

## Worship Services

### **Saturday 23rd March**

Forest Church meeting at *Holy Trinity Morton Bagot* at 3pm, celebrating Spring Equinox.

### **24th March Palm Sunday**

*Studley* 8am Holy Communion

10am Worship for Everyone with pastries and drinks from 9.45am

*Mappleborough* 10am Holy Communion

*Oldberrow* 4pm Evensong



### **29th March Good Friday**

*Studley* **10am-11.30am** Churches Together Walk of Witness - start at the Co-Op

*Mappleborough* **12 noon** (the time Jesus was crucified) Service at the Crosses on the Hill, hot cross buns and drinks B807DS

*Studley* **2pm - 3pm** reflective Good Friday Service - drop in for a few minutes or stay for the hour till 3pm the time Jesus died

### **31st March Easter Sunday**

*Studley* 6am Sunrise Communion in the churchyard (gather around the fire from 5.30am)

10am Easter Celebration Service with lots of live music & Easter egg hunt

*Mappleborough* 10am Easter Holy Communion

*Morton Bagot* 11.15am Easter Holy Communion

10am services in Studley church: The theme for Studley 10am services in March will be 'Journey to the Cross', looking at the events of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. Children will have their own groups for most of the service on 1st and 3rd Sundays, young people on 2nd Sundays. Contact Angela for more details about activities for children and young people.

## News, information and events coming up

### Safeguarding

As the Diocese aims to embrace a safer environment for all children and vulnerable adults who interact with our churches, they have advised that all volunteers who help with our Sunday services are to complete the BASIC safeguarding module. This will help to broaden our knowledge around the concept and importance of safeguarding, to help make our churches a safe place for everyone.

You can either complete this module on the online safeguarding portal (<https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org/>) or attend a face to face session with your (PSO) Parish Safeguarding officer- Charlotte Fitchett. This will be held at the Parish centre on Saturday 13th April at 2pm. It will be an informal session. Please let Charlotte know if you are planning to attend the face to face session. Please contact Charlotte for any further information or support ([safeguarding@ardenmarches.com](mailto:safeguarding@ardenmarches.com)).

### Ann Halford's funeral

The funeral will be on Thursday 28th March – 2:45 p.m. at Redditch Crematorium and 4:00 p.m. at Studley. Deacon Gwynn will be taking it. Everyone is welcome to go to the crem. Family flowers only & donations to Studley Methodist Church. People are asked to wear bright/cheerful clothes.

### Easter Lilies for Mappleborough Church.

If anyone would like to purchase a Lily in remembrance of a loved one would they please let me know as soon as possible. Unfortunately the Dutch suppliers, to the florist I use, are yet to finalise the price. Last year they were approximately £6 each and they will, sadly, certainly be more expensive this year.

Please contact me for any further information.

Many thanks, Diane [dianepannell@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:dianepannell@yahoo.co.uk) 01527 521264

### From Now On: a Lent Course on hope and redemption in 'The Greatest Showman'

This Churches Together course draws to a close in the Methodist Church on Thursday evening March 21st with refreshments from 7pm for a 7.30pm start. You are welcome to come to any or all of the meetings.

### Maundy Thursday Supper

at the Parish Centre **Thursday 28th March 7.00pm for 7.30pm** Please bring your own wine or soft drinks Tickets: Adults £6.00 Children age 5 and over £2.00 available in church or from Glynn 524431 or Louise 854726



### Souper Bowls 26th March

All welcome to our warm place to chat and enjoy some delicious homemade soup. Soup served from 12:00 until 1:30pm 2nd and 4th Tuesdays. At the parish church centre, Old Vicarage Gardens, Studley. No charge. Donations welcome.

### Studley Dementia Café 4th April 2024

Every first Thursday of the month at the Parish Church Centre 2-4pm. A warm welcome, chat, coffee and cake.

For more information contact

[felicity.jones22@gmail.com](mailto:felicity.jones22@gmail.com)

or Celia: 07710198009



### Tea, Cake and Friendship Mondays 2.30-4.30pm (not bank holidays)

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

### Arden Marches quiz night

Saturday 13th April @ 7pm Parish Centre

£10 ticket includes a supper of filled

Jacket potato and salad

Come and enjoy great fun, grand

fellowship, generous food

and good fundraising!

