



The Parish of Moseley

St Mary's & St Anne's



Parish of Moseley - Third Sunday of Easter

Our Services for Sunday 14th April - Third Sunday of Easter

- 8.00am - Holy Communion at St Mary's
- 10.00am - Intergenerational Eucharist at St Mary's (this service will not be livestreamed)
- 11.00am - Sung Eucharist at St Anne's
- 6.30pm - Taize worship at St Mary's

A **Taizé** service is meditative in style and includes sung or chanted prayers, periods of silence and readings from the Bible. It is the repetitive nature of the singing that allows the mind and heart the freedom to go deeper into worship.

Morning readings for the Third Sunday of Easter Acts 3.12–19, Luke 24.36b–48

Thought for the Day by John Brocklesby

The first Christians used existing pagan festivals to help spread our faith. Mid-winter, the birth of light became Christmas – Christ's birth. Easter, the spring festival becomes two-fold – the death of Christ on the cross and then the rebirth, the resurrection. That natural power of creation that surrounds us now with its colour and beauty, helped us then as it does now.

I have a good friend who had a stroke nearly a year ago. Her left arm and leg ceased to function. She has been moved at least six times. As soon as some form of treatment is put in place, physiotherapy principally, she is moved. I am witnessing first hand not only the lack of funding but lack of unity and cohesion. Now my friend wouldn't say she had faith, but her will to live, her determination in the face of setbacks, is slowly bringing results. She knows she will eventually recover.

As I write this, spring speaks to her of resurrection. Naturally she is in my prayers. Yours now, I hope. Her name is Ruth.

Future Services

Sunday 21st April - Fourth Sunday of Easter

- 8.00am - Holy Communion at St Mary's (BCP)
- 10.00am - Sung Eucharist with Baptism at St Mary's
- 11.00am - Sung Eucharist at St Anne's
- 6.30pm - Evensong at St Mary's

Evensong is a traditional service where some of the liturgy is sung. The service is from the Book of Common Prayer (1662) with psalms, canticles, hymns, prayers, readings and a reflection.

Sunday 28th April - Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 8.00am - Holy Communion at St Mary's
- 8.30am - Breakfast Church at St Anne's
- 10.00am - Sung Eucharist at St Mary's
- 6.30pm - A service of Wholeness and Healing at St Mary's

Breakfast Church is different. With a strong emphasis on community, fun and food, it's a chance to meet people, and engage with God in a fresh and accessible way, with breakfast included. It happens early in the day to accommodate busy families with multiple commitments.

Our service of **Wholeness and Healing** is a quiet service of readings, music, prayer and reflection, with a focus on wholeness and healing. You do not have to be unwell to come, and you will not need to share anything personal. There is an invitation to receive the laying on of hands with prayer; this may be for ourselves, for others, for a situation on our minds, or for the world. There is also the opportunity to be anointed with oil. Both are optional; you are simply invited to come as you are, bringing and sharing your burdens with God who knows us deeply.

Our Regular Worship

- Details of our regular pattern of worship can be found on the Services page of our website here.
- Details of how the pattern relates to Children's Worship can be found on the Children and Youth page of our website here.
- Details of specific services can continue to be found in the Calendar.
- Morning Prayer is at 9.10am in the Lady Chapel at St Mary's on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday and at 9.10am in St Anne's on Tuesday.
- The Thursday Midweek Communion service is at 12.15pm in the Lady Chapel at St Mary's. **Please note there will be no service on 25th April.**

Notices

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) - Monday 15th April

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting for the Parish of Moseley and a Meeting for the Election of Churchwardens will be held on Monday April 15th at 7.30pm at St Anne's Church.

Please click on each title below to access the reports:

- [Annual Report for 2023](#)
- [The Parish of Moseley Accounts](#)

Organ Renovation Project

Before Easter it was announced that work would shortly begin on the renovation of St. Mary's Henry Jones Exhibition Organ. You'll notice in church that this is, indeed, the case! The organ has historic roots, being the instrument Henry Jones built for the National Art Treasures Exhibition in Folkestone in 1885. It was installed in St. Mary's in 1887 and, apart from one renovation in 1966, has served the church faithfully ever since. Time and considerable use over half a century has taken its toll and a total refurbishment has long been due. Thankfully, due to much fundraising in past years and several most generous recent donations, this work is now underway and will take the best part of twelve months. The organ will gradually be decommissioned as pipework and infrastructure are removed until, by the middle of May, it will be replaced by the piano and a digital organ for the rest of the project. We anticipate a resurrection at Easter 2025! Donations towards the project continue to be welcomed at any time.

Building Work at St Mary's

You will see that the renovation on the organ has started. The pen has been built and the works will take place in the enclosure. Over the next week we will be trying to make the walls more attractive, using them as information sharing boards. If anyone would like to help or has ideas on what might go on these please let me know. I apologise for the inconvenience this will cause but we will try to minimise disruption as much as possible.

