the Studley with Mappleborough Green Annual Meetings the following were elected (or continue in post):

**Studley**

Churchwarden: Phil Pattison Deputies: Mark Herauville, Louise Grubb  
Deanery Synod: Joan Lock, Lynda Barr (PCC & DCC Lay Chair)

PCC: Mike Moffat, Louise Grubb, Janie Stephenson, Richard Spray

DCC: Jenny Adcock, Mercia Lee, Ann Chance, Thomas Fincham, Kay Middleton

Treasurer: Joyce Duffin, Secretary: Ann Bond

**Mappleborough**

Churchwarden: Linda Salisbury Deputies: John Styler, Mark Crompton  
Deanery Synod: Linda Salisbury (DCC Secretary)

PCC: Janet Green (PCC Secretary), Alan Greathead (DCC Lay Chair), Guy Allen

DCC: Pat Wheeler, Tony Heslegrave, Diane Pannell, Gladys Davies, Susannah Knight

No Treasurer was elected, so Alan Greathead agreed to continue on a month by month temporary basis.

Pat Smith was co-opted to PCC as PCC Treasurer

Many thanks to everyone whose term of office has come to an end, to those continuing, and to those newly elected. The Annual Report shows just how much we have to be thankful to God for over the past year, and how much the many volunteers have given to enable the life of our church - thank you all.

You can read the Annual Report on our website: [https://www.ardenmarches.co.uk/Groups/374373/Latest\\_News.aspx](https://www.ardenmarches.co.uk/Groups/374373/Latest_News.aspx)

We will commission and pray for those serving on these governance committees in our 10am Sunday worship on 5th May (Studley) and 12th May (Mappleborough)

**Morton Bagot and Oldberrow Annual Parochial Church Meeting:  
7.30pm Wednesday 8th May in Oldberrow Church.**

#### Welcome to Arden Marches churches

We are delighted to welcome newcomers, and we hope you quickly feel 'at home' among us. If you would like to get to know us better, please complete a 'Keeping in Touch' form available in church and hand it to a warden or minister. We offer activities for children and youth, and a range of midweek small groups to encourage adults in living out our Christian faith: to find out more please speak to Kate our vicar.

#### Men's breakfast Guest speaker Dan Holland

Meeting at The Kings Court Hotel Kings Coughton, Alcester B49 5QQ  
I am a passionate follower of Jesus, happily married to Rebecca and proud dad of Anna. My joy is to preach about Jesus and I have been privileged to do so on four continents. As lead evangelist for TFM I have led more than thirty UK missions including a chaplaincy to Download (the heavy metal festival). I am planning to take teams to Kenya, having been out twice as an individual evangelist. I have written four books including 'Prophetic Evangelism' and love to combine the gifts of the Spirit with evangelism, especially prophecy. Everything I do is undergirded by discipleship and a vision to raise up a new generation of evangelists, equipping and training them.  
Admission £11.00 Please contact Phil Pattison if you would like to go.

#### Prayer

#### Prayer the Powerhouse of the Church

Meeting 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month.

6<sup>th</sup> June 10.00am in the Parish Centre

16<sup>th</sup> May 10.00am 3 Canterbury Close

We will be reflecting on what God for what he is doing and praying for the current needs and direction of our churches and community.  
For more information contact Kate or Alan & Rosemary Tostevin  
All are welcome.

#### For your prayers

Contact Judith McLelland to add the names of people in urgent and critical need of prayer (with their permission). People remain on the list for 4 weeks (do contact Judith if they need to remain after this) People with ongoing difficulties remain in our prayers even if their names no longer appear below.

We pray for people in particular need including: **Rachel Nicholas Emilia and Heather Wersocki Emma Nichol**

We commend to God all who have died recently and pray for their families: **Diana Elvins**

We remember those for whom the anniversary of their death falls at this time: **Margaret Ann Attwood**

#### Prayer for the week: sixth Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father.

#### Prayer for the week: seventh Sunday of Easter

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

#### Churches open for personal prayer:

Studley Church: open daily 10am-4pm

Oldberrow Church is always open.

Morton Bagot Church is usually open 10am-4pm

#### Parish Giving Scheme

If you wish to give regularly to one of our churches we recommend using the Parish Giving Scheme. It is easy to set up your gift via the website or by phone. The church postcode and name of village will identify the church:

Studley church: B80 7AB

Mappleborough Church: B80 7DJ

Morton Bagot Church: B80 7EJ

Oldberrow Church: B95 5NU

<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/setting-up-your-gift/>

telephone: 03330021260

#### Contact details

#### For safeguarding concerns:

**Parish Safeguarding Officer:** Charlotte Fitchett 07540323174

[safeguarding@ardenmarches.co.uk](mailto:safeguarding@ardenmarches.co.uk)

Diocesan safeguarding Team (24hrs) 024 7652 1345

#### **Rector: Revd Kate Mier**

3 Manor Mews, Studley B80 7PR [rector@ardenmarches.co.uk](mailto:rector@ardenmarches.co.uk)

01527 852830 07894444351 *Rest day: Friday*

#### **Church Administrator: Judith McLelland**

Available 2.00pm-4.30pm Monday to Thursday

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Church Office, 3 Manor Mews Studley B80 7PR

*News sheet deadline 2pm Thursday*

#### **Family Link Worker: Angela Corlett**

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#### **Anna Chaplain for older people: Celia Spiers**

[annachaplain@ardenmarches.co.uk](mailto:annachaplain@ardenmarches.co.uk) 07710 198009

#### **Parish Centre bookings: Mike Moffat**

[parish-centre@ardenmarches.co.uk](mailto:parish-centre@ardenmarches.co.uk) 07594 948534

#### **Ankorn House bookings: Linda Salisbury**

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#### **Website:**

[www.ardenmarches.co.uk](http://www.ardenmarches.co.uk)

#### **Facebook page:**

Arden Marches Churches  
Oldberrow and Morton Bagot Churches  
Sunbeams Parent & Toddler Group (Studley)  
Arden Marches Messy Church

#### **Facebook group:**

Arden Marches Church Family  
Studley Dementia Cafe