



The Parish of Moseley

St Mary's & St Anne's



Parish of Moseley - Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Our services for Sunday 10th August - Eighth Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00am - Holy Communion at St Mary's
- 10.00am - Sung Eucharist at St Mary's (the service will not be livestreamed this week)
- 11.00am - Sung Eucharist at St Anne's
- 6.30pm - Compline at St Mary's

The service of **Compline** derives its name from a Latin word meaning 'completion' (completorium). It is above all a service of quietness and reflection before rest at the end of the day.

Morning readings for the Eighth Sunday after Trinity: Jeremiah 23.23–29, Hebrews 11.29 – 12.2, Luke 12.49–56

Thought for the Day by Laura Dowell

I was delighted to see that we had been asked to write the homily for 10 August because this is the week that marks Assumption Day, which is on the 15th.

Assumption Day always reminds me of the time I worked in France and makes me think fondly of my former French colleagues. In France, Assumption Day is a jour férié (bank holiday). This feast day commemorates the belief that the Virgin Mary, the mother of Jesus, was taken, body and soul, into Heaven after her death. It is a major feast day in the Catholic Church and especially so in France. Why? Louis XIII (1601 to 1643), who was married to Anne of Austria, played a key role in establishing the Assumption of Mary as a public holiday in France. Louis and Anne were unable to conceive a child and so there was no heir to the throne. In 1638, Louis XIII consecrated France, his kingdom, to the Virgin Mary and designated 15 August as the day of her celebration. By doing this, he hoped to be able to have an heir. His son, who became Louis XIV, was born in September the same year.

We hear about the anxiety of wanting children and not being able to conceive in our bible readings this week. In Genesis, we learn about the plight of the childless Abram who believed the Lord when he was told by him that his descendants would be as numerous as the stars. Similarly, in Hebrews we have the story of Abraham and Sarah who were childless but received the power of procreation by faith.

St Mary, our patron saint here in Moseley, had to come to terms with learning that she would give birth to a child that she hadn't been expecting at all, and that this child would be the Son of God. Little did she know that we would still be following his teachings some 2,000 years later. I think it is rather special to worship in a church dedicated to her.

The Church of England's calendar of holy days proposes an alternative date of 8 September to celebrate the Blessed Virgin Mary, presumably because 15 August is in the middle of school summer holidays. In Moseley, we will be celebrating the day on Sunday, 7 September, when we will also have an evening service to dedicate the newly refurbished organ.

Future Services

Sunday 17th August - Ninth Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00am - Holy Communion at St Mary's (BCP)
- 10.00am - Sung Eucharist at St Mary's
- 11.00am - Sung Eucharist at St Anne's
- 6.30pm - Compline at St Mary's

Sunday 24th August - Tenth 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 - Compline 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 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 that during August, Morning Prayer will only take place on Mondays at St Mary's and Tuesdays at St Anne's. There will be no Morning Prayer on Bank Holiday Monday (25th August).**
- 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

Compline during August

During August there will be a short service of Compline at 6.30pm on Sundays 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th August. These will be led by different people and will be in the Lady Chapel unless numbers are large. **There will be no evening service on Sunday 31st August.**

Office Opening Hours

Please note that from 28th July to 15th August, the office will be open for reduced hours. If you need to come to the office, please check first to make sure we are here. Thank you.

Parish Afternoon Tea Sunday 17th August 2.30-4.30pm

At 15 Park Hill (please enter through side garden gate, accessed through the church drive to the left of St Anne's Church)

Come and enjoy a lovely afternoon with tea and homemade scones and cakes in Revd Magdalen's woodland garden. (If raining this event will be in the Church Hall).

Suggested donation £5.00 for adults and £2.50 for children.

Please sign up on the sheets in church and offers of cakes and other contributions are welcome.

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.

Heritage Open Days - September

St Anne's is hoping to participate in Heritage Open Days this September as part of the 150th anniversary celebrations, and in order to prepare some displays it would be useful to have a couple of people to help sift through and identify interesting material from our archive. If anyone is interested in this (probably a few hours at St Anne's at a mutually-convenient time), please contact John Gray on jgray@azuli.co.uk or 07841 004179.

Derek Purnell

We have received a message from Peter Tod who was Director of the Hippodrome to say that older members of our congregation may remember Derek Purnell as a member of St Mary's. Derek, who was a dancer with Sadlers Well's Royal Ballet, came to Birmingham in 1988, in an administrative capacity prior to the company moving permanently to Birmingham in 1990, changing its name to Birmingham Royal Ballet, with a purpose built home at the Hippodrome. He and his family lived in Moseley. Derek died in Norwich on Saturday, very sadly of a cruel cancer. Please remember Derek in your prayers, and Aileen, Kirsty, and Louise There is a lovely tribute to Derek on <https://www.strawberryhillhouse.org.uk/derek-purnell/>

Items needed for Stay & Play

If you have any of the following items spare, we would be very grateful to receive them for Stay & Play:

- Matchbox cars (or any vehicles)
- Doll buggies
- Colouring books
- Felt tips
- Small good quality baby toys

Volunteers needed for Warm Space and Coffee and Co.

The church is open on Friday from 10.00-12.00 and Saturday from 10.30 -12.00 where warm drinks and snacks are served and everyone who comes into church is welcome. We have a group of loyal volunteers who make sure we are able to offer this and I would like to thank them for what they do, however we do need more volunteers.

If you feel able to give up a couple of hours occasionally on a Friday or Saturday morning please contact the office on [0121 449 2243](tel:01214492243) or speak to Angela Brown in church. Thank you.

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.

This week in the Parish

We continue to pray for:

Sheila Perks, Phil and Trish Burt, Jane, Laurie Flood, Jacqueline and Elizabeth.

Souls of the Departed: Derek Purnell.

The Parish also prays and gives thanks for:

- Those who receive GCSE or A-Level results this month, and for wisdom as they discern their next steps..
- Everyone who lives in our parish - this week praying for all our neighbours who live on Grayfield Avenue.

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

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

We celebrate the Birthdays of: Lucy Ellis, Rebecca Schirwing, Debbie Barwell and Mara Livermore.

Future events

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Parish afternoon tea

Sunday, 17 August 14:00

Come and enjoy a lovely afternoon with tea and homemade scones and cakes in Revd Magdalen's woodland garden. (If raining this event will be in the Church Hall). Suggested donation £5.00 for adults ...

