



The Parish of Moseley

St Mary's & St Anne's



Parish of Moseley - Third Sunday after Trinity

Our services for Sunday 6th July - Third Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00am - Holy Communion at St Mary's
- 10.00am - Sung Eucharist at St Mary's. Revd Magdalen will be talking about Sexuality as part of our Inclusive Church series. This will include reflections from Sarah Barwell
- 11.00am - Sung Eucharist at St Anne's
- 6.30pm - Evensong at St Mary's

Parish breakfast will follow the 8.00am service.

Morning readings for the Third Sunday after Trinity: Isaiah 66.10–14 Galatians 6.1–16 and Luke 10.1–11, 16–20

Thought for the Day by Susan Winsor

This Sunday our theme as part of our Inclusive Church series is sexuality, where we are thinking about how many people are discriminated against.

My heroine is Vicky Beeching, the British Christian singer/song writer. When I was questioning my sexual identity and thinking about coming out, I was reading the LGBT+ women's magazine, Diva. At that time Vicky was a columnist and I remember thinking "that's really cool that someone is writing

about Jesus in a LGBT+ magazine!" I'd never heard of Vicky so looked her up online and found a video telling her story.

Vicky was a successful Christian singer/song writer working in America. She'd known she was gay since she was a teenager but found it difficult to reconcile her sexuality and faith. She was afraid to come out as an adult because she feared she'd lose her livelihood and friends. Eventually this made her very ill.

Our New Testament reading today is Galatians 6: 1-16 which talks about bearing one another's burdens and this is what Vicky bravely did. She decided to come out and bore the flack and vitriol for many of the LGBT+ community. It damaged her health and she lost her livelihood. She moved back to the UK where she's campaigned for LGBT+ rights.

Vicky has helped many LGBT+ Christians to come out and be the person God wonderfully made them to be, including myself. She has inspired me to help others. One way I do this is by marching with Christians at Pride each year. I hope it might help others watching from the sidelines struggling with their identity to see someone they can relate to.

Today's Gospel reading is about Jesus sending out his disciples. He asks them to travel light and rely on the hospitality of others. We are called to trust in God and trust in each other. This is what Vicky did on her journey of coming out and what I and many other LGBT+ Christians have done. I think this is also what we are called to do as a church community, to trust in God and trust in each other on this journey as an Inclusive Church.

Future Services

Sunday 13th July - Fourth Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00am - Holy Communion at St Mary's
- 10.00am - Service of Creation which includes a blessing of animals, in St Mary's Churchyard (in church if wet). Please note the service will not be livestreamed this week
- 11.00am - Sung Eucharist at St Anne's. Fred Ratley will be speaking on Poverty as part of our Inclusive Church series
- 6.30pm - Celtic Style Evening worship at St Mary's

Celtic Style Evening Worship is a quiet, reflective service of readings, prayer and music, with liturgy and themes drawn from communities with roots in early Celtic Christianity.

Sunday 20th July - Fifth Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00am - Holy Communion at St Mary's (BCP)
- 10.00am - Sung Eucharist at St Mary's. Jasmine Brown will be speaking on Ethnicity as part of our Inclusive Church series
- 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.

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.
 - The Thursday Midweek Communion service is at **12.15pm** in the Lady Chapel at St Mary's.
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Notices - please continue to the bottom of the bulletin for events which are coming up

Inclusive Church

This week at St Mary's Magdalen Smith will be speaking on Sexuality during our reflective sermon time as part of our Inclusive Church series.

Ringling World National Youth Contest: Saturday 5th July

Saturday 5th July sees both St Mary's and St Anne's hosting young bellringers from as far afield as Cornwall, Yorkshire, Kent and Lancashire in the Ringing World National Youth Contest. The RWNYC is one of the bellringing community's flagship events, with up to 350 young bellringers involved across about 35 teams. The Brumdingers, who practice at St Mary's will be competing at Edgbaston Old Church. St Mary's will have groups of young bellringers visiting for a lot of the day, including one of the actual competitions in the afternoon, while St Anne's will have ringing for a couple of hours in the afternoon.

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 met on Sunday 8th June and voted to temporarily disallow this six-year rule so that she can do this.

In order to elect Angela as churchwarden, we will hold another short meeting at St Mary's following the 10.00am morning service this Sunday, 6th July. If you are able to attend, please do.

Office opening hours

Please note that week commencing 7th July, the office will be open for reduced hours. If you need to come into the office, please check we are here first. Thank you.

Funeral of Dorothy Pridham

The funeral of Dorothy Pridham will be at St Mary's Church on Tuesday 8th July at 11.30, with committal at Robin Hood Crematorium at 12.30.

Celebration of Creation Service with a Pet Blessing

All are welcome on 13th July in St Mary's churchyard for our 10am outdoor service! Bring your pet, or a picture if your pet isn't portable, to join in with the creation celebration! Limited seating will be available, although everyone is encouraged to bring camp chairs or picnic blankets.

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. Over the summer there will be speakers on the following themes:

- July 13th Poverty - 11am at St Anne's, speaker Fred Ratley
- July 20th Ethnicity - 10am at St Mary's, speaker Jasmine Brown

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.

Spiritual Accompaniment Course

If you are interested in learning more about how to pray and helping other people to pray better you might be interested in a course in Spiritual Accompaniment. The course begins in September and runs until June 2026 approximately once a month. It is ecumenical and facilitated by a mixture of face to face sessions at Selly Park Convent as well as on Zoom. Rev Magdalen is one of the facilitators. Please click [here](#) to read more and to book. Also please ignore the booking deadline - we are still receiving applications.

Manresa Link Prayer Guide Training Course - starts January 2026

Would you like to explore or deepen your calling to a ministry of prayer guiding - accompanying others through retreats in daily life? If so, this course is for you. It takes place over ten Saturday mornings at St Mary's Convent, B19 1EB, followed by two practice Retreats in Daily Life. The ten sessions include topics such as Ignatian prayer, listening skills, what we are listening for as prayer companions, discernment and images of God. Participants will work in groups to practise listening and discernment together. You'll also have opportunities to watch role plays and to ask questions in the full group sessions.

If you are interested in finding out more please visit <https://www.manresalink.org.uk/training1.html>

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.

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 and Jane.

Souls of the Departed: Dorothy Pridham.

The Parish also prays and gives thanks for:

- Those being ordained deacon and priest at Birmingham Cathedral and throughout the Church of England this weekend, and the team of cathedral staff supporting those services.
- Everyone who lives in our parish - this week praying for all our neighbours who live on King Edward Road.

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

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

We celebrate the Birthdays of: Julia Kilby, Sophie Fulton, Stanley Walker, Sharon Wall and Oscar Smith.