

Worship Services for December

STUDLEY (St Mary's) B80 7AB

Theme for this week: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

18th January 10am Opening the Bible

25th January 10am Worship for Everyone

MAPPLEBOROUGH (Church of the Holy Ascension) B80 7DJ

18th January 10am Café Church with drinks & pastries from 9.45am

25th January 10am Holy Communion

OLDBERROW (St Mary's) B95 5NU

25th January 4pm Holy Communion

MORTON BAGOT (Holy Trinity) B80 7EJ

31st January 3pm Forest Church - Candlemas/Imbolc

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 5th February at 10.00am in the Parish Centre.

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/>

Parish Centre contact details

For all enquiries and booking for the Parish Centre, please contact Mike Moffat on 07594 948534 or  parish-centre@ardenmarches.co.uk

News, information and upcoming events:

Funeral of Heather Wersocki at Studley Parish Church on Tuesday 27th January at 11.00am.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from Sunday 18th- Sunday 25th January 2026

This year churches will join together in prayer under the theme **“Peace for all people.”** The worship materials have been prepared by the Christian communities of Armenia, offering a rich and thoughtful guide for our shared reflections. As part of this special week, our local churches will gather for times of fellowship.

Everyone is warmly invited to take part:

Studley Baptist Church on Sundays 18th & 25th January at 6.30 pm. A chance to worship together, pray for unity, and share in the hope of peace.

Prayer Breakfast at Studley Methodist Church on Saturday 24th January, from 9.30-10.30am. Enjoy breakfast together followed by a short time of prayer and reflection.

These gatherings are a wonderful opportunity to stand alongside our brothers and sisters from different traditions, celebrating the unity we share in Christ. **Your presence and support will be greatly appreciated.**

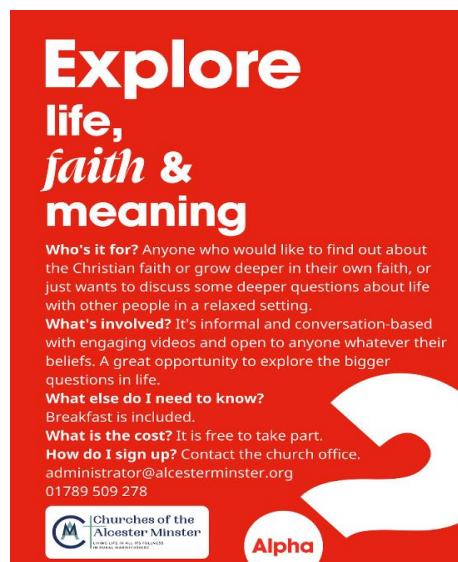
Parish Safeguarding Officer for Arden Marches Benefice

Arden Marches Benefice is seeking a voluntary Parish Safeguarding Officer. To find out more, please contact Lynda Barr:

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

Alpha Course run by the Alcester Minster team at 9.00am on Saturdays from 10th January 2026 at Alcester Minster.

Alpha offers a friendly space to explore the basics of the Christian faith, and everyone is welcome.



More details: <https://www.alcesterminster.org/church-life/alpha>
To book, contact the Alcester Minster church office: 01789 509 278 or 07831 667408 or email administrator@alcesterminster.org

Rob Halligan in concert at Coventry Cathedral on Saturday 31st January doors open at 7.00pm.

Kate is attending and would love to catch up with any Arden Marches folks who are going as well.



Worship Services in Studley Care Homes
Celia Spiers (the Arden Marches Anna Chaplain), Joan Lock and Alan Greathead take monthly services in our local Care Homes. Church members are very welcome to join them. Please contact them for more information. See poster for contact details or annachaplain@ardenmarches.co.uk

January Events at The Well Christian Healing Centre based in Royal Leamington Spa.

Rest and Receive in person events: Mon 26th Jan, 2pm to 3.30pm – [R and R](#)

Rest and Receive online: Thurs 29th Jan 7pm to 8pm – [R and R Online](#)

Quiet Morning (led by new co-directors Ian and Ruth) Thurs 22nd Jan: Behold, I Am Doing A New Thing! – [Quiet Morning](#)
Healing Prayer Training Evening (specifically designed for church prayer teams.): Thurs 26th Feb 7.15pm – 9.45pm. Cost £17 (buy 4 get a 5th place free): [Healing Prayer Training](#)

Well Come and Be wellbeing Café: Every Thursday morning 10am to 12pm except where stated.

Prayer Appointments – request a prayer appointment here: [Prayer Appointment Request Form](#)

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 5th February.



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 27th January

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 really glad you're here and hope you soon feel at home with us. If you'd like to stay connected or learn more about our community, you're warmly invited to complete a *Keeping in Touch* form, available in church, and pass it to a churchwarden.

We offer activities for children and a variety of midweek small groups to support adults as we grow together in living out our Christian faith. If you'd like to know more, please do speak to one of our churchwardens.

Prayer

Prayer for the week: Epiphany 2

Eternal Lord,
our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole creation
to your glory, hidden through past ages
and made known 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 and Pearl Taylor, the family of Heather Wersocki, the family of James 'Jim' Dyer and all those known to us personally.**

We commend to God all who have died recently and pray for their families: **Heather Wersocki & James 'Jim' Dyer.**

We remember those for whom the anniversary of their death falls at this time: **Sam Seymour and Kathleen Hawthorne.**

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	Mapleborough 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	Mapleborough 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 Thursday please*
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Family Link Worker: **Angela Corlett** 07724 347055
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Parish Centre bookings: **Mike Moffat** 07594 948534
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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

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