



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



Parish of Moseley - Fifth Sunday of Lent

Our services for Sunday 22nd March - Fifth Sunday of Lent

- 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
- 11.00am - Sung Eucharist at St Anne's
- 6.30pm - Wholeness and Healing at St Mary'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.

Readings for the Fifth Sunday of Lent: Ezekiel 37.1–14, Romans 8.6–11, John 11.1–45

Thought for the Day by Phil Hall

This Sunday, the 5th Sunday of Lent marks the beginning of a season in the Church Year called Passiontide. This becomes the beginning of Jesus's journey back to Jerusalem where there is a turning away from his positive, itinerant ministry, which Jesus had previously enjoyed and where he grew a significant following. After his riding on a donkey into the city, events turn darker, in continuous misunderstanding from the religious authorities of the day, betrayal

from them and his own friends and finally death. All our readings point to this event and they take on a more sombre, death-related feel,.

In the Raising of Lazarus, we see different groups of people reacting in different ways to the same reality. The Pharisees and chief priests decide that Jesus is too powerful and must be put to death, a threat to the stability of the Temple and the religious status quo. They begin to plot against him. As for Mary and Martha, who could blame them seeing this event only through the eyes of grief? Their beloved brother is dead and they are angry – why had Jesus their friend, taken so long to come and respond to this? But Jesus challenges them to see with the eyes of faith too - to believe that life in him is stronger than death.

Jesus said, I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do we truly believe in Him? This can be hard when our own loved ones are ill and when it sometimes feels like our prayers remain unanswered.

With hindsight I took great comfort, many years ago, in watching my brother pass on to what I believed was a new life. The Bible describes visions, and at this point, I also experienced him going up to heaven where he seemed to be accompanied by two angels shortly after he died. If we want to believe in this resurrection, as I did and still do, then we can all take great comfort that we will never 'die'. Instead we will go and live with God in eternal life in Heaven, even though we have to live with the mystery of exactly how this might be experienced. That is something to give us hope and for which we do not have to be afraid.

Future Services

Sunday 29th March - Palm Sunday

- 8.00am - Holy Communion at St Mary's
- 10.00am - Processional Service for Palm Sunday starting at St Mary's, then moving to the centre of Moseley and on to St Anne's for the Eucharist (please note the service will not be live-streamed)
- 6.30pm - Readings and Music for Palm Sunday at St Mary's including Passion Music by Handel and Bach

Services for Holy Week

- **Monday 30th March** - 7.30pm Compline and Service to conclude the Lent Course at St Mary's
- **Tuesday 31st March** - 7.30pm Stations of the Cross at St Anne's
- **Wednesday 1st April** - 7.30pm Folk Compline at St Mary's
- **Thursday 2nd April** - 7.30pm Maundy Thursday Eucharist at St Anne's, with an invitation to remain for 1 hour of silent reflection after the service
- **Good Friday 3rd April** - 10am All age service at St Anne's, followed by refreshments in church
- **Good Friday 3rd April** - 12.30pm Walk of Witness starting at St Paul's Balsall Heath and arriving at St Mary's in time for the 2pm service
- **Good Friday 3rd April** - 2pm Final Hour at St Mary's, a service of images, reflections, silence and music. Please note that St Mary's will also be open for quiet personal reflection from 1pm to 2pm
- **Easter Saturday 4th April** - 8pm Easter Vigil, come and celebrate the first Eucharist of Easter

Sunday 5th April - Easter Sunday

- 8.00am - Holy Communion at St Mary's
- 10.00am - Sung Eucharist at St Mary's
- 11.00am - Sung Eucharist at St Anne's

Please note there is no evening service.

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

Lent Course 2026

Our Lent Course 2026 is based on reflections by Revd Magdalen called *And Now For the Rest*. These sessions look at different aspects of rest, asking whether our vocation as people and as a church community needs to become more reflective and contemplative rather than always busy. Each session uses a story, Bible passage, an image, poses questions and finishes with some form of prayer practice which everyone can easily participate in. Sessions are running on Wednesday evenings at St Paul's Balsall Heath, Mary Street from 7.30pm-9pm and are duplicated on the following Thursday mornings at St Mary's, Moseley in the West Room from 10.00am-11.30am. All welcome.

- Wednesday 25th March and Thursday 26th March ***Rest assured***

Spring Concert at St Anne's

A wonderful Spring concert will take place on Saturday 21st March (7pm) at St Anne's Church. It will headline the renowned Alcester Male Voice Choir, alongside performances by talented vocal, piano and strings soloists. Tickets cost £10 including refreshments (£5 for under 16s) with all funds being used to support the ongoing refurbishment of the hall at St Anne's and ensure its continued contribution to community life. [Click here](#) to book or alternatively see the 'sign up' sheet on the welcome desks in both St Mary's and St Anne's churches. We really hope you can join us!

Licensing of Revd. Canon Jeremy Dussek

The Churchwardens of St Peter's Collegiate Church and St John's in the Square, Wolverhampton invite you to The Licensing of Revd. Canon Jeremy Dussek as Rector Designate of the Collegiate Church of St Peter and of St John in the Square, Wolverhampton by Michael, Bishop of Lichfield on Monday 13th April at 7.00pm. Please let Fiona / Trish know if you are planning to attend by emailing office@moseleychurch.org.uk.

Livestreaming of Services

Please note that our 10am service is now livestreamed to our Parish YouTube page, rather than via Facebook. This is due to ongoing interruptions to livestreams via Facebook. The Parish YouTube page can be found [here](#).

