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



Parish of Moseley - First Sunday of Advent

Our Services for Sunday 29th November - First Sunday of Advent

- 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 - Service of Readings and Music for Advent at St Mary's

Readings for the First Sunday of Advent: Isaiah 64.1–9, 1 Corinthians 1.3–9, Mark 13.24–37

Thought for the Day by Liz Blakey

Advent Sunday marks the beginning of Advent and for some, preparations for Christmas begin in earnest. How will you be marking this? Some put up “Advent lights” inside or outside their homes others use Advent candles. One of the traditions in Moseley Parish is to have discussion groups that encourage us to look more deeply into the themes of Advent. This year we have chosen to use the book “Stick with Love” by Arun Arora as the basis for our meetings.

The book reminds us in it’s introduction that Advent could be “marked as a season of expectation, celebration and hope or … a time for mediation on the last things of death, judgement, hell and heaven”. Through the material of the book and two Bible passages we will explore these themes as it offers “a middle way through these approaches, offering stories and reflections that are full of hope, alongside questions that may pose a real challenge”. The book invites us to consider short biographies of Christians, some recognised as saints, St Lucy of Syracuse, and modern examples, Stormzy and the Revd Dr Martin Luther King amongst others.

How do you plan to mark Advent? Will you be committing to attending one of the Advent Groups/ reading the book or the extracts available in church? Deciding to attend church more regularly? Choosing one or more of the Advent themes identified above as a focus for your prayer? Use an Advent Calendar and decide to pray as each window is opened?

A recent tradition in our family has become having lunch together on Advent Sunday and to arrange our Secret Santa. This means that we think carefully, (and pray about?) the individual we are allocated as we prepare to choose an appropriate present.

Future Services

Sunday 6th December - Second Sunday of Advent

- 8.00am - Holy Communion at St Mary's
- 10.00am - Nativity 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 13th December - Third Sunday of Advent

- 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 - Community Carols at St Anne's

Please note there will be no 6.30pm service at St Mary's this week.

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. There is no Morning Prayer on Thursday 12th November.
- 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.

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

Christmas Fair - Saturday 28th November, 10am-2pm

We hope to see you at the fair at St Mary's on Saturday 28th November. Cakes for the cake stall can be brought into church on the day - thank you!

Advent Groups

This Advent we are looking at Arun Arora's Advent book ***Stick with Love: Rejoicing in every tongue, tribe and nation.*** There will be 4 sessions on Wednesday evening at St Paul's Church, Mary Street from 7.30pm-9pm on the following evenings - 25th November, 2nd, 9th and 16th December. There will also be 4 sessions on Thursday mornings at St Mary's in the West Room on 26th November, 3rd, 10th and 17th December from 10.00am until 11.30am. Those wanting to join the Meditation Taster sessions on 26th November and 10th December can leave the group just before 11.15am and join in the Lady Chapel. Hot drinks, biscuits and cake served. Paper copies of the handouts for Session 2 are available on the welcome desk at St Mary's. Otherwise you can access them here:

- Asia Bibi (Wednesday session)
- Francis Loyo (Wednesday session)
- St Lucy (Thursday session)

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.

An invitation!

Revd Ange and Gerrard would like to invite you to Christmas drinks and nibbles at the Vicarage (18 Oxford Road) on Tuesday 15th December 7-9pm or Saturday 19th December 2-4pm. If you would like to come, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the welcome desk.

Moseley Church of England Primary School – Consultation on Admission Arrangements

The Governing Board of Moseley Church of England Primary School has reviewed and updated their admissions policy for September 2028/2029 to reflect current statutory guidance, simplify the arrangements and ensure they remain aligned with their Christian vision.

The consultation is open from Monday 23 November 2026 to Monday 4 January 2027.

The proposed admissions policy, summary of changes and updated Supplementary Information Form are available via the school home page https://www.moseleyce.bham.sch.uk

Comments can be submitted through Birmingham City Council's online consultation: https://www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/bcc/oaa-2028/

Toys4Birmingham

Toys4Birmingham is looking for donations of new toys and gifts to be distributed through our community networks to the city’s most vulnerable children and young people. Drop your toys and gifts off at: Edgbaston Stadium, Edgbaston

Road, B5 7QU on Friday 4th December 10am - 2pm, Saturday 5th December 10am - 1pm or Mon 7th December 10am - 1pm.

Help needed for Christmas Day Together 2026

If you can help with any of these tasks please let the parish office know: 0121 449 2243 or email office@moseleychurch.org.uk

- Buying and wrapping gifts
- Putting up and decorating a tree in St Anne's Hall
- Vegetable preparation – Wednesday 23rd Dec - morning
- Setting up the hall – Wednesday 23rd Dec – afternoon
- Cooking and delivering roast potatoes (10 - 12 portions) – Thursday 24th afternoon
- Making fruit salad (8 – 10 portions) by the 24th Dec
- We also need volunteers to help out on the day between 11.30 – 3.00 and some volunteer drivers to pick up guests and take them home.

Parish Safeguarding Survey

Last year, Church of England Birmingham launched their first Parish Safeguarding Survey and were very encouraged by the response from across the diocese. This gave the independently chaired Diocesan Safeguarding Scrutiny Panel (DSAP) a valuable snapshot of how safeguarding culture was experienced within our parishes.

This year, they are repeating the survey using the same questions - to benchmark the findings against last year's results, identify areas of progress and emerging themes, and build a clearer picture of safeguarding culture across the diocese over time.

Please help by completing the Parish Safeguarding Survey by clicking on this link. The survey will be open from Sunday 1 November 2026 to Sunday 10 January 2027.

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.

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, and Kevin Holland.

The Parish also prays and gives thanks for:

- Those who work in retail in the run up to Christmas.
- Everyone who lives in our parish - this week praying for all our neighbours who live on Britannic Gardens.

Church of England Birmingham Praying Together: The November edition is here.

Inclusive Church Newsletter: The November edition is here.

We celebrate the Birthdays of: Mick Perrier

Future events

- NOV **28**

Christmas Fair

Saturday, 28 November 10:00

Christmas Fair at St Mary's Church



- DEC **01**

Tuesday Teas

Tuesday, 1 December 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. This month we are welcoming the U3A choir for a Christmas concert...



- DEC **02**

Moseley at the Movies

Wednesday, 2 December 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.



- DEC **12**

Advent Quiet Morning

Saturday, 12 December 09:30

Advent Quiet Morning: Quiet Soul Still Saturday 12th December 9.30am-12.30pm St Anne's Church, Park Hill, Moseley Come and enjoy some thoughts on the subject of quiet and stillness and why we mi...

