



### 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 in church 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.

### Doorstep Carol Singing 6.00pm Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Sunday 6th December Advent 2 Active Patience

**10.00am Holy Communion in Studley Church** – all welcome, no need to book

#### **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.

**3.30pm Messy Christingle** *via Zoom – contact Dan for more information*

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 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

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December 8.00am Holy Communion Studley Church**

**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 £5,800 for Studley. You are very welcome to make an Advent thank-you Gift at any time this month.

Thank you too to everyone who prayed during our 24 hours of prayer last weekend – it was a significant thing to do and may well bear fruit into the future.

### Christmas Services

We are still finalising plans for these services as we work out what we are able to offer, so please keep an eye out for updated information and timings. This is the current provisional plan:

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December 10am Communion and Carols Mappleborough Church  
6pm Carol Service Studley Church (limited numbers pre- booked) streamed to over the internet

Christmas Eve 4-7pm Nativity for families Studley Church  
11pm Midnight Communion Studley Church (limited numbers pre-booked)

Christmas Day 10am Holy Communion Mappleborough Church  
10am Family Worship Studley Church  
11.15am Holy Communion Morton Bagot Church (limited numbers pre-booked)  
11.30am Zoom chat and pray

### 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 will open soon for church family and people you want to invite, but first **we really need some team to help with things like: set decoration, preparing craft activities, setting up, 'acting', welcoming guests, technicals, and various other jobs**. Please contact Dan to express your interest.

### A thank you to Studley's heroes

Did you know nearly 60 people were part of the Studley Isolation Support Group this year, helping people with their shopping, running errands and talking to people living on their own. We'd really like to say thank you to them all, on behalf of the church. We are arranging to have a small food gift and a Christmas card sent to each of them. If you would like to contribute a small financial gift towards the costs of this, then please talk to Dan.

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

**Studley Methodist church** is open to everyone for personal prayer on Saturdays 5th and 19th December 11.00am - 12.30pm. No advance booking required.

**Online quiz in aid of ladies fighting breastcancer** Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 8pm organised by Melissa Lammas. Contact Kate for more information, or see the Church Family Facebook Group.

**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: **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: **Frederick Holder, Tom Harris and Joyce Shakells**

### Prayer for the week

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds,  
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour  
we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God.

### **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**

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#### **Curate: Revd Dan Corlett**

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### **For safeguarding concerns:**

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#### **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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