

Worship Services for Advent and Christmas

STUDLEY

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
5th January	10am Holy Communion
12th January	8am Holy Communion 10am Prayer and Praise 3.30pm Messy Church - <i>Parish Centre</i>

MAPPLEBOROUGH

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
5th January	10am Going Deeper - Ankcorn House
12th January	10am Holy Communion For All

OLDBERROW

12th January	4pm Holy Communion
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MORTON BAGOT

Christmas Day	11.15am Holy Communion
26th January	4pm Evensong

January services will follow their usual pattern.

News, information and events coming up

Church office reopens Monday 6th January.

Available 9.00-11.30am Monday to Thursday
parish@ardenmarches.co.uk 01527 850130

Christians in Studley: carol singing all welcome
outside (and inside!) the Baptist Church 7pm Thursday 19th

Studley Carol Service

We need volunteers to provide mince pies for the Carol Service on 22nd 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.

Start a down-to-earth 6 session course to help people explore God, Jesus and the journey of life. We really enjoyed this course last year, and are offering it again for people to explore things for the first time, or as a new year refresher for those more familiar with living the Christian life. Our next Start Course will be held **in the Vicarage 7.30-9.00pm Thursday evenings beginning on 23rd January**. You can join via Zoom if that suits you better. RSVP to Kate.

Thank you to Bumbles for hosting (on their day off!) a wonderful Christmas tea that was much enjoyed by the members of Tea, Cake and Friendship group.

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. Next meeting on 10th January 2025.



Studley Dementia Café 2nd January 2025

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 studleydementiacafe@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, all welcome
Next meeting is 16th January 10.00am 3 Canterbury Close

For your prayers

Contact Rachel Nicholas 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 Rachel 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: **Maureen Dew, 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: **Barbara Pickersgill**

We remember those for whom the anniversary of their death falls at this time: **Geoffrey Vale, Betty Round, Cody Fisher, Sue Ludlow, Maisie Tullett, Richard Jones and Margaret Midgley.**

Prayer for the week Advent 4

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs of this present age
to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayer for the week Christmas 1

God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love:
gather the nations to be one family,
and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel,
our Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer for the week Epiphany

Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star
to worship the Christ-child:
guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end
in 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

Diocesan safeguarding Team (24hrs) 024 7652 1345

Rector: Revd Kate Mier

3 Manor Mews, Studley B80 7PR rector@ardenmarches.co.uk 01527

852830 07894444351 *Rest day: Friday*

Church Administrator: Rachel Nicholas

Available 9.00-11.30am Monday to Thursday

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News sheet deadline 9am Thursday

Family Link Worker: Angela Corlett

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parish-centre@ardenmarches.co.uk 07594 948534

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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:



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