



The Parish of Moseley

St Mary's & St Anne's



Parish of Moseley - First Sunday after Trinity

Our Services for Sunday June 7th - First Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00am - Holy Communion at St Mary's
- 10.00am - Sung Eucharist at St Mary's
- 11.00am - Sung Eucharist at St Anne's
- 6.30pm - Evensong at St Mary's

Parish Breakfast will follow the 8am service. All are welcome.

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.

Readings for the first Sunday after Trinity: Hosea 5.15 – 6.6, Romans 4.13–end, Matthew 9.9–13, 18–26

Thought for the Day by Vernon Batsford

The focus of my life during the current week has been the preparation for my dear wife, Penelope (Penny) to move into a care home.

After 60 years of marriage during which we have lived in Sydney (Australia), Auckland (New Zealand), Sutton Coldfield, Moseley, Solihull and now in a retirement apartment in Solihull, the time has come

for us to live separately. We carry with us many happy memories of the past 60 years, not least of course, the raising of two very talented and caring children.

It is not at all unusual that the last years of marriage are, of necessity, spent separately. Fortunately in our case the physical distance between us is small (a five minute walk) but the emotional distance will seem huge.

The separation will perhaps prompt us to reflect on a long life together, a happy marriage and interesting and varied occupations. Our membership of the congregation of St Mary's Church and our involvement in many of the Church activities during the past fifty years or so will feature prominently in our memories.

Although 10,000 and 1,000 miles away respectively, the love and care of our children features strongly in our lives and constantly sustains us.

We are indeed among the most fortunate of people.

Vernon's Thought For the Day reminds us that change is never easy, especially when it involves most close to us. As Penny now moves into a care home, their 60 years of marriage enters a new season. The five physical minutes between them will seem a long distance, says Vernon, and we understand a little of how hard this must be. God's love reassures us that he will never leave us, even through the most difficult of changes. "Where can I go from your presence?", says the poet who wrote Psalm 139. The writer knew that even through the most traumatic and testing moments of life, God would stay close to his side. Whilst life was difficult, he trusted in God's unending, great love for strength. May we know this love which sustains us and even carries us, when we are too weak to do more.

Revd Ange

Future Services

Sunday 14th June - Second Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00am - Holy Communion at St Mary's
- 10.00am - Sung Eucharist at St Mary's
- 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.

Sunday 21st June - First Sunday after Trinity

- 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.

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 be found in the Calendar.
 - Morning Prayer is at **9.00am** in the Lady Chapel at St Mary's on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday and at **9.00am** in St Anne's on Tuesday.
 - Online Compline (Night Prayer) takes place at 7.30pm on a Wednesday. Please contact the office if you would like the Zoom link.
 - The Thursday Midweek Communion service is at **12.15pm** in the Lady Chapel at St Mary's.
 - Our 10am Sunday service is usually livestreamed to our Parish YouTube page. The Parish YouTube page can be found [here](#).
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Notices - please continue to the bottom of the bulletin for events which are coming up

Flowers in St Mary's

Flowers this Sunday have been given by the Everett family, to give thanks for Chris remembered with love on his birthday, June 4th, and every day.

If you would like to make a donation for flowers to commemorate a special person or occasion, please do contact the office.

Eat, Pray, Love

6.30pm-8.30pm, Monday 8th June at St Anne's Church.

An opportunity for everyone to join with our friends from our Oversight Area for a bring-and-share supper and prayer.

Sign up on the sheets at the back of either church to tell us if you are coming and what you can bring.

Can you help make curtains for the hall?

We need some help making new curtains for St Anne's Hall. If you own a sewing machine and can sew a straight seam can you join us to make a start on the large curtains?

The two sessions will be on Monday 15th June from 10.00am till 4.00pm and Thursday 1.00pm till 4.00 pm. If you might be able to help please speak to Bridget or Kate Stocks.

Intercessions Training

If you're currently leading intercessions and would like some refresher training, it will be held on the evening of 16th June at 7.30pm at St Mary's. This could also be useful if you're thinking about doing it at some point in the future and would like to know what it involves.

Chair Samples

As part of our reordering project, it is planned that the pews in St Mary's church will eventually be removed, and replaced by stackable chairs.

We would like to get congregation members' feedback on possible chairs, so we will have some available on 7th and 14th June around the font area. Please give us your honest feedback.

