



The Parish of Moseley

St Mary's & St Anne's



Parish of Moseley - Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Our Services for Sunday 11th October - Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

- 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 - Celtic Worship at St Mary's

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

Readings for the Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity: Isaiah 25.1–9, Philippians 4.1–9, Matthew 22.1–14

Thought for the day by Peter Bendall

As I looked through the window, watching the leaves rustle in the evergreens whilst sipping a cooling mug of coffee, I reflected on the parable of the wedding feast in Matthew 22:1–14. Its power and conciseness resonate with me. The familiar closing line, 'For many are called, but few are chosen,' never loses its impact.

Those who initially rejected God's invitation did so because they were too busy. I know how busy my life is and I am sure most are the same, work, demanding schedules, and a constant balancing act. As I thought about this, I realized that to absorb this passage in one's daily life is to choose awareness. In our modern lives, God constantly "invites" us to act with love, with virtue and to live purposefully with faith. It seems to me that it is altogether too easy to allow ever present distractions to blind us to this.

As Bob Dylan so vividly captures in his song [Every Grain of Sand](#), we can see the "Master's hand in every leaf that trembles, in every grain of sand." When we slow down enough to notice God's presence in these tiny, quiet details of creation, the clear implication is that everyday tasks will shift from being mere obligations to moments of sacred encounter. Thus, by noticing and honouring the divine in the smallest elements around us, a courteous driver who pauses, a colleague's greeting, that warm coffee in the quiet morning, or those leaves in the breeze, we can hope to transform our regular lives into a meaningful, continuous celebration.

Future Services

Sunday 18th October - Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

- 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 25th October - Last Sunday after Trinity

- 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

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 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.
- Online Compline (Night Prayer) takes place at 7.30pm on a Wednesday. Please contact the office if you would like the Zoom link.
- The Thursday Midweek Communion service is at **12.15pm** in the Lady Chapel at St Mary's.
- Our 10am Sunday service is usually livestreamed to our Parish YouTube page. The Parish YouTube page can be found [here](#).

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

Thank you

A huge thank you to Jan Midgely and her helpers for decorating St Anne's so spectacularly for Harvest: the church looked stunning!

Thank you also to Liz Blakey for the amazing Harvest sheaf which she bakes every year!

Churchyard Tidy - tomorrow!

We are organising a Churchyard tidy and gardening session on Saturday 10 October, 10:30 - 12:30. We will be initially focussing on the Garden of Remembrance and surrounding area.

If you are able and would like to be involved please sign up on the sheet at the back of church or email our Churchwarden Neil via the church office on office@moseleychurch.org.uk just so we have an idea of numbers. It's fine to just come on the day though.

We'll have some spare gardening gloves but please bring along any gardening tools you may have.

Karaoke and Samosas - tomorrow!

Enjoy a fun night of karaoke and samosas at St Mary's on Saturday 10th October at 7 pm. Pay £5.00 on the night: samosas, tea, coffee and soft drinks available, and you can bring your own alcohol. Sign-up on the sheets on the welcome desk.

Sign up for Eat Pray Love!

Eat Pray Love is on Monday 12th October at St Anne's Church 6.30pm-8.30pm.

An opportunity for everyone to join with our friends from our Oversight Area for a bring-and-share supper and Iona style-worship.

Sign-up sheets are on the welcome desks - let us know if you'll be coming and what food you can bring.

All Souls Service - St Anne's 5.00pm, Sunday 1st November

If you would like the name of someone who has passed away to be read out at the service of Remembrance, Thanksgiving and Hope at St Anne's, please sign the sheet at the back of either church or email the church office on office@moseleychurch.org.uk and we will add their name to the list.

Churchwarden for St Anne's

As you may know, there has been no Churchwarden at St Anne's since Steve Alabaster and Danielle Edwards stood down last year. Trish Everett would now like to stand as Churchwarden, effective from January 2027. She will be elected at an Extraordinary Parish Meeting (EPM) after the 11am St Anne's

service on Sunday 1st November. If you'd like to support her election, your presence at the 11am service and short election afterwards would be very welcome.

Support the Community Fridge

The Community Fridge at Moseley Hive is running short of food. If you have any surplus fresh food, please consider donating it to the Fridge. For more information please check their website <https://moseleycommunity.com/>

Walking Bus for Trebles Practice

This term we are looking to trial a walking bus from Moseley C of E Primary School to St Mary's Church for the Tuesday evening Treble practice.

