



# The Parish of Moseley

## St Mary's & St Anne's



### **Parish of Moseley - Fourth Sunday of Advent, Christmas and New Year**

The Ministry and Staff Teams wish you a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful and blessed New Year.

#### **Our Services for Sunday 21st December - Fourth Sunday of Advent**

- 8.00 am - 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 - Nine Lessons and Carols at St Mary's

#### **Our Services for Christmas Eve**

- 5.00pm - Christingle at St Mary's
- 11.00pm - Midnight Mass at St Mary's

#### **Our Services for Christmas Day**

- 8.00am - Holy Communion at St Mary's
- 10.00am - Sung Eucharist at St Mary's
- 10.00am - Sung Eucharist at St Anne's (please note the earlier service time)

## **Sunday 28th December - First Sunday of Christmas**

- 11.00am Sung Eucharist at St Anne's

**Please note there are no services at St Mary's.**

**Morning Readings for the Fourth Sunday of Advent:** Isaiah 7.10–16, Romans 1.1–7, Matthew 1.18–end

**Readings for Christmas Eve:** Isaiah 52.7-10, Hebrews 1.1-12, John 1.1-14

**Readings for Christmas Day:** Isaiah 9.2-7, Titus 2.11-14, Luke 2.1-20

**Readings for the First Sunday of Christmas:** Isaiah 63.7–9, Hebrews 2.10–end, Matthew 2.13–end

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### **Thought for the Day by Vernon Batsford**

Christmas is upon us again. For many this represents the opportunity to spend a lot of money but also perhaps to meet up with distant family members that we haven't seen or heard of for a long time. Those of us who also focus on the reason for Christmas can only wonder at the reaction of Mary when she learned that she was to be the Mother of Jesus.

Much has been written about Mary both before, during and after the event. In fact an American film - Mary, Mother of Jesus - was made in 1999. Perhaps 'Why Me?' was an early reaction. No doubt many people have attempted to discern what the teenage Mary's reaction might have been but the news would have been very dramatic.

Mary went on to become a leading and widely travelled figure in the history of Christianity. You may have seen her tomb in the Garden of Gethsemane in Jerusalem or her home in Ephesus. She is also, of course, the Patron Saint of our Church among many others.

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, perhaps we can also remember and celebrate the life of his Mother.

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### **Future Services**

#### **Sunday 4th January - The Epiphany**

- 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 - Evensong at St Mary's

**Parish Breakfast will follow the 8am service - all are welcome.**

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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.
  - **There will be no Morning Prayer after Christmas: Morning Prayer will resume on Monday 5th January.**
  - **The next Midweek Communion service will be on Thursday January 8th at 12.15 pm 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

### Office opening hours over Christmas

The Office will close on Tuesday 23rd December and will re-open on Monday 29th December at 10.00am. The office will be open that week but with reduced hours and will be closed on New Year's Day.

### An invitation!

If you've been involved in helping with anything at either church this year, we'd like to say a big thank you! Ange and Magdalen would like to say thank you by inviting you to Christmas drinks and nibbles at St Anne's Hall on Saturday 20th December from 7-9pm. If you can come, please email either vicar or the office.

### Christmas Cards this Year

In accordance with our Eco Church status and to save paper, we are encouraging members of our church to send ONE card to everyone in the church again this year. You can still donate to a chosen charity if this is a way you give money. Cards will be displayed in church so everyone can enjoy them.

### Decorating St Mary's for Christmas

We will be decorating St Mary's at 9.30am on Saturday morning. Contributions of greenery will be very welcome.

### Bells on Christmas Eve

The bells of St Mary's will ring out on Christmas Eve from 10.15pm to 10.50pm, calling people to the first service of Christmas - Midnight Mass at 11.00pm. This is the only time that our bells are rung late in the evening. The bells herald the call to celebrate the great feast of Christmas.

### Christmas Day Together

Christmas Day Together is at St Anne's Hall, Park Hill on Christmas Day from 12.00 - 2.30pm, offering a hot Christmas lunch and friendship to those in the local community, who would be on their own at Christmas. If you'd like to contribute something towards this, we'd be very grateful. **You can donate [here](#).**

We are aiming to raise £500 to cover the costs of heating, food and a gift for everyone.

We could still do with a few more volunteers to cook and deliver roast potatoes on Christmas Eve and to collect /drive guests home on Christmas Day.

If you can help or if you'd like to attend, please contact 0121 449 2243 or email [office@moseleychurch.org.uk](mailto:office@moseleychurch.org.uk) to book a place.

### **Restore Training Course**

Restore will be holding their next training course at St Johns Church, Harborne on 7th February 2026. The course is for anyone interested in learning more about refugees, or those considering volunteering as a befriender with Restore. The training will start at 9.45am and finish at 4pm. Contact Jasmine at Restore for more information on [jasmine@restore-uk.org](mailto:jasmine@restore-uk.org) or [click here](#) to sign up.

### **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.

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## **This week in the Parish**

### **We continue to pray for:**

Sheila Perks, Trish Burt, Jane, Laurie Flood, Elizabeth, Ros Long, Betty Clarke, Christine Guest, John Dowell, Philip Mills, Angela Sones and family, and Christina Brown.

**Souls of the Departed:** Phil Burt and Charles Hughes.

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

- Christmas Day Together: Bridget and James as they co-ordinate the event, those who volunteer in varying roles, and all the guests.
- Everyone who lives in our parish - this week praying for all our neighbours who live on Dowell's Close.

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

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

**We celebrate the Birthdays of:** Jenny Daniels, John Gray, Jenny Livermore and Clara Donaldson.

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## **Future events**

### **Nine Lessons and Carols at St. Mary's**

Sunday, 21 December 18:30

All are welcome to our traditional service of Nine Lessons and Carols which begins in a darkened church, lit only by candlelight.



### **Christingle Service at St Mary's**

Wednesday, 24 December 17:00

Come and celebrate Jesus, the Light of the World as we light our Christingles together.



### **Midnight Mass at St Mary's**

Wednesday, 24 December 23:00

Come and celebrate the birth of Jesus!

