

Worship Services for April including Holy Week

17 th April	7.30pm	<u>Maundy Thursday</u>	
		Maundy Thursday Supper	Parish Centre
18 th April		<u>Good Friday</u>	
	10am-11am	Churches Together cafe with hot cross buns	Studley Baptist Church
		Worship at 10am	
	12pm	The Crosses on the Hill	Haye Pastures, B80 7DS Mappleborough Green
	2pm	Hour at the Cross	Studley Church
20 th April		<u>Easter Day</u>	
	5.30am	Easter Fire	Studley Churchyard
	6am	Sunrise Communion	Studley Churchyard
	10am	Easter Celebration	Studley Church
	10am	Holy Communion	Mappleborough Green
	6pm	Holy Communion	Parish Centre
27 th April	10am	Open the Bible	Studley Church
27 th April	10am	Holy Communion	Mappleborough Green
MORTON BAGOT	B80 7EJ		
27 th April	4pm	Woodland Walk	

Services in May will follow our usual pattern.

4th May - 10am Communion at Studley

and **10am Going Deeper service in Ankcorn House.**

Prayer the Powerhouse of the Church

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

Next meeting is 1st May at 10.00am in the Parish Centre.

Please pray for those preparing for Confirmation:

Susannah Knight and Leigh Bryan; Juliette Wills, Christine Franklin and Sallie Walters.

News, information and upcoming events:

Please note the church office will be unavailable week commencing Monday 21st April.

There will be a **Churches Together cafe with hot cross buns** on **Good Friday 10am-11am at the Baptist Church**, beginning with a **time of worship at 10am.**

On **Easter Day** we will light the **Easter fire in Studley Churchyard at 5.30am**, **Sunrise Communion** will be at **6am** around the fire.

Bring a chair to sit on, and wear warm clothes.

A note from John Parker.

"Thank you to all the lovely people who contacted me to enquire about my health after my recent fall. Happy to say it's much better than it was!" Love to you all John Parker.

Annual Meetings and opportunities to serve:

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) for Studley with Mappleborough will be **Tuesday 6th May 7pm in Mappleborough Church.**

We will hold **Annual District meetings for the 2 churches** a week earlier on **Wednesday 30th April 6.45pm at Studley Church** followed by a **Vacancy meeting** with the Archdeacon Pastor at **7.30pm.**

There are vacancies for **people to be elected at these meetings to roles to help guide and manage our churches life**, including:

Studley: churchwarden, 1 PCC member, 4 DCC members

Mappleborough: churchwarden, 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.

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

PCC Treasurer as Pat Smith stands down at the APCM

The new Studley with Mappleborough Green Electoral Roll is displayed at both churches for inspection. If you are not yet on the roll you can join it after the APCM.

The APCM for Morton Bagot and Oldberrow will be **Monday 12th May at 7pm** in Oldberrow Church.

Choir practice for Easter Sunday on Friday 18th April in Studley Church. Band rehearsal is at 7.00pm, choir to join them at 8.00pm

Funerals in Studley Parish Church

Alan Danks on Thursday 24th April at 2.30pm.

London Marathon Sunday 27th April 2025

Peter Spencer, who tunes the churches organs, is running the London Marathon in memory of his daughter. He has asked us to share this to help with his fundraising for Asthma + Lung UK

<https://join.aluk.org.uk/fundraisers/PeterSpencer/lm-charity-25>

Bluebell Walk at Bannam's Wood, Morton Bagot, Sunday 27th April at 4.00pm



John Parker our faithful organist for many years has decided it is time to retire - **his final Sunday at Mappleborough will be 27th April, and at Studley 4th May**. We are enormously grateful for John's dedication and musicality.

Arden Marches Foodbank

We have found a new manager - if we can find a new communications person. We are looking for someone to regularly post on Facebook, update the website with news and food requirements, perhaps post on Instagram, etc.

Foodbank experience is not necessary and there is no need to be part of the distribution sessions or food collection.

If you are interested and would like to know more talk to Lynda Barr or Hilary Volrath or email the current comms person, Helen, on hwatson100@gmail.com

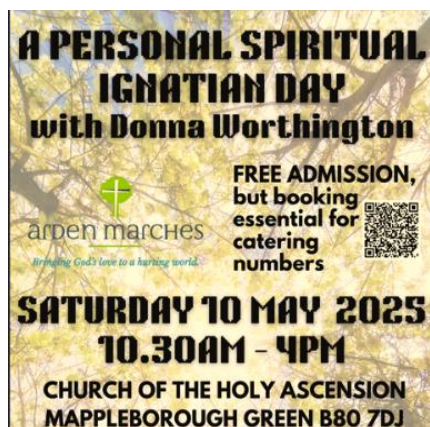
Ladies Breakfast on Saturday 10th May 9am at Kings Court Hotel.

If you want to attend both the breakfast and the Ignatian Retreat Day at Mappleborough the organiser of the Ladies breakfast is aware and knows some may need to leave promptly.



Ignatian Prayer Day Retreat led by Donna Worthington.

If attending both events, please let Linda Salisbury know you'll be a little late at Mappleborough.



Men's Breakfast on Saturday 17th May 7.45 for 8.00 am at Kings Court Hotel.

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Affiliated with Christian Vision for Men

A Personal Invitation to the
MEN'S BREAKFAST

OUR GUEST SPEAKER
Sean Collins

Growing up in a small fishing town and losing his father at a very young age, Sean quickly found his life turning from one violent and empty encounter to the next, just adding to the man he no longer recognised himself to be. After a brutal attack on Sean's life, and the care and unconditional friendship of a total stranger, Sean began a remarkable journey from violence and pain to freedom and joy.

Meeting at the **THE KINGS COURT HOTEL**

Admission £12.00

KINGS COUGHTON. NR ALCESTER B49 5QQ
On Saturday 17th May 7:45 for 8:00 am

Please contact Paul Nash by Wednesday 14th May 2025
tel. 07776 301469, email: saltwaymensgroup@gmail.com

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



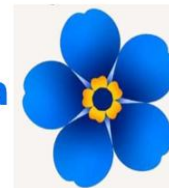
Mondays 2.30-4.00pm (not bank holidays)

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

Studley Dementia Café - next meeting on 17th April

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

**Studley
Dementia
Cafe**



Souper Bowls - next meeting is 22nd April

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: Easter Day

God of glory, by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Prayer for the week: Second Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father.

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: **Sylvia Harman, Rob Watkins, Enid Mullis, Emilia, Bob and Pearl Taylor, and Heather Wersocki.**

We commend to God all who have died recently and pray for their families: **Alan Danks and Sandra Tillirides.**

We remember those for whom the anniversary of their death falls at this time: **David Chatterley, David Ewings, Kevin Hartles and Diana Elvins.**

Churches open for personal prayer:

Studley Church: open daily 10am-4pm.

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:

<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/setting-up-your-gift/>

Telephone: 0333 0021260

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

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

Family Link Worker: Angela Corlett 07724 347055

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Parish Centre bookings: Mike Moffat 07594 948534

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Ankcorn House bookings Linda Salsbury 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

