

Worship Services for December

STUDLEY (St Mary's) B80 7AB

4 th January	10am	Holy Communion	
11 th January	8am	Holy Communion	
	10am	Prayer and Praise	
	3.30pm	Messy Church	Parish Centre
18 th January	10am	Opening the Bible	
25 th January	10am	Worship for Everyone	

MAPPLEBOROUGH (Church of the Holy Ascension) B80 7DJ

4 th January	10am	Going Deeper	Ankcorn House
11 th January	10am	Holy Communion for All	
18 th January	10am	Café Church with drinks and pastries from 9.45am	
25 th January	10am	Holy Communion	

OLDBERROW (St Mary's) B95 5NU

11 th January	4pm	Evensong
25 th January	4pm	Holy Communion

MORTON BAGOT (Holy Trinity) B80 7EJ

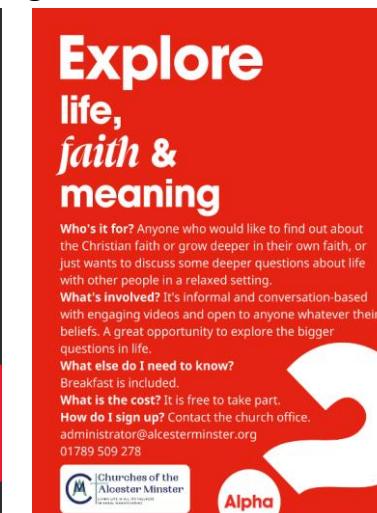
31 st January	3pm	Forest Church - Candlemas/Imbolc
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Benefice Prayer Gathering – prayer: the Powerhouse of the Church

Twice a month, on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays, we gather to share prayer, peace and community. Everyone is warmly invited to come along and be part of this time together. Next meeting: Thursday 8th January at 10.00am in the Parish Centre.

News, information and upcoming events:

Alpha Course run by the Alcester Minster team at 9.00am on Saturdays from 10th January 2026 at Alcester Minster. Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the basics of the Christian faith .



Everyone is welcome. No matter your background or beliefs, you're invited. Use this link to find out more details, or share it with someone you know who might be

interested. <https://www.alcesterminster.org/church-life/alpha>
Contact Alcester Minster church office to book: 01789 509 278 or 07831 667408 or administrator@alcesterminster.org

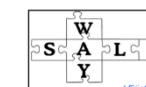
Men's Breakfast on Saturday 17th

January - 7.45am arrival for an

8.00am start at The Kings Court

Hotel. Contact Phil by 10th January to be included in the church booking.

studley-churchwarden@ardenmarches.co.uk



A Personal Invitation to the
MEN'S BREAKFAST
OUR GUEST SPEAKER
Dr Xander van der Poll
Affiliated with
Christian Vision for Men

Dr. Xander van der Poll is a resident doctor and international paracanoe athlete who has seen God's faithfulness through both triumph and trial. After a life-changing accident left him paralysed from the waist down, his struggles with identity and hope led him to rediscover the power of grounding his life in faith. Alongside his medical career and sporting journey, he shares how God's strength is made perfect in weakness.

THE KINGS COURT HOTEL
Meeting at the
Admission £12.00 KINGS COUGHTON, NR ALCESTER B49 5QQ
On Saturday 17th January 2026 7:45 for 8:00 am
tel. 07778 301469, email saltwaymensgroup@gmail.com



Care Home Ministry Visits

Studley Rose
1st Wednesday of every month – 2.30 p.m.
Praise and Worship

Haywood Lodge
2nd Thursday of every month – 2.30 p.m.
Holy Communion

Four Acres
2nd Friday of every month – 2.30 p.m.
Praise and Worship

Contacts
Alan Greathead – 077141 653183
Joan Lock – 07929 275023
Celia Spiers – 07710 198009

Worship Services in Studley Care Homes

Celia Spiers (the Arden Marches Anna Chaplain), Joan Lock and Alan Greathead take monthly services in our local Care Homes.

Church members are very welcome to join them.

Please contact them for more information. See poster for contact details or 

annachaplain@ardenmarches.co.uk

Parish Safeguarding Officer for Arden Marches Benefice

We are seeking a voluntary PSO to help keep our churches safe and welcoming. The role includes:

- Overseeing safeguarding across the benefice
- Supporting clergy & volunteers to promote a culture of care
- Liaising with diocesan safeguarding teams when needed

If you are organised, approachable, and committed to protecting others' wellbeing, we'd love to hear from you. For more information or to express interest, please contact Lynda Barr

 smg-pcc-lay-chair@ardenmarches.co.uk

Church office and contact number

Please use **07894 444351** or  parish@ardenmarches.co.uk to contact the office (Rachel) for all enquiries or visit our website <https://www.ardenmarches.co.uk/>

Parish Centre contact details

For all enquiries and booking for the Parish Centre, please contact Mike Moffat  parish-centre@ardenmarches.co.uk

Section 11 PCC Meeting

A meeting of our two PCC's took place on Tuesday 9th December to decide the following:

1. To appoint church representatives and reserve representatives from our PCC's to be involved in the process to appoint a new Rector. They are Jane Lytton (Studley), Glynn Jones (Mapleborough), David O'Dell (Oldberrow) and Charlotte Fitchett (Morton Bagot). The reserve reps (needed if any of the above are unable to attend) are: Richard Spray and Alan Greathead.
2. The final version of the Parish Profile, received this week with the Bishop's introduction included, was signed off by the PCCs. Copies are available to view in the churches and on the website.
3. Advertising for the new post will commence 9th January 2026. Please ask the Churchwardens if there is anything you wish to know about the appointment process.

