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Sunday 30th July / 6th August

Trinity 7 / Trinity 8

Newsheet deadline is Thursday at 2.00pm

Welcome to our Service

Please take this newsheet with you

Readings: Romans 8.26–end Matthew 13.31–33, 44–52

2 Peter 1.16–19 Luke 9.28–36

Healing prayer is available during or after services, or at home by request.

There is a loop system operating at our main morning services; please turn your hearing aid to the 'T' position. If you have a mobile phone, please ensure it is switched off.

HEADLINE: Interregnum Prayer Focus

The news that the candidate shortlisted for the vacancy as our Rector had withdrawn may be disappointing but we have to hang on to the fact that God is in control of the situation and in His time the right person will come forward. So in the coming weeks let us pray for patience and perseverance.

Patience: As we wait for a new set of dates for the advertising and interview process.

Perseverance: Let us ask the Holy Spirit to give us the strength and energy that we need to continue to maintain the Services and activities that we are involved in.

Please pray particularly this week for the individuals and teams who spend hours behind the scenes planning and preparing for our worship services. Pray that God will inspire them as they seek Him for guidance and inspiration.

TRAMPS

Walks start at 7:00 pm prompt.

The walk on August 2nd will be led by Hilary Volrath 01527 857498 Starting from Bidford on Avon Car Park B50 4JA Off the B4085 before the bridge.

The walk on August 9th will be led by Ann Langston 0121 7773462 starting

from Beaudessert Lane Henley in Arden B95 5JY

Please contact the walk leader beforehand if weather conditions are uncertain as walks maybe cancelled at short notice.



Baptisms

We have baptisms booked at Studley on the following dates

20th August at 12.30pm to be confirmed
3rd, 17th and 24th September at 12.30pm
Ideally we would like two people at each service to help with stewarding and welcoming between 12 noon and 1.30pm would you please contact Phil Pattison on tel. no. 852065 or by email phil.pattison@blueyonder.co.uk.

Youth Cafe'

Youth Cafe' is now closed for the summer whilst the team take a break. However we have been considering the way forward and with changes to the staff and the increased numbers attending we have concluded that to enable the cafe' to re-open in September we will need more help. We are looking for 5 people who could help once a month and 3 people who could help once a quarter. If you can help please contact Phil Pattison on tel. no. 852065 or by email phil.pattison@blueyonder.co.uk.

On how to baffle the church committee

The Rectory
St. James the Least of All

My dear Nephew
Darren

I was delighted to hear that you have been made chairman of the Missionary Subcommittee; it should help you to hone your skills in appearing to encourage committee members to contribute while ensuring that they only say the things you want to hear. It is a skill that needs not a little practice; democracy only works if all the important decisions have been made beforehand.

However, do remember that sub-committees are only formed in order either to kill an idea



stone dead, or to give the chairman of the main committee some time to decide what he wants, since he isn't sure how to handle the issue at that particular moment. I formed a sub-committee in 1999 to discuss Miss Fothergill's suggestion of creating a "water feature" on the Rector's Glebe land, as a way of celebrating the Millennium.

I noted at the time that no one wanted the thing on their own land. It's significant that whenever people suggest some imposing edifice, they always think it will be most appropriate either in the Rector's garden, or in some public place, well out of sight of their own homes.

While this particular group has been working away tirelessly, and endless masons and architects have been approached, a suitable design has yet to be presented. It looks as if a suggestion will eventually be considered by my hundredth successor as we enter the third Millennium. That is the customary rate of progress for St. James the Least, which I find entirely satisfactory.

The procedure for decision-making is always the same: after enormous effort, the sub-committee will produce a carefully worded report, which will be circulated round all members of the church council. At the next meeting, they will be thanked profusely for all their hard work and the matter will be discussed at great length. It will then be proposed that the final decision will be taken at the next meeting, after everyone has had time to consider the matter more thoroughly. Come the next meeting, the item will somehow fail to appear on the agenda, and when it is raised in Any Other Business, it will be pointed out that it is now far too late in the evening to tackle such an important issue. From then on, you can be assured, it will sink without trace.

Always remember the golden rule: a church committee meeting consists of a body of people waiting to go home.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

Cleaning and tidying

At Mappleborough Green Church on Saturday 5th August from 9.30am—12.00 noon
Tidying and cleaning the inside and outside! All welcome, just turn up, refreshments will be provided.

Church Ladies Afternoon Tea?

We've all seen the Men's breakfasts and suppers advertised so I think we should have our own event. Would you like to get together for a social gathering for afternoon tea on Thursday 10th August? If so, please let Hilary Ward know by the end of July so that, when we have numbers, we can decide on the venue etc. My contact details are hilaryward0@gmail.com or telephone 01527 852399.

Magazine

Please can you send any updates/information articles to Judith at parish@ardenmarches.co.uk and Kim at kharwood1505@hotmail.com by August 10th

Tea in the churchyard

Please come and join us for tea, cake and other refreshments in Studley Churchyard.

On Sunday 6th August between 2.30pm and 4.30pm.

Everybody is welcome.