Unfortunately, this has made access to the north aisle limited. Should you require any assistance, please do not hesitate to ask a member of our team. We thank you for your patience and understanding. Angela Brown, Churchwarden.

Midland Chamber Orchestra Concert

Midland Chamber Orchestra presents "Back to Bach". Sunday 14th April, 1.30 – 2.30pm at St Mary's Church. Tickets online and on the door. Adults £5, students and children £2.

[Ticketsource.co.uk/midland-chamber-orchestra](https://ticketsource.co.uk/midland-chamber-orchestra).

The Bereavement Journey

For anyone struggling with grief and either recent or longer-term bereavement, there is the opportunity to participate in this excellent and helpful course. Myself and three others participated in this last year so do ask Revd Magdalen, Fiona Chew or Jean Lindley if you would like to know more. It is coordinated by Lindsay Lucas at Riverside, free of charge and can be done in person or online. It uses videos and opportunities for gentle discussion and sharing of experience.

Both begin on 15th May 9.30am - 12.00 noon in person and 7.30pm - 9.30pm online.

If interested or would like to know more please contact Revd Magdalen.

Safeguarding training

The Parish will be facilitating two sessions for Basic Safeguarding training for those who are not able to access online facilities or for those who prefer an in-person session. If you have not yet completed your training you only need to come to ONE of these sessions. The sessions are

- Thursday 6th June at 2.00 pm
- Tuesday 11th June at 6.30 pm

Both sessions will be held at St Mary's Church. Please contact the office to book a place.

Community Fridge and Soup Lunch every Thursday at Moseley Hive (opposite the Coop)

Moseley Community Fridge is an opportunity for ANYONE, regardless of financial circumstances, to pick up fresh and frozen food which is excess from our community. Moseley Community Fridge happens every Thursday at The Hive from 11.30am-1.00pm.

Community Lunch is a mug of homemade soup and bread at the Hive from 1pm-2pm most Thursdays. Donations welcome but not necessary.

Moseley at the Movies

On every first Wednesday of the month, there is Moseley at the Movies, a group which meets to watch a film together and discuss it afterwards.

Come along to St Marys West Room at 7:15pm for a 7:30pm start! (Unless otherwise stated).

Next showings are:

- 1st May
- 5th June
- 3rd July

To Absent Friends - An Evening of Loving Remembrance

To Absent Friends is a small informal gathering as part of Dying Matters Awareness Week in which we tell and listen to stories of our loved ones over food. Location: Anjuna Lounge, 58-60 Hazelwell Street, Stirchley, B30 2JS. Thursday 9th May 2024 at 7pm. Bring an object, or maybe a photo, to help you share a memory. This is a free event but booking is required. Click [here](#) to book. Food and drink is not provided.

Payaz machines

You will be aware that we now have two Payaz machines which you can use to make donations, one on the welcome desk and one by the south east door. If you can gift aid your donation, please do. As long as you use the same card each time, you only have to enter your details once.

If you do not already do so, you might like to consider joining the Parish Giving Scheme. Please ask one of the sidespeople for a form to find out more about the scheme.

£130 for our Church

Take out a home insurance policy with Ecclesiastical and they will donate £130 to our church. To find

out more, please contact Ecclesiastical on 0800 7830 130 and quote TRUSTPST or go to ecclesiastical.com/trust130.

Stewardship

Our parish is facing significant financial challenges with a growing deficit which a small team are seeking to redress. However, stewardship (the giving of time, talents and financial means) is about us all. On Sunday 4th June we focussed on this in our Sunday services at both St Mary's and St Anne's. Information is available on the welcome desk.

You may also have noticed some notices with QR codes around the buildings. This can be an easy and quick way to donate to the church through 'the collection' when you come to church or are visiting.

Please do make use of these on an occasional or more regular basis in our new 'cashless' society.

Thank you so much - Magdalen.

This week in the Parish

We continue to pray for:

Cathie Carey and family, Tony Sheppard, Mike Carter, Sylvia Gold, Ruth Carter, Jon Terry, Rachel McLeod, Sheila Perks, Laurie Flood, Elisabeth Leicester, Lincoln Hoeschen, Julia Lee and Phil and Trish Burt.

Souls of the departed: Tim Hornsey and Sheila Cochrane.

The Parish also prays and gives thanks for:

- Members of the Vision 13 group as they continue to prayerfully help shape our vision for the church building in the future.

Church of England Birmingham Praying Together: The current edition is [here](#).

We celebrate the Birthdays of: Ashley Sonny Carter, Flora Acton, Katy Charles, Emer Ritchie and Sarah Williams.