



## The Parish of Moseley

St Mary's & St Anne's



### **Parish of Moseley - Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity (Holy Cross Day)**

#### **Our Services for Sunday 14th September - Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity (Holy Cross Day)**

- 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 - Taizé Worship 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 the Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity** - Exodus 32.7–14, 1 Timothy 1.12–17, Luke 15.1–10

#### **Thought for the Day by Michael Hell**

Today's readings make an interesting group. In Exodus, God, at Moses's plea, refrains from his burning wrath: just the same, he later sends a plague on the people (v.35). In his letter to Timothy, Paul states that he received mercy because he had acted ignorantly in unbelief. In the Gospel passage, Jesus has the shepherd/woman making great efforts to find what is lost, a sheep/silver coin, which obviously can't be blamed for being lost. If we read on to the lovely Parable of the Prodigal Son, it is the father who rushes to meet and embrace his son.

In none of these passages is there any mention of forgiveness. In the first two there is not even any sign of penitence, which is highlighted in the Gospel passages: there is joy in heaven over one sinner that repents. Elsewhere, Jesus freely gives forgiveness. It makes me wonder why the liturgy puts so much emphasis on pleading God for forgiveness and mercy.

Of course, it's there in the Lord's prayer. We have to remember that this prayer has been translated several times., so

that it may well have become distorted. The Latin talks of “debts”, which were very important in the agrarian society of Jesus’ day: failure to pay could have entailed prison or even sale into slavery. Perhaps we might rejoice more that God wants to embrace us.

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## **Future Services**

### **Sunday 21st September - Fourteenth 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 - Evensong at St Mary's

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 28th September - Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**

**Please note that St Mary's is closed this week for archaeological work. We will worship together at St Anne's.**

- 8.30am - Breakfast Church at St Anne's Hall
- 11.00am - Parish Eucharist at St Anne's
- 6.30pm - Wholeness and Healing at St Anne'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.

### **Sunday 5th October - Harvest Festival**

**Please note that St Mary's is closed this week for archaeological work. We will worship together at St Anne's.**

- 8.00am - Holy Communion at St Anne's
- 11.00am - Parish Eucharist at St Anne's
- 6.30pm - Evensong at St Anne's

**Parish breakfast will follow the 8.00 am service.**

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## **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 refer to the Notice below re the temporary move of services to St Anne's.**
- The Thursday Midweek Communion service is at **12.15pm** in the Lady Chapel at St Mary's. **Please refer to the Notice below re the temporary move of services to St Anne's.**

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

**Reordering at St Mary's: investigative work starting soon and services will move for two weeks only!**

Part of the plans we are working on include underfloor heating, so some archaeological work will be needed to investigate what lies beneath. Trial pits will need to be dug and explored. This means that for two Sundays (28th September and 5th October) we worship together as a single church family at St Anne's church at 11.00am.

Morning Prayer and Midweek Communion will also all be at St Anne's for three weeks, starting the week beginning Monday 22nd September.

Please refer to the Future Services section above for details of Sunday services.

We want to offer a lift to St Anne's to anyone who would like one - if you would like a lift or if you can offer a lift, please do sign up on the sheets on the welcome desk, or contact the office.

**Heritage Open Days - September**

St Anne's is participating in Heritage Open Days this September as part of the 150th anniversary celebrations. St Anne's will be open from 2.00 - 4.30 pm on Saturday 13th and Sunday 21st September. If you can help to welcome people to St Anne's on those days please contact John Gray on [jgray@azuli.co.uk](mailto:jgray@azuli.co.uk) or 07841 004179.

**Moseley Village Rail Station Highway Works**

Highway works at Moseley Village Rail Station are set to take place for up to three months in several phases, with the first beginning on Monday 15th September at the junction of St. Mary's Row and Oxford Road.

From mid September 2025 for up to 3 months, traffic signals allowing a single lane of traffic will be introduced to a small section of St Mary's Row, Moseley.

Oxford Road will be closed at the junction of St Mary's Row with a reduction in car parking spaces in this area.

To stay up to date with roadworks, visit their webpage for the most up to date information: [tfwm.org.uk/moseley-station](http://tfwm.org.uk/moseley-station)

**Revd Joan Griffin**

We are saddened by the news of the death on August 8th of the Revd Joan Griffin, who with her husband Harry was a valued member of St Mary's. She served as a Reader, was ordained deacon in a service at St Mary's in May 1992, and priest in the first batch of women priests in 1994. A trained singer, she had been a founder member of St Mary's Singers, but her unpaid ministry to St Mary's people was extensive and highly valued - preaching, confirmation preparation, pastoral visiting. In parallel she served as a Chaplain first at Selly Oak Hospital, then at the Priory Hospital - a life of dedication and commitment.

Her funeral will be at Holy Cross Billesley, the parish where she settled after leaving St Mary's. The service is on Friday 19th September at 1.30pm (Holy Cross Church, Beauchamp Road, Billesley Common, B13 0NS) followed by cremation at Robin Hood Crematorium and returning for the wake at Holy Cross Community Centre. May she rest in peace - and rise in glory!

**A Story from Hodge Hill**

At the end of August, there was a protest outside a hotel housing asylum seekers in Hodge Hill. Al Barrett and members of his church responded and you can read his very helpful reflections [here](#).

## 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.

## Could you befriend a refugee?

Restore are running a befriending training day on Saturday 4th October, 9.45am – 4pm, at St John's Harborne. As a befriender, you would help refugees feel more welcome and less isolated; help them to practice English and show them Birmingham. Contact Jaz on [jasmine@restore-uk.org](mailto:jasmine@restore-uk.org) to book or to find out more.

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## This week in the Parish

### We continue to pray for:

Sheila Perks, Phil and Trish Burt, Jane, Laurie Flood, Elizabeth, Ros Long, Betty Clarke and Christine Guest.

**Souls of the Departed:** Revd Joan Griffin and Jacqueline.

### The Parish also prays and gives thanks for:

- Those in our congregations who work from home, and those who travel long distances for work
- Everyone who lives in our parish - this week praying for all our neighbours who live on Salisbury Close.

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

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

**We celebrate the Birthdays of:** Rachel Kinning

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## Future events

- SEP 13

### Heritage Open Day - St Anne's

Saturday, 13 September 14:00

The Anglican church of St Anne, Moseley was consecrated in 1874. As we reach the end of our 150th year celebrations, we will have on display some of the material from our archives giving a flavour ...



- SEP 21

### Heritage Open Day - St Anne's

Sunday, 21 September 14:00

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- SEP 29

### **Eat Pray Love**

Monday, 29 September 18:30

6.30pm-8.30pm, Monday 29th September 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 bac...