Letter from Busoga Trust

Our parish supports several charities as part of our financial giving. One of those is Busoga Trust, a charity supporting clean and safe water in Uganda through provision of wells and boreholes. We recently received a letter from the Trust and wanted to share a little with you so that you can continue to pray for this valuable work:

"Thank you very much indeed for all the generous support St Mary's has provided. All BT support is now from private sources and we are very fortunate. The two stand out achievements of the last 6 months are: To achieve the 'Holy Grail' of water - 95% functionality of all BT wells. We know of nowhere else where this has been achieved in Africa (but would like to!) Secondly, BT reaches 500 Ugandans every working day with clean water.

Open Gardens - help support St Anne's refreshment stop!

St Anne's will be hosting a Refreshments Stop this year at the annual Open Gardens on **Sunday 28th June from 11am-5pm**. As well as hosting refreshments outside and inside the church, we'd love to create a display of small plant pots outside the church from our parish. Please let the Office/Angel know if you can help with any of the following: be part of the refreshments rota for an hour or so, bake a cake, bring a plant pot or even lend a gazebo for the occasion. Our Vision Statement says we seek to be a welcoming church at the heart of Moseley, so this is a great opportunity for us to open our doors and get to know our community better.

A message from Moseley in Bloom - Open Garden tickets on sale!

Open Gardens is that one day when Moseley feels like a village again — neighbours chatting, gates swinging open, and garden after garden full of surprises.

This year's trail has it all: much-loved favourites, returning gems, and brand-new openers showing off their creativity for the first time. It's colourful, friendly, a bit magical — the perfect way to explore Moseley at its best.

Early Bird tickets are just £8.50 until 14th June.

Get your Early Bird ticket:

- Online: www.moseleyinbloom.org.uk/tickets
- Moseley Exchange: until 14th June

Training course at Restore

The next training course at Restore will be held at St Johns Church, Harborne on 13th June 2026. The course is for anyone interested in learning more about refugees, or those considering volunteering as a befriender with Restore

The training will start at 9.45am and finish at 4pm. The day will include three sessions separated by two breaks. During the first break, refreshments will be available and in the second break a light lunch will be provided.

The three sessions will be as follows:

Session 1- Introduction to Restore and the global refugee situation

Session 2- The asylum process in the UK and resettlement schemes

Session 3- Guidelines and boundaries in befriending relationships

After the training day, participants can sign up to become a volunteer befriender. These volunteers would be matched to a refugee to meet approximately every 2 weeks offer welcome, support, conversational English practice, and friendship. Only those who attend the training day can volunteer, but there is no obligation to volunteer if you attend the course.

You can sign up using the webpage located here - [Volunteer as a befriender - Restore](#)

Bereavement Cafe

Are you recently bereaved? Or struggling with the loss of a loved one even after many years? If so, do come to our Bereavement Cafe, 2-4pm Saturday 4th July 2026, St Mary's Church (West Room). Hot drinks, cakes and an opportunity to be in the company of others facing similar experiences.

Sabbatical 2026

Revd Magdalen is on sabbatical from 1st May until the end of July. On Sundays she will take the opportunity to experience worship in different churches in our Diocese. Please do say hello to her if you see her around during this time but remember she won't be working!

Keeping safe in church

We are currently reviewing our lone working policy. If you come in to church on your own during the day, please do let the office know that you are there.

This week in the Parish

We continue to pray for:

Sheila Perks, Trish Burt, Jane, Laurie Flood, Elizabeth, Ros Long, Christine Guest, Philip Mills, Angela Sones and family, Christina Brown, Revd Richard Taylor, Heather Smithson, Linda and Rosie Calloway, and Revd Frank Berry.

Souls of the Departed: Olivia Asangansi

The Parish also prays and gives thanks for:

- Martha and Thomas whose wedding is at St Mary's on Saturday 6th June.
- The family of Revd Joan and Harry Griffin whose ashes will be interred on 10th June.
- Those in our congregations who work in theatre and the performing arts.
- Magdalen, on her sabbatical.
- Everyone who lives in our parish - this week praying for all our neighbours who live on Edgbaston Road East.

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

Inclusive Church Newsletter: The May edition is [here](#).

We celebrate the Birthdays of: Jenny Jupe, John Brocklesby, Otilie Cooper and James Barwell.

Future events

Eat Pray Love

Monday, 8 June 18:30

6.30pm-8.30pm, Monday 8th June at St Anne's Church. An opportunity for everyone to join with our friends from our Oversight Area for a bring-and-share supper and prayer. Sign up on the sheets at the welcome desk.



Music for a Summer's Evening

Saturday, 20 June 18:00

Saturday June 20th: 6.00pm: MUSIC FOR A SUMMER'S EVENING St. Mary's Choir and Singers
Directed by Michael Perrier Organ / Piano: Darren Hogg

