

**April Services and Easter events**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April Good Friday**

**Studley Walk of Witness.** Meet at Studley Roman Catholic Church car park at 10am; ends with refreshments at the Methodist Church

**Mappleborough Crosses on the Hill** an outdoor service at 12noon at Hays Pastures (B807DS) followed by refreshments

**An Hour at the Cross** in Studley Church, 2-3pm

**Saturday 16th April Experience Easter Outside**

Join a pilgrimage around Studley churchyard, with four stations to listen, discuss, reflect and pray. Suitable for all ages. Finish with hot cross buns and refreshments. Arrive between 2-4pm and allow up to an hour.

**Easter Sunrise bonfire and communion in Studley churchyard**

A fire will be lit soon after 5am and we will begin the service at 6am. Please bring a garden chair and come wrapped up warmly. (Communion will be in church if raining heavily)

**17th April Easter Day**

Studley 6am Holy Communion in the churchyard  
10am Sunday Worship  
12pm baptism of Milo  
3.30pm Centrepoint - *St Mary's Academy*  
6pm Holy Communion - *Parish Centre*

CenterPoint is the perfect Easter celebration for families and people who are not church regulars, as well as anyone who likes a lively, engaging service. On Easter Sunday we have an Easter Egg Hunt as well as music, drama, activities, and Victor the Chimp! Come along to support us or, better still, bring a guest.



Mappleborough 10am Holy Communion

**24th April**

Studley 10am Sunday Worship  
12pm Baptism of Evelyn  
Mappleborough 10am Morning Worship (not Communion)  
Morton Bagot 3pm Spring Woodland Walk and Worship

**1st May**

Studley 10am Holy Communion  
12pm Baptism of Grayson  
Mappleborough 10am Morning Worship  
12pm Baptism of James

**Easter Flowers - Studley**

We would like to fill Studley church with flowers for Easter Day. Come and place vases of spring flowers or plants on the windowsills on Easter Saturday between 10.00am and 4.00pm. For further details please contact Phil Pattison (tel. no. 852065) or Hilary Volrath (tel. no. 857498)

**Easter Flowers - Mappleborough**

The congregation at Mappleborough Green are asked to help make the church look suitably joyful by bringing a vase of flowers or a pot plant, to place on the windowsills for the duration of the 10am Holy Communion service, and take home again afterwards.

**Mappleborough Green** The gardening group invite you to join in with tidying up the churchyard on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April from 10am. Contact Linda for more details 07872625006

**Jim Green's Funeral** will be at 11.45am on Monday 25th April at Redditch Crematorium. We hold his family in our prayers.

**Annual Meeting for Studley with Mappleborough Green 29th**

**May** There will be one joint service for everyone at 10am on 29th May in Studley Church followed by our annual meeting at about 11.45am.

**Electoral Roll**

If you are fairly new to our churches now is a good time to join our Electoral Roll - the list of everyone who considers themselves to belong with us. Membership also qualifies you to vote at our annual meeting. Application forms are available in churches - please ask a churchwarden or you can download them from the website. Please return completed form to Linda Salsbury our Electoral Roll Officer or Judith McLelland at the Vicarage. A list of people whose names are already on the Roll will be posted in churches so that you can check if your name is there. Closing date for applications before this year's annual meeting is Saturday 14th May.

**Vacancies on church committees**

We have opportunities for people to be elected at our annual meeting to serve on our governance committees: Studley 1 PCC and 2 DCC vacancies, and also churchwarden. Mappleborough 1 PCC and 2 DCC vacancies. For more information about these roles please speak to clergy or churchwardens. Nomination forms will be available in due course.

**Foodbank**

The Foodbank would welcome donations, particularly of tinned tomatoes, tinned fruit, tinned rice pudding, tinned potatoes and washing up liquid. There are collection boxes at the back of Studley and Mappleborough churches. Donations can also be made in the box at Studley Co-op, Waitrose in Alcester or at the session at Studley Methodist church on a Tuesday afternoon between 2:00 and 3:30pm. More info from Hilary Volrath or Lynda Barr.

### Welcoming Ukrainian refugees to Studley and villages

Following the recent public meeting Anne Batchelor, the Methodist Church and Community Outreach Worker, is gathering people's pledges of support. She invites anyone who wishes to email her (in confidence) at [ccwstudley@outlook.com](mailto:ccwstudley@outlook.com) with what you could offer: one-off donation of money, regular financial support, meals, help with practicalities and advice re benefits, schools admissions etc..... Please speak to Kate or Dan for more information.

### PRAYER

#### A prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,  
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.  
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.  
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,  
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.  
We pray for those with power over war or peace,  
for wisdom, discernment and compassion  
to guide their decisions.  
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in  
fear, that you would hold and protect them.  
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen

#### 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 a new churchwarden for Studley** as Phil Pattison retires in May. We will strengthen the teams of people who look after our church worship and buildings to reduce the churchwarden's workload. So please also pray for people to undertake the many and varied 'jobs' that enable the life of Studley church. If you are a Studley worshipper, please be open to how God might be inviting you to contribute.

We pray for people in particular need including: **Helen Pike Josie Perkins, Eric Lee, Enid Thomas, Ross Cruickshank, Val Greathead and Sue Ludlow**

We commend to God all who have died recently and pray for their families. **Jean Laight, Roy Berry, Barbara Jones, Gladys Brookes, Jim Green, Douglas Anderson, Tom Roberts**

We remember those for whom the anniversary of their death falls at this time: **James Wilmot, Peter Chatterway, Patricia Cox, Brian Harman and Graham McKenzie**

#### Prayer for the week: Easter Sunday

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

#### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father.

**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

#### 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)  
There is now a card machine in Studley church.

#### Contact details

##### **Rector: Revd Kate Mier**

3 Manor Mews, Studley B80 7PR rector@ardenmarches.co.uk  
01527 852830 Rest day: Friday

##### **Curate: Revd Dan Corlett**

curate@ardenmarches.co.uk 07543 370637  
Rest day: Saturday

#### **For safeguarding concerns:**

**Parish Safeguarding Officer: Sue Johnson** 07781 388900  
safeguarding@ardenmarches.co.uk  
Diocesan safeguarding Team (24hrs) 024 7652 1345

#### **Church Administrator: Judith McLelland**

Available 2.00pm-4.30pm Monday to Thursday  
parish@ardenmarches.co.uk 01527 850130  
News sheet deadline 2pm Thursday

#### **Parish Centre bookings: Mike Moffat**

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