

## Worship Services for March

**STUDLEY B807AB** *March theme: based on our Lent course*

16th March	10am	Opening the Bible	
	6pm	Holy Communion with the commissioning of our Anna Friends	<i>Parish Centre</i>
23rd March	8am	Holy Communion	
	10am	Worship for Everyone - with St Mary's CofE Primary Academy	
30th March	8am	Holy Communion	
	10am	Mothering Sunday Brunch	<i>Parish Centre</i>

**MAPPLEBOROUGH B807DJ**

16th March	10am	Café Church
23rd March	10am	Holy Communion

**OLDBERROW B955NU**

**MORTON BAGOT B80 7EJ**

22 <sup>nd</sup> March	3pm	Forest Church
23rd March	4pm	Evensong

### Prayer the Powerhouse of the Church

Meeting 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month, all welcome.  
**Next meeting is 20<sup>th</sup> March 10.00am at 19 Hamilton Close.**

## News, information and upcoming events:

### New Electoral Roll

This year **everyone** who belongs to **any** of our congregations needs to complete a new Electoral Roll form. We would like people to do this electronically where possible. You should have received details on how to do this – please contact Rachel [parish@ardenmarches.co.uk](mailto:parish@ardenmarches.co.uk) if you haven't. Paper forms will also be available in churches.

Thank you to everyone who has already used the app or website to join – please share how easy it is to use.

### Opportunities to serve:

1. The annual meeting for Studley with Mappleborough will be **Tuesday 6th May**. There are vacancies for **roles to help guide and manage our churches life**, including:

*Studley:* churchwarden, 1 PCC member, 3 DCC members

*Mappleborough:* 1 Deanery Synod member, 1 PCC member, 1 DCC member.

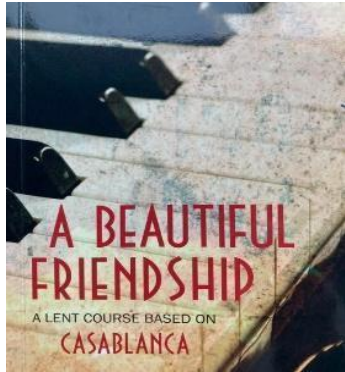
More information about these roles from current members and churchwardens. Nomination forms available in churches.

2. **Parish Safeguarding Officer:** Charlotte Fitchett would like to hand over this role - if you are interested, please speak to her or to Kate.

### Funerals in Studley Parish Church

Judith Pickles Friday 21st March at 12pm

**Churches Together Lent Course: A Beautiful Friendship**  
**5 Thursday evenings 7 for 7.30-9.00pm at the Methodist Church**



**starting on 13th March.** Based on the film 'Casablanca'. Everyone is welcome to attend any or all the sessions.

**Arden Foodbank, Lent Appeal**

This Lent Arden Foodbank is appealing to our local communities to donate food, if they can, to ensure that we can continue to support everyone who needs our help.

**Arden Foodbank**  
Together with Trussell

**Ending hunger together**

**Give in Lent**

**Help support your food bank this Lent**

In the six weeks of Lent, the food bank will provide emergency food parcels for local individuals and families facing hardship.

**Donate food**  
Donate an item or two from our shopping list, ensuring we can provide food for people facing hardship in your community.

**Donate money**  
Help to cover the costs of storing and distributing food, as well as developing sustainable projects via <https://justgiving.com>

Please help if you can, by leaving the food in our collection basket in your church any time before 14 April, or in any of our other collection baskets.

Registered Charity in England & Wales 1164101

**Shopping list**

- Tinned meat/fish
- Tinned veg/fruit
- Cooking sauces
- Coffee
- Milk (UHT or powdered)
- Cereals
- Fruit juice (long-life)
- Tinned pudding
- Jam
- Instant mashed potato

Chocolate for Easter (to give families facing hardship a treat) would also be very welcome

**Do you have any thoughts or ideas about what the Arden Marches Benefice might look like in 5 years?**

What do you think should be our top priorities over the next 5 years? You're invited to join in the conversation as we develop our vision for the future of our churches at an informal meeting open to all members of our churches. Come and have your say.

