



The Parish of Moseley

St Mary's & St Anne's



Parish of Moseley - Last Sunday after Trinity

Our Services for Sunday 25th October - Last Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00am - Holy Communion at St Mary's
- 8.30am - Breakfast Church at St Anne's Hall
- 10.00am - Sung Eucharist at St Mary's
- 11.00am - Sung Eucharist at St Anne's
- 6.30pm - 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.

Readings for the Last Sunday after Trinity: Leviticus 19.1–2, 15–18, 1Thessalonians 2.1–8 and Matthew 22.34–end.

Thought for the day by Glyn Samuel

Did you realise that the instruction 'Love your neighbour as yourself' was not a new 'commandment' from Jesus (despite what the hymn-writers might assert), but was taken from the book of Leviticus? I certainly did not. In the gospel reading this week, when Jesus used the expression 'the law and the prophets' he was clearly referring back to such expressions of God's law, written as long ago from his time as the Dark Ages are to us here in 21st Century Britain.

As an Ecclesiastical Judge I have four times had to take the Judicial Oath, which reads "I do swear that I will, to the uttermost of my understanding, deal uprightly and justly in my office, without respect of favour or reward: so help me God". It struck me, when reading the verses from Leviticus, how similar the Oath is to the commandments handed down 3,400 to 3,500 years ago (albeit written in a more concise way, as may be appropriate for a legal oath). However, the scripture also demands that the one passing judgment must rebuke what his/her neighbour has done wrong, or face the same guilt himself/herself. That is an interesting requirement for a Judge, and one I need to think about some more. In handing down judgments, it is often pastorally sensitive to avoid outright condemnation for wrongdoing in a case, but maybe I have been wrong in that approach? Is simply finding against the wrongdoer sufficient to 'rebuke' his/her actions, or should I really go further in criticising what should not have been done? That scripture reading has certainly given me grounds for cogitation!

Future Services

Sunday 1st November - All Saints and All Souls

- 8.00am - Holy Communion at St Mary's
- 10.00am - Sung Eucharist at St Mary's
- 11.00am - Sung Eucharist at St Anne's
- 5.00pm - Service of Remembrance, Thanksgiving and Hope at St Anne's

There is no 6.30pm service at St Mary's.

Parish breakfast will follow the 8.00am service

Extraordinary Parish Meeting (EPM) to elect Churchwarden after the 11am service.

Our evening service offers an opportunity to gather and remember those we have loved who have died. Through a simple service of prayer, music, reflection and hymns, we both remember with thankfulness and pray for God's blessing and strength in our lives now. There will be the opportunity to light a candle as an act of individual prayer and thanksgiving for those we love but see no longer.

Sunday 8th November - Remembrance

- 8.00am - Holy Communion at St Mary's
- 10.00am - Sung Eucharist at St Mary's with Act of Remembrance
- 10.45am - Sung Eucharist at St Anne's with Act of Remembrance
- 6.30pm - A Service of Music and Readings for Remembrance Sunday at St Mary's

Please note that the service at St Anne's starts at the earlier time of 10.45am.

We welcome the Deputy Lord Lieutenant for the West Midlands to the 10.00am service at St Mary's.

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

The Clocks Change this Weekend

Please remember that the clocks go back one hour this weekend.

Office Opening Hours

Please note that during weeks commencing 26th October and 2nd November, the Church Office will be open for reduced hours. If you need to come to the office, please call first to check we are here. Thank you.

