



The Parish of Moseley

St Mary's & St Anne's



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Our Services for Sunday 8th February - Second Sunday before Lent/Giving Sunday

- 8.00am - Holy Communion at St Mary's
- 10.00am - Service of the Word at St Mary's
- 11.00am - Sung Eucharist at St Anne's
- 6.30pm - Celtic Worship at St Mary's

Readings for the Second Sunday before Lent/Giving Sunday: Genesis 1.1 – 2.3, Romans 8.18–25, Matthew 6.25–34, 1 Chronicles 29.6-14, 2 Corinthians 9.7-12, Mark 12.41-44

Thought for the Day by Laura Dowell

The reminder to write this week's 'Thought for the Day' came as a bit of a surprise because I couldn't recall having seen the rota. I remarked to Dad that I'd got a whole heap of admin jobs to do, few of which would give me any joy. (Unlike spending the afternoon knitting!)

I turned to look at the readings and saw that the first one was from Genesis – the very beginning of everything. I wondered what the God who created a place, a landscape, an environment, somewhere for mankind and for all living things, which is described so beautifully in those first few pages of the Bible, would make of the world we live in today; a world where many people and living things are dealing with the consequences of natural disasters and problems brought about by geopolitics as well as trying to navigate the daily challenges of their own small worlds.

Then I read the verses in the Gospel of Matthew. I think he is saying "Pack up your troubles in your

old kit-bag and smile, smile, smile". So today, I have done those tasks that I could do today, and tomorrow, I will do some more.

I know that the God who created light is there. He is here in Moseley and looking after me. Even if sometimes it feels that I cannot see the light in the darkness, it is always there! And that knowledge gives me strength.

Future Services

Sunday 15th February - Sunday next before Lent

- 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.

Tuesday 17th February - Shrove Tuesday

- 5.00pm - Short, family-friendly Service for "Ash Tuesday" at St Anne's Church followed by pancakes and activities in the hall

Wednesday 18th February - Ash Wednesday

- 7.30pm - Sung Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes at St Anne's Church

Sunday 22nd February - First 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 Anne'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.

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.

Notices - please continue to the bottom of the bulletin for events which are coming up

Livestreaming of Services

Please note that from Sunday 1st February onwards, our 10am service will be 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](#).

Volunteers needed!

Volunteers are needed for the Organ Festival Curry Meal on Friday 27th February.

- Friday 2.30 – 3.30pm St Anne's Hall - help needed to set up the hall, lay tables etc.
- Friday from 7.00pm - help needed to welcome guests, help Bridget & James in the kitchen and clear away.

Offers of help to the Parish Office please.

St Mary's Re-ordering - volunteers needed!

Over the last 12 months, we have been progressing structural and technical aspects of our Re-Ordering project in St Mary's. We now need to make some important decisions about the interior of our new space, which will inform our application to the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) later in 2026. We are therefore seeking volunteers to join, or support sub-groups to focus on the following areas of the project:

- Seating
- Flooring & heating
- Lighting
- Sound & Vision
- Kitchen & Storage
- Lady Chapel
- Worship

Each group will also include a mixture of PCC members and clergy, and will meet regularly from Feb - June.

If you have relevant skills, are interested in joining a group, or would like more information please contact either Fran Rowley (franrowley70@gmail.com) or Neil McLeod (neil_mc79@yahoo.co.uk). This is a really important stage of the project and a real chance to help shape what our church will look and feel like for future generations.

Sing Along A Sound of Music

Come along to Sing Along A Sound of Music in St Anne's Church! Saturday 7th February.

Dress up as your favourite character; take a pic in the Alpine meadow backdrop; Austrian refreshments available, bring a drink.

Doors open 6pm, film starts 6.30pm. £5 entry, pay on the door (cash).

Let us know you are coming: sign up [here](#).

Eat, Pray, Love

6.30pm-8.30pm, Monday 9th February at St Anne's Church.

An opportunity for everyone to join with our friends from our Oversight Area for a bring-and-share supper and prayer. The subject for the session will be "A light for our paths".

Sign up on the sheets at the back of either church to tell us if you are coming and what you can bring.

Ash Wednesday

This year our Sung Eucharist for Ash Wednesday on 18th February at 7.30 pm will be at St Anne's Church.

Lent Course 2026

Our Lent Course 2026 will be 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 will run on Wednesday evenings at St Paul's Balsall Heath, Mary Street from 7.30pm-9pm and duplicated on the following Thursday mornings at St Mary's, Moseley in the West Room from 10.00am-11.30am. All welcome.

- Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th February ***Work enough and enough work***. The material for the first session is available here and hard copies will be provided at the session.
- Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th March ***A different pace***
- Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th March ***The simple life***
- Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th March ***A safe lodging and a holy rest***
- Wednesday 25th March and Thursday 26th March ***Rest assured***

Moseley Organ Festival – breaking new ground!

Following the rebirth of St. Mary's Henry Jones Exhibition Organ after its recent renovation, Moseley brings international talent to celebrate with the Parish and the community.

A wealth of events across the weekend of February 27th to March 1st includes feasting, playing, discovering, listening, learning with something for everyone.

Featuring international organ superstar David Briggs (once a pupil at Moseley CofE School, now Artist in Residence at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York) and international organ consultant and recitalist Paul Hale (formerly Director of Music at Southwell Minster now advising on major organ projects including Gloucester Cathedral), the wealth of opportunities can be accessed via the

Music page of our website [here](#) or scroll down to the bottom of this bulletin to find out more and book your tickets.

We look forward to welcoming all from far and wide with yet another reason to visit Moseley Village!

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 going to try online Compline (Night Prayer) each week starting on Thursday 19th February at 7.30pm. We will meet each Thursday for no longer than half an hour. The sessions will be 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.

Parish Songs of Praise

As part of our Organ Festival, to celebrate the gift of music and the refurbishment of the organ we will be holding a Songs of Praise on Sunday 1st March at 6.30pm.

We are inviting members of the community to send in their favourite hymns and reasons for the choice. We will then pick a selection of these to sing on the night. If your hymn is not chosen for the service we may include it in the hymn selection in the weeks following on from the service. Please send in your favourite hymns and reasons for the choice to office@moseleychurch.org.uk

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](#).

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 from the beginning of March. 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 and Heather Smithson.

Souls of the Departed: Ruth Tetlow and Betty Clarke.

The Parish also prays and gives thanks for:

- Our church Finance teams, this Giving Sunday, praying that we may be generous with the resources God has entrusted to us.
- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans + History Month.
- 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 February edition is [here](#).

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

We celebrate the Birthdays of: Joyce Hodgson, Karen Gray, Helen McNicoll, Grace Kavanagh, Florence Clarkin, Samuel Clarkin and Philippa Clarkin.

Future events

Sing Along A Sound of Music

Saturday, 7 February 18:00

Come along to Sing Along A Sound of Music in St Anne's Church! Dress up as your favourite character; take a pic in the Alpine meadow backdrop; Austrian refreshments available, bring a drink.



Eat Pray Love

Monday, 9 February 18:30

6.30pm-8.30pm, Monday 9th February at St Anne's Church. An opportunity for everyone to join with our friends from our Oversight Area for a bring-and-share supper and prayer.



Organ Festival: Festival Supper

Friday, 27 February 19:00

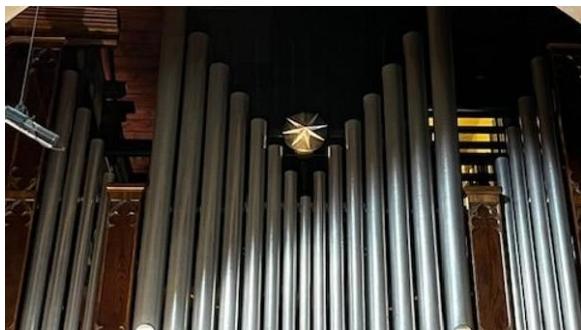
Come along and enjoy a curry banquet with soft drinks provided. Bring your own alcohol if required.



Organ Festival: Open Console

Saturday, 28 February 10:00

Members of Birmingham Organists Association will be stationed at St Anne's and St Mary's Churches.



Organ Festival: Young Person's Guide to the Organ

Saturday, 28 February 14:30

Session led by Mick Perrier, Director of Music. All young people must be accompanied by an adult.



Organ Festival: Gala Concert by David Briggs

Saturday, 28 February 19:30

Gala Concert by International Organ Virtuoso DAVID BRIGGS (Artist in Residence, St. John the Divine, New York) Tickets: £20 (Children free)



Organ Festival: Sung Eucharist at St. Mary's with David Briggs on Organ

Sunday, 1 March 10:00



Organ Festival: Demonstration Recital by Paul Hale

Sunday, 1 March 15:30



Organ Festival: Festival Tea

Sunday, 1 March 17:00



Organ Festival: Songs of Praise at St. Mary's with Paul Hale on Organ

Sunday, 1 March 18:30

