

December Services

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

10am Sundays livestream from Studley:
<https://www.ardenmarches.co.uk/church-online/>

5th December Advent 2

Studley 10am Holy Communion
3pm Short Advent Service - **Parish Centre**
Mappleborough 10am Morning Worship

You are invited to a **short Advent Service of reflection** at the **Parish Centre**. Starting at 3pm with refreshments, the service will be at 3.30pm and finish at 4pm. It will be an Iona-style reflective service, suitable for everyone, including those who struggle at Christmas with sadness and loss.

12th December Advent 3

Studley 8am Holy Communion
10am Sunday Worship
3.30pm 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 Sunday 19th** in the centre of the village.

24th December Christmas Eve

Studley 3-5pm Family Nativity Event
11pm Midnight Communion
Mappleborough 4pm Christingle Service

Studley Nativity Service, Friday 24th December, 3-5pm
Online booking will be open for this event very soon. We still need some helpers to assist with craft, serve drinks, and for setting up and clearing away. Please contact Dan if you can help. We are also looking for a few nativity sets to put on display. If you have one you would be willing to lend for the

day, please let Mercia Lee know on 07963 903901 or mercia@lee24.myzen.co.uk

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.**

Good news: the **new boiler** will be installed at Mappleborough church by Sunday 12th. 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. 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>

Coffee Morning

The last parish coffee morning of the year will be held at Badgers on Thursday 9th December at 10.30 am. Everyone welcome.

Decorate the church with holly

Please come and help decorate Studley church for Christmas on Monday 13th December at 10:00am. There's a tree, window sills, pillars etc to decorate so many hands will make the task easier. Contributions of greenery welcome too.

Bellringing news

Following their recent AGM, Louise Grubb is the new Tower Captain of the Studley Bell Ringers. Studley has been chosen to host the Worcestershire and District Change Ringing Association striking competition next October. The team practises on a Thursday night and one extra night per week (with silent bells) for beginners. The handbell ringers have resumed practising and are taking part in a range of Christmas events in the church and elsewhere. To find out more or join in, please contact Louise bellringers.studley@gmail.com

Eco Church - Dan writes:

So far, my Christmas is zero-carbon. That's not because I've been diligent with my purchasing - I just haven't got round to buying anything! The problem is, the closer it gets, and the more hurried my buying decisions, the lower down my priorities the environment sinks. Ethics and values give way to convenience. Like many of us, much of my buying is geared towards the children and young people in my life. It reminds me of what Jesus said: "If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!" The gifts we give are only superficially good in comparison with the truly good gifts our Father in heaven gives. This year, I'd love to give gifts that are not so superficial, gifts that reflect the goodness of our Father and contribute to, not steal from, the wellbeing of future generations. To borrow a phrase from Jeremiah 29: "For I know the [gifts] I have for you," declares the LORD, "[gifts] to prosper you and not to harm you, [gifts] to give you hope and a future."

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

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

Breakfast prayer Tuesday 7th December 7.30am to pray blessing over our community. We want to be more tuned into where God is at work, noticing and blessing the things that He is doing. Join us in the Parish Centre on the first Tuesday of each month. For catering, please email or text Dan by 12pm the day before and let him know if you have any dietary requirements.

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, Rosemary Lonegon, Ross Cruickshank, Val Greathead and Sue Ludlow**

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

We remember those for whom the anniversary of their death falls at this time: **Peter Wright, Frederick Holder, Tom Harris, and Jessie Tyler**

Prayer for the week: Advent 2

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God.

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

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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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