

Worship Services for December

STUDLEY (St Mary's) B80 7AB

21 st December	10am	Opening the Bible
	6pm	Carol Service
24 th December	4pm	Crib and Cocoa Service
	11pm	Midnight Communion
25 th December	10am	Christmas Day Celebration
28 th December	10am	Worship for Everyone

MAPPLEBOROUGH (Church of the Holy Ascension) B80 7DJ

21 st December	10am	Café Carols with drinks and pastries from 9.45am
24 th December	4pm	Christingle
25 th December	10am	Christmas Day Holy Communion
28 th December	10am	Holy Communion

OLDBERROW (St Mary's) B95 5NU

MORTON BAGOT (Holy Trinity) B80 7EJ

20 th December	3pm	Forest Church - Yule
25 th December	10am	Christmas Day Service

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 to come along and be part of this time together. Next meeting: **Thursday 8th January 2026 at 10.00am in the Parish Centre.**

Please note that this news sheet is for 2 weeks. The church office will be closed until **Monday 5th January**. If you need any help or support, please contact **07894 444351** and someone will be available to assist.

News, information and upcoming events:

Funeral at Studley Parish Church

Barbara Turner on **Monday 22nd December at 10.00am.**

Choir practices for Carol Service at Studley

Band rehearsal will be at **St Mary's Studley Parish Church** on **Friday 19th December at 7.00pm** followed by **final Choir practice at 8.00pm.**

Carols & Songs at Four Acres Care Home on

Friday 19th 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.

Section 11 PCC Meeting

A meeting of our two PCC's took place on Tuesday 9th December to decide the following:

1. To appoint church representatives and reserve representatives from our PCC's to be involved in the process to appoint a new Rector. They are Jane Lytton (Studley), Glynn Jones (Mappleborough), David O'Dell (Oldberrow) and Charlotte Fitchett (Morton Bagot). The reserve reps (needed if any of the above are unable to attend) are: Richard Spray and Alan Greathead.
2. The final version of the Parish Profile, received this week with the Bishop's introduction included, was signed off by the PCC's. Copies are available website and in the churches.
3. Advertising for the new post will commence from 9th January 2026. Please ask the Churchwardens if there is anything you wish to know about the appointment process.



Arden Marches Churches Christmas Events:

Everyone is welcome to join us for any or all of the following:

Saturday 20th December

YULE FOREST CHURCH ALL WELCOME

Join us to celebrate the light coming back.

Saturday 20th December at 3.00pm at Holy Trinity Church, Morton Bagot, B80 7EJ

There will be a walk from Holy Trinity, possibly going into the woods, so you will need wellies or good boots. Please dress for the weather. Dogs are welcome on a lead. Thank you.

Sunday 21st December

Carol Service

Sunday 21st December at 6.00pm

Studley St Mary's Church, B80 7AB

Followed by mulled wine & mince pies

Wednesday 24th December – Christmas Eve

Crib and Cocoa Nativity Service

Dress up as a nativity character. Hot Chocolate. Bring your sheep/taff - claim your reward!

4.00pm

Wednesday 24th December

Studley Parish Church B80 7AB

Join the flock to hear the hoo-ril-lant n-ewes

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

WEDNESDAY 24TH DECEMBER 2025 4 PM

Church of the Holy Ascension, Mappleborough Green, Arden Marches Churches

Birmingham Road (A425) B80 7DJ

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The Children's Society

24th December 4pm

Church of the Holy Ascension, Mappleborough Green, Arden Marches Churches

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Thursday 1st January 2026

Ankorn House Birmingham Road B80 7DJ

Thursday 1st January 2026

An invitation to join a **New Year's Day Light Lunch** with friends

It's a 12:30 arrival for a 1pm lunch. **TICKET £10 pp** includes 3-course menu

Booking essential

Contact Margaret Lee or Linda Salisbury 07872 625006. Please advise any special dietary requirements when booking.

With optional quiz/games for entertainment

arden marches Church of the Holy Ascension Mappleborough Green

Saturday 3rd January 2026

St Mary's Studley Parish Church Arden Marches Churches

it's party time

Please come to our **NEW YEAR PARTY** on Saturday 3rd January 2026 from 5-8pm at the Parish Centre

it's free – just bring some food to share!

see Mercia to book a place 07963 903901

Studley Churches Together – Christmas Carols

You are warmly invited to join Studley Churches Together for our final festive carol event. Come along, sing with us, and share in the joy of Christmas while supporting our community outreach.

Saturday 20th December

- Carols at Bruno's - 11.00am to 12.30pm (Outside in The Quadrant)
- Carols at Arrow Valley - 2.30pm to 4.00pm (Inside The Boathouse Café)

Advent Giving throughout December

As we approach the end of the year, December is traditionally our biggest month of giving - and you have already been so generous this year.

Our vision is to share God's love with a broken and hurting world by loving Him, loving others, and changing lives. If you wish to make an extra donation for Advent, see page 4 for ways to give to the Church

Parish Safeguarding Officer for Arden Marches Benefice for more information please contact Lynda Barr smg-pcc-lay-chair@ardenmarches.co.uk

Advent Giving

And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

HEBREWS 13:16

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). Next meeting is **Monday 5th January 2026**. Come and join us for a cuppa and some company at the Parish Centre, Needle Close, Studley.

Studley Dementia Café - next meeting on **Thursday 15th January 2026**.

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

No meetings on 25th December or 1st January.



Souper Bowls – next meeting on **Tuesday 23rd December 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

Next session: Friday 9th January 2026.



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.

Prayer

Prayer for the week: Advent 4

Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs of this present age
to see, with her, our great salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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: **Bob Stephenson, the family of Louise Burborough, 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: **Lousie Burborough, Anthony Warren, Dudley Fowkes and Barbara Turner.**

We remember those for whom the anniversary of their death falls at this time: **Betty Round, Cody Fisher, Sue Ludlow, Richard Jones and Margaret Midgley.**

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.

Studley church PGS Parish Code: 110611151	B80 7AB Coventry Diocese	Mappleborough Church PGS Parish Code: 110611152	B80 7DJ Coventry Diocese
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

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Ankorn House bookings Linda Salisbury 07872 625006

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Facebook page: Arden Marches Churches
Oldberrow and Morton Bagot Churches

Facebook group: Arden Marches Messy Church
Arden Marches Church Family
Studley Dementia Café

Website: www.ardenmarches.co.uk

