

NEWS

Sunday worship for children: On Sunday we will be releasing our second Families Extra, which is a magazine-style church presentation for families or for children to watch themselves. It will be available on the church family Facebook page and on our website from 9.45am so that it can be watched alongside the main service or at a future time. The theme also runs alongside the main service. Please let families with younger children (or grandchildren!) know.

National Day of Reflection Tuesday 23rd March

As we mark one year since the first lockdown we are invited to keep **1 minute silence at 12.00pm** to show support for the millions of people who have been bereaved. Here are additional ideas you could use to mark this day of reflection:

- **Studley church will be open for private prayer 10am-4pm.** Call in to reflect, pray, light a candle.
- phone or send a card today to someone you know who has been bereaved. 6 out of 10 adults have lost someone in the last year where they would have attended the funeral. 4 out of 10 say they have lost someone close to them.
- Plant a seed, a bulb, a bush as a sign of hope.
- At 8.00pm 'share the light' by lighting a candle or lantern in a window.



God of Love,

As we think about all that has changed this year,
help us to trust that you are always with us.

As we remember those who have died,
help us to trust they are at peace with you.

As we reach out to others with kindness and care,
may hope shine out in every heart and home.

Amen

Resuming worship in churches From Easter Day we will offer a Holy Communion service in one of our church buildings each week throughout April and May, as well as a 10am Zoom service. Further plans will be made as we see how things develop.

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

This challenge 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.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Stations of the Cross in Mappleborough Church: Monday 29th to Good Friday.

The Church will be open 11am -12pm each day for you to come and go as you wish, to pray through the events of Jesus' passion.

Maundy Thursday 1st April 7.30pm Zoom service: 'Love Feast' a Churches Together Service led by Methodist Minister Revd Anne Smith. You are invited to bring something simple to eat eg a cold drink and a biscuit.

<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).

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

The Way of the Cross Studley Community Trail: from Good Friday through to Easter Monday. Follow a trail of posters around Studley village; ending at the churchyard; at each poster pause to think and pray. Suitable for families or adults.



Easter Messy Church

Saturday 3rd April from 2pm - 4pm at Studley Church. We will have 6 activities for families to follow the Easter story, some inside and some outside, including an Easter egg hunt. If anyone would like to help please speak to me or Dan. Registration details to follow.
Ann Bond (07732 832798)

Easter Day

6.30am Sunrise Service in Studley Churchyard with Easter bonfire and with Holy Communion (outside) at 7.00am. You are welcome to arrive earlier than 6.30am if you wish to experience more of the dawn.

10.00am Holy Communion in Mappleborough Church. Everyone is welcome; so that we have an idea of how many people are coming, please let Judith know if you hope to attend.

10.00am Zoom service livestreamed Holy Communion from Mappleborough Church.

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Preparing for Easter:

Palm Crosses will be available from Wednesday 24th March for you to collect yourself from Mappleborough Church porch, Oldberrow Church, The Vicarage porch (3 Manor Mews), Dan Corlett's porch.

Parish Centre: it would be great to use the windows and walls of the Parish Centre for an Easter display: if you would like to get involved contact Kate.

The Crosses on the Hill at Mappleborough will be in place once again as an act of witness to Jesus' death and resurrection. Thank you to Jon Richards for doing this.

ZOOM WORSHIP for Sunday 21st March - a truth-speaking journey

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.

10.00am Worship in the Wilderness – a truth-Speaking Journey (and also Sundays Family Extra)

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

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PRAYER

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

Private prayer in church

Mappleborough Church: **11am-12pm Wednesday 24th March**

Studley Church: **10am to 4pm Tuesday 23rd March** (NB not Thursday this week)

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 Ward, Jean Simmons, Philip Freeman, Laurence Hughes, John Heath.**

We remember those for whom the anniversary of their death falls at this time: **Joan Welsh and Delphine Foster**

Prayer for the week

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son
out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,
that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Contact details:

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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

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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