Betty Clarke

Betty died peacefully on 19th January 2026 after over 100 good years. Liz and Jenny would like to thank the many who have given us kind words, sympathy, cards, flowers and love, and prayed for us in the last few weeks. Betty planned a service to celebrate her life. This will take place on Saturday 18th April at 12.30pm in St Mary's. All are welcome to be part of this service. Betty asked that those attending the service wear bright colours and not black.

Would you like to be on the Electoral Roll?

Joining the electoral roll opens up the way for greater involvement in the life of the Church, at parish, deanery, diocesan and national levels. You become entitled to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

It is an important statement of witness and step along the path of discipleship. With your name on the electoral roll the strength of the Church can be seen in our area, and across the country.

If you are not already on the roll you can complete a form by following [this link](#). The form will be open until 14th April.

You can check if you are resident in the parish on the A Church Near You website which you can find [here](#).

If you require a paper form or have any queries about completing the form please do not hesitate to contact Fiona or Trish in the office. Blank forms are also available on the welcome desk in each church.

Zoom Prayer Group

Are you longing to meet during the week to pray with others from Moseley or nearby?

Do you feel called to pray for the ministry and mission of the parish?

This Lent we are saying Compline (Night Prayer) online. We meet each Thursday for no longer than half an hour, starting at 7.30pm. The sessions are led by our Reader, Sabina and our curate, Revd Christine.

We would love you to join us. Please let the Office know if you are interested and we will send you the log in details. If you would like to attend online Compline but can't make Thursday evening please let Christine know on curate@moseleychurch.org.uk.

Volunteers Needed!

This year we are again opening St Mary's Church to our local schools to give them the opportunity to learn about Holy Week in a fun and engaging way, involving interactive prayer stations and the chance to watch the events of Holy week unfold live in front of them.

For this event to be a success we need You! Can you help for an hour or more on any of the following days? There may be some (light!) acting involved but nothing too scary!

- 23rd March: 1-3:30pm
- 24th March: All day
- 25th March: All Day
- 27th March: 9-11:30am

If interested please do speak to Rachel Kinning or send an email to outreach@moseley.church.org.uk

The Bike Project

Do you have a bike you no longer use? If so, please donate it to The Bike Project who will refurbish it for a refugee in the West Midlands, giving them freedom and independence. [Go to the website](#) to register your bike and find the nearest drop-off point.

Marriage Enrichment Course - *Real Love, Real Life*

St Anne's Church, Saturday 25th April, 10am - 3pm. For all couples, those who are about to be married, newly-married, and those wanting to deepen their marriage relationship. No cost and lunch provided.

The bulletin - trialing some changes!

As an inclusive church we are thinking about different ways of engaging with people. We are looking at having a shorter bulletin on line and distributing a weekly printed sheet with services and events. We are proposing to do this after Easter. We'd love to hear your feedback!

New for 2026 - Journeying into Faith

After Easter we will be offering four short sessions on Tuesday evenings for those who would like to explore some of the basics of Christian faith. Sessions will be very open and accessible with some input from clergy leaders as well as plenty of space to ask questions. The sessions will be appropriate for those preparing for Confirmation but will also be open to anyone interested in refreshing questions around their faith.

Sessions will be on Tuesday evenings of 14th, 21st, 28th April and 5th May in the West Room from 7.30-9.0pm. For those wishing to be confirmed this service will be at St Mary's Church on May 17th at 5pm.

Please do feel free to chat to Revd Ange or Revd Magdalen about this if you are unsure whether its for you.

Sabbatical 2026

Revd Magdalen has been granted a sabbatical by the Diocese this year from 1st May until the end of July. Magdalen's last sabbatical was in 2013 when she wrote her first book. This time, building on the course she has already written which we will be using this Lent - *And Now For the Rest* - she will be looking into the idea of wellbeing - emotional, physical and spiritual and reading and writing around how people of faith and church communities can model this well. She will be spending some time at St Beuno's Ignatian Spirituality Centre in North Wales, The Community of Martha and Mary in Devon and Glasshampton Friary in Worcestershire. The rest of the time will be spent reading and writing at Queen's Library in Edgbaston (where she trained) and visiting friends and family. On Sundays she will take the opportunity to experience worship in different churches in our Diocese. Please do say hello to her if you see her around during this time but remember she won't be working!

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, Philip Mills, Angela Sones and family, Christina Brown, Revd Richard Taylor, Heather Smithson, Linda and Rosie Calloway and Catherine Glasbey.

The Parish also prays and gives thanks for:

- Those who work in the hospitality industry, especially our local cafes and restaurants in Moseley.
- Everyone who lives in our parish - this week praying for all our neighbours who live on Sarehole Mill Gardens.

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

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

We celebrate the Birthdays of: There are no birthdays this week but please do let us know if you would like your birthday to be added to our list.

Future events

- MAR 25

Lent Course 2026 - Wednesday evening sessions

Wednesday, 25 March 19:30

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- **MAR 26**

Lent Course 2026 - Thursday morning sessions

Thursday, 26 March 10:00

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- **MAR 26**

Compline (Night Prayer) on Zoom

Thursday, 26 March 19:30

Are you longing to meet during the week to pray with others from Moseley or nearby? Do you feel called to pray for the ministry and mission of the parish? This Lent we are going to try online Compl...



- **MAR 28**

Coffee Concert

Saturday, 28 March 11:00

Saturday morning Coffee Concert - 11am Saturday 28th March - by U3A choir. Coffee, tea and toast available from 10.30am. Admission free, retiring collection.

