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



Parish of Moseley - Second Sunday before Advent

Our Services for Sunday 15th November - Second Sunday before Advent

- A8.00am - 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.

Readings for for the Second Sunday before Advent: Zephaniah 1.7, 12–end, 1 Thessalonians 5.1–11, Matthew 25.14–30

Thought for the Day by Una Lodge

At first sight it may seem that in today's Gospel reading God is being presented like Lord Sugar in The Apprentice – firing those who make the least money in the tasks set for them. However, it is generally understood that the parable of the talents is not a lesson in capitalist entrepreneurship.

I have to confess to having always felt a bit sorry for the third servant who buries his money and then hands it back untransformed to his master. After all, he didn't squander the money on dubious activities, instead his failure was in not using proactively what he had been given. Many people are not prone to spectacular sinning, but I'm sure that we are all guilty of sins of omission and passivity. Our understanding of the world as Christians is that everything is given by God. So, the message is clear: that we need to appreciate and use the resources, skills and abilities that God has given to each of us.

So, what is it that stops the third servant, or any us, from using our gifts? The image of a firing by God in the final boardroom (apologies to those who have never watched The Apprentice) hangs menacingly over this story. The

servant's motivation for acting as he does, seems to be fear of a harsh master, so to focus on judgement seems an unhelpful misdirection. If we are able to think about God as a source of abundance and expansive love, who is seeking to support development in his children, rather than a scary father who is waiting to hand down a harsh judgement and punishment, then it is easier to be motivated by hope and trust, not fear.

Future Services

Sunday 22nd November - Christ the King

- 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

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.

Sunday 29th November - Advent 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
- 6.30pm - Service of Readings and Music for Advent at St Mary's

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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 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. There is no Morning Prayer on Thursday 12th November.
- 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

Displays for Remembrance

A huge thank you to everyone who knitted or crocheted poppies for our beautiful displays at St Mary's for Remembrance. A special thank you to Kate Stocks, Bridget Langstaff and Steph Evans for their planning and bringing everything together. Our thanks also to Jan for creating the displays at St Anne's.

Feedback on chairs and pews

We have some additional samples of chairs and moveable pews to consider: please take a look and give us your feedback. You will find the samples and feedback sheets by the reordering display!

Autumn Well-Being Walk around Moseley Pool and Park

Saturday 14th November at 2pm.

We will be doing a contemplative walk around the Park together and then with some free time to enjoy the grounds. Tea and cake will follow at a cafe in Moseley. If very wet or windy we will postpone this event. Please meet outside the main entrance to the Park (down lane between Moseley Hive and Oxfam bookshop).

National Interfaith Week 8th-15th Nov 2026

National Interfaith week is from 8th - 15th November. The programme of events is here.

Severn Trent work outside St Anne's Church

Severn Trent will be starting work to dig a 3-meter-deep excavation to restore a wastewater pipe on Park Hill, outside St Anne's Church. The work will start on 16th November and will last for 10 days. Please note that during this time, there will be no parking immediately outside the church where the location of the dig will be.

Faith, Menopause and the Meaning of MidLife - Saturday November 21st from 2pm-5.30pm

This event is one of a kind. Please come and support it!

Jayne Manfredi, author of Waking the Women and former colleague of Magdalen's will be speaking alongside Nasim Walji on how the experience of menopause and midlife deeply connects with our faith tradition. There will be time for sharing stories and a Q and A as well as refreshments. This is a multifaith event organised jointly by Moseley parish and Clifton Road mosque and is free of charge. However, please book here. The event is open to all women and men who hold a particular interest in this subject.

There will be a group of us leaving from Park Hill to walk down to the Transition Hall, Clifton Road, Balsall Heath on the afternoon if you are unsure where the event will be. If you have a question about this please speak to Revd Magdalen.

Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair at St Mary's Church, one of our biggest fundraising events of the year, is fast approaching and we are in need of your help.

We need volunteers! The Fair is on Saturday 28th November from 10am to 2pm. We will be setting up at St Mary's the day before from 2pm and from 9am on the day.

