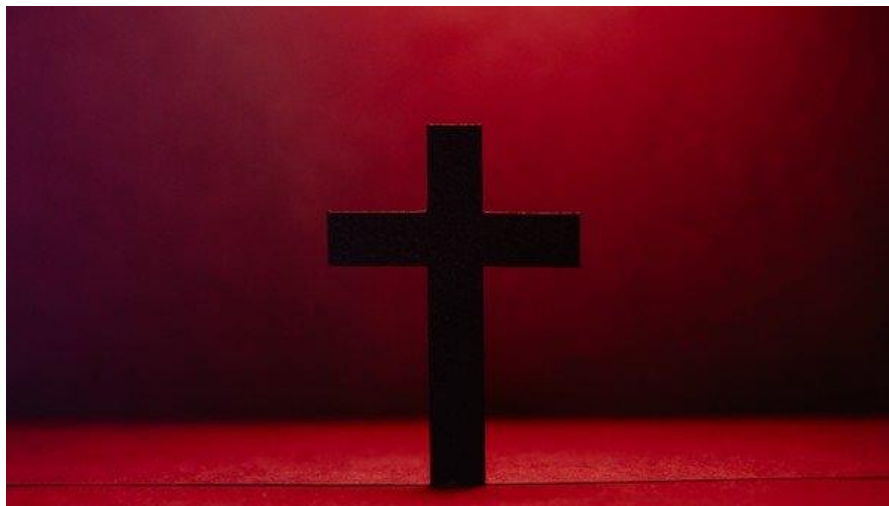




The Parish of Moseley St Mary's & St Anne's



Parish of Moseley - Seventh Sunday of Easter

Our Services for Sunday 12th May - Seventh Sunday of Easter (Sunday after Ascension)

- 8.00am - Holy Communion at St Mary's
- 10.00am - Intergenerational Service at St Mary's for Christian Aid and Bell Sunday
- 11.00am - Sung Eucharist at St Anne's
- 6.30pm - Service of Celtic Worship at St Mary's

Celtic Worship is a quiet, reflective service of readings, prayer and music, with liturgy and themes drawn from communities with roots in early Celtic Christianity.

Morning readings for the Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1.15–17,21–26, John 17.6–19

Thought for the Day by Mark Simons

I ask a question; how do you find praying? There would be a huge range of responses if we were to ask this in a survey!

What does prayer mean for you? For me, it's a relationship with God, to bring the needs of the world, the church, the community, for others and then for ourselves.

For some there is a regular rhythm and pattern that flows easily, but even as a minister of the church, I struggle at times to pray, sometimes not having the words, or having the time, or distracted by the tasks needing to be done.

In every generation, there seems to be a way of praying, in posture, in form of words, in action. Each generation has expressed the prayers of the heart and soul in creative and imaginative ways.

Ways of praying could include prayer beads, rosaries, holding crosses, praying with colour, praying through photography, praying with icons, prayer with music, prayer walks, prayer books, prayer dancing, labyrinths, praying in silence and countless other ways.

It is an important part of our Christian faith, either praying individually or together as a community. Prayer is a spiritual time to be with God, bringing to God what is on your heart and mind, whether a world event or something closer to home concerning a loved one.

To pray is to experience the love of God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. It can change the way we think about our lives and opens us to be transformed by God.

Prayer can happen in many ways, and it is ok to find a way that helps you - there is no wrong way to pray! Sometimes the simplest thing can be powerful.

Remember that God hears every prayer - but not all prayers are answered in the way we might expect or desire: we don't always pray for his will to be done!

Our main morning services are called to prayer by our bells, our prayer will be in word and sacrament, then in our action through charity giving such as Christian Aid that we remember and reflect.

Prayer is a discipline - it can be difficult at times, just like keeping fit, being on a diet, or keeping weeds down in the garden. Little and often is best, but don't give up! No prayer, however inadequate you may feel it to be, is ever wasted or of no value.

Future Services

Sunday 19th May - Pentecost

- 8.00am - Holy Communion at St Mary's (BCP)
- 10.00am - Sung Eucharist with Baptism 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 26th May - Trinity Sunday

- 8.00am - Holy Communion at St Mary's
- 8.30am - Breakfast Church at St Anne's
- 10.00am - Sung Eucharist at St Mary's
- 6.30pm - Service of Wholeness and Healing at St Mary's

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 9.10am in the Lady Chapel at St Mary's on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday and at 9.10am in St Anne's on Tuesday. **There will be no Morning Prayer on Monday 13th May or Thursday 16th May.**
- The Thursday Midweek Communion service is at 12.15pm in the Lady Chapel at St Mary's.

Notices

Christian Aid and Bell Sunday

At 10am on Sunday 12th May, we will be celebrating the ministry of our Bell Ringers as well as thinking about the work of Christian Aid. Our youth group y@smaa will be selling bacon sandwiches (and a vegetarian option) after the service. Please bring in cash in order to donate to Christian Aid.

Church phone line is not working

The telephone number for the church office is currently out of operation. If you need to contact us, please email office@moseleychurch.org.uk. Apologies for the inconvenience.

