

**15th August**

**10am Communion at Studley Church and via Zoom**

<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 or Dan

**July national relaxation of Covid restrictions - how does it affect worship in church?**

**Let's continue to consider and protect each other: hands, face, space**

Following recent CofE and Diocesan guidance, and DCC/PCC discussions, we will continue to worship in church following the guidelines we have been using until now - wearing masks, sanitising hands, doing Holy Communion as we have been doing, keeping doors open etc. If you choose to not wear a mask we can designate a separated section of seating for you. We recommend using every other pew for seating with no restrictions on how many people sit in a pew - taking care to respect each other's wishes about personal space, and to not sit next to someone without enquiring first.

**Sunday worship in August: looking at the Lord's Prayer**

During August we will continue to have an in-church service of Holy Communion each week, plus an online option. The worship diet is a bit more limited than recently because of holidays. In September we hope to have a 10am service in both Studley and Mappleborough churches each Sunday, and an online option too.

22nd August 10am Communion at Mappleborough Church  
10am Diocesan 'Summer Singing' online service

29th August 8am Communion at Studley Church  
(5th Sunday) let's go out into the community in the morning, or else help set up for:

**Sunday 29th August 4-8pm Mappleborough Mini-Fest for all the Arden Marches Churches** in the church grounds.

Everyone is welcome - let's gather from all our congregations on this 5th Sunday of the month, and let's publicise it widely in our communities. **There will be flyers to pop through letterboxes in Studley, Mappleborough and beyond - if you could deliver some please contact Judith McLelland.** BYO picnic, bar and BBQ, children's games, live and recorded music, short optional service in church at 6pm, relaxed festival vibe.

**Living in Love and Faith** is a major initiative by the Church of England, led by the Bishop of Coventry, to help the whole church explore Christian teaching and learning about identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage. As a starting point Alcester Deanery is running a Zoom course to explore the resources over 5 Thursdays starting on 2nd September at 7 for 7.15pm. Contact Revd Alison Hampton at [churchesofardenrev@gmail.com](mailto:churchesofardenrev@gmail.com) to find out more or to book your place.

**Great is thy faithfulness 12pm Saturday 25th September at Coventry Cathedral:** take a picnic and join with the whole diocesan family to explore and reflect on God's faithfulness in extraordinarily challenging times. Holy Communion at 2.30pm. <https://www.coventry.anglican.org/your-faith/great-is-thy-faithfulness/>

There will be a church **coffee morning** at Badgers on Thursday 19th August at 10.30. Everyone welcome - just come along!



We plan to restart CentrePoint this Autumn. We expect it to look similar to the pre-lockdown CentrePoint, but with a stronger emphasis on attracting people from beyond the current church family. In order to do this, we would like to build up a team of people who will variously cover a number of roles such as setting up, catering, and welcoming as well as standing at the front! If

you would like to be involved (or just want more information), please contact Dan or Keith ([johnson\\_hunt\\_end@hotmail.com](mailto:johnson_hunt_end@hotmail.com) or 01527544830).

## Eco Church

**Great news! Oldberrow Church is the first of our four churches to be awarded Eco Church Bronze.** Across a range of criteria (buildings, land, lifestyle, community engagement) the church has met the standard for Bronze accreditation and is now working its way towards silver. Well done to Jane and David O'Dell and all involved. Our other churches aren't far behind.



### **Not Costing the Earth**

Many of us are fortunate enough to be able to afford to make ethical,

environmentally friendly decisions when choosing our household supplies. These may cost more money-wise, but they won't be costing the Earth.

Look for cleaning products by these companies, which don't use harsh chemicals and aren't packaged in small plastic containers – Clean Living, Spruce, Ocean Saver, Ecover and Homethings.

Studley and Mappleborough Green churches are looking to buy toilet paper in bulk (boxes of 48 double-length rolls) from

whogivesacrap.org, and sell smaller quantities to individuals at the same price per item. Not only is the paper itself 100% recycled (and still strong and soft), uses no inks, dyes or scents in its manufacture and is biodegradable, but it is packaged without plastic, and the company give 50% of their profits to building toilets in other parts of the world.



## General synod elections

Following the dissolution of General Synod on 13 July 2021, Coventry Diocese must now elect six members (three lay, three clergy) to serve from 2021 to 2026. General Synod members have the opportunity to represent the concerns of their community and diocese at a national level, to have a say in national legislation that affects all parts of the Church of England and to raise issues and contribute to debates on social and policy matters.

There is further information about General Synod on the Church of England website

(<https://www.churchofengland.org/about/leadership-and-governance/general-synod/general-synod-elections-2021#na>)

including a short 'Stand for Synod' video which is well worth viewing. Please also see the diocesan website

(<https://www.coventry.anglican.org/about/more-about-us/governance/2021-elections/2021-general-synod-elections.php>) for information about who can stand and how the nomination process will work.

Nominations will close at 4pm on Wednesday 8 September 2021.

## PRAYER

**Daily Prayer:** weekdays **9.00am** and **9.30pm** on Arden Marches Churches Facebook page.

### Churches open for personal prayer:

Studley Church: open this Thursday from 10am to 4pm

Oldberrow Church is always open

Morton Bagot Church is open 10am-4pm

Mappleborough Church is not open midweek at present

### 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)

We pray for people in particular need including: **Rosemary Lonegon, Lynda Holmes, Melissa Lammas, Val Greathead and Sue Ludlow**

We commend to God all who have died recently and pray for their families, including: **Robert Kinnersley, Christine Johnstone, Betty Clark**

We remember those for whom the anniversary of their death falls at this time: **Peter Adams, Joyce Cooper and Denis Charlton**

### **Prayer for the week**

God of glory, the end of our searching,  
help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,  
and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

### **Making a donation to our churches**

	Sort Code	Account
Studley Parish Church	40-43-54	61000861
Tower Repairs Studley Parish Church Fabric	40-43-54	11201239
Mappleborough Green Church Committee	40-43-54	00558532
Morton Bagot PCC	40-43-54	60600547
Oldberrow PCC	40-43-19	61173928

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.

Please consider giving regularly to our church using the Parish Giving Scheme (info from Judith)

### **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: Saturday*

### **For safeguarding concerns:**

#### **Parish Safeguarding Officer Kim Harwood 07951646217**

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)

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