January Events at The Well Christian Healing Centre based in Royal Leamington Spa.

Rest and Receive in person events: Wed 14th Jan and Mon 26th Jan, 2pm to 3.30pm – [R and R](#)

Rest and Receive online: Thurs 29th Jan 7pm to 8pm – [R and R Online](#)

Quiet Morning (led by new co-directors Ian and Ruth) Thurs 22nd Jan: Behold, I Am Doing A New Thing! – [Quiet Morning](#)

Healing Prayer Training Evening (specifically designed for church prayer teams.): Thurs 26th Feb 7.15pm – 9.45pm. Cost £17 (buy 4 get a 5th place free): [Healing Prayer Training](#)

Well Come and Be wellbeing Café: Every Thursday morning 10am to 12pm except where stated.

Prayer Appointments – request a prayer appointment here: [Prayer Appointment Request Form](#)

All are welcome to come and join any of our regular groups which take place in the Parish Centre.



Tea, Cake and Friendship - Mondays 2.30-4.00pm (not bank holidays). Next meeting is Monday 5th January.
Come and join us for a cuppa and some company at the Parish Centre, Needle Close, Studley.

Studley Dementia Café - next meeting on Thursday 15th January.

Every 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month at the Parish Church Centre from 2-4pm.

1st Thursday is either entertainments or activities.

3rd Thursday is Singing for Fun with Claire Fowler.

Come along and join us for a warm welcome, chat, coffee and cake. For more information contact Celia: **07759 126211** or studleydementiacafe@gmail.com



Souper Bowls – next meeting on Tuesday 13th January from 12.00 to 1.30pm in the Parish Centre. Join us for a choice of homemade soups and a chance to chat, every 2nd and 4th Tuesday. Min £3 donation requested.

Sunbeams - meets Fridays 9.30-11.30 (term time)

Creative play, craft, story, songs, fun, friendship, cuppa, cake & chat. Free (give a donation if you wish). No need to book. Email: sunbeams@ardenmarches.co.uk



Next meeting on Friday 9th January.

Welcome to Arden Marches churches

We are delighted to welcome newcomers, and hope you quickly feel 'at home' among us. If you would like to get to know us better, please complete a 'Keeping in Touch' form available in church and hand it to a warden or minister. We offer activities for children and a range of midweek small groups to encourage adults in living out our Christian faith; to find out more, please speak to a churchwarden.

Facebook users please 'like' and preferably add a comment to our Facebook page & posts, share them & tag people whenever you can.

Prayer

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.

Prayer for coming weeks:

Father, pour out your Spirit upon us,
and grant us a new vision of your glory,
a new experience of your power,
a new faithfulness to your word,
and a new consecration to your service,
that your love may grow among us,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For your prayers

Contact Rachel Nicholas 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 Rachel if they need to remain after this) People with ongoing difficulties remain in our prayers even if their names no longer appear below.

We pray for people in particular need including: **Bob Stephenson, the family of Louise Burborough, Bob and Pearl Taylor, Heather Wersocki, and all those known to us personally.**

We commend to God all who have died recently and pray for their families: **Lousie Burborough and Anthony Warren.**

We remember those for whom the anniversary of their death falls at this time: **Maisie Tullett and Rae (Margaret) Coton.**

Churches open for personal prayer:

Studley Church is now open daily 10am-3pm.

Oldberrow Church is always open.

Morton Bagot Church is usually open 10am-4pm.

Giving to the Church

We welcome any gift you are able to make, either as a one-off gift or to set up a standing order, using the following bank details.

Studley Parish Church Sort code: 40-43-54 A/c no: 61000861	Mapleborough Green Church Committee Sort code: 40-43-54 A/c no: 00558532
Oldberrow Parochial Church Council Sort code: 40-43-19 A/c no: 61173928	Morton Bagot Parochial Church Council Sort code: 40-43-54 A/c no: 60600547

The Parish Giving Scheme is the best way to donate, either a one-off or regular gift. For details visit:

<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/home/>

or call the telephone service on 0333 002 1271, Monday to Friday, 9am - 5pm.

Studley church PGS Parish Code: 110611151	B80 7AB Coventry Diocese	Mapleborough Church PGS Parish Code: 110611152	B80 7DJ Coventry Diocese
Oldberrow Church PGS Parish Code: 110611146	B95 5NU Coventry Diocese	Morton Bagot Church PGS Parish Code: 110611145	B80 7EJ Coventry Diocese

Contacting the church

For safeguarding concerns: safeguarding@ardenmarches.co.uk
Diocesan safeguarding Team (24hrs) 024 7652 1345

Church Administrator: **Rachel Nicholas** 07894 444351
parish@ardenmarches.co.uk

9.00-11.30am Monday & Tuesday *News sheet items by 9am*
9.00-11.30am Thursday & Friday *Thursday please*

Family Link Worker: **Angela Corlett** 07724 347055
family-link@ardenmarches.co.uk

Anna Chaplain for older people: **Celia Spiers** 07759 126211
annachaplain@ardenmarches.co.uk

Parish Centre bookings: **Mike Moffat** 07594 948534
parish-centre@ardenmarches.co.uk

Ankcorn House bookings **Linda Salsbury** 07872 625006
ankcorn-house@ardenmarches.co.uk

Facebook page: Arden Marches Churches
Oldberrow and Morton Bagot Churches

Facebook group: Arden Marches Messy Chur
Arden Marches Church Fam

Studley Dementia Café

Website: www.ardenmarches.co.uk

