



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



### Parish of Moseley - Palm Sunday

#### Our services for Sunday 29th March - Palm Sunday

- 8.00am - Holy Communion at St Mary's
- 10.00am - Processional Service for Palm Sunday starting at St Mary's, then moving to the centre of Moseley and on to St Anne's for the Eucharist (please note the service will not be live-streamed)
- 6.30pm - Readings and Music for Palm Sunday at St Mary's including Passion Music by Handel and Bach

**Readings for Palm Sunday:** Matthew 21.1–11

#### Thought for the Day by Glyn Samuel

Very rarely will you see a depiction of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem showing not just the donkey Jesus rode, but also her foal (or colt) that trotted alongside. The author of St Matthew's Gospel took great care to highlight how important the colt also was, as it seemed to fulfil the quoted prophecy from Zechariah. Another reason for choosing a donkey was that it was a humble beast, not the war horse of a warrior king that many Jews had been anticipating the Messiah would be. However, the prophecy also mentioned the humility of the King, so the choice of mount should have been no surprise. (Although, I do hope someone made sure the donkey and her foal were safely returned to the poor farmer from whom they had been 'borrowed').

From the triumphal entry into Jerusalem, with the crowds crying 'Hosanna!' and waving branches from the trees, follows one of the most dramatic representations of the fickle nature of humanity. By Good Friday Jesus had become a betrayed and condemned prisoner, ignored by the crowds when the opportunity arose to spare one person from execution (presumably many of the same people who cheered Jesus' arrival were also in the crowd that cried for Barabbas to be freed). It was all, however, a part of God's plan, and the prophets had hinted at the downfall from many years beforehand.

Holy Week is traditionally a time for reflection, so why not take the opportunity to look back to the Old Testament, to see where the prophets foretold the rise and fall of Jesus, and the preparations for what we now know as Easter?

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## Future Services

### Services for Holy Week

- **Monday 30th March** - 7.30pm Compline and Service to conclude the Lent Course at St Mary's
- **Tuesday 31st March** - 7.30pm Stations of the Cross at St Anne's
- **Wednesday 1st April** - 7.30pm Folk Compline at St Mary's
- **Thursday 2nd April** - 7.30pm Maundy Thursday Eucharist at St Anne's, with an invitation to remain for 1 hour of silent reflection after the service
- **Good Friday 3rd April** - 10am All age service at St Anne's, followed by refreshments in church
- **Good Friday 3rd April** - 12.30pm Walk of Witness starting at St Paul's Balsall Heath and arriving at St Mary's in time for the 2pm service
- **Good Friday 3rd April** - 2pm Final Hour at St Mary's, a service of images, reflections, silence and music. Please note that St Mary's will also be open for quiet personal reflection from 1pm to 2pm
- **Easter Saturday 4th April** - 8pm Easter Vigil, come and celebrate the first Eucharist of Easter

### Sunday 5th April - Easter Sunday

- 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 is no evening service.

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

### Sunday 12th April - Second Sunday of Easter

- 11.00am - Sung Eucharist at St Anne's

There are no other services on 12th April.

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

### **Clocks change this weekend**

Please remember that the clocks go forward by one hour this weekend!

### **Livestreaming of Services**

Please note that our 10am service is now 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](#).

### **Flowers for Easter at St Mary's**

We will be decorating St Mary's for Easter on Saturday 4th April from 9.30 am, if you would like to help. Contributions of greenery would be much appreciated .

### **On line Compline**

Thank you to everyone who joined us for online Compline (Night Prayer) for Lent. There is no online Compline this week as there will be a service in church for Maundy Thursday.

### **Betty Clarke**

Betty died peacefully on 19th January 2026 after over 100 good years. Liz and Jenny would like to thank the many who have given us kind words, sympathy, cards, flowers and love, and prayed for us in the last few weeks. Betty planned a service to celebrate her life. This will take place on Saturday 18th April at 12.30pm in St Mary's. All are welcome to be part of this service. Betty asked that those attending the service wear bright colours and not black.

### **Would you like to be on the Electoral Roll?**

Joining the electoral roll opens up the way for greater involvement in the life of the Church, at parish, deanery, diocesan and national levels. You become entitled to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

It is an important statement of witness and step along the path of discipleship. With your name on the electoral roll the strength of the Church can be seen in our area, and across the country.

