

Worship Services for November

STUDLEY B80 7AB

23rd November 10am Worship for Everyone
 30th November 10am No service here today - Joint Holy Communion at Mappleborough Green

MAPPLEBOROUGH B80 7DJ

23rd November 10am Holy Communion
 30th November 10am Joint Holy Communion

OLDBERROW B95 5NU

23rd November 4pm Holy Communion

MORTON BAGOT B80 7EJ

All 4pm services will be in Oldberrow church from Nov-Feb.

Benefice Prayer Gathering – prayer: the Powerhouse of the Church

Twice a month, on **the 1st and 3rd Thursdays**, we gather to share prayer, peace and community. Everyone is warmly invited - whether you are a regular or just curious to come along. Come as you are and be part of this time together.

Next meeting is **4th December at 10.00am in the Parish Centre.**

St Mary's Church, Studley will now be open daily from 10am-3pm.

Church office and contact number

Please use **07894 444351** or parish@ardenmarches.co.uk to contact the office (Rachel) for all enquiries or visit our website <https://www.ardenmarches.co.uk/>

News, information and upcoming events:

Funeral at Studley Parish Church

Maureen Johnson on **Friday 5th December at 12.00pm.**

Alcester Deanery Synod meeting on Tuesday 25 November from 7.15pm at

Mappleborough Green Church of the Holy

Ascension. Come and hear/meet Bishop Sophie. The whole meeting is open to all—whether or not you are a Synod member. You are welcome to join us for the full session, including the business meeting or just the first part to listen to Bishop Sophie.

Choir practices for Carol Service at Studley

Love singing carols in harmony? Come and join us as we prepare for our Carol Service on Sunday 21st December at 6.00pm in Studley Parish Church. Open to everyone, no need to be part of the Studley congregation, just come along and enjoy a festive sing! Please try to attend all practices so we can make the music truly special together.

Practices will be at the Parish Centre on

Friday 21st & 28th November and 12th December at 7.00pm

Practices will be at Studley church on

Thursday 4th December and Friday 19th December at 7.00pm.

Carols & Songs at Studley Rose Care Home on Wednesday 3rd

December from 2.30-3.30pm. Come and share the joy of Christmas through music. Join us for carols and festive songs with the residents—it is a wonderful way to bring cheer and community spirit.



Parish Safeguarding Officer for Arden Marches Benefice

We are seeking a PSO to help ensure our churches remain a safe and welcoming place for all. This is a voluntary position working as part of team. The role involves:

- Overseeing safeguarding practices within the benefice.
- Working with clergy and volunteers to promote a culture of care.
- Liaising with diocesan safeguarding teams when needed.

If you are organised, approachable, and committed to protecting the wellbeing of others, we would love to hear from you.

For more information or to express interest, please contact Lynda Barr

smg-pcc-lay-chair@ardenmarches.co.uk

Community Christmas Tree Festival at Studley Methodist Church



All local groups, schools, organisations and businesses are invited to take part in this year's **Community Christmas Tree Festival**.

This year's theme, **"Together We Shine,"** is all about community spirit. Whether you're a school, club, charity, or local business—**your tree belongs here**. Decorate a tree that celebrates your story, your people, and the amazing things you do. For further information contact: **Anne Batchelor**

ccwstudley@outlook.com

Churches Together Christmas cards

Postcards with details of Christmas services in local churches need delivering to every house in Studley, ideally by **10th December**. Bundles of 'rounds' should be available by the end of next week. Volunteers are asked to take a complete bundle and deliver to the designated roads. This will ensure the whole community receives an invitation to celebrate Christmas with a local church.

Our Future – Direct Debit Reminder

Following the update to the PGS website there have been some issues logging in to it. Please check your bank statement/ banking app that your direct debit is being taken according to your wishes, following your pledge to the 'Funding Our Future campaign.'

Advent Giving Day is Sunday 6th December.

As Advent begins, we invite you to join this seasonal tradition. It's a chance to thank God for His blessings and contribute to His work in the year ahead. Many people choose to set aside a gift for this season, and we're deeply grateful for every contribution. There's no expectation to give - this is simply an opportunity, if you wish, to support the life and ministry of our churches.

