

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/>

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
4pm Carol Service (at Methodist Church)
6.30pm Carol Service (livestreamed)
Mappleborough 10am Family Carols & mulled wine

There will be no 6pm Parish Centre Communion 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 Service
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.**

As far as we are aware Mappleborough Church will be heated on Sunday.

New: Carol Singing

Join us to sing carols (and so share the hope of Christmas) at **11am Saturday 18th December outside Bumbles Coffee Shop** it would be helpful to let Kate know you are coming.

Advent Giving - many thanks to everyone who has contributed so far to our Advent Giving - in Studley £3725 (including Gift Aid) has been donated, and in Mappleborough Green £1850, all of which will greatly help with the cost of running our churches. It is not too late to make a donation using bank transfer, sumup, cheque or cash - and please gift aid if you are UK taxpayer.

Advent Reading Chat

There will be **tea at the Vicarage at 3.30pm Monday 20th December** to chat about what we are discovering this Advent, including conversation about any Advent books we are reading. Let Kate know if you plan to come.

New Year's Day walk

Please join us for a short walk (around 3miles) and home made soup afterwards at the Johnsons house. Meet at 11am at Wellfield Cottage, Feckenham Road, B97 5QG. Contact Sue or Keith for more details on 01527 544830. If you don't feel able to make the walk you are most welcome to join us for lunch at 1pm.

School Foundation Governors

Congratulations to Linda Salisbury who has been appointed Foundation Governor to Mappleborough School. We need more Foundation Governors - one for Mappleborough and two for Studley School. Could this be you? Here is an inspiring sentence from Linda's letter of appointment to spur you on to offer your support for our schools:

'One of the primary roles of a Foundation Governor is to champion the Church of England vision to provide an education which is deeply Christian, serving the common good and rooted

in Jesus' promise of 'life in all its fullness' (John 10:10)'. To find out more speak to Kate or to current governors Dan, Keith Johnson, Sarah Furlow or Jennie Jarmy.

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.

Scargill trip

A little group of us are going to Scargill House for a weekend at the beginning of March. The course is now full, but if you would be interested in taking a cancellation place please let Kate know. If you'd like to go to another Scargill event next year here is a link to their programme <https://scargillmovement.org/programme/>
I will try to gather a small group each year to experience a Scargill taster.

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

Many thanks to all who have donated to the foodbank over the year in goods, money and time. This has enabled us this week to make up and send out 167 Christmas parcels to needy families in 10 primary schools in the area. A special thank you to all the volunteers who helped with this project, food deliverers, packers, distributors etc. We continue to be there every week for people in need but we will be closed on December 28th.

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

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, Winifred Parsons and Majorie Hartland**

We remember those for whom the anniversary of their death falls at this time: **Joyce Shakells, Beryl Nicklin and John Elvins**

Prayer for the week: Advent 3

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Making a donation to our churches

	Sort Code	Account
Studley Parish Church	40-43-54	61000861
Tower Repairs	40-43-54	11201239
Studley Parish Church Fabric		
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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