

## Worship Services for Advent and Christmas

### STUDLEY

15th December	10am Opening the Bible 6pm Holy Communion - Parish Centre
22nd December	8am Holy Communion 10am Worship for Everyone - refreshments 9.45am 6pm Carol Service with live band and singers
Christmas Eve	4.00pm Crib Service 11.00pm Holy Communion
Christmas Day	10.00am Celebration
29th December	10.00am Arden Marches new year worship: Into 2025 with hope from God

### MAPPLEBOROUGH

15th December	10am Cafe Carols of Praise - refreshments 9.45am
22nd December	10am Holy Communion
Christmas Eve	4.00pm Christingle
Christmas Day	10.00am Holy Communion
29th December	No church service - brunch at a garden centre

### OLDBERROW

15th December 4pm Candlelit Carol Service  
Rescheduled from 8<sup>th</sup>

### MORTON BAGOT

Christmas Day 11.15am Holy Communion

## News, information and events coming up

### Messy Christingle

Thank you to everyone who contributed to The Children's Society collection at Messy Church last Sunday. Together we raised £40.

### School Christingle

A huge thank you to all who helped prepare the Christingles for the School Christingle morning. The children were very engaged with the activity and grateful they could have a Christingle they had made to take home.

### Decorating Studley Church for Christmas

We are meeting to decorate the Church for Christmas on Saturday 14th December at 10.00am. Volunteers to help would be appreciated. We particularly need holly with berries, for further details about the arrangements please contact Hilary Volrath (07890 448778) or Phil Pattison (07565 244295).

**Methodist Church Christmas Tree Festival refreshments available**  
Friday 13th December 10.00 - 12.00 noon  
Saturday 14th December 10.00 - 1.00 pm

### Christians in Studley: carol singing all welcome

at Bruno's Bakery Saturday 14th December

meet 10am sharp outside, singing will be on the terrace till 11.30am  
**outside the Baptist Church 7pm Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>**

### Studley Carol Service

We need volunteers to provide mince pies for the Carol Service on 22<sup>nd</sup> December. If you can help it would be appreciated. Please text or WhatsApp Alison Concannon on 07550 087320.



### New Year Party at the Parish Centre

Everyone is welcome to our **New Year Party** to be held from **5-8pm on Friday 3rd January 2025**. Let's ask God's blessing on us as we start 2025 together with fun and fellowship, bring and share food, games and laughter.

Speak with Hilary Volrath, Louise and Mercia for more details.

### Church Administrator Appointment

Judith McLelland has been our administrator for about 11 years. She is leaving us at Christmas - we are very thankful to her for serving our churches in this way and wish her God's blessing. I am delighted to announce that Rachel Nicholas will take on the role from the new year.

### Help needed

Studley in 2025 opportunities for service It's that time of year again for doing rotas for the next year. Can you help in anyway in Studley? Are your gifts in welcoming at the door, reading a lesson, preparing and reading prayers, making coffee? Could you offer help once a quarter cleaning the church or once a year providing flowers for the church? For more details of what is need or to make any offers of help please talk to Phil Pattison

### Opportunities to serve in our work with children and families

Angela and those working with her are doing great work among children at Studley St Mary's CofE Academy, and with families through our Sunbeams toddler group. We are looking for volunteers to support this work in various ways. Contact Kate to find out more:

#### **Sunbeams on Friday mornings:**

1. set up the room: 8.30am

2. serve hot drinks: 9.15 to 10.15
3. pop in and chat with guests: anytime between 9.30 and 11am
4. pack away: 11.30am

**Studley School** - 12.15-1pm Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays: host small numbers of children in the prayer shed as they use the prayer activities provided.

### If anyone would like to join the Flower team to provide fresh flowers for

the altar at Mappleborough Church, help decorate the church at key church events and clean the brasses please contact me to have a chat.

Diane Pannell 07811421754 or dianepannell@yahoo.co.uk

### Worship Services in Studley Care Homes

Celia Spiers, the Arden Marches Anna Chaplain, leads monthly services in our Care Homes. Church members would be very welcome to join her - please contact her if you wish to attend to confirm the date and time, and so she knows to expect you.



### Tea, Cake and Friendship

Mondays 2.30-4.00pm (not bank holidays)

Come and join us for a cuppa and some company at the Parish Centre, Needle Close, Studley

### Souper Bowls **Not on Christmas Eve**

Souper bowls - every 2nd and 4th Tuesdays (except Bank Holidays)

12.00 to 1.30pm at the Parish Centre. Min £3 donation requested



### Sunbeams

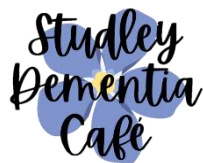
Meets Fridays 9.30-11.30. (term time) Creative play, craft, story, songs, fun, friendship, cuppa, cake and chat. Free (give a donation if you wish). No need to book. Final session this year on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December.



### **Studley Dementia Café 19<sup>th</sup> December**

Every first and third Thursdays in the month at the Parish Church Centre 2-4pm. The first Thursday is the Dementia Cafe and the third Thursday is Singing for fun. A warm welcome, chat, coffee and cake.

For more information contact [studleydementia cafe@gmail.com](mailto:studleydementia cafe@gmail.com) or Celia: 07710198009



### **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.

**Facebook users** please 'like' and preferably add a comment to our Facebook posts, share them, tag people in them whenever you can - makes a big difference to their effectiveness in helping people engage with our events. Thank you!

### **Prayer**

#### **Prayer the Powerhouse of the Church**

Meeting 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month.

Next meeting is

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

We will be reflecting on what God is doing and praying for the current needs and direction of our churches and community.

For more information contact Kate or Alan & Rosemary Tostevin

### **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: **Jean Burbage, Jon Richards, Sheila Vale, Margaret Deimel, Bob and Pearl Taylor, Emilia and Heather Wersocki.**

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

We remember those for whom the anniversary of their death falls at this time: **Margaret Onions and Ruth Chambers.**

### **Prayer for the week Advent 3**

God for whom we watch and wait,  
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:  
give us courage to speak the truth,  
to hunger for justice,  
and to suffer for the cause of right,  
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **A prayer for growth for us to use at home and whenever we meet**

God of mission who alone brings growth to your Church

Send the Holy Spirit to give

vision to our planning

wisdom to our actions

joy to our worship

and power to our witness

Help our church to grow

in numbers

in spiritual commitment to you

and in service to our local community

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Churches open for personal prayer:**

Studley Church: open daily 10am-3pm

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 McLlland**

Available 2.00pm-4.30pm Monday to Thursday

[parish@ardenmarches.co.uk](mailto:parish@ardenmarches.co.uk) 01527 850130

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**

[ankorn-house@ardenmarches.co.uk](mailto:ankorn-house@ardenmarches.co.uk) 07872 625006

#### **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 Café

#### **Website:**



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