



This Sunday, the feast of Christ the King, we start our **Worship in the Waiting** season to lead us through Advent to Christmas. The weekly themes will focus our Sunday worship, and can be explored using daily Personal Devotions booklets on weekdays, and at 8pm on Thursday evenings in a Zoom chat and pray meeting. Do join us as you are able on this Advent journey.

You can download the **Personal Devotions booklet** as a pdf here: <http://engageworship.org/3CB13656>

We have printed copies too – please order from Administrator Judith McLelland.

The cost of either the pdf download or paper copy is about £4 (we have bought a licence for the downloads) – please contribute whatever you can afford – pay Studley Church using one of the payment options explained at the end of the news sheet.

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and hope in believing as we wait together through Advent this year.

### **Sunday 22nd November Waiting for a King**

#### **10.00am All-Age Zoom Service**

11.30am personal prayer with members of our prayer ministry team via Zoom

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

If you do not know the password please contact Judith, Kate or 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.

*Reminder for those who are members of our District Church Councils that we have Zoom meetings at 7.30pm on 23<sup>rd</sup> (Mappleborough) and 25<sup>th</sup> (Studley)*

### **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November**

**11am-1pm Studley Church** will be open for personal prayer every Thursday in November. There will be songs and images on the screens and also silences to help your prayer. Call in for a few minutes or longer as you wish.

**8.00pm Worship in the Waiting** on Zoom – an hour of conversation and prayer around this week's theme led by Kate.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83252550647> Meeting ID: 832 5255 0647 Passcode: 700426

### **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 24 hour continuous chain of prayer to mark the start of Advent**

Sign up to pray for one hour (or more) at home (or as you walk in your locality) for our churches and communities to flourish over the coming year. Resources to guide your prayer will be available. To sign up just let Kate or Dan know what hour you will commit to pray, or visit this link:

<https://www.24-7prayer.com/signup/788711/>

### **Advent Gift Weekend 28-29 November**

We have a lovely tradition of making a special thank-offering financial gift to our church over the weekend which marks the start of a new church year as we embark on the season of Advent once again. We invite you to consider making a gift this year – details of how to give are shown below. Your gift will be much valued this year as our income has been reduced by the lack of collections at services, fewer weddings and less fundraising.

### **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November: Advent Sunday**

10am All-Age Zoom service 'Holy Suspense'

**National call to prayer** continues at 6pm each day in November using the 'Prayer for the Nation' themes (on the CofE website).

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

### **Advent for families in Studley – help needed**

We would like to provide an online advent calendar for families in Studley church and village to enjoy. The idea is that each day there would be a photo and a clue to a place in the village where a wooden angel is hidden. Children would try to find an angel, decorate it and bring it to the Christmas Eve event at church. **We need volunteers to think of a hiding place (or two), photograph it in the next couple of weeks, and hide an angel (provided) the night before the allocated date (or early that morning).** If you would like to help, or find out more detail, please contact Keith Johnson on 01527544830 or email [johnson\\_hunt\\_end@hotmail.com](mailto:johnson_hunt_end@hotmail.com). We think this will help to make our church, and the Christmas message, more visible during this challenging time. Thanks. Keith

**Online retreat for Advent** led by Bishop John Saturday 28 November or Wednesday 2 December  
<https://www.coventry.anglican.org/news/online-retreat-for-advent.php>

**Church Diaries** are now available from Judith

**Thank you Sue:** Sue Ludlow has decided that due to her health issues it is time to step down from her roles with Centrepoint and Celebration Praise, and to lay down the leadership of Messy Church (but to continue to be involved). She has given so much in all these roles over so many years and leaves some very big holes to be filled in due course. A HUGE thank-you Sue for all that you have contributed, and our prayers for God's blessing for you.

### **The wildflower meadow**

The wildflower meadow at Mappleborough Green has now reached the end of the first stage. Many thanks to those who prepared the ground, particularly John Styler and Lee Bennett, and those who came along on an impossibly wet afternoon when all work had to be suspended. However, I did manage to get the yellow rattle seeds sown last week. Thanks also to those who donated towards the costs. Erica

### **Safeguarding training**

Over the last few weeks Judith has been sending out some emails for me asking for some of you to re-do your safeguarding training which needs to be done every three years. If you haven't spotted an email please check your spam/junk emails to see if you have missed it. We would really like to take advantage of this 'furlough' time to get everyone's training up to date. Kate

### **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, Bob Martin, Tony Drake, Linda Moffat, Jean Burbage, Melissa Lammas, Val Greathead and Sue Ludlow**

We commend to God all who have died recently and pray for their families, including : **Oliver Prewitt, Roger Franklin and Ann Hurford**

We remember those for whom the anniversary of their death falls at this time: **Gerald Hurford and Naomi Styler**

### **Prayer for the nation**

Lord Jesus Christ, in these dark and difficult days we turn our hearts to you.

In ages past you have delivered our nation from disaster.

Do it again we pray.

Give Wisdom beyond human wisdom to our leaders.

Give strength beyond human strength to the NHS and all our frontline workers.

Give comfort beyond human comfort to children and the elderly and all who grieve.

Lord, Jesus Christ. In these dark and difficult days, turn your face towards us,

have mercy upon us, and heal our land we pray. Amen

**Prayer for the week: Christ the King**

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.

**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)

To give by cheque, use the church name as in this table, and send the cheque to The Vicarage or pass it directly to the treasurer. Cash donations may be taken to The Vicarage.

	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

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**Curate: Revd Dan Corlett**

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**For safeguarding concerns:**

**Parish Safeguarding Officer, Kay Middleton** 07867492938

Diocesan safeguarding Team (24hrs) 024 7652 1345

**Church Administrator: Judith McLelland**

Available 2.00pm-4.30pm Monday to Thursday parish@ardenmarches.co.uk 01527 850130

*News sheet deadline 2pm Thursday*

Our website is [www.ardenmarches.co.uk](http://www.ardenmarches.co.uk)

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