

Sunday 19th September Back to Church Sunday

10.00am Studley: Sunday Worship with livestream to YouTube:
<https://www.ardenmarches.co.uk/church-online/>

10.00am Mappleborough: All Age Worship with welcome to Reception Class children

6.00pm Studley Parish Centre: Holy Communion
(as we can't yet return to Four Acres)

Sunday worship coming up

We continue to encourage everyone who can to wear masks, social distance, and sanitise hands

26th September

<i>Studley</i>	8am Holy Communion 10am Harvest Festival (livestreamed)
<i>Mappleborough</i>	10am Harvest Holy Communion
<i>Oldberrow</i>	4pm Holy Communion

3rd October

<i>Studley</i>	10am Holy Communion
<i>Mappleborough</i>	10am Morning Worship

Harvest Service - Studley

As part of our Harvest Giving we will have the opportunity to donate to Christian Aid - Clean Water Projects. You can make a donation by either placing your gift in the donations box in the church or via the Christian Aid JustGiving page - to be arranged.

Decorating Studley Church for Harvest - Help needed!

We will be decorating the church for Harvest on Friday 24 September at 10.30am. Flowers in vases and/or a small amount of vegetables, fruit and greenery for decoration would be welcome. For more information please contact Rosemary Tostevin or just turn up on the day.

Arden Marches Autumn Concert starring Rob Halligan

7.30pm Saturday 16th October in Mappleborough Village Hall. Tickets £5 from Glynn Jones, Lynn Gilbert or Judith at the Church Office (credit card payments can be made via Judith). Profits to Amasango International Cross of Nails School South Africa.

Accolade for Oldberrow churchyard! according to Butterfly Conservation our churchyard is in the top 5% of grassland sites in Warwickshire for butterflies. We have 23 of the 38 Warwickshire species, with 20 breeding on site. Some of our hay was taken to Compton Verney to enhance an area of their grassland.

Eco Church

Jesus "took the bread, gave thanks and broke it". Culturally, giving thanks or saying grace is falling out of popularity even



among practising Christian households. Our lives have sped up, and we are much less attuned to the fragility of our food supply that depends entirely on "six inches of topsoil and the fact that it rains". Giving thanks doesn't just honour God, but it also helps us recalibrate and re-evaluate - in the same way that 'clap for carers' brought our vital front-line workers into our collective conscience. When we stop to understand how our food is grown and produced, we can find ourselves in awe and wonder. Giving thanks breaks our rhythm of hurriedness and individualism, and momentarily reconnects us to the wider world and to the God whose good gift our food is.

Volunteering opportunities in our churches and grounds:

Green Fingers Gardening Group

As a new community outreach, we would like to invite volunteers to join a small Gardening Group within the Parish of Mappleborough Green. As discussions for this venture are in their infancy, our initial activity will be Spring bulb planting around the Holy Ascension Church grounds.

If you know of any budding new 'wanna-be' gardeners or old hands with time available to help, we would welcome your support on **Saturday, 2nd October 2021 from 9.30am at Holy Ascension Church**. If you are able to take part please bring gardening gloves, trowels, bulb planters and kneelers or just bring yourself, as there will be available spare equipment. If you want to know more about the development of this Gardening Group please contact: Linda Salisbury 07872 625006 or John Styler 07584 160578

Studley Church is currently open Tuesday to Thursday and at the weekend which is appreciated by the local community and visitors alike. We have sufficient volunteers to open the Church, but **we need help locking up on Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays**. If you don't feel that you can commit to lock up every week but are willing to do so occasionally that would be helpful. We are also looking for volunteers to help **decorate the church on Saturday 25th September for our Harvest Service**.

If you can help or for more information, please contact Phil Pattison tel no. 07565 244295 or email : studley-churchwarden@ardenmarches.co.uk

Studley Flower rota Now that weekly services are resumed in Studley church and it is open daily for visitors we would like to ensure that there are flowers in the church, at least on the shelf behind the far altar. If you could help by providing flowers once or twice a year please could you let Phil Pattison or Hilary Volrath know. No volunteers, no flowers!

Studley Churchyard

Thanks to generous donations the churchyard in Studley has had a really big annual cut this year. The areas we are managing to develop wildflowers and encourage wildlife are cut annually after the flowers have seeded to help develop diversity and increase the number of wildflowers. Cutting most areas in August encourages summer flowers whilst the areas that have spring flowers are cut earlier in the year.

The churchyard is managed so that it provides areas for wildlife and grassy spaces for people to mix and chat in. It is maintained by a group of volunteers who have been meeting for some years on the first Saturday morning of each month. Our numbers are declining and **to maintain the churchyard to at least our current standard we need more volunteers. Could**

you help? If you want to know more contact Dan Corlett, Tony Drake or Hilary Volrath. If you would like to help maintain the garden of remembrance, please see Wendy Foster.

'Breathing Space', a mental wellbeing facility at the Parish Centre

We have been awarded funding by Warwickshire County Council's Covid-19 Recovery Fund to convert the Jaffray Room at the Parish Centre into a wellbeing room to be used either alongside existing activities, or to offer additional counselling and 'safe haven' opportunities in the community. We are looking for people with lived experience of mental wellbeing needs to help design the space. Please let Dan know (in confidence) if you would like to be part of this.

Ride & Stride last weekend Kate cycled to 18 local churches. Photos on Arden Marches Facebook page. If you wish to sponsor her click <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-portal/fundraiserPage?pageId=1308693&newPage=true> funds raised will be shared between Arden Marches and Warks Historic Churches Association (to whom we can apply for grants for our buildings).

equiphub.org.uk Our diocese has launched a learning hub with all sorts of good courses and resources on it. Some are free. The modules that normally cost £25 are reduced to £15 with this code: £15-BCDM-Course

Coming up soon is **Everyday faith at rest** Monday 27th September, 7.30-9pm on Zoom

In a culture where we admire busyness, how do we take time to rest? Read more and register here...

<https://www.equiphub.org.uk/courses-events-resources/everyday-faith-at-rest-monday-27th-september-7-30pm/>

PRAYER

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

Churches open for personal prayer:

Studley Church: open Tuesday to Thursday, Saturday and Sunday 10am-4pm

Oldberrow Church is always open

Morton Bagot Church is usually open 10am-4pm

For your prayers

Bishop Christopher (Bishop of Coventry) was due to return to work last Monday after a sabbatical. But he has Covid-19 and severe flu-type symptoms. Please pray for him (and for the diocese as there will surely be urgent matters awaiting his return)

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: **Bishop Christopher Cocksworth, Glyn Cardy, Gillian Wilmot, Ross Cruickshank, Beatrice Collingwood, Rosemary Lonogon, 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 Smith**

We remember those for whom the anniversary of their death falls at this time:

Prayer for the week

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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)

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News sheet deadline 2pm Thursday

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Our website is www.ardenmarches.co.uk

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