MIDWEEK GROUPS, MEETING WEEKLY, FORTNIGHTLY OR MONTHLY

Compassion Bereavement Group All welcome at the Parish Centre, every Monday 2.30-4pm.

Friendship Group All welcome, meet on the last Friday of the month, March to November.

Home Groups We have home groups that meet on alternate Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

Children & Young People

Sunbeams toddler group, Fridays from 9.30 at the Parish Centre.

Studley Youth Café, for ages 11-18, Sundays, drop-in between 6.00-7.30pm at Parish Centre. (term time only)

Hot Chocolate Project, Fridays 7.00-8.30pm at the 'Rec', by the Millennium Gate, teenage.

We also have *Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers* who meet weekly during term time at the Parish Centre.

Lunchbox At the Parish Centre on the 2nd Wednesday of every month, from 12.15 to 1.15pm.

Food Bank Tuesdays 2.00-3.30pm at the Methodist Church

Mothers Union 1st Wednesday each month, 2.00pm, Parish Centre

Bell ringing practice Studley Every Thursday, 7.30 - 9pm. Entry via the North Door. All welcome to watch, learn or join in the ringing, but under 18s must be accompanied by an adult.

More information and contact details are on our website.

CONTACT INFORMATION

General Enquiries (Parish Office)

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Safeguarding Officer for Children & Young People

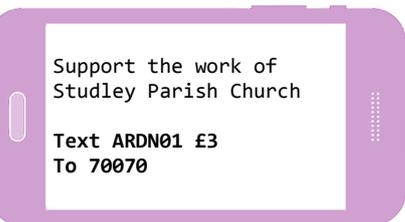
Jane Pattison 852065

Church Centre Bookings

Ankorn House:
Linda Salisbury 450813 or 07872 625006
Studley Parish Centre:
Tony Drake 850434

Gift-Aid Scheme

Studley: Joyce Duffin 458636
Mappleborough Green: Sam Slater 852402



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THE COLLECT Trinity 7

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion, nourish us with all
goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in
the same; through Jesus Christ your Son our
Lord, who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

THE COLLECT Trinity 8

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we
beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern
both our hearts and bodies in the ways of
your laws and the works of your
commandments; that through your most
mighty protection, both here and ever, we
may be preserved in body and soul; through
our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive
and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please Pray For:

- Our clergy and lay readers, church wardens and all who serve on PCCs, DCCs and MLT.
- The various groups for children and young people: Friday Night Outreach, Sunbeams, Youth Café, Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers, and all the schools in our villages.
- All those who are preparing to lead or preach at our services this week and on Sunday.

Please Pray For:

- Thanksgiving: Maisey Meikle, Mappleborough Green
- Baptisms: Aubrey Bassett, Studley
- Wedding: None this week
- Funerals: None this week

Prayer List

The prayer list is for urgent and critical situations, names remain on this list for four weeks.

Please let us know if the person needs to be kept on for additional weeks.

Please remember in your prayers especially this week: **Mandy Deathridge, Joan Temple, Joyce Middleton, Dee Reindl and Sue Miller,**

We remember before God and pray for the families of all who have died recently, including: **Richard Deimel and Paul (Christina's future father-in-law)**

We also remember those for whom the anniversary of their death falls these weeks: **Keith Such, Pauline Hartles, Leslie Hancox, Christina Probert, Paul Draper and Lynn Vizor**

WHERE TO FIND US

Studley, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (B80 7AB)
Mappleborough Green, Holy Ascension (B80 7DJ)
Morton Bagot, Holy Trinity (B80 7EJ)
Osprey House (Archer Close, B80 7HX)

Studley Parish Centre (B80 7SG)
Ankorn House (B80 7DJ)
Oldberrow, St Mary's (B95 5NU)

SERVICES AND COMING SOON

Sunday 30th July

10.00am Group Service
Holy Communion
Studley Parish Church
6.30pm Songs of Praise
Osprey House

Monday 31st July

2.30pm Compassion Group
Parish Centre

Wednesday 2nd August

2.00pm Mothers Union
Parish Centre

Thursday 3rd August

9.30am Holy Communion (BCP)
Parish Centre

Sunday 6th August

10.00am All Age Celebration
Mappleborough Green
Holy Communion
+ Junior Church
Studley Parish Church
6.30pm Holy Communion
Osprey House

Monday 7th August

2.30pm Compassion Group
Parish Centre

Wednesday 9th August

12.15pm Lunchbox
Parish Centre

Thursday 10th August

9.30am Holy Communion (BCP)
Parish Centre

Sunday 13th August

8.00am Holy Communion
Studley Parish Church
10.00am Holy Communion
Mappleborough Green
Morning Worship
Studley Parish Church
Centre+Point
Parish Centre
4.00pm Holy Communion
Morton Bagot

Monday 14th August

2.30pm Compassion Group
Parish Centre

Thursday 17th August

9.30am Holy Communion (BCP)
Parish Centre

Sunday 20th August

10.00am Morning Worship
Mappleborough Green
Holy Communion
+ Junior Church
Studley Parish Church
6.30pm Evensong
Osprey House

Thursday 24th August

9.30am Holy Communion (BCP)
Parish Centre

Studley Fabric Fund Envelope: week No. 19 + 20

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