



The Parish of Moseley

St Mary's & St Anne's



Parish of Moseley – Pentecost

Our services for Sunday 8th June - Pentecost

- 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 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 Pentecost: Genesis 11.1–9, Acts 2.1–21, John 14.8–17, 25–27

Thought for the Day by John Brocklesby

Once upon a time - we all spoke in one tongue and lived in harmony. Then a city was built by our own hands - a city we thought to be greater than all we had ever known. Standing at its centre a tower so high it touched the clouds - there seemed to be nothing we could not do. The city was Babel.

God saw our error, our stupidity - our power of speech was taken from us, we no longer understood one another. We stopped building and were dispersed throughout the world.

Centuries later, shortly after Christ's death and resurrection at Pentecost, the disciples were gathered; tongues of fire rested on each of them and they were filled with the Holy Spirit. The power of utterance, the gift of tongues returned. They went into the market place and as God created us, they were understood by all.

Why did we lose our power to be understood and live in harmony? Clearly it appears that the Spirit of God within was being destroyed by rampant materialism: it still is. Amen.

Future Services

Sunday 15th June - Trinity Sunday

- 8.00am - Holy Communion at St Mary's (BCP)
- 10.00am - Sung Eucharist with Baptism at St Mary's (this service will not be live-streamed)
- 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 22nd June - Trinity 1

- 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. David Derbyshire will be speaking on Neurodiversity as part of our Inclusive Church series.
- 6.30pm - Contemplative Worship at St Mary's

Please note there will be no 11am service at St Anne's on 22nd June.

Contemplative worship will offer the opportunity to to reflect and contemplate around a theme. By its nature, the service will usually include longer periods of silence, pieces of music and also prayer. There may be less opportunity for congregational singing. The service is likely to be less formal than our usual worship.

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 on Wednesday and Thursday this week.**

- 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

Churchwarden at St Mary's

As we discussed in our APCM, Angela Brown would like to stand as churchwarden at St Mary's for another year before stepping down. As the maximum tenure is six years, we will need to meet and vote to temporarily disallow this six year rule so that she can do this.

Revd Ange suggests that in order to elect Angela as churchwarden, we hold a short meeting at the end of two Sunday services. Therefore there will be two short meetings at St Mary's following the 10.00am morning service at 11.15am on Sunday 8th June and Sunday 6th July, the first to agree this and the second to elect Angela. If you are able to attend, please do.

Churchwardens - can you step up to take the role on?

(Nearly) every Parish Church ought to have two Churchwardens. Very soon we shall have no Churchwardens at either St Mary's or St Anne's. Every communicant on the electoral roll aged at least 21 is eligible to stand as Churchwarden - and the role is not exclusively for the older members of the congregation: I was aged just 27 when I first became Churchwarden at St Mary's, working alongside Betty Clarke.

Why have Churchwardens? The Churchwardens are the foremost representatives of the congregation, responsible for voicing the thoughts and wishes of the congregation to the members of the ministry team, and to the bishop. They are keepers of the valuables of the Church and must ensure there is 'order and decency in the church and churchyard' (yes, churchwardens even have a power of arrest). Churchwardens are active in promoting the mission of the church, because church law requires churchwardens '*to use their best endeavours by example and precept to encourage the parishioners in the practice of true religion and to promote unity and peace among them*'. It is very important to have someone willing to take on the office; without churchwardens the lay congregation is not properly represented, and it almost suggests the members of the congregation are not invested in the future of the Parish. Although Angela Brown has agreed to continue for one more year (subject to a vote of the parishioners allowing her to stand) there really needs to be someone from St Mary's willing to work with her to learn the role - and there definitely needs to be someone willing to step forward at St Anne's.

Appointment as Churchwarden is for one year at a time, with now a maximum of six consecutive years, but a churchwarden is not required to stay in office for the whole six year period. If you are invested in the future of our two churches, are confirmed and believe you can represent the rest of the congregation, can you consider stepping forward? If interested, please do speak with a member of the ministry team, with Angela, or with any former churchwarden.

Glyn Samuel - Churchwarden at St Mary's 1996-2005, 2016-2022

Running St Anne's without Churchwardens

Thanks to all who attended our helpful meeting about St Anne's (with no Churchwarden) last Sunday. We agreed to meet briefly once a month after the 11am service to check how things are going. The next meeting will be on 29th June after the 11am service.

EAT PRAY LOVE! Community Supper and Prayer Evening

6.30pm-8.30pm, Monday 9th 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.

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

Parish Trip to Tewkesbury Abbey - Saturday 14th June

Coach tickets for non-singers who would like to come on the trip to Tewkesbury on 14th June, leaving Moseley at 9.30am are available for £15.00 at <https://forms.churchdesk.com/f...> Please book early! If you have any queries please do contact the office.