A number of families have indicated that their child/ren would like to join the Trebles: however they are currently unable to make the logistics work. We are proposing that teams of two adults would collect children from school at 4.30pm and walk them to church in good time for practice which begins at 5.00pm. That 30 minute commitment is all that is needed as parents would collect their children at the end of practice at 6.00pm. If you would be willing to be a part of the walking bus rota for the trial period, we would be very appreciative, even if you could only sign up for one or two weeks. This role does require all adults to be DBS checked and to have completed Safeguarding training, both which the church can assist you with. Please let Rachel outreach@moseleychurch.org.uk or Mick music@moseleychurch.org.uk know if you are interested in helping.

Accessibility Aids

If you have additional needs and would appreciate using one of our resources, please let the Duty Warden or Sidesperson know. We have the following available on the Welcome Desk for you to borrow: Dyslexia Bibles, Dyslexia overlays for the orders of service and Ear Defenders.

Can you help with a welcome/support with Makaton/BSL

If you can use British Sign Language, and/or Makaton, and could help us during our services, could you let the Office know?

Receiving communion

If its easier for you to receive communion at your seat, please let the sidespeople/ deputy wardens know - they are the people you meet at the welcome desk.

Knit a poppy for Remembrance

The knitting group meets on alternate Wednesdays at 2 pm. If you would like to join in contact Kate on 07853 244917.

If you would like to knit or crochet a poppy for Remembrance Sunday the instructions are [here](#).

Meditation Taster Sessions

If you are interested in experiencing a simpler and more contemplative kind of prayer we will be offering 3 taster sessions during Advent before the lunchtime communion service on Thursdays. These will be in the Lady Chapel from 11.15pm-11.45am on the following dates - 26th November, 3rd and 10th December. No previous experience required. The basic format will be a few thoughts from

the leader, explanation of a simple technique and then some silence. There will be time for a short discussion afterwards each time. Any questions please ask or email Revd Magdalen.

Christmas Fair

The kids have only just gone back to school and we're already talking about Christmas!

St Mary's Church Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday 28th November 10am - 2pm. Please put this date in your diaries. We'll be raising money for our churches and chosen charities (The Busoga Trust, Practical Action and St Chad's Sanctuary).

We are busy planning all the usual festive fun, games and refreshments that make this event such a success but we are now in need of donations.

★ New this year! We will be holding a Christmas themed stall, instead of our usual bric a brac table, for all your festive bargains! We are now collecting donations so please bring in to church anything Christmas-related that we can sell. For example:

- Christmas decorations 🎄
- Christmas jumpers 🧦
- Regifiable items (these must be brand new, unopened or in excellent condition) 📺
- Christmas wrapping 📦 🎀

We will not be accepting bric a brac so please do not bring it to the church.

🧸 Our popular Children's Corner will return, so anything like unwanted toys, children's books, games and jigsaws will be very welcome.

📖 We are accepting books for our Book Stall. Sorry we cannot take DVDs or CDs so please do not bring them to church.

🍷 We also need bottles for our Bottle Tombola.

Please ensure all donated items are in good working order.

Nearer the time we will be asking for volunteers to help out on the day, if you already fancy lending a hand please let the office know.

Thank you in advance for all your support, it is always appreciated. See you at the Christmas Fair!

Online Compline

Are you looking for a new challenge this autumn? Have you enjoyed coming to Compline over the summer? Would you like to try Compline (Night Prayer) but don't want to come out in the evenings? What is better than the opportunity to join our friendly online prayer group on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm for just 20 minutes of prayer from the comfort of your own home. Do get in touch with the Parish Office for details of how to join if you would like to give it a try.

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, Christina Brown, Heather Smithson, Linda and Rosie Calloway, Bobby Bridgeman, Nick Adams, Ken Bonham, Sumit, Sam and Grace Macfie, Kevin Holland and Peter Magson.

The Parish also prays and gives thanks for:

- Those who contribute to our worship by reading in church, writing the Thought for the Week or leading intercessions in our worship, and for those considering offering their gifts in this ministry.
- Everyone who lives in our parish - this week praying for all our neighbours who live on Wizards Walk.

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

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

We celebrate the Birthdays of: Helen Stammers, Alice Kinning, William David Hewett, Joseph Christopher Hewett, Katherine Barwell and Benjamin Leigh.

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Karaoke and Samosas - Saturday, 10 October 19:00

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Eat Pray Love - Monday, 12 October 18:30

6.30pm-8.30pm, Monday 12th October 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 Iona style-worship. Sign up o...



Bereavement café - Saturday, 17 October 14:00

Are you recently bereaved? Or struggling with the loss of a loved one even after many years? If so, do come to our Bereavement Cafe, 2-4pm Saturday 17th October 2026, St Mary's Church (West Roo...



Coffee Concert

Saturday, 31 October 11:00

11.00am: Saturday Morning Coffee Concert Michael and Elspeth Sullivan Light music, jazz and pop classics for keyboards and voice Coffee, tea and toast available from 10.30am. Admission free, r...