Bring your own drinks and some cash as there will be a raffle!

Tickets available from Sunday 10th March.

For more information contact Mercia Lee

mobile: 07963 903901 email: [mercia@lee24.myzen.co.uk](mailto:mercia@lee24.myzen.co.uk)



### We need you

In April we will elect new people to join the leadership committees for our churches - please consider if you would like to serve in this way - have a chat with people already involved to find out more - ask someone on duty on Sundays. For Studley we need a churchwarden, one PCC and one DCC member. For Mappleborough we need a churchwarden, 3 PCC members and 3 DCC members.

### Dates for your diary: Annual Meetings

**Studley and Mappleborough's Annual District Church Council Meetings** will be **7.30pm Wednesday 17th April in Mappleborough Church** - at this meeting we nominate or elect people to serve on our church councils for the year ahead. This does not take long, so we will then spend some time in workshops for anyone interested in reading or leading prayers or welcoming at Sunday services in any Arden Marches services.

**Studley with Mappleborough Green Annual Parochial Church Meeting** will be **7.00pm Tuesday 23rd April in Studley Church**  
**Morton Bagot and Oldberrow Annual Parochial Church Meeting** will be **7.30pm Wednesday 8th May in Oldberrow Church**.

At these annual meetings we elect churchwardens and people to serve on church councils, and receive reports about church life in the past year - do come to celebrate, give thanks for the past and pray for the year ahead.

If you are not already a member of our **Electoral Roll** (the list of people who consider themselves to be members of our congregations) we would love you to join - forms are available in our churches.

### 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 a range of midweek small groups to encourage each other in living out our Christian faith: to find out more please speak to Kate our vicar.

### Prayer

#### Prayer - the Powerhouse of the Church

Meeting 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month. (NB: We will not be meeting on 3rd Thursdays in Lent)

#### **4<sup>th</sup> April 10.00am in the Parish Centre**

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

### 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: **Rachel Nicholas, Emilia and Heather Wersocki**

We commend to God all who have died recently and pray for their families: **Patricia Parsons and Ann Halford**

We remember those for whom the anniversary of their death falls at this time: **Ken Dyer, Ronald Day and Sylvie McKenzie**

### Prayer for vacancies for volunteers

Please pray for: a Treasurer for Mappleborough, a Foundation Governor for Mappleborough School, a Churchwarden for Studley from 2024. If you are interested in one of these roles please speak to Kate for more information.

### Prayer for the week: Palm Sunday

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah:  
grant us the faith to know you and love you,  
that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross,  
which is the path of glory.

### Churches open for personal prayer:

Studley Church: open daily 10am-3pm

Oldberrow Church is always open.

Morton Bagot Church is usually open 10am-4pm

### Making a donation to our churches

	Sort Code	Account
Studley Parish Church	40-43-54	61000861
Mappleborough Green Church Committee	40-43-54	00558532
Morton Bagot PCC	40-43-54	60600547
Oldberrow PCC	40-43-19	61173928

Thank you so much to the many people who support us financially. To give by cheque, use the church name as in this table, and send the cheque to The Vicarage or pass it directly to the treasurer. Cash donations may be taken to The Vicarage.

Please consider giving regularly to our church using the Parish Giving Scheme (info from Judith)

There is now a card machine in Studley church.

### 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: Judith McLelland**

Available 2.00pm-4.30pm Monday to Thursday

parish@ardenmarches.co.uk 01527 850130

Church Office, 3 Manor Mews Studley B80 7PR

News sheet deadline 2pm Thursday

#### **Family Link Worker: Angela Corlett**

family-link@ardenmarches.co.uk 07724 347055

#### **Anna Chaplain for older people: Celia Spiers**

annachaplain@ardenmarches.co.uk 07710 198009

#### **Parish Centre bookings: Mike Moffat**

parish-centre@ardenmarches.co.uk 07594 948534

#### **Ankcorn House bookings: Linda Salsbury**

ankcorn-house@ardenmarches.co.uk 07872 625006