

Welcome to our Service, please take this newsheet with you



February 16th

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Second Sunday before Lent

Bringing God's love to a hurting world.

Readings: Romans 8: 18-25 Matt 6: 25-34

Rector: Revd Kate Mier rector@ardenmarches.co.uk
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Rest day: Monday

Snowdrop teas

In Studley Church 2.00-4.00pm, Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th February.

Easter Bingo

At the Parish Centre, on 21st March 2020 at 7.00pm
Entrance by tickets only at £5.00p which includes refreshments, bingo books and raffle to be purchased on the night.

If you can donate a prize then please contact Margaret on 01214455226

All proceeds for The Air Ambulance.

See Margaret Lee or Phil Pattison for tickets.

Lent Course

This year's Course is "From now on - A Lent Course on hope and redemption in the Greatest Showman" by Rachel Mann. 5 sessions at the Methodist Church 7.30-9.00pm on consecutive Tuesdays beginning on 3rd March with a showing of the film. There is a course book (£6) Please sign the sign up sheets in church if you hope to attend and would like a copy of the book.

PCC Forum 7.30pm Monday 2nd March

This will be a time to consider courses and events throughout this year to help us deepen our Christian faith and living, and to pray together for this deepening. Everyone, including PCC and DCC members of all our churches, are welcome. (If you can only "do" one evening that week, Ash Wednesday Holy Communion is a higher priority. Apologies for cramming a lot into this week. Kate)

Lent Book - Saying Yes to Life

The Archbishop's Lent book this year is 'Saying Yes to Life' by Ruth Valerio. Ruth "relates themes of light, water, land, the seasons, other creatures, humankind, Sabbath rest and resurrection hope to matters of environmental, ethical and social concern." The church's eco group will be reading it and meeting occasionally to discuss it. You can buy your own copy from any bookseller. If you'd like to join the discussions, please contact Dan.

SERVICES AND COMING SOON

Sunday 16th February

10.00am Morning Worship
Mappleborough Green
Holy Communion for all +
Junior Church
Studley

6.30pm Holy Communion
Four Acres

Monday 17th February

2.30pm Compassion Group
Parish Centre

Thursday 20th February

9.30am Holy Communion
Parish Centre

Sunday 23rd February

8.00am Holy Communion
Studley

10.00am Holy Communion for All
Mappleborough Green
Celebration Praise
Parish Centre

4.00pm Evensong
Oldberrow

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for people to serve as our **funeral and wedding vergers** at Studley.

Prayer List

The prayer list is for urgent and critical situations, names remain on this list for four weeks.

Please let us know if the person needs to be kept on for additional weeks.

Please remember in your prayers especially this week: **Christine, Jarmy, Jean Burbage, Judy Stote, Sheila Vale and Val Greathead**

We remember before God and pray for the families of all who have died recently, including: **Margaret Smith**

We also remember those we may know for whom the anniversary of their death falls at this time: **Eva Branford, Lorna Wall and John Leggett**

Worship Works - a day with Roger Jones Saturday 14th March 10.30-16.30 Lickey Church

A day of music and worship, inspiration and challenge, to have fun and soak in the presence of God. Everyone who worships is welcome, together with singers and musicians. Cost £5. It would be fun for a group of us to go, sharing transport. If you'd like to join us, pick up an application form from church and return it with £5 to Kate asap.

Mappleborough - Everyday Faith booklet - a drink and a chat

All who are working through this booklet at present are invited Kate's home 3 Manor Mews Studley B80 7PR at 3.00pm Thursday 20th February to encourage each other chat about the how we are getting on with the reflections.

Studley St Mary Academy - Headteacher news

Headteacher Melanie Ireland is leaving at Easter. Please pray for her as she leaves, for the appointment of a great next Headteacher, and for the staff, pupils and governors of our school in this time of transition.

Do something for the planet this Lent

As Christians we are called by God to lead the world in caring for creation. Climate change, biodiversity and plastic use are all spiritual issues! But where do we start? This Lent, take the Love Life, Live Lent challenge (adults and children's booklets will be available in our churches). Want to explore further? Why not also read the Archbishop's Lent Book, Saying Yes to Life by Ruth Valerio. We'll be having a discussion about both these resources on 6th March, 11am. Contact Dan Corlett for more information.

Dates for your diary

- *Marches Pancake Parties* We would like to hold several informal parties on Shrove Tuesday 25th February - in various people's homes across our parishes. If you would like to host a party please contact Kate.
- *Churches Together Holy Communion* with ashes to mark the start of Lent at the Methodist Church. Wednesday 26th February. 7.30pm
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THE COLLECT

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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