Donations for St Chad's Sanctuary

St Chad's Sanctuary is a local charity which offers a warm welcome and practical support to asylum seekers and refugees living in Birmingham. In past years, we have received substantial quantities of harvest food donations from churches and schools around the city. However, this year many churches are either running their own food banks or supporting their closest one (which makes perfect sense), so we've not had many donations. One of the things we're now running short of is supplies of tea, coffee and especially biscuits, which we like to serve to all those who come to us, including the students in our English classes. We would very much appreciate any donations of these items, which can be left in the box at the back of either church. Thank you! - Karen Gray (member of St Anne's and ESOL Coordinator at St Chad's Sanctuary)

All Souls Service - St Anne's 5.00pm, Sunday 1st November

If you would like the name of someone who has passed away to be read out at the service of Remembrance, Thanksgiving and Hope at St Anne's, please sign the sheet at the back of either church or email the church office on office@moseleychurch.org.uk and we will add their name to the list.

Churchwarden for St Anne's

As you may know, there has been no Churchwarden at St Anne's since Steve Alabaster and Danielle Edwards stood down last year. Trish Everett would now like to stand as Churchwarden, effective from January 2027. She will be elected at an Extraordinary Parish Meeting (EPM) after the 11am St Anne's service on Sunday 1st November. If you'd like to support her election, your presence at the 11am service and short election afterwards would be very welcome.

Knit a poppy for Remembrance

The knitting group meets on alternate Wednesdays at 2 pm. If you would like to join in contact Kate on 07853 244917.

If you would like to knit or crochet a poppy for Remembrance Sunday the instructions are [here](#). [If you are knitting poppies but don't come to the knitting group, please bring your poppies into church asap so that we can create the display.](#)

Autumn Well-Being Walk around Moseley Pool and Park

Saturday 14th November at 2pm.

We will be doing a contemplative walk around the Park together and then with some free time to enjoy the grounds. Tea and cake will follow at a cafe in Moseley. If very wet or windy we will postpone this event. Please meet outside the main entrance to the Park (down lane between Moseley Hive and Oxfam bookshop).

Faith, Menopause and the Meaning of MidLife - Saturday November 21st from 2pm-5.30pm

This event is one of a kind. Please come and support it!

Jayne Manfredi, author of *Waking the Women* and former colleague of Magdalen's will be speaking alongside Nasim Walji on how the experience of menopause and midlife deeply connects with our faith tradition. There will be time for sharing stories and a Q and A as well as refreshments. This is a multifaith event organised jointly by Moseley parish and Clifton Road mosque and is free of charge. However, please [book here](#). The event is open to all women and men who hold a particular interest in this subject.

There will be a group of us leaving from Park Hill to walk down to the Transition Hall, Clifton Road, Balsall Heath on the afternoon if you are unsure where the event will be. If you have a question about this please speak to Revd Magdalen.

School Admissions 2027

If you are applying for a place for your child for September 2027 at Moseley C of E Primary School and require confirmation of church attendance, please contact the Church Office on 0121 449 2243 or office@moseleychurch.org.uk to book an appointment at our signing session.

The session will take place on Saturday 7th November from 10.30am - 12.00pm, in St Mary's Church. Coffee and tea will be available.

On the day of your appointment, please bring your completed school 'additional information for admissions form' (available on the school website) for Revd Angela or Revd Magdalen to sign.

Please note, it is not our practice to sign forms on a Sunday before or after church services when the priority of our clergy is worship and pastoral care of the congregation.

Support the Community Fridge

The Community Fridge at Moseley Hive is running short of food. If you have any surplus fresh food, please consider donating it to the Fridge. For more information please check their website

<https://moseleycommunity.com/>

Walking Bus for Trebles Practice

This term we are looking to trial a walking bus from Moseley C of E Primary School to St Mary's Church for the Tuesday evening Treble practice.

A number of families have indicated that their child/ren would like to join the Trebles: however they are currently unable to make the logistics work. We are proposing that teams of two adults would collect children from school at 4.30pm and walk them to church in good time for practice which begins at 5.00pm. That 30 minute commitment is all that is needed as parents would collect their children at the end of practice at 6.00pm. If you would be willing to be a part of the walking bus rota for the trial period, we would be very appreciative, even if you could only sign up for one or two weeks. This role does require all adults to be DBS checked and to have completed Safeguarding training, both which the church can assist you with. Please let Rachel outreach@moseleychurch.org.uk or Mick music@moseleychurch.org.uk know if you are interested in helping.

