

Worship Services for May

STUDLEY B80 7AB **May theme: Transforming People**
 18th May 10am Opening the Bible
 No 6pm Communion today due to the **Confirmation Service** at Salford Priors
 25th May 8am Holy Communion
 10am Worship for Everyone

MAPPLEBOROUGH B80 7DJ
 18th May 10am Café Church
 25th May 10am Holy Communion

OLDBERROW B95 5NU
 Advance notice: our new Bishop Sophie Jelley will speak at the Wildflower & 150th Anniversary Service **4pm Sunday 22nd June**

MORTON BAGOT B80 7EJ
 25th May 4pm Evensong

Prayer the Powerhouse of the Church

Meeting at 10am 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month, all welcome. **Next meeting is 5th June at the Parish Centre.**

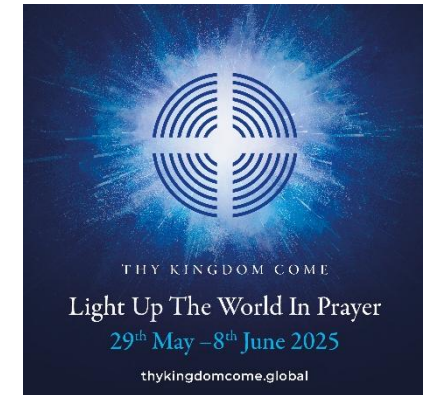
Please pray for those preparing for Confirmation at St Matthew's Church in Salford Priors on Sunday 18th May at **4.00pm: Susannah Knight, Juliette Wills, and Christine Franklin.** You are very welcome to go to the service to support them on the day.

News, information and upcoming events:

Thy Kingdom Come Day of Prayer: Ascension Day

Thursday 29th May 6am-8.30pm at Mappleborough Church

As at our Advent Prayer Day, there will be different ways to pray laid out around the church and grounds, including children's activities. Come and go as you wish during the day. At **7.30pm** we will draw the day to a close with a service of **Holy Communion.**



Funding our Future our June services will include a focus on generous Christian giving, and on the financial needs of our churches. You are warmly invited to one of our events on **Sunday 1st June** to launch this programme:
10am breakfast bagels in Mappleborough Church
11.15am coffee and cake in Studley Church

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 apply via the app or website or use a paper copy (available in the churches).

John Parker leaving Gift - thank you to all who contributed; we were able to give John and Jan a £595 gift voucher to use at Warners Hotels.

Installation of Bishop Sophie Jelley as Bishop of Coventry



Service of Welcome & Installation of Bishop Sophie Jelley

2pm Sat 7th June
Coventry Cathedral



Everybody is invited to welcome our new Bishop Sophie at **2pm Saturday 7th June in Coventry Cathedral**. If you plan to go let Kate know and we can arrange lift sharing. You can book a place here – scan QR code. (Or just turn up!)

Here is a link to a message from her

<https://coventry.anglican.org/news/bishop-sophie-writes-to-the-diocese-6770.php>

Results of elections at the APCM of Studley with Mappleborough Green

Thank you to all who attended our annual meeting, and to those elected/appointed to serve on our committees. And thank you to all who are standing down, for all you have contributed. I am particularly grateful to Phil Pattison and Linda Salsbury for being willing to continue as churchwardens for another year.

Our governance structures are quite complicated! So do ask someone for clarity if you'd like to know more. We are updating

our booklet about this, it will soon be available for anyone who wants a copy. Kate.

The elected members are now (new members in bold type):

PCC: Lynda Barr, Joan Lock, Louise Grubb, Janie Stephenson, Richard Spray, Janet Green, Guy Allen, **Gladys Davies**. (PCC members are also part of their DCC)

There is 1 vacancy for a Studley PCC member & 1 Mappleborough Deanery Synod rep if anyone would like to join the PCC.

Studley DCC: Mark Herauville, Ann Chance, **Hilary Gayler, Jane Lytton, Hilary Volrath, Joanne Wills**. Secretary: Ann Bond

Mappleborough DCC: John Styler, Mark Crompton, Pat Wheeler, Tony Heslegrave, Diane Pannell, Susannah Knight, **Glynn Jones**

We have been unable to appoint a PCC Treasurer or a Mappleborough Treasurer yet, so the Finance Committee will be used for the PCC work, and Alan Greathead will manage Mappleborough's finances on a temporary basis.

Many thanks to Pat Smith who has been PCC treasurer for 5 years, and who will continue to handle our fees.

Results of elections at the APCM of Spenal with Morton Bagot & Oldberrow.

All PCC members were re-elected to their positions.

Thank you from Jan & John Parker

Dear All, no one could hope to have better send-offs from church than we were given on the last 2 Sundays at Mappleborough and Studley. Everyone took part, even joining in when Abba turned up suddenly with "Thank you for the music". What a lovely surprise!

Even better surprises were the many kind comments, the home-made piano cake, the lovely flower arrangements and the Warner Hotel vouchers!

Thank you everyone - it has been both a pleasure and privilege for us to be parts of 2 congregations for the last umpteen years. With very best wishes from Jan and John Parker.

Churches Together in Redditch

Sunday 15th June, 2025

Celebrating the 1700th anniversary of the Nicene Creed.
All welcome.



Advance Notice:



Festival Day Saturday 5th July 2025

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)

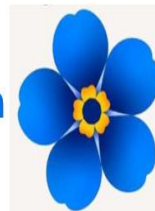
Come and join us for a cuppa and some company at the Parish Centre, Needle Close, Studley



Studley Dementia Café - next meeting on 5th June

Every first and third Thursdays in the month at the Parish Church

**Studley
Dementia
Cafe**



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

Souper Bowls - next meeting is 27th May

Every 2nd and 4th Tuesdays **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: The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father.

Funding our Future prayer

Generous Father, giver of all good gifts
we thank you for our church life and all that it means to us.
Generous Son who said it is more blessed to give than to receive
may we respond with generous hearts to the needs of our church.
Generous Spirit pour your blessings
upon the Funding our Future programme
that our church may be strengthened
for its future ministry and mission. 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: **Emilia, Bob and Pearl Taylor and Heather Wersocki.**

We commend to God all who have died recently and pray for their families: **Sue Furber, Elaine Marshall, Jean Comley.**

We remember those for whom the anniversary of their death falls at this time: **Leo James, Robert Laight, Maureen Hammond and Barbara Beaman.**

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:

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:

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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

