



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



### Parish of Moseley - Third Sunday of Lent

#### Our services for Sunday 8th March - Third Sunday of Lent

- 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 - Taize 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.

**Readings for the Third Sunday of Lent:** Exodus 17.1–7, Romans 5.1–11, John 4.5–42

#### Thought for the Day by John Gray

The story of the grumbling Israelites from Exodus 17 has a timeless feel – many of us can place ourselves in the shoes of those on a tiresome journey where we get frustrated with those who are leading us – “Trust me, it’ll be worth it” doesn’t always help! Change can involve hard work and additional stresses, and of course we’d like the reward (the promised land) sooner rather than later. If we don’t find some nourishment along the way that won’t help our mood either.

In the Exodus reading, it is water that is miraculously provided to quench the thirst of the grumpy Israelites. The Gospel reading from John also starts with Jesus tired and thirsty after a journey, but his simple request for water leads to an extended conversation around living water, spirit and truth. The water of the spirit is unlike the everyday water from the well and will offer perpetual refreshment.

If we see Lent as some kind of journey - however we choose to observe it - we can hope along the way to find

spiritual refreshment through taking on a new discipline or giving up something in order to focus our minds. Our route and the temptations on the way may not be as severe as those faced by Jesus in the wilderness but we can try to set aside time to reflect and learn from them.

“Are we there yet?” has become a stereotypical cry of those bored by a long journey. We are ourselves on a journey, but hopefully we are being nourished and growing in spirit on the way.

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## Future Services

### Sunday 15th March - Mothering Sunday

- 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

**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.

### 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.

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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.
- 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

### Organ Festival

Sincere thanks to everyone who helped in any way to make our organ festival weekend such a wonderful success. It was a great team effort with much to be grateful for.

### 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 11th and Thursday 12th March ***The simple life*** *The material for the session is available [here](#) and hard copies will be provided at the session.*
- Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th March ***A safe lodging and a holy rest***
- Wednesday 25th March and Thursday 26th March ***Rest assured***

### Oversight Area Quiet Day

*"Our Hearts are restless until they find their rest in thee"*

Saturday 7th March, 9.30am-4pm, Temple Balsall Church Centre.

Come and enjoy the beautiful grounds at Temple Balsall and enjoy some quiet time and space to recharge your batteries.

This year, as we think about rest and sabbath there will be some gentle input but also plenty of space to walk and be quiet. We will share Communion together at the end of the day.

£5.00 optional donation. Please bring your own lunch. Hot drinks and cake provided. Lifts can be arranged. Please sign up [here](#).

### New Deputy Chancellor for the Diocese

On Monday 9th March Glyn Samuel, of St Mary's congregation, will be sworn in before +Michael as Deputy Chancellor of the Diocese of Birmingham. (The Deputy Chancellor is one of two Judges in the Cee dealing with applications mainly concerning Church buildings, church valuables, and burials or exhumations). Glyn is already Chancellor of the Diocese of Coventry and Deputy Chancellor of Leeds. Please pray for Glyn in this new step in his ministry for the Church.

### 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.

### Barbara Davies

It is with great sadness that we share the news of the passing of **Barbara Davies**, who died on 3 February 2026 at the age of 89. Barbara was the wife of the former Vicar of Moseley, **the Venerable Lorys Davies**, who served the parish between 1968 and 1981 and who passed away on 25 February 2021. Barbara was also a teacher at Tindal Street Primary School in Balsall Heath.

A service to celebrate Barbara's life will be held at **St John's Church, Bromsgrove**, at 2.00pm on **12th March**. Her sons, Christopher and Mark, would warmly welcome anyone who remembers their mother from the 13 very happy years the family spent at **St Mary's**.

Barbara will be laid to rest alongside her beloved husband at **St Mary Magdalene's Church, St Clears, Carmarthenshire**, on **13th March**.

### **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](mailto:curate@moseleychurch.org.uk).

### **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!

### **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: 1-3:30 pm

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](mailto:outreach@moseley.church.org.uk)

### **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.

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## **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.

**Souls of the Departed:** Amin Abdollazadeh and Barbara Davies.

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

- Members of the Vision 13 group as they continue to prayerfully help shape our vision for the future.
- Everyone who lives in our parish - this week praying for all our neighbours who live on Louise Lorne Road.

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

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

**We celebrate the Birthdays of:** Sabina Bealt, Eleanor McLeod and Charlotte Smith.

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## Future events

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### Lent Course 2026 - Wednesday evening sessions

Wednesday, 11 March 19:30

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### Lent Course 2026 - Thursday morning sessions

Thursday, 12 March 10:00

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### Compline (Night Prayer) on Zoom

Thursday, 12 March 19:30

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