

Wishing all our readers God's blessings at Christmas and into the new year- may God bless you with light and love, hope, peace and joy.

This is a double news sheet, we won't issue one next week. The **Church Office is closed** for the week commencing 27th December and re-opens Tuesday 4th January.

Please note that there will be **no daily prayer on Facebook** between Christmas and New Year. We will begin again on 3rd January.

### Covid regulations for worship in church

In view of the tightened regulations, masks are required inside church unless you are exempt. Please maintain social distance as you are able and sanitise hands. Please do not come to church if you have covid-type symptoms.

### Christmas Worship

#### 24th December Christmas Eve

**Mappleborough 4pm Christingle Service - to be held outside**  
**Studley 3-5pm Family Nativity Craft and Carols**  
**11pm Midnight Communion**



**Studley Nativity Craft and Carols**, Friday 24th December, 3-5pm

Please book online [www.ardenmarches.co.uk/nativity](https://www.ardenmarches.co.uk/nativity)

We would welcome more helpers. Please contact Dan if you can help.

#### 25th December Christmas Day

**Studley 10am Christmas Celebration**

**Mappleborough 10am Holy Communion**

**Morton Bagot 11.15am Holy Communion**

#### 26th December Boxing Day Christmas 1

**Studley 8am Holy Communion**

### January Services

#### 2nd January Epiphany

**Studley 10am Holy Communion**

**Mappleborough 10am Morning Worship**

#### Thursday 6th January Reflection for Epiphany

at the Parish Centre  
3.00pm Refreshments  
3.30pm Epiphany Service  
Finish by 4.00pm  
(Please note that masks should be worn unless you are exempt. The Service will of course be cancelled if new government covid restrictions come into force in the New Year.)  
Look forward to seeing you there to celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany!



#### 9th January Baptism of Christ

**Studley 8am Holy Communion**  
**10am Sunday Worship**  
**3.30pm Messy Church - at the Parish Centre**  
**Mappleborough 10am Holy Communion**  
**Oldberrow 4pm Holy Communion**

#### 16th January Epiphany 2

**Studley 10am Sunday Worship**  
**3.30pm Centrepoint - at St Mary's Academy**  
**6pm Holy Communion - at Parish Centre**  
**Mappleborough 10am All Age Celebration**

#### 23rd January Christian Unity

**Studley 8am Holy Communion**  
**10am Sunday Worship**  
**Mappleborough 10am Holy Communion**  
**Morton Bagot 4pm Evensong**

#### 30th January Candlemas

**Studley TBC Life Groups gathering - all welcome**  
**Mappleborough 4pm Candlemas Communion**  
- combined Arden Marches service

### DEC Afghanistan Appeal

Do consider giving to Christian Aid this Christmas. Follow the link for a wonderful prayer and more information about the appeal

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergencies/dec-afghanistan-crisis-appeal>

### New Year's Day walk

Please join us for a short walk (around 3miles) and homemade 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.

**Bellringing news**

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 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.

**PRAYER**

**Daily Prayer:** weekdays **9.00am** and **9.30pm** on Arden Marches Churches Facebook page. (No daily prayer between Christmas and New Year)

**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)

We pray for people in particular need including: **Carole Holt, 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**

We remember those for whom the anniversary of their death falls at this time: **Robin Jarman, James Watton, Stan Parker, William Noke and Joan Dyer**

**Prayer for the week: Christmas 1**

God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love:  
 gather the nations to be one family,  
 and draw us into your holy life  
 through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Prayer for the week: Epiphany**

Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star  
 to worship the Christ-child: guide and sustain us,  
 that we may find our journey's end  
 in 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

**Parish Centre bookings: Mike Moffat**

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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