



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, as the Covid-19 cases rise and restrictions are tightened, let's pray:

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support the anxious, be with those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low; that we may find comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

And let's make the most of the privileged opportunities we have to meet for worship online or in church to encourage each other in our faith: 'Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another - and all the more as you see the Day approaching.' *Hebrews 10:25*

We are privileged to be allowed to gather for public worship in church grounds and buildings with as many people as the space can safely accommodate with social distancing – sitting in groups of no more than 6 people.

- Our **Annual Meetings** are coming up: please read the notice in this news sheet, and consider who might serve on our church committees going forwards.
We need to update our Electoral Rolls (the list of people who consider themselves 'members' of our churches, and can speak and vote at Annual Meetings). Please contact Alan Greathead (Electoral Roll Officer) on 01527 404038 if you
 - are on a Roll and have moved house or changed your contact details in the last two years
 - would like to join a Roll.**The deadline for Studley and Mappleborough is 15th September.**
- this month we will hold two **8am Holy Communion** services at Studley on their 'usual' Sundays, and special afternoon services in various churches. Details below. No need to book, just come along with your mask.
- **Dan** will be ordained priest at 2pm on Saturday 26th September. We hope to be able to livestream the service. Sadly because of the stricter social distancing measures we will not be able to gather to celebrate with him. Do pray for him as he prepares.
- We no longer offer specific bookable times for personal prayer in Studley or Mappleborough church. If you wish to pray in Studley church contact Phil Pattison (01527 852065).
- Mappleborough DCC has approved the project to **reorder the vestry and back of the church**: to install a disabled access toilet and servery and move the sound system controls. Work will start a bit later than hoped on 21st September for about 10 weeks. The church will not be available for personal prayer but can be used for funerals and Sunday worship.
- Kate Mier, Jennie and Alan Jarmy, and maybe one or two others are joining in the nationwide **Ride and Stride sponsored cycle** this Saturday 12th September to raise funds for historic churches. We will cycle to as many local churches as we can manage! If you'd like to sponsor us please go to <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/ArdenMarchesRideandStride> or you can just pop money in an envelope marked Ride and Stride through Kate's door. We will post photos on Facebook for you to enjoy.

Something to read: former curate Steve Tash has a book 'Faith in Mind' published this month

More details on line at: https://www.gileadbookspublishing.com/store/p94/Faith_In_Mind available from Eden.co.uk or Amazon (Kindle version available)

Podcast: Isabella Walters, one of our young people, is recording a monthly podcast on an aspect of Christian belief and practice. The first podcast: 'Jesus: teacher or liberator?' is available to listen to on our website under 'Church online'.

Labyrinth: Isabella Walters has sprayed a prayer labyrinth onto the grass in Studley Churchyard. It is there for everyone to use as a way of slowing down and centring on the loving guiding presence of God. More info to be posted on our website.

Sunday 13th September 14th Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion Studley Church

10.00am Zoom all-age service Matthew 16:13-20

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6792975230> or meeting ID 679 297 5230

If you do not know the password please contact Dan.

Or you can join on your landline or mobile phone by dialling 0208 080 6591 (London number – national rate applies). Enter the conference ID (679 297 5230) and password when requested.

4.00pm outdoor Holy Communion in Oldberrow Churchyard (inside if wet) bring your own chair (and umbrella)

Sunday 20th September Cross of Nails Sunday

10.00am Zoom all-age service for Cross of Nails Sunday

6.00pm Soul Space – going deeper with God at Mappleborough Church. 45 minutes of being led in restful, soul-nourishing prayer followed by an opportunity for healing prayer ministry for those who wish to stay.

Sunday 27th September Harvest Festival

8.00am Holy Communion Studley Church

10.00am Zoom Harvest service

Prayer and Pub: Thursdays 8.00 pm - *via Zoom*

Relaxed chat and prayer <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89628241352> Meeting ID: 896 2824 1352. Password: 981342

Weekday Prayer

9.30am Morning Prayer & 9.30pm Night Prayer on our public Facebook page

Morning Prayer – 20 minutes. Night Prayer – 12 minutes

Annual Church Meetings for Studley with Mappleborough Green will be held via Zoom (this is now permitted in law). Zoom login information will be publicised in due course. If you wish to attend and are unable to join via Zoom contact Kate to make arrangements. The meetings are open to anyone to attend (only those on the Electoral Roll may vote). Agendas and Nomination Forms will be available at www.ardenmarches.co.uk

- **Mappleborough ADCM - 7.30pm Monday 21st September**
- **Studley ADCM - 7.30pm Wednesday 23rd September**
- **Studley with Mappleborough APCM – Wednesday 30th September**

ADCMs are the Annual District Church Council meetings at which we

- nominate Churchwardens, PCC and Deanery Synod members
- Elect Deputy Churchwardens and DCC members
- Receive the annual church accounts.

The APCM is the Annual Parochial Church Meeting at which we

- Elect Churchwardens
- Elect PCC and Deanery Synod members
- Receive the annual report about our church activities and the financial report
- Members of the Electoral Roll have the opportunity to raise any matter they wish.
- **This year we will give an update on work on our buildings, on environmental matters, and discuss what worship to offer in church buildings this autumn and winter.**

(PCC is the Parochial Church Council that oversees the strategy and the running of the parish of Studley with Mappleborough. DCC is the District Church Council that manages the individual church)

This year we need to elect people as follows:

Studley: 2 DCC members, 2 PCC members, 2 Deanery Synod members

Mappleborough: 2 DCC members, 1 PCC member, 2 Deanery Synod members

We also need to elect Churchwardens and Deputy Churchwardens – these are elected each year.

The Annual Meeting for Morton Bagot, Spernal and Oldberrow will be 14th October 7.30pm. More information to follow.

Please pray for guidance for these meetings and elections, that God will bless us through them. Please pray about who might join a DCC or PCC (might you?). Find out more from Kate or Dan or anyone on one of these committees.

For your prayers

Contact Judith McLelland to add the names of people in urgent and critical need of prayer (with their permission). People remain on the list for 4 weeks (contact Judith if they need to remain after this).

We pray for people in particular need including: **Peter Holmes, Ross Cruickshank, Margaret Gopsill, Melissa Lammas, Lisa Chartrand, Val Greathead and Sue Ludlow**

We commend to God all who have died recently and pray for their families, including : **Jim Dyer, Doreen Latham, Patricia Simmons, June Tomlin and Peter Adams**

We remember those for whom the anniversary of their death falls at this time: **Olga Gilbert**

Prayer for the week: 14th Sunday after Trinity

Merciful God, your Son came to save us
and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy
and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness
that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Making a donation to our churches

Although we cannot give on Sundays in our usual way, we can still make a thank-offering on a Sunday or at any time.

You can make a donation using a bank card by phoning Dan Corlett, or by electronic bank transfer (please include your name as the reference for Gift Aid purposes)

	Sort Code	Account
Studley Parish Church	40-43-54	61000861
Mappleborough Green DCC	40-43-54	00558532
Morton Bagot PCC	40-43-54	60600547
Oldberrow PCC	40-43-19	61173928

Rector: Revd Kate Mier 3 Manor Mews, Studley B80 7PR

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Rest Day: Friday

For safeguarding concerns:

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Diocesan safeguarding Team (24hrs) 024 7652 1345

Curate: Revd Dan Corlett

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Rest day: Monday

Church Administrator: Judith McLelland

Available 2.00pm-4.30pm Monday to Thursday

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News sheet deadline 2pm Thursday