



The Parish of Moseley

St Mary's & St Anne's



Parish of Moseley - Fourth Sunday of Easter

Our Services for Sunday April 26th - Fourth Sunday of Easter

- 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 - Service of 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.

Readings for the Fourth Sunday of Easter: Genesis 7, Acts 2.42–end and John 10.1–10

Thought for the Day by Mick Perrier

At first glance this Sunday morning's readings make strange bedfellows: the story of Noah's Ark, the practices of the early church just after Pentecost and Jesus as the Good Shepherd and the Sheep Gate. What links can we make between them and what can we learn from their juxtaposition?

To me, the gathering together of all manner of creature by Noah and his family before the impending disaster of the Great Flood in a way mirrors the gathering together of new disciples by Jesus and the Apostles before the perceived disaster that was the Crucifixion. Just as Noah would lead out a new saved community of creatures to begin a fresh life in a post-apocalyptic world, so the Apostles would lead a newly redeemed community of believers after the cataclysmic events of the first Easter, ready to begin a fresh life, filled with the Holy Spirit.

In the Genesis narrative, we leave Noah, his family and the animals on the threshold of their new existence. In the narrative from Acts we cross the threshold and are shown what the hallmarks are of a redeemed community of believers and the four enduring activities to which they devoted themselves:

Apostles' teaching - since no written Gospels existed yet, believers relied entirely on the oral teaching of the original Eleven and other early disciples.

Fellowship - This was not merely social interaction, but a deep, intimate bond rooted in their union with the Triune God and with each other.

Breaking of Bread - Scholars generally agree this refers both to communal meals and to the Lord's Supper (Eucharist).

Prayers - The early church was marked by a constant, daily commitment to seeking God together through prayer.

Commentators often view this passage as an idealised glimpse of the Church's potential under the power of the Holy Spirit. It emphasises that true faith is not just individual but expresses itself in sacrificial love and radical generosity that defies societal norms.

Can we live up to the challenge set for us by these early Christians, holding all things in common, selling possessions to help those in need, meeting daily in our churches and in our homes resulting in a culture of "contagious gladness" and favour with all people? A big ask!

And what of the sheep, their shepherd and the sheep gate?

Unlike the post-diluvian animals in the Noah narrative, we know that we have the enduring presence of our Good Shepherd, who, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, remains with us, loving and caring through all the vicissitudes of life bringing us ultimately to the Father in the fulness of time.

In accepting the Christian challenge, we don't undertake it alone.

Future Services

Sunday 3rd May - Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 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 - 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.

Parish breakfast will follow the 8.00am service. All are welcome.

Sunday 10th May - Sixth Sunday of Easter

- 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

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.

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

Flowers in St Mary's

Flowers this Sunday, 26th April have been given by the Barwell family, to give thanks for Willow and to remember her with love on her birthday.

Online Compline

Online Compline (Night Prayer) will be at the usual time of 7.30pm this Wednesday, 29th April. Please contact the office if you would like the Zoom link.

Livestreaming of Services

Please note that our 10am service is livestreamed to our Parish YouTube page. The Parish YouTube page can be found [here](#).

Marriage Enrichment Course - *Real Love, Real Life*

St Anne's Church, Saturday 25th April, 10am - 3pm. For all couples, those who are about to be married, newly-married, and those wanting to deepen their marriage relationship. No cost and lunch provided.

New for 2026 - Journeying into Faith

We are offering four short sessions on Tuesday evenings for those who would like to explore some of the basics of Christian faith. Sessions are very open and accessible with some input from clergy leaders as well as plenty of space to ask questions. The sessions are appropriate for those preparing for Confirmation but are also open to anyone interested in refreshing questions around their faith.

The remaining sessions will be on Tuesday evenings of 28th April and 5th May in the West Room from 7.30-9pm.

Book of the Term

Our next Book of the Term date will be on **Wednesday 29th April at 7.30-9.00pm** in the West Room at St Mary's Church. Please come prepared to share about a book you have read **recently**. The West Room can be accessed to the left of the main church doors where there is a sign to direct you.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting for the Parish of Moseley and a Meeting for the Election of Churchwardens will be held on Monday 11th May at 7.30pm in St Mary's Church.

Please [click here](#) to read a copy of the Annual Report and Accounts for 2025.

Celebrate your new stations!

Saturday 23rd May, 11am - 3pm.

Come along and have some fun celebrating all things "Camp Hill Line". There will be lots of free activities taking place at Moseley Village Railway Station and next door in St Mary's Church.

Moseley Village Railway Station - live DJ and music, games, prizes, children's entertainment, mosaic workshop

St Mary's Church - face painting, balloon modelling, children's train activity

Open Gardens - help support St Anne's refreshment stop!

St Anne's will be hosting a Refreshments Stop this year at the annual Open Gardens on **Sunday 28th June from 11am-5pm**. As well as hosting refreshments outside and inside the church, we'd love to create a display of small plant pots outside the church from our parish. Please let the Office/Angel know if you can help with any of the following: be part of the refreshments rota for an hour or so, bake a cake, bring a plant pot or even lend a gazebo for the occasion. Our Vision Statement says we seek to be a welcoming church at the heart of Moseley, so this is a great opportunity for us to open our doors and get to know our community better.

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, Heather Smithson, Linda and Rosie Calloway.

Souls of the departed: Jane Briggs and Catherine Glasbey.

The Parish also prays and gives thanks for:

- All those who attend Breakfast Church.
- Magdalen, as she prepares for her sabbatical.
- Our candidates as they prepare for Confirmation on 17th May.
- Everyone who lives in our parish - this week praying for all our neighbours who live on Mapperley Gardens.

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

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

We celebrate the Birthdays of: Jonathan Hodgson and Una Lodge.

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Tuesday Teas

Tuesday, 5 May 14:00

Tuesday Teas is a monthly group and you are warmly invited. There will be hot drinks, homemade cakes and the opportunity to chat. This month we'll be doing seated exercises! All are welcome.



Moseley at the Movies

Wednesday, 6 May 19:00

Come along to Moseley at the Movies, a group which meets to watch a film together and discuss afterwards. St Mary's West Room at 7pm.



APCM at St Mary's Church

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