

Worship Services for December

STUDLEY (St Mary's) B80 7AB

Theme for this week: The Baptism of Jesus

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

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 15th January at 9.45am in Ankcorn House**. Followed by refreshments at **Studley Garden Centre at 10.30 am** for those who want to meet socially.

News, information and upcoming events:

Messy Church

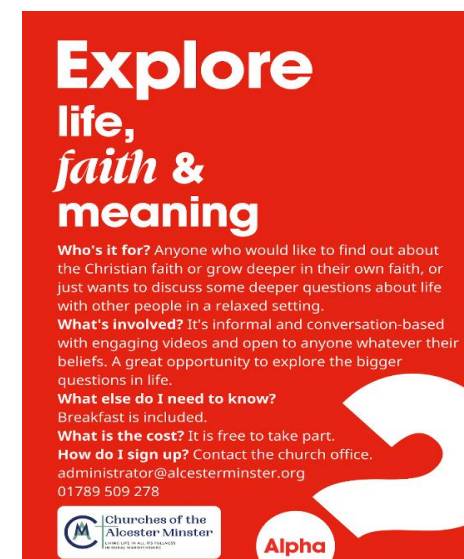
Sunday 11th January at
3.30pm in the Parish Centre

All are welcome to join us
for Messy Church.




Alpha Course run by the

Alcester Minster team at 9.00am on Saturdays from 10th January 2026 at Alcester Minster. Alpha offers a friendly space to explore the basics of the Christian faith, and everyone is welcome.



More details: <https://www.alcesterminster.org/church-life/alpha>
To book, contact the Alcester Minster church office: 01789 509 278 or 07831 667408 or email administrator@alcesterminster.org

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



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Christian Vision for Men



A Personal Invitation to the
MEN'S BREAKFAST
OUR GUEST SPEAKER
Dr Xander van der Poll

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.

Meeting at the **THE KINGS COURT HOTEL**
Admission £12.00 **KINGS COUGHTON, NR ALCESTER B49 5QQ**
On Saturday 17th January 2026 7:45 for 8:00 am
tel. 07776 301469, email: saltwaymensgroup@gmail.com

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

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from Sunday 18th - Sunday 25th January 2026

This year churches will join together in prayer under the theme **"Peace for all people."** The worship materials have been prepared by the Christian communities of Armenia, offering a rich and thoughtful guide for our shared reflections. As part of this special week, our local churches will gather for times of fellowship. Everyone is warmly invited to take part:

Studley Baptist Church on Sundays 18th & 25th January at 6.30 pm.
A chance to worship together, pray for unity, and share in the hope of peace.



Care Home Ministry Visits

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

Haywood Lodge
3rd Tuesday of every month at 2.30 p.m.
Holy Communion

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


Contacts
Alan Greathead 07714 653183
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Celia Spiers 07710 198009
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Prayer Breakfast at Studley Methodist Church on Saturday 24th January, from 9.30-10.30am. Enjoy breakfast together followed by a short time of prayer and reflection.


These gatherings are a wonderful opportunity to stand alongside our brothers and sisters from different traditions, celebrating the unity we share in Christ. **Your presence and support will be greatly appreciated.**

Rob Halligan in concert at Coventry Cathedral on Saturday 31st January doors open at 7.00pm.

Kate is attending and would love to catch up with any Arden Marches folks who are going as well.




Parish Safeguarding Officer for Arden Marches Benefice

Arden Marches Benefice is seeking a voluntary Parish Safeguarding Officer. To find out more, 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

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), 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



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: The Baptism of Christ (Epiphany 1)

Heavenly Father,
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:
may we recognise him as our Lord
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

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 and Pearl Taylor, the family of Heather Wersocki, and all those known to us personally.**

We commend to God all who have died recently and pray for their families: **Heather Wersocki.**

We remember those for whom the anniversary of their death falls at this time: **all those known to us personally.**

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	Mappleborough 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	Mappleborough 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
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Anna Chaplain for older people: Celia Spiers 07759 126211
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Parish Centre bookings: Mike Moffat 07594 948534
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Ankorn House bookings Linda Salsbury 07872 625006
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Facebook page: Arden Marches Churches
Oldberrow and Morton Bagot Churches
Arden Marches Messy Church
Facebook group: Arden Marches Church Family
Studley Dementia Café

Website: www.ardenmarches.co.uk