Ways to give—on Advent Sunday or throughout Advent:

- 💰 Cash or cheque via donation plates/boxes at churches
- 💳 Card payments (available at some churches)
- 🌐 One-off donations via the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS)

Thank you for your kindness, your prayers, and your presence.

Studley Parish Church - help us decorate for Christmas.

Join us on **Saturday 13th December** as we prepare the church for the festive season. All helping hands are welcome, come share in the joy of making the church sparkle. It's always a joyful time of teamwork, laughter and creativity and we would love for you to be part of it. Whether you can hang a decoration, place a candle, or simply share in the festive spirit, your presence will make a difference.

New Year's Day lunch with friends on Thursday 1st January 2026, 12.30pm arrival for a 1pm lunch.

Join us for a New Year's Day Lunch! We will be serving a 3-course lunch for £10.00pp (kids under 12 half price).

BOOK NOW to avoid disappointment!

All are welcome, especially those who may be on their own this year.

Quizzes and optional games will be available as entertainment.

Starter : Soup and a roll

Main : Jacket Potato with assorted toppings and salad

Dessert : Hot option with custard or cream



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 Thursday 4th December

Every 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month at the Parish Church Centre from 2-4pm.

1st Thursday is either entertainments or activities.

3rd Thursday is Singing for Fun with Claire Fowler.

Come along and join us for a warm welcome, chat, coffee and cake. For more information contact Celia: **07759 126211** or studleydementiacafe@gmail.com



Souper Bowls – next meeting on Tuesday 25th November from 12.00 to 1.30pm in the Parish Centre. Join us for a choice of homemade soups and a chance to chat, every 2nd and 4th Tuesday. 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. Email: sunbeams@ardenmarches.co.uk



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 a range of midweek small groups to encourage adults in living out our Christian faith; to find out more, please speak to a churchwarden.

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: Christ the King – 1st before Advent

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory.

Prayer for coming weeks:

Father, pour out your Spirit upon us,
and grant us a new vision of your glory,
a new experience of your power,
a new faithfulness to your word,
and a new consecration to your service,
that your love may grow among us,
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: **Ross Forbes, Enid Mullis, Bob and Pearl Taylor, Heather Wersocki, and all those known to us personally.**

We commend to God all who have died recently and pray for their families: **Mick Arthars, Ellen Wilkes and Maureen Johnson.**

We remember those for whom the anniversary of their death falls at this time: **Jeff Bray.**

Churches open for personal prayer:

Studley Church is now open daily 10am-3pm.

Oldberrow Church is always open.

Morton Bagot Church is usually open 10am-4pm.

Giving to the Church

We welcome any gift you are able to make, either as a one-off gift or to set up a standing order, using the following bank details.

Studley Parish Church Sort code: 40-43-54 A/c no: 61000861	Mappleborough Green Church Committee Sort code: 40-43-54 A/c no: 00558532
Oldberrow Parochial Church Council Sort code: 40-43-19 A/c no: 61173928	Morton Bagot Parochial Church Council Sort code: 40-43-54 A/c no: 60600547

The Parish Giving Scheme is the best way to donate, either a one-off or regular gift. For details visit:

<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/home/>

or call the telephone service on 0333 002 1271, Monday to Friday, 9am - 5pm.

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Oldberrow Church PGS Parish Code: 110611146	B95 5NU Coventry Diocese	Morton Bagot Church PGS Parish Code: 110611145	B80 7EJ Coventry Diocese

Contacting the church

For safeguarding concerns: safeguarding@ardenmarches.co.uk

Diocesan safeguarding Team (24hrs) 024 7652 1345

Church Administrator: Rachel Nicholas 07894 444351
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9.00-11.30am Monday & Tuesday

News sheet items by 9am

9.00-11.30am Thursday & Friday

Thursday please

Family Link Worker: Angela Corlett 07724 347055
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Facebook page: Arden Marches Churches
Oldberrow and Morton Bagot Churches
Arden Marches Messy Church

Facebook group: Arden Marches Church Family
Studley Dementia Café

Website: www.ardenmarches.co.uk

