



### **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

#### **10.00am Zoom all-age service: Awestruck Anticipation**

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.

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

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 to continue if appropriate.

#### **6.00pm Carol Service at Studley Church *livestreamed to our Facebook page [facebook.com/ardenmarcheschurches](https://www.facebook.com/ardenmarcheschurches)***

With members of Alcester Male Voice choir and videos from Studley St Mary's CofE Academy. There is no limit to the number of people who can join us online, so please share our Facebook adverts about this widely, especially among local friends. You do not need a Facebook account to view the video.

### **Christmas Eve**

**Walk Through Nativity for families** Studley Church – *fully booked, but check our website for cancellations*

**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](mailto: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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### **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December**

In next week's news sheet we will share the link to an online service being prepared for the whole of Coventry Diocese, for you to join in with. The Arden Marches team will all be taking a Christmas rest from preparing and leading worship on the Sunday after Christmas.

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

**Studley Walkthrough Nativity** Christmas Eve. If you know anyone who wants to attend but hasn't booked, then please keep an eye on our web site for any last-minute cancellations. **We need a few items/props if you can help with any of these: (Essential oil diffuser; cuddly sheep/lambs; a Roman soldier/messenger costume; loud hailer; hessian sacking or old brown blankets).** Please contact Dan with offers.

Daily Hope: for Christmas we have a wonderful range of festive content including Bible readings and Christmas Carols available on the line.



**Comfort and Joy** – The Church of England has prepared some Comfort and Joy for us from Christmas Day to 2<sup>nd</sup> January: readings and reflections for each day based around different Christmas carols. This link will take you to a web page where you can register to receive the daily readings in various ways.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/what-we-believe/advent-and-christmas/comfort-and-joy-our-advent-and-christmas-reflections>

**A huge thank you** to everyone who decorated Studley and Mappleborough churches for Christmas – they look amazing Christmas worship. If you get chance do pop down to Studley churchyard and enjoy the illuminated manger in the porch.

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

**Advent Giving:** Many thanks to those who have given such generous thank-offerings for the work of Arden Marches Churches. You are very welcome to make an Advent thank-you Gift at any time this month.

#### **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: **John Mann, Peter Holmes, Angie Holmes, Linda Moffat, Sylvia and Roy Sealey, Tony Drake, Melissa Lammas, Val Greathead and Sue Ludlow**

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

We remember those for whom the anniversary of their death falls at this time: **Alan Clarke, James Watton and Stan Parker**

#### **Prayer for the week**

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in 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:**

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**Curate: Revd Dan Corlett**

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

**For safeguarding concerns:**

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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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