If you are not already on the roll you can complete a form by following [this link](#). The form will be open until 14th April.

You can check if you are resident in the parish on the A Church Near You website which you can find [here](#).

If you require a paper form or have any queries about completing the form please do not hesitate to contact Fiona or Trish in the office. Blank forms are also available on the welcome desk in each church.

### **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.

### **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 after Easter. 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.

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### **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 and Catherine Glasbey.

#### **The Parish also prays and gives thanks for:**

- Those who will be drawn into worship during Holy Week, particularly those who will come for the first time.
- International Transgender Day of Visibility on 31<sup>st</sup> March.
- Everyone who lives in our parish - this week praying for all our neighbours who live on Harrisons Pleck.

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

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

**We celebrate the Birthdays of:** Trish Everett, Pam Rhodes, Noah Samuel, Cheryl Hall, Laura Dowell and Peter Magson.

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### **Future events**

- MAR 30

#### **Compline and service to conclude the Lent course at St. Mary's**

Monday, 30 March 19:30



- **MAR 31**

### **Stations of the Cross**

Tuesday, 31 March 19:30

Magdalen and Mark

A meditative journey through the Holy Week story with 10 stations of the cross.



- **APR 01**

### **Folk Compline at St. Mary's**

Wednesday, 1 April 19:30



- **APR 02**

### **Sung Eucharist for Maundy Thursday at St Anne's**

Thursday, 2 April 19:30

We gather to recall the Last Supper and the events leading to Good Friday, with an invitation to remain for silent reflection and Compline after the service.



- **APR 03**

### **All Age Service for Good Friday**

Friday, 3 April 10:00

An all-age Service for Good Friday in St Anne's Church, Park Hill at 10am followed by refreshments in Church.

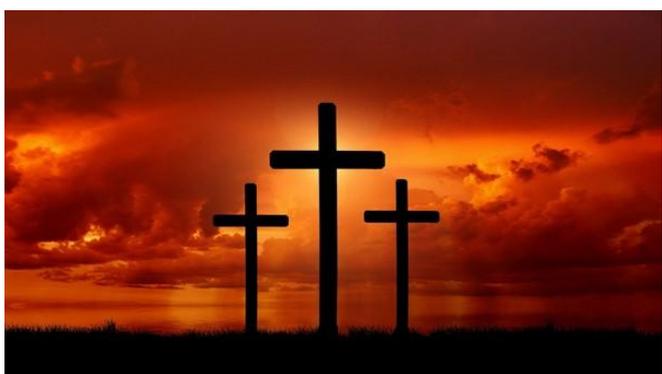


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### **Oversight Walk of Witness for Good Friday**

Friday, 3 April 12:30

Meet at St Paul's, Balsall Heath at 12.30pm for tea and hot cross buns. The walk will stop off at St Anne's Church and our Missional Community at 66 Park Hill before we arrive at St Mary's before 2...

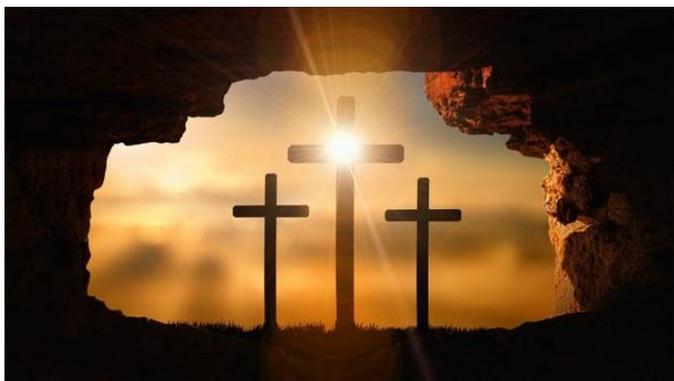


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### **Quiet personal reflection time at St Mary's Church**

Friday, 3 April 13:00

St Mary's will be open for one hour for quiet personal reflection before the Final Hour service begins at 2pm.



- APR 03

**Good Friday Last Hour Vigil at St Mary's**

Friday, 3 April 14:00