Aspects of Inclusion

We're exploring this a little more over the summer as we consider what it really means to be inclusive. We've signed up to be part of a national network of churches who want to do this and will be organising some special services as part of our series on inclusion. We're starting with a service on Inclusive Church Sunday on May 25th at St Mary's at 10am and over the summer there will be speakers on the following themes:

- June 22nd Neurodiversity - 10am at St Mary's, speaker David Derbyshire
- June 29th Mental Health - 10am at St Mary's, speaker Mark Simons
- July 6th Sexuality - 10am at St Mary's, reflection Magdalen Smith
- July 13th Poverty - 11am at St Anne's, speaker Fred Ratley
- July 20th Ethnicity - 10am at St Mary's, speaker Jasmine Brown

St Anne's Hall Working Party

Further dates have been arranged for the hall working party to continue work on the foyer and council room:

- Thursday 12th June 2.00 – 4.00
- Tuesday 17th June 9.30 – 11.30
- Thursday 19th June 2.00 – 4.00
- Friday 20th June 10.00 – 12.00
- Wednesday 25th June 10.00 – 12.00

For any queries, please contact Bridget Langstaff on 07816 828439 or bridget@langstaff.co.uk.

Open letter from faith communities on trans rights

In April, the Supreme Court ruled that, in the meaning of the Equality Act, "gender" could only be construed as meaning "biological sex at birth". This has led to debate about the status of transgender people and the implications for their rights under the law. Some of our brothers and

sisters in Christ, led by Revd Sam Mackie, LGBTQ+ Chaplain at St Mark the Evangelist Southend, have organised an open letter which expresses solidarity with trans people as reflecting the beauty and diversity of God's creation, and affirms their dignity and right to recognition. The Inclusive Church working group for the Parish would like to invite members of our congregations who are of a similar mind to review and sign the letter, which can be found [here](#).

Reordering at St Mary's

Work continues to progress the development work at St Mary's. Part of the plans we are working on include underfloor heating, so some archaeological work will be needed to investigate! Read our FAQs [here](#) to learn more about the reordering plans.

Turn your clutter into cash!

We're holding our **annual table top sale** on **Saturday 28th June** and we're looking for stallholders. It's usually a busy event as it's on the same day as Moseley farmers' market.

It's held from 10am-1pm in the churchyard of St Mary's (inside if it's bad weather). £15 minimum donation for a table. Money raised from sale of pitches and refreshments will go towards the upkeep of St Anne's and St Mary's churches.

For further details and to book a stall, follow this link: <https://forms.churchdesk.com/f/UZ3JmJNPkB>

Parish Prayer List

We are reviewing the Parish Prayer List and names will continue to be left on the list if the person who has asked for prayer informs the Parish Office each month. This also refers to individuals who have been referred by another person. Names will remain on the list for one month and if the office are not recontacted concerning them, they will be taken off unless informed otherwise.

This week in the Parish

We continue to pray for:

Cathie Carey and Stella Fernley, Tony Sheppard, Mike Carter, Ruth Carter, Jon Terry, Rachel McLeod, Sheila Perks, Laurie Flood, Elisabeth Leicester, Lincoln Hoeschen, Phil and Trish Burt, Geraldine and Gerald Cartin, Malcolm McDonald, Jenny Taylor, June Dudleston, Christine Guest, Jane and Bill, and Charan Platt.

Souls of the Departed: Dorothy Pridham.

The Parish also prays and gives thanks for:

- Robert and Victoria whose wedding is at St Mary's on Saturday 7th June.
- Those in our congregations who work in theatre and the performing arts.
- Everyone who lives in our parish - this week praying for all our neighbours who live on Lench's Close.

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

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

We celebrate the Birthdays of: Benjamin Dunlop, Erica Paul, Archie Walker, Nicola Bailey, Terry Adams, Jean Lindley, Henry Keenan, and Montgomery Bertram.

Future events

EAT PRAY LOVE! Community Supper and Prayer Evening

Monday, 9 June 18:30

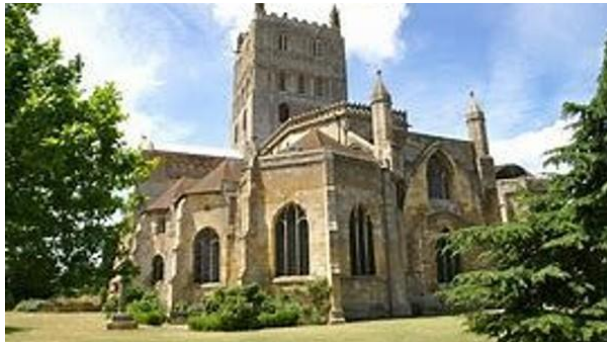
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Parish Trip to Tewkesbury, including Evensong at the Abbey

Saturday, 14 June 09:30

A coach trip to Tewkesbury, including Evensong at the Abbey, where our choir will be singing on Saturday June 14th. The coach will leave from outside Moseley C of E Primary School, Oxford Road, Mos...



Ex Cathedra - Music for a Summer's Evening

Tuesday, 17 June 19:30

Join Ex Cathedra and guest conductor Steven Grahl, to celebrate the joys of the season with madrigals, part-songs, close harmony, and readings from across the ages - performed by candlelight. Draw ...

Cathedral Firing singing

Table Top Sale - St Mary's Churchyard

Saturday, 28 June 10:00

Come along to St Mary's Churchyard for a Table Top Sale. Bric-a-Brac, clothes, toys, cakes and much more! Raising funds in aid of St Mary's and St Anne's Churches. To book a stall, please follow th...



Midland Chamber Orchestra Concert

Sunday, 29 June 13:30

