

Worship Services for January

STUDLEY

19 th January	10am	Opening the Bible	
	6pm	Evening Prayer	<i>Parish Centre</i>
26th January	8am	Holy Communion	
	10am	Worship for Everyone	

MAPPLEBOROUGH

19 th January	10am	Café Church
26th January	10am	Holy Communion

OLDBERROW

26th January	4pm	Evensong
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MORTON BAGOT

this month's service is held at Oldberrow

Prayer the Powerhouse of the Church

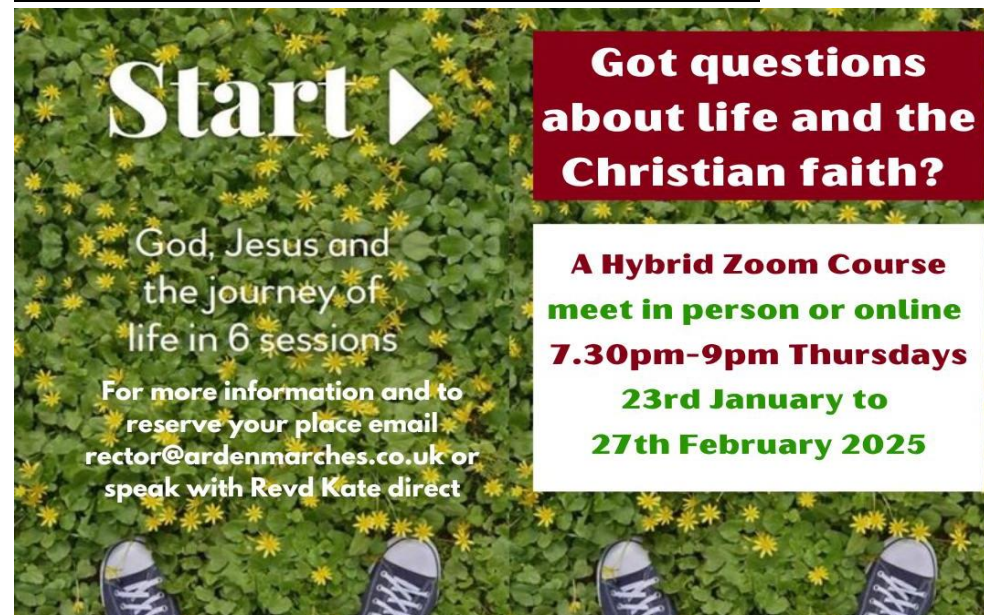
Meeting 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month, all welcome.

Next meeting is 6th February 10.00am at Parish Centre.

Thank you so much for the card and collection that was given to me before Christmas, for my retirement. I have already spent the Hobbycraft voucher on some crafty goodies to keep me busy. I'm sure I'll see you all around and about. Thanks again. Judith

News, information and events coming up:

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** or join via Zoom if that suits you better. RSVP to Kate.

Would you like to be confirmed as a member of the Church of England? If so, please speak to Kate. The Start Course would be ideal preparation.

Redditch Youth for Christ welcomes Wes Hall from the USA

A seminar on 'Engaging children & grandchildren of Christian believers with their faith & the Church'. **Thursday 23rd January 7:45pm at Southcrest Evangelical Church, Plymouth Road, Redditch, B97 4NU** – all are welcome. Further details from: Phil Williams 07986 875454 or Adrian Phillips 07711 525939

Churches Together Prayer Breakfast for Christian Unity

Saturday 25th January 9.30am-10.30am at Studley Methodist Church all are welcome. Please RSVP by 20th January to Rachel Nicholas, Administrator, including any dietary needs.

Arden Marches New Year workshop

Saturday 1st February 10am-1.30pm at Sambourne Church B96 6NT – lunch provided. Refreshments from 9.30am.



Last summer people so enjoyed spending a morning together with others from across Arden Marches Churches – worshipping and eating together, considering what God is doing among us, and setting goals and plans for the year ahead, that people asked if we could do it

again. So, we are. I hope you can join us as we review where God has been leading us in recent months, and what priorities we can set to help us grow as healthy churches in 2025. Please RSVP by 29th January to Rachel Nicholas, Administrator, including any dietary needs.

Open afternoon to celebrate Candlemas - at Berkeswell Parish Church exploring the significance of its ancient crypt

Saturday 1st February 2pm-4.30pm with a talk about the crypt's historical and contemporary significance at 3pm, then celebratory refreshments and a closing ceremony bringing the prophetic light from the crypt up into the church - inspired by Candlemas traditions in Marseilles. Everyone is welcome. More details from Revd Pauline Warner warnerpauline86@gmail.com Regular Forest Church attendees plan to go together to this event instead of celebrating Candlemas on our patch. Contact Guy Allen (or Rachel Nicholas, Administrator) if you would like to join them.

Ladies Day at Studley Baptist Church with Anne Le Tissier

Saturday 8th February 10.45 for 11am - 3pm refreshments and lunch provided. No charge, donations welcome. The theme is 'Dwell' based on Anne's latest book, encouraging us to dwell more deeply with the Bible. RSVP to Heather Gentry 07803601984 hgency2210@yahoo.com

Advance notice: Ross Flanagan 'the battle inside tour'

Saturday 15th March 7pm in Studley Parish Centre

Tickets £6.13 via Eventbrite or £6 (cash only) via the Church Office. All proceeds to The Samaritans. This is the first concert tour given by Ross, a regular volunteer with young people at Scargill House, in support of people struggling with mental health issues. You can listen to his songs on YouTube.

[The Battle Inside Tour eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)



All are welcome to come and join any of our regular groups which take place in the Parish Centre.



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 - next meeting is 28th January

Souper bowls - every 2nd and 4th Tuesdays (except Bank Holidays) **12.00 to 1.30pm at the Parish Centre.**

Min £3 donation requested



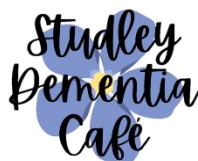
Sunbeams



Meets Fridays 9.30-11.30 (term time) Creative play, craft, story, songs, fun, friendship, cuppa, cake & chat. Free (give a donation if you wish). No need to book.

Studley Dementia Café - next meeting on 6th February

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



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.

annachaplain@ardenmarches.co.uk

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 Diane Pannell 07811421754 or dianepannell@yahoo.co.uk

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.

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 page & posts, share them & tag people whenever you can. Thank you!

Prayer

Prayer for the week Second Sunday of Epiphany

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages
and made known 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.

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: **Sheila Vale, Jean Burbage, Maureen Dew, Margaret Deimel, Emilia, Bob and Pearl Taylor, and Heather Wersocki.**

We commend to God all who have died recently and pray for their families: **Baby Jesse Cash Curtis, Keith Stone and Ray Coton.**

We remember those for whom the anniversary of their death falls at this time: **Louise Priest and Sam Seymour.**

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
Oldberrow Church	B95 5NU	Morton Bagot Church	B80 7EJ

<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 01527 850130

parish@ardenmarches.co.uk Church Office, 3 Manor Mews Studley B80 7PR

Available 9.00-11.30am Monday to Thursday *News sheet items - 9am Thurs*

Family Link Worker: Angela Corlett 07724 347055

family-link@ardenmarches.co.uk

Anna Chaplain for older people: Celia Spiers 07710 198009

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Parish Centre bookings: Mike Moffat 07594 948534

parish-centre@ardenmarches.co.uk

Ankorn House bookings Linda Salisbury 07872 625006

ankorn-house@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 Café

Website: www.ardenmarches.co.uk