If you are able to spare some time to help set up, staff a stall or clear away, we would be very grateful. Sign up sheets are in the church or email the office with your availability: office@moseleychurch.org.uk

We need your donations! Thank you so much for all the donations we have received so far. We are still in need of more. If you can spare any of the following, we would be very grateful:

- Bottles for the bottle tombola

- Chocolate for the chocolate tombola
- Christmas decorations we can sell
- Festive clothing like Christmas jumpers
- Re-giftable items (these must be brand new, unopened or in excellent condition)
- Toys
- Books
- Games
- Jigsaws
- Raffle prizes

Sorry, we cannot accept bric-a-brac, CDs or DVDs, so please don't bring these items to the church. Donations can be dropped off to the church (there are boxes by the welcome desk) or to the office during office hours.

We need some lovely cakes! We will be running a cake stall too, so any cakes can be dropped off at the office the day before or to the church on the day from 9am.

Thank you in advance for your time and generosity. We hope to see you at the Christmas Fair in a few weeks!

Advent Groups

This Advent we will be looking at Arun Arora's Advent book ***Stick with Love: Rejoicing in every tongue, tribe and nation.*** There will be 4 sessions on Wednesday evening at St Paul's Church, Mary Street from 7.30pm-9pm on the following evenings - 25th November, 2nd, 9th and 16th December. There will also be 4 sessions on Thursday mornings at St Mary's in the West Room on 26th November, 3rd, 10th and 17th December from 10.00am until 11.30am. Those wanting to join the Meditation Taster sessions on 26th November and 10th December can leave the group just before 11.15am and join in the Lady Chapel.

Hot drinks, biscuits and cake served.

Parish Safeguarding Survey

Last year, Church of England Birmingham launched their first Parish Safeguarding Survey and were very encouraged by the response from across the diocese. This gave the independently chaired Diocesan Safeguarding Scrutiny Panel (DSAP) a valuable snapshot of how safeguarding culture was experienced within our parishes.

This year, they are repeating the survey using the same questions - to benchmark the findings against last year's results, identify areas of progress and emerging themes, and build a clearer picture of safeguarding culture across the diocese over time.

Please help by completing the Parish Safeguarding Survey by clicking on this link. The survey will be open from Sunday 1 November 2026 to Sunday 10 January 2027.

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.

Meditation Taster Sessions

If you are interested in experiencing a simpler and more contemplative kind of prayer we will be offering 2 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 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.

For those who can't make a Thursday we will be including some meditation at the Advent Quiet Morning on 12th December at St Anne's which will run from 9.30am-12.30pm**.**

Any questions please ask or email Revd Magdalen.

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, 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:

- Liliana who is being baptised at St Mary's on Sunday.
- Janet, and our parish Safeguarding Team and the central diocese team who support them.
- Everyone who lives in our parish - this week praying for all our neighbours who live on XXX

Church of England Birmingham Praying Together: The November edition is here.

Inclusive Church Newsletter: The September edition is here.

We celebrate the Birthdays of: Kathleen Lodge and John Clarkin.

Future events

- NOV **14**

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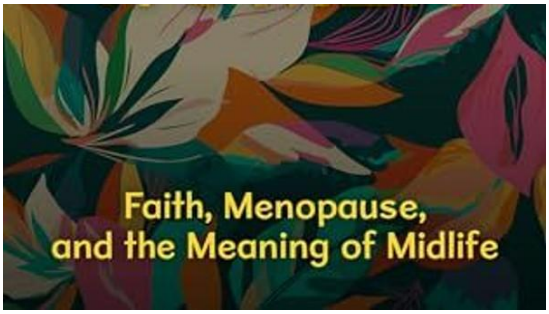


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Faith, Menopause and the Meaning of Midlife

Saturday, 21 November 14:00

Faith, Menopause and the Meaning of Mid-life Speakers: Jayne Manfredi (Author of Waking the Women) & Nasim Walji Pirmohamed Saturday 21st November 2026 2-5pm followed by refreshments Transi...



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Christmas Fair

Saturday, 28 November 10:00

Christmas Fair at St Mary's Church

