



Worship in Churches

We are delighted that we can now offer worship in church again – following the same hygiene procedures as before lockdown, but with limited interactions with other people because we are in Tier 3:

- We are not allowed to interact in church with people outside our household/bubble, so please do not linger and chat after the service.
- We are allowed to meet in groups of up to 6 people outside in public spaces, but not to interact between groups of 6.
- We are permitted to travel to church but people are advised not to travel into or out of Tier 3.

So please continue to make the choices that are right for you at this time, and please stay safe (under the shelter of the feathers of the wings of the Most High as the psalmist writes). Attending church has been shown to be a relatively low risk activity, but please only come if it feels right for you at this time. We continue to offer online worship, and there are lots of other online and on TV worship resources to sustain us.

Congregations are not permitted to sing in church, but we will enjoy choirs singing at our Carol Services.

Studley Walkthrough Nativity 4-7pm, Christmas Eve

This bookable, distanced, walk-through experience will replace our usual all-age nativity service and for many families will be THE one church event they will take part in this Christmas. Booking is open and slots are going fast. Additional time slots may be added, so if you can't get a ticket (see web site) do check again. **We now have most of the team we need, but a couple of additional helpers will enable us to add further time slots so more people can participate.** Please contact Dan if you can help.

Sunday 13th December Advent 3 Hope-filled expectation

8.00am Holy Communion Studley Church

The Church of England is now allowing us to share both bread and wine, with a wafer being touched to the surface of the wine before being given to the communicant. We will offer this on an experimental basis at this service for those who would like this. We will then review it and seek PCC approval if appropriate.

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.

Monday 14th December 10.15am: Studley St Mary's CofE Academy Year 3 Christmas Service in Studley Church

Tuesday 15th December 11.00am Funeral of Trudy Rowney in Mappleborough Church

Doorstep Carol Singing 6.00pm Wednesday 16th December

We, with Enjoyable Studley and other local churches, are encouraging as many people as possible to take to their doorsteps armed with mulled wine and mince pies etc to sing along with carols on radio stations BBC CWR –tune in on 103.7FM or DAB or BBC Sounds Invite your neighbours to join you – use the flyers available from our website to let your neighbours know you are doing this, and invite them to join you for a socially distanced get together singing traditional Christian Christmas Carols that keep alive in our culture the good news of the birth of Jesus.

Thursday 17th December

11am – 12pm Studley Church open for private prayer with music and words on screen – no need to book.

2.00pm Mappleborough Green CofE Primary School Class 4 Christmas Service in Mappleborough Church.

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

Studley Methodist church is open to everyone for personal prayer on Saturday 19th December 11.00am -12.30pm. No advance booking required.

Sunday 20th December

10.00am Zoom all-age service: Awestruck Anticipation

10.00am Christmas Carols and Communion at Mappleborough Church *no need to book*

6.00pm Carol Service at Studley Church *livestreamed to our Facebook page*

Places are limited – please apply to Judith McLelland our Administrator 01527 852830 or parish@ardenmarches.co.uk

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

Advent Giving: Many thanks to those who have given such generous thank-offerings for the work of Arden Marches Churches. To date we have received £190 for Oldberrow, £1,390 for Mappleborough Green and £6,200 for Studley. You are very welcome to make an Advent thank-you Gift at any time this month.

Mappleborough Church: Many thanks to everyone who helped to clean Mappleborough Green church on Saturday. It was a marathon effort and your hard work is much appreciated. This **Saturday 12th at 10.00** we shall be decorating for Christmas - please let Erica know if you would like to help.

Studley Church: We plan to decorate Studley Church for Christmas on **Saturday 12 December at 10.00am**. If you can help it would be appreciated, Phil Pattison.

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve

4-7pm Walk Through Nativity for families Studley Church – *book via our website; further time slots may be added*

11pm Midnight Communion Studley Church

limited numbers – apply to Administrator Judith McLelland for seats

Christmas Day

10am Holy Communion Mappleborough Church – *no need to book*

10am Family Worship Studley Church – *no need to book*

11.15am Holy Communion Morton Bagot Church

limited numbers - apply to Churchwarden Jenny Hindmarch

01527 857958 jenny.hindmarch@gmail.com

11.30am -12.00pm Zoom festive chat with Kate: not going to church but would like to enjoy the company of some Arden Marches folk at Christmas? Then join me with a drink and a nibble for a chat, a carol and a prayer - to share some joy and peace and love on Christmas Day. Same Zoom login info as for our Sunday 10am Zoom services:

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A thank you to Studley's Isolation Support Group Volunteers

Many thanks to those who prepared and delivered Christmas goody bags on behalf of Arden marches Churches to the wonderful SISG volunteers – photos of what was in the bags can be seen on our website.

Mappleborough Green DCC has **3 vacancies:** for a PCC member, a DCC member and a Deanery Synod member. If you are interested in helping our church grow and develop do consider taking up one of these places. Contact Erica or Kate to learn more.

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: **Linda Moffat, Sylvia and Roy Sealey, Peter Holmes, Bob Martin, Tony Drake, Jean Burbage, Melissa Lammas, Val Greathead and Sue Ludlow**

We commend to God all who have died recently and pray for their families, including: **Pat Cund and Trudy Rowney**

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

Prayer for the week

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with 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)

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 Church Committee	40-43-54	00558532
Morton Bagot PCC	40-43-54	60600547
Oldberrow PCC	40-43-19	61173928

Contact details:

Rector: Revd Kate Mier

3 Manor Mews, Studley B80 7PR rector@ardenmarches.co.uk 01527 852830 Rest Day: Friday

Curate: Revd Dan Corlett

curate@ardenmarches.co.uk 07543 370637 Rest day: Monday

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

You can find us on Facebook as Arden Marches Churches or join Arden Marches Church Family