Accessibility Aids

If you have additional needs and would appreciate using one of our resources, please let the Duty Warden or Sidesperson know. We have the following available on the Welcome Desk for you to borrow: Dyslexia Bibles, Dyslexia overlays for the orders of service and Ear Defenders.

Can you help with a welcome/support with Makaton/BSL

If you can use British Sign Language, and/or Makaton, and could help us during our services, could you let the Office know?

Receiving communion

If its easier for you to receive communion at your seat, please let the sidespeople/ deputy wardens know - they are the people you meet at the welcome desk.

Meditation Taster Sessions

If you are interested in experiencing a simpler and more contemplative kind of prayer we will be offering 2 taster sessions during Advent before the lunchtime communion service on Thursdays. These will be in the Lady Chapel from 11.15pm-11.45am on the following dates - 26th November and 10th December. No previous experience required. The basic format will be a few thoughts from the leader, explanation of a simple technique and then some silence. There will be time for a short discussion afterwards each time.

For those who can't make a Thursday we will be including some meditation at the Advent Quiet Morning on 12th December at St Anne's which will run from 9.30am-12.30pm.

Any questions please ask or email Revd Magdalen.

Christmas Fair

The kids have only just gone back to school and we're already talking about Christmas!

St Mary's Church Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday 28th November 10am - 2pm. Please put this date in your diaries. We'll be raising money for our churches and chosen charities (The Busoga Trust, Practical Action and St Chad's Sanctuary).

We are busy planning all the usual festive fun, games and refreshments that make this event such a success but we are now in need of donations.

★ New this year! We will be holding a Christmas themed stall, instead of our usual bric a brac table, for all your festive bargains! We are now collecting donations so please bring in to church anything Christmas-related that we can sell. For example:

- Christmas decorations 🎄
- Christmas jumpers 🧣
- Regiftable items (these must be brand new, unopened or in excellent condition) 📺
- Christmas wrapping 📦 🎀

We will not be accepting bric a brac so please do not bring it to the church.

🧸 Our popular Children's Corner will return, so anything like unwanted toys, children's books, games and jigsaws will be very welcome.

📖 We are accepting books for our Book Stall. Sorry we cannot take DVDs or CDs so please do not bring them to church.

🍷 We also need bottles for our Bottle Tombola.

Please ensure all donated items are in good working order.

Nearer the time we will be asking for volunteers to help out on the day, if you already fancy lending a hand please let the office know.

Thank you in advance for all your support, it is always appreciated. See you at the Christmas Fair!

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, Christina Brown, Heather Smithson, Linda and Rosie Calloway, Bobby Bridgeman, Nick Adams, Ken Bonham, Sumit, Sam and Grace Macfie, Kevin Holland and Peter Magson.

The Parish also prays and gives thanks for:

- Those in our community who are without a home or do not have a safe place to live, praying for the work of Anji as she supports them.
- Everyone who lives in our parish - this week praying for all our neighbours who live on Gregg Court.

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

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

We celebrate the Birthdays of: Rachel McLeod, Peter Dunlop and Lynne McLeod.

Future events

Coffee Concert - Saturday, 31 October 11:00

11.00am: Saturday Morning Coffee Concert Michael and Elspeth Sullivan Light music, jazz and pop classics for keyboards and voice Coffee, tea and toast available from 10.30am. Admission free, retiring collection.



Tuesday Teas - Tuesday, 3 November 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.



Moseley at the Movies - Wednesday, 4 November 19:00

Come along to Moseley at the Movies, a group which meets to watch a film together and discuss afterwards. St Mary's West Room at 7pm.



Autumn Well-Being Walk around Moseley Pool and Park - Saturday, 14 November 14:00

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