**Oldberrow and Morton Bagot: Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm** – further details from Alan Greathead 07714653183  
**Studley: Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm to 8.30pm at the Parish Centre**  
**Mappleborough Green: Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April at the 10am service**

**Concert in aid of the SAMARITANS**

**Saturday 15th March at 7.00 pm**  
**Studley Parish Centre, B80 7SG**

**Featuring Ross Flanagan - 'The Battle Inside Tour'**  
**and Studley Community Choir**

Nibbles and soft drinks provided. Bring your own alcohol.

Tickets £6.13 via [Eventbrite The Battle Inside Tour eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) or £6 (cash only) via the Church Office.

**Concert and social evening on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March 7pm in Studley Parish Centre**

Tickets £6.13 via Eventbrite or £6 cash on the door. All proceeds to The Samaritans.  
[The Battle Inside Tour eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)

**Anna Friends: commissioning 16th March 6.00pm**

Charlotte Fitchett, Alan Greathead, Joan Lock and Diane Pannell are going to be commissioned as Anna Friends at the **6pm Communion on Sunday 16th March in the Parish Centre**. They are supporting the work of our Anna Chaplain Celia Spiers in our ministry among older people. Everyone is invited to come and support our first Anna Friends.

**Arden Marches Coffee Morning**

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30 am in Studley Garden Centre.**  
 Open to everyone – please come along and join us.

**Choir practices for Easter Sunday will start **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 7.00pm in Studley Church**, all are welcome to come along.**

**Advance notice: Ignatian Prayer Day Retreat led by Donna Worthington. Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May, from 10.00am-4.00pm at Mappleborough Church.**

**Forest Church on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 3pm in Morton Bagot Church.**

All are welcome.



**Holy Trinity Church Morton Bagot B80 7EJ**  
**Saturday 22nd March at 3pm.**

Come and join us at Forest Church. We will be looking at pioneering plants and the Divine promise of newness.  
*"...be attentive... as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts."*  
 2 Peter 1:19

This is an outside service with activities and meditations accessible to children and adults.  
 Dogs are welcome if supervised.  
 Please dress according to the weather.  
 You may want to bring something to sit on.

Holy Trinity Church is an ancient place of worship embedded in a hillside in the little hamlet of Morton Bagot. It has no electricity supply or modern amenities. Many people find it to be a place where they encounter the sacred.

For more information ring Kate 01527 852830  
 Arden Marches Churches Forest Church gatherings seek to inspire Christ-centred faith by giving our attention to the natural world.

**Mother's Day Celebrations**



**Celebrate Mother's Day**

**Afternoon - Cream Teas**  
 Come and join us for cream teas throughout the afternoon - all welcome.  
 Saturday 29th March 3.00-5.00pm  
 Mappleborough Green church, B807DJ

**Morning - Family Brunch**  
 Come and join us for an informal family brunch, crafts and praise - all welcome.  
 Sunday 30th March 10.00-11.30am  
 Studley Parish Centre, B807SG

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**Cream Teas at Mappleborough Green on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March, 3.00-5.00pm.**  
**Family brunch at Studley Parish Centre on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March, 10.00-11.30am.**

**Maundy Thursday Supper on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April, 7.00 for 7.30pm in Studley Parish Centre**

Tickets available from Louise or Glynn.

**Maundy Thursday Supper**  
 at the Parish Centre  
**Thursday 17th April 2025**  
 7.00pm for 7.30pm



Please bring your own wine or soft drinks  
 Tickets: Adults £6.00  
 Children age 5 and over £2.00  
 Tickets available in church or from Glynn 524431 or Louise 854726

**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

**Studley Dementia Café - next meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> March**

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](mailto:studleydementiacafe@gmail.com) or Celia: 07710198009



**Souper Bowls - next meeting is 25<sup>th</sup> March**

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.



**Welcome to Arden Marches churches**

We are delighted to welcome newcomers, and 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 Lent

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through 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: **Rob Watkins, Maureen Dew, Emilia, Bob and Pearl Taylor, and Heather Wersocki.**

We commend to God all who have died recently and pray for their families: **Judith Pickles and Eunice Freeman.**

We remember those for whom the anniversary of their death falls at this time: **Jim Green and Geoffrey Sutor.**

### 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.paritygiving.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

annachaplain@ardenmarches.co.uk

**Parish Centre bookings: Mike Moffat** 07594 948534

parish-centre@ardenmarches.co.uk

**Ankorn House bookings Linda Salisbury** 07872 625006

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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:**

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

