

Bringing God's love to a hurting world.

MOTHERING SUNDAY - a day to celebrate motherly love in families and to give thanks for the motherly love of God and God's people. It is also a difficult and complicated day for many for a wide variety of reasons. And the emotions felt on Mothering Sunday 2021 will be especially intense where there has been separation or bereavement or the pressure of living together 24/7..... So let's be gentle and kind with each other this weekend; and let's appreciate and encourage all who show motherly love.



God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bring together and to heal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

NEWS

Sunday worship for children: Following on from his very successful pilot last month, Keith Johnson is preparing a short online act of worship for children to run alongside the Zoom service on Sunday 21st. Details in next week's news sheet.

How are you getting on with our **Lent plastic challenge?** Do share ideas of what has worked well for you.

While the pandemic may be at the top of everyone's minds, the **climate emergency** remains the biggest threat to the world. Each month this year, a member of the Arden Marches Eco Group will be helping us to look at one area of our individual and corporate life to consider the changes we can each make. This month, David O'Dell is encouraging us to take on the Lent Plastic Challenge. This is available as a download from our website www.ardenmarches.co.uk/environment/ and provides a daily thought or simple action to help us address our plastic usage individually and as a church.



Opportunity: Parish Safeguarding Officer

Would you be interested in undertaking this vital role for our churches? Our current PSO really needs to hand over to someone else. Please speak to Kate for more information.

ZOOM WORSHIP for Sunday 14th March

9.30am prayer time

all are welcome to join the Sunday zoom service early for 10 minutes of prayer welcoming the Holy Spirit to move among us during our 10am worship service - you can then have more personal prayer and preparation or go and make a coffee while we get set up for the service.

10.00am Worship in the Wilderness – a Sacrificial Journey

11.30am – healing prayer ministry - just rejoin the zoom service and you will be invited from the waiting room for confidential prayer with members of our prayer ministry team.

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

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.

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

PRAYER

Daily Prayer: weekdays 9.30am and 9.30pm on Arden Marches Churches Facebook page.

Private prayer in church

Mappleborough Church: **11am-12pm Wednesday 17th March**

Studley Church: **11am -12pm Thursday 18th March**

Oldberrow Church is always open for private prayer

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 (do contact Judith if they need to remain after this)

Please pray for our schools and families in such demanding times as well as for the many and varied needs of all people.

We pray for people in particular need including: **Jean Hand, Rachel Clarke, Barbara Beaman, Muriel Richards, Melissa Lammas, Val Greathead and Sue Ludlow**

We commend to God all who have died recently and pray for their families, including: **Peter Wood, Jean Simmons, Philip Freeman, David Blizzard and Jean Middleton**

We remember those for whom the anniversary of their death falls at this time: **Robin Walker and Marion Louch**

Prayer for the week

God of love, passionate and strong,
tender and careful: watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Public worship in Church is suspended throughout March (except for funerals).

Making a donation to our churches

Thank you so much to the many people who are continuing to support us financially. You can make a donation anytime 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

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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

Find us on Facebook at the Arden Marches Churches page or join the Arden Marches Church Family private group