Birmingham Race Action Partnership (BRAP)

On 23rd May, Magdalen will be attending a meeting between 6pm-8pm at Moseley Hive. It is an opportunity to be a part of a local community conversation, to understand why long-term patterns of racial inequity continue for so many people in our city through structural racism? BRAP is about equality, fairness, human rights and social justice and working towards better outcomes for service users. If anyone would like to join her it would be very good to have one or two congregation members as well.

Building Work at St Mary's

You will see that the renovation on the organ has started. The pen has been built and the works will take place in the enclosure. Over the coming weeks we will be trying to make the walls more attractive, using them as information sharing boards. If anyone would like to help or has ideas on what might go on these please let me know. I apologise for the inconvenience this will cause but we will try to minimise disruption as much as possible.

Unfortunately, this has made access to the north aisle limited. Should you require any assistance, please do not hesitate to ask a member of our team. We thank you for your patience and understanding. Angela Brown, Churchwarden.

The Bereavement Journey

For anyone struggling with grief and either recent or longer-term bereavement, there is the opportunity to participate in this excellent and helpful course. Myself and three others participated in this last year so do ask Revd Magdalen, Fiona Chew or Jean Lindley if you would like to know more. It is coordinated by Lindsay Lucas at Riverside, free of charge and can be done in person or online. It uses videos and opportunities for gentle discussion and sharing of experience.

Both begin on 15th May 9.30am - 12.00 noon in person and 7.30pm - 9.30pm online.

If interested or would like to know more please contact Revd Magdalen.

Safeguarding training

The Parish will be facilitating two sessions for Basic Safeguarding training for those who are not able to access online facilities or for those who prefer an in-person session. If you have not yet completed your training you only need to come to ONE of these sessions. The sessions are

- Thursday 6th June at 2.00 pm
- Tuesday 11th June at 6.30 pm

Both sessions will be held at St Mary's Church. Please contact the office to book a place.

Book of the Term: Wednesday 15th May

The next meeting is on Wednesday 15th May at 7.30pm in the West Room at St Mary's.

You are invited to come along and share a book of your choice. This can be anything that you have recently read, has interested you, made a difference to you in whatever way.

Please come prepared to talk about your book for about 5 minutes. Be creative with your genres too – biography, novels, memoirs, children's books and cookbooks – everything is worth a review!

Parish Lunch for Christian Aid

On Sunday 19th May, there will be a Parish Lunch at St Mary's Church, starting at 12.30pm. Minimum donation of £5 to support Christian Aid. Please sign up using the sheets on the welcome desk.

Silent Disco for Christian Aid - Saturday 1st June

Put on your dancing shoes or simply come and enjoy some quiet reflective music in a different kind of way. We are hosting a silent disco in the beautiful setting of St Annes Church to kick start the summer on Saturday 1st June. With three DJ stations, you can select music that makes you move, reflect, or boogie with your family and friends. All ages are welcome, and light refreshments will be available. Booking a time slot is essential: you can do this [here](#).

If you are able to help with serving refreshments, booking people in on arrival or giving out the headsets, please contact the office on office@moseleychurch.org.uk.

Table Top Sale

Come along to St Mary's Churchyard for a Table Top Sale. Saturday 29th June, 11 - 2pm. Bric-a-Brac, clothes, toys, cakes and much more! Raising funds in aid of St Mary's and St Anne's Churches. £10 donation per table - tables must be booked in advance. Follow this link to book a table.

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-1.00pm.

Community Lunch is a mug of homemade soup and bread at the Hive from 1pm-2pm most Thursdays. Donations welcome but not necessary.

Moseley at the Movies

On every first Wednesday of the month, there is Moseley at the Movies, a group which meets to watch a film together and discuss it afterwards.

Come along to St Marys West Room at 7:15pm for a 7:30pm start! (Unless otherwise stated).

Next showings are:

- 5th June
- 3rd July

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.

My Country Diary of an Edwardian Lady Journey - a talk at Moseley Exchange on May 28th

A talk by Rachel Smith Chopra which will include her interest in the book and author, events that she organised and Edith Holden Trails. Part of the talk will include an over to you and your country diary items section where you are invited to bring a country diary related item if you have one.

The talk, in collaboration with The Moseley Society, is on Tuesday May 28th at Moseley Exchange 149 - 153 Alcester Road B13 8JP from 2- 3pm and is followed by refreshments.

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.

Restore training course

Restore have an in-person training course which will take place on 11th, 18th and 25th June 2024 at The Rep Theatre, Birmingham for anyone interested in befriending a refugee or finding out more about refugee issues.

Restore, a project of Birmingham Churches Together, works with refugees and asylum seekers in Birmingham, Solihull, and Smethwick. Their befriending scheme involves the training and matching of trained volunteers with recently arrived refugees and asylum seekers to provide flexible, one-to-one relational support.

You are welcome to attend if you are interested in becoming a befriender or if you interested in learning more about people seeking asylum and refugees. Those interested in befriending opt into the application process at the end of the course.

To sign up, please register using this link: <https://eu.jotform.com/form/23...>

For further information, please contact admin@restore-uk.org.

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, Julia Lee, Phil and Trish Burt and Geraldine and Gerald Cartin.

The Parish also prays and gives thanks for:

- George who is being baptised at St Mary's on Saturday.
- The pastoral care we offer to one another, praying especially for the ministry of the Pastoral Team.

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

We celebrate the Birthdays of: William Middup, Penny Batsford, Diane Hirst, Indigo Masters and Emily Walker.