



The Parish of Moseley
St Mary's & St Anne's



Parish of Moseley - Easter

Our Services for Good Friday, Easter Eve and Easter Sunday:

Good Friday - 3rd April

- 10am - All age service at St Anne's, followed by refreshments in church.
- 12.30pm Walk of Witness starting at St Paul's Balsall Heath and arriving at St Mary's in time for the 2pm service
- 2pm Final Hour at St Mary's, a service of images, reflections, silence and music. Please note that St Mary's will also be open for quiet personal reflection from 1pm to 2pm

Easter Eve - 4th April

- 8pm - Easter Vigil and the first Eucharist of Easter at St Mary's Church

Our services for Sunday 5th April - Easter Sunday

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

Please note there is no evening service.

Parish breakfast will follow the 8.00 am service. All are welcome.

Readings for Easter Sunday: Jeremiah 31.1–6, Acts 10.34–43, Matthew 28.1–10

Thought for the Day by Jennifer Holloway

Easter Greetings, everyone!

Easter is a joyous celebration! Jesus, after his lifelong ministry, has risen from death!

The humiliation, torture and crucifixion He had to suffer before dying has gone.

Now He was able to show his risen body, at first to those who were closest to him in

life, thus fulfilling what He was teaching them in his life on earth. Those who believe in God and live by his commands, can also attain this - an eternal life. They will be freed from sorrows that can afflict during life on earth. This message was passed onto other other followers of Jesus through the disciples. Peter, later in Acts 10 v.34-43, explains that this truth is for all, whatever nationality or race. The next work for the disciples then becomes their mission to spread this truth.

Words from hymn 211, which will be sung during the morning service at St Mary's, I think embody the essence of Easter.

And God, the living God, stooped down to man's estate.

By death destroying death, Christ opened wide life's gate,

He lives, who died; He reigns on high;

Who lives in Him shall never die.

Here in the UK, Easter comes when the spring season brings joys of new life in nature, and so we get a double celebration! More sunshine, longer daylight hours, flowers and newly born animals can add to make this a happy time. Enjoy it!

Happy Easter!

Future Services

Sunday 12th April - Second Sunday of Easter

- 11.00am - Sung Eucharist at St Anne's

There are no other services on 12th April.

Sunday 19th April - Third 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.

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 **9.00am** in the Lady Chapel at St Mary's on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday and at **9.00am** in St Anne's on Tuesday. **Please note there is no Morning Prayer for the week beginning 6th April. Morning Prayer will begin again on 13th April.**
- The Thursday Midweek Communion service is at **12.15pm** in the Lady Chapel at St Mary's.

Notices - please continue to the bottom of the bulletin for events which are coming up

Office closure

The Parish office will be closed for the Bank Holidays on Friday 3rd April and Monday 6th April. The office will reopen on Tuesday 7th April and will be open for reduced hours during the week. Please give us a call to check we are here if you need to come to the office.

Online Compline after Easter

Thank you to everyone who participated in online Compline (Night Prayer). We will be continuing this after Easter on Wednesdays at 7.30pm from 15th April. Please contact the Parish Office for login details.

Livestreaming of Services

Please note that our 10am service is now livestreamed to our Parish YouTube page, rather than via Facebook. This is due to ongoing interruptions to livestreams via Facebook. The Parish YouTube page can be found [here](#).

Flowers for Easter at St Mary's

We will be decorating St Mary's for Easter on Saturday 4th April from 9.30 am, if you would like to help. Contributions of greenery would be much appreciated.

Betty Clarke

Betty died peacefully on 19th January 2026 after over 100 good years. Liz and Jenny would like to thank the many who have given us kind words, sympathy, cards, flowers and love, and prayed for us in the last few weeks. Betty planned a service to celebrate her life. This will take place on Saturday 18th April at 12.30pm in St Mary's. All are welcome to be part of this service. Betty asked that those attending the service wear bright colours and not black.

Would you like to be on the Electoral Roll?

Joining the electoral roll opens up the way for greater involvement in the life of the Church, at parish, deanery, diocesan and national levels. You become entitled to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

It is an important statement of witness and step along the path of discipleship. With your name on the electoral roll the strength of the Church can be seen in our area, and across the country.

If you are not already on the roll you can complete a form by following [this link](#). The form will be open until 14th April.

You can check if you are resident in the parish on the A Church Near You website which you can find [here](#).

If you require a paper form or have any queries about completing the form please do not hesitate to contact Fiona or Trish in the office. Blank forms are also available on the welcome desk in each church.

Marriage Enrichment Course - *Real Love, Real Life*

St Anne's Church, Saturday 25th April, 10am - 3pm. For all couples, those who are about to be married, newly-married, and those wanting to deepen their marriage relationship. No cost and lunch provided.

The bulletin - trialing some changes!

As an inclusive church we are thinking about different ways of engaging with people. We are looking at having a shorter bulletin on line and distributing a weekly printed sheet with services and events. We are proposing to do this after Easter. We'd love to hear your feedback!

New for 2026 - Journeying into Faith

After Easter we will be offering four short sessions on Tuesday evenings for those who would like to explore some of the basics of Christian faith. Sessions will be very open and accessible with some input from clergy leaders as well as

plenty of space to ask questions. The sessions will be appropriate for those preparing for Confirmation but will also be open to anyone interested in refreshing questions around their faith.

Sessions will be on Tuesday evenings of 14th, 21st, 28th April and 5th May in the West Room from 7.30-9.0pm. For those wishing to be confirmed this service will be at St Mary's Church on May 17th at 5pm.

Please do feel free to chat to Revd Ange or Revd Magdalen about this if you are unsure whether its for you.

Sabbatical 2026

Revd Magdalen has been granted a sabbatical by the Diocese this year from 1st May until the end of July. Magdalen's last sabbatical was in 2013 when she wrote her first book. This time, building on the course she has already written which we will be using this Lent - *And Now For the Rest* - she will be looking into the idea of wellbeing - emotional, physical and spiritual and reading and writing around how people of faith and church communities can model this well. She will be spending some time at St Beuno's Ignatian Spirituality Centre in North Wales, The Community of Martha and Mary in Devon and Glasshampton Friary in Worcestershire. The rest of the time will be spent reading and writing at Queen's Library in Edgbaston (where she trained) and visiting friends and family. 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 Catherine Glasbey.

Souls of the departed: Stephen Vokes

The Parish also prays and gives thanks for:

- This community of Moseley in this Easter season, as we experience and live out the joy of the resurrection.
- Everyone who lives in our parish - this week praying for all our neighbours who live on Mount Close.

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

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

We celebrate the Birthdays of: Elijah Conway and Amanda Doyle

Future events

- APR 07

Tuesday Teas

Tuesday, 7 April 14:00

Tuesday Teas is a monthly group and you are warmly invited. There will be hot drinks, homemade cakes and the opportunity to chat. All are welcome - no need to book.



- APR 14

Journeying into Faith

Tuesday, 14 April 19:30

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