



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



Parish of Moseley - Easter Sunday

Our Services for Sunday 31st March - Easter Sunday

- 6.30am - Easter Sunrise Service at St Mary's followed by breakfast
- 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 will be no evening service on Easter Sunday.

Morning readings for Easter Sunday - Acts 10.34–43 and John 20.1–18

Morning readings for the Second Sunday of Easter - Acts 4.32-35 and John 20.19–31

Thought for the Day by Jennifer Holloway

Greetings for the Festival of Easter!

The familiar reading from John 20 v1-18 talks about Mark Magdalene finding the crucified Jesus' empty tomb, then running to tell the disciples, who confirmed this. They went home, not yet understanding that Jesus had risen. But

Mary stayed there, weeping. Looking back into the tomb, she saw two angels, and then, turning, she saw a figure she thought might be the gardener. When he spoke and called her name, she understood and believed what the scriptures had said, that Christ had risen!

A time-honoured reading, which as Christians today, we believe and it fills us with joy and wonderment. The words of the choir anthem on Easter morning (taken from John 11v 25-26) are "I am the resurrection and the life. He that believeth in me, yet shall he live, though he were dead. And whosoever liveth in me shall never die." That is the message of Easter for us today. The ultimate goal is there for us all, if we seek to follow a Christian journey.

Easter is a time of joy and optimism. But yes, we cannot forget the awful things around the world we hear of each day and feel we are helpless to influence positively. Just one situation is in the Holy land and it has been perhaps poignant that this year's service for the World Day of Prayer on March 1st was put together by Christian women in Palestine. Their overwhelming messages were "I beg you, bear one another in love" and "put peace into each other's hands and like a treasure hold it". We can certainly pray with this message – if the peoples of the world fulfilled this, what a wonderful outcome peace would fulfil. Another message for us this Easter perhaps?

With the start of British summer time coinciding with Easter this year, we do have plenty to enjoy and look forward to. The emergence day by day of new life in the natural world, seeing more sunshine and a time to spend just seeing the emerging of new life in trees and flowers.

A joyful time! Happy Easter!

Future Services

Sunday 7th April - Second Sunday of Easter

- 11.00am - Sung Eucharist at St Anne's

Please note there are no other services on 7th April.

Sunday 14th April - Third Sunday of Easter

- 8.00am - Holy Communion at St Mary's
- 10.00am - Intergenerational 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.

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 9.10am in the Lady Chapel at St Mary's on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday and at 9.10am in St Anne's on Tuesday. **Please note there will be no Morning Prayer week commencing 1st April.**
- The Thursday Midweek Communion service is at 12.15pm in the Lady Chapel at St Mary's. **Please note there will be no service on 4th April.**

Notices

Office Closure

Please note that the office will be closed until Monday 8th April. Our next bulletin will be issued on Friday 12th April.

Clocks change this weekend!

Please remember that the clocks move forward by one hour this weekend.

Flowers for Easter at St Mary's

The church will be decorated for Easter on Saturday 30th March from 9.30am. All help will be gratefully received. If you have any greenery please bring that on the day.

Moseley at the Movies

Moseley at the Movies will take place on Wednesday 3rd April. Come along to St Mary's West room at 7:15pm for a 7:30pm start. We will be watching Red Turtle.

Flowers in St Mary's

The flowers in St Mary's were donated to commemorate the baptisms of Harry and Max Rainbow here at St Mary's on Easter Day 2010 and 2012. Thanks to Jenny Daniels for her generous donation. If you would like to make a donation towards flowers please contact the office.

Warm Space and Coffee and Company

There will be no Warm Space on 4th and 5th April. Warm space will reopen on Thursday 11th April.

Coffee and Company will run as normal on 30th March and 6th April.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) - Monday 15th April

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting for the Parish of Moseley and a Meeting for the Election of Churchwardens will be held on Monday April 15th at 7.30 pm at St Anne's Church.

Please click on each title below to access the reports:

- [Annual Report for 2023](#)
- [The Parish of Moseley Accounts](#)

Suitcases needed!

If anyone has any old suitcases or large holdalls they do not want any more (please note these do not have to be in pristine condition) please can you bring them to church in the next week. We have been asked to collect these to help local refugees and Ukrainians who are having to leave their accommodation to move to other places.

Moseley Iftar - Peace at Heart, Harmony in the World

The Moseley Iftar will take place at 7pm on Wednesday 3rd April at St Columba URC, Chantry Road, Moseley, B13 8DJ. This is a free event but booking is essential. Call 07505 900 490 or click [here](#).

Community Fridge and Soup Lunch every Thursday at Moseley Hive (opposite the Coop)

Moseley Community Fridge is an opportunity for ANYONE, regardless of financial circumstances, to pick up fresh and frozen food which is excess from our community. Moseley Community Fridge happens every Thursday at The Hive from 11.30am-1.0pm. Revd Magdalen picked up some lovely fresh fruit, potatoes and frozen veggie meals for her family this week!

Community Lunch is a mug of homemade soup and bread at the Hive from 1.0pm-2.0pm most Thursdays. Donations welcome but not necessary.

To Absent Friends - An Evening of Loving Remembrance

To Absent Friends is a small informal gathering as part of Dying Matters Awareness Week in which we tell and listen to stories of our loved ones over food. Location: Anjuna Lounge, 58-60 Hazelwell Street, Stirchley, B30 2JS. Thursday 9th May 2024 at 7pm. Bring an object, or maybe a photo, to help you share a memory. This is a free event but booking is required. Click [here](#) to book. Food and drink is not provided.

Payaz machines

You will be aware that we now have two Payaz machines which you can use to make donations, one on the welcome desk and one by the south east door. If you can gift aid your donation, please do. As long as you use the same card each time, you only have to enter your details once.

If you do not already do so, you might like to consider joining the Parish Giving Scheme. Please ask one of the sidespeople for a form to find out more about the scheme.

£130 for our Church

Take out a home insurance policy with Ecclesiastical and they will donate £130 to our church. To find out more, please contact Ecclesiastical on 0800 7830 130 and quote TRUSTPST or go to ecclesiastical.com/trust130.

Stewardship

Our parish is facing significant financial challenges with a growing deficit which a small team are seeking to redress. However, stewardship (the giving of time, talents and financial means) is about us all. On Sunday 4th June we focussed on this in our Sunday services at both St Mary's and St Anne's. Information is available on the welcome desk.

You may also have noticed some notices with QR codes around the buildings. This can be an easy and quick way to donate to the church through 'the collection' when you come to church or are visiting. Please do make use of these on an occasional or more regular basis in our new 'cashless' society. Thank you so much - Magdalen.

This week in the Parish

We continue to pray for:

Cathie Carey and family, Tony Sheppard, Mike Carter, Sylvia Gold, Ruth Carter, Jon Terry, Rachel McLeod, Sheila Perks, Laurie Flood, Elisabeth Leicester, Lincoln Hoeschen and Julia Lee.

Souls of the departed: Tim Hornsey and Sheila Cochrane.

The Parish also prays and gives thanks for:

- This community of Moseley in this Easter season, as we experience and live out the joy of the resurrection.

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

We celebrate the Birthdays of: Trish Everett, Pam Rhodes, Noah Samuel, Nneoma Adannaya Udo-okeke, Cheryl Hall, Jessica Livings, Laura Dowell, Peter Magson, Ben Livings, Amanda Doyle, Paul Lindley, Michael Hell, Malcolm McDonald, Louis McCabe, Marcus Woollett, Jemima Stuttard, Graham McLean and Evelyn Holt.