

### Advent Gift Weekend

This Sunday, 28th November, is Advent Sunday. It marks the start of a new church year. We have a tradition of gathering to pray in each of our churches during the morning of the day before (Saturday 27th), and to make a special financial gift that weekend to our church as a 'thank you' for the year past, and to help resource the year ahead.

You are welcome to make a donation at church on Saturday or at the Sunday services. There are Gift Aid envelopes in our churches. Gifts may be made by cheque, cash or via our new Sum-Up card machines. You can also give by Bank Transfer - please include your name as the reference so we can claim Gift Aid.

You are invited to come to church **on Saturday 27th for a time of prayer together** to give thanks and seek God's guidance for the year ahead:

**10am Studley Church** (open 10am-4pm for donations)

**11am Mappleborough Church** (open 10.30am - 12.00pm for donations. Hot drinks served till 11am when we will gather and pray)

**12pm Oldberrow Church**

**12.30pm Morton Bagot Church**

### 28th November Advent Sunday

*Studley* 8am Holy Communion

10am Sunday Worship

livestream <https://www.ardenmarches.co.uk/church-online/>

*Mappleborough* 10am Holy Communion

*Morton Bagot* 4pm Evensong

Good news: the **new boiler** will be installed at Mappleborough church in the next week or so. It will still be cold this Sunday, so we will keep the service short and gather in Ankcorn House for hot drinks afterwards.

### Advent Reading

Every year excellent new christian books are published to help us engage with the waiting and anticipation of Advent. A google search will throw up loads to choose from. I know life can be hectic this month, but many of these books give you just a nugget to read each day to give you a bit of a focus. If you own Advent book(s) you have enjoyed in past years, and would be willing to let someone else borrow them, do bring them to church on Sunday - then people can browse what is available and borrow something that appeals to them.

There will be **tea at the Vicarage at 3.30pm Monday 20th**

**December** where we can chat about the books we have been reading.

Pat Wheeler recommends this filmed discussion with authors of some of this year's books, as interesting and informative:

<https://youtu.be/bgPcWaEtVVM>

### December Services

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

#### 5th December Advent 2

*Studley* 10am Holy Communion

*Mappleborough* 10am Morning Worship

#### 12th December Advent 3

*Studley* 8am Holy Communion

10am Sunday Worship

Messy Christingle – at Church

*Mappleborough* 10am Holy Communion

*Oldberrow* 4pm Carols and Christingle

#### 19th December Advent 4

*Studley* 10am Sunday Worship

6.30pm Carol Service (*livestreamed*)

*Mappleborough* 10am Family Carols & mulled wine

There will be no 6pm Parish Centre service this month, instead do join the *Studley Methodist Church* Carol Service at 4.00pm in the centre of the village.

#### 24th December Christmas Eve

*Studley* Family Nativity Event

11pm Midnight Communion

*Mappleborough* 4pm Christingle Service

#### 25th December Christmas Day

*Studley* 10am Christmas Celebration

*Mappleborough* 10am Holy Communion

*Morton Bagot* 11.15am Holy Communion

#### 26th December Boxing Day

*Studley* 8am Holy Communion

### Ending livestreaming 10am services?

We plan to make the Carol Service on 19th December our last regular livestream service from Studley. **If this would make it difficult for you to worship with us we would love to hear from you to see what we can arrange instead. Please speak to Kate or Dan, Phil or Erica.**

### 'Christmas comes to Studley' event Friday 26th November

All are welcome to join us at 3pm at the market near the Village Hall or at 6.10pm at the Co-Op to sing carols.

**Thank you** Jane Drake and her family would like to thank everyone who sent cards messages and flowers and for all the support they have received following Tony's death.

**Mappleborough Green Church** now has its own Sumup device, so that you can make donations or pay for tickets etc (when appropriate) using your credit card. Please contact Erica for further information or to make a payment.

### Eco Church - the good news about sacrificial living

On Remembrance Sunday, we heard from the Beatitudes in Matthew 5, and I spoke on 'Blessed are the peacemakers'. If, as many now think, the greatest threat to world peace is climate change and ecological breakdown, then the most powerful peacemaking we can do is to make radical and sacrificial changes to our own lifestyles. (Actually the greatest threat is sin, and the most effective remedy is Jesus, but the two are not unconnected!). Jesus tells his followers that his Kingdom life will be hard, but that the reward will far outweigh the cost. Not only the peacemakers, but even those who mourn and who are persecuted will be makarioi - the blessed ones, or more accurately, the happy or joyful ones.

**Coventry Diocese learning hub** - visit the site to find lots of courses and resources to help us grow as disciples of Jesus: [equiphub.org.uk](http://equiphub.org.uk)

### **PRAYER**

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

### **Churches open for personal prayer:**

Studley Church: open Tues to Thurs, Sat and Sun 10am-4pm  
Oldberrow Church is always open  
Morton Bagot Church is usually open 10am-4pm

### **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

- the release of **Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe** unjustly imprisoned in Iran.

We pray for people in particular need including: **Barbara Beaman, Lydia Brocklebank, Gillian Wilmott, David Chatterley, Rosemary Lonegon, Ross Cruickshank, Val Greathead and Sue Ludlow**

We commend to God all who have died recently and pray for their families. **James Crook, Anthony McCormack Winifred Parsons and Majorie Hartland**

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

### **Prayer for the week: Advent Sunday**

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; 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)

### **Contact details**

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*News sheet deadline 2pm Thursday*

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