



# The Parish of Moseley

## St Mary's & St Anne's



### Parish of Moseley - Second Sunday of Lent

#### Our services for Sunday 1st March - Second Sunday of Lent

- 8.00am - Holy Communion at St Mary's
- 10.00am - Sung Eucharist at St Mary's accompanied by David Briggs on the organ
- 11.00am - Sung Eucharist at St Anne's
- 6.30pm - Parish Songs of Praise at St Mary's

**Parish Breakfast** will follow the 8am service. All are welcome.

**The Parish Songs of Praise** with St. Mary's Choirs and Andrew Lumsden (Organist) concludes the Moseley Organ Festival.

**Readings for the Second Sunday of Lent:** Genesis 12.1–4a, Romans 4.1–5, 13–17, John 3.1–17

#### Thought for the Day by Trish Everett

As a child we were always encouraged to give up something for Lent - usually sweets! Although one year recently I gave up chocolate with the unexpected result that I now still find it hard to eat much chocolate at all! This year, I think that I need a new approach to Lent. My approach will be one where I try to be much more reflective and contemplative: to really step back and take time to reflect on how I can live my life to better reflect the teachings of Jesus. So it's about saying no to negativity and becoming positive in what I do. All too often we get caught up in the busyness of life, the immediacy of emails and social media, where there is little time to stop, think and reflect. So it

appears that this year's Lent course *And Now For the Rest*, focused on living life contemplatively is a chance to press the reset button, to allow Jesus to show us the way to a new way of being and living. I'm looking forward to it!

## Future Services

### Sunday 8th March - Third Sunday of Lent

- 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 - Taize Worship at St Mary's

A **Taizé** service is meditative in style and includes sung or chanted prayers, periods of silence and readings from the Bible. It is the repetitive nature of the singing that allows the mind and heart the freedom to go deeper into worship.

### Sunday 15th March - Mothering Sunday

- 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.

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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**

### 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](#).

### 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.

### **Barbara Davies**

It is with great sadness that we share the news of the passing of **Barbara Davies**, who died on 3 February 2026 at the age of 89. Barbara was the wife of the former Vicar of Moseley, **the Venerable Lorys Davies**, who served the parish between 1968 and 1981 and who passed away on 25 February 2021. Barbara was also a teacher at Tindal Street Primary School in Balsall Heath.

A service to celebrate Barbara's life will be held at **St John's Church, Bromsgrove**, at 2.00pm on **12th March**. Her sons, Christopher and Mark, would warmly welcome anyone who remembers their mother from the 13 very happy years the family spent at **St Mary's**.

Barbara will be laid to rest alongside her beloved husband at **St Mary Magdalene's Church, St Clears, Carmarthenshire**, on **13th March**.

### **St Mary's Re-ordering - volunteers needed!**

Over the last 12 months, we have been progressing structural and technical aspects of our Re-Ordering project in St Mary's. We now need to make some important decisions about the interior of our new space, which will inform our application to the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) later in 2026. We are therefore seeking volunteers to join, or support sub-groups to focus on the following areas of the project:

- Seating
- Flooring & heating
- Lighting
- Sound & Vision
- Kitchen & Storage
- Lady Chapel
- Worship

Each group will also include a mixture of PCC members and clergy, and will meet regularly from Feb - June.

If you have relevant skills, are interested in joining a group, or would like more information please contact either Fran Rowley ([franrowley70@gmail.com](mailto:franrowley70@gmail.com)) or Neil McLeod ([neil\\_mc79@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:neil_mc79@yahoo.co.uk)). This is a really important stage of the project and a real chance to help shape what our church will look and feel like for future generations.

### **Lent Course 2026**

Our Lent Course 2026 is based on reflections by Revd Magdalen called *And Now For the Rest*. These sessions look at different aspects of rest, asking whether our vocation as people and as a church community needs to become more reflective and contemplative rather than always busy. Each session uses a story, Bible passage, an image, poses questions and finishes with some form of prayer practice which everyone can easily participate in. Sessions are running on Wednesday evenings at St Paul's Balsall Heath, Mary Street from 7.30pm-9pm and are duplicated on the following Thursday mornings at St Mary's, Moseley in the West Room from 10.00am-11.30am. All welcome.

- Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th March **A different pace** *The material for the session is available [here](#) and hard copies will be provided at the session.*
- Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th March **The simple life**
- Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th March **A safe lodging and a holy rest**

- Wednesday 25th March and Thursday 26th March ***Rest assured***

### **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.

### **Moseley Organ Festival – breaking new ground!**

Following the rebirth of St. Mary's Henry Jones Exhibition Organ after its recent renovation, Moseley brings international talent to celebrate with the Parish and the community.

A wealth of events across the weekend of February 27th to March 1st includes feasting, playing, discovering, listening, learning with something for everyone.

Featuring international organ superstar David Briggs (once a pupil at Moseley CofE School, now Artist in Residence at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York) and international organ consultant and recitalist Paul Hale (formerly Director of Music at Southwell Minster now advising on major organ projects including Gloucester Cathedral), the wealth of opportunities can be accessed via the Music page of our website [here](#) or scroll down to the bottom of this bulletin to find out more and book your tickets.

We look forward to welcoming all from far and wide with yet another reason to visit Moseley Village!

### **Zoom Prayer Group**

Are you longing to meet during the week to pray with others from Moseley or nearby?

Do you feel called to pray for the ministry and mission of the parish?

This Lent we are saying Compline (Night Prayer) online. We meet each Thursday for no longer than half an hour, starting at 7.00pm. The sessions are led by our Reader, Sabina and our curate, Revd Christine.

We would love you to join us. Please let the Office know if you are interested and we will send you the log in details. If you would like to attend online Compline but can't make Thursday evening please let Christine know on [curate@moseleychurch.org.uk](mailto:curate@moseleychurch.org.uk).

## **Oversight Area Quiet Day**

*"Our Hearts are restless until they find their rest in thee"*

Saturday 7th March, 9.30am-4pm, Temple Balsall Church Centre.

Come and enjoy the beautiful grounds at Temple Balsall and enjoy some quiet time and space to recharge your batteries.

This year, as we think about rest and sabbath there will be some gentle input but also plenty of space to walk and be quiet. We will share Communion together at the end of the day.

£5.00 optional donation. Please bring your own lunch. Hot drinks and cake provided. Lifts can be arranged. Please sign up [here](#).

## **Spring Concert at St Anne's**

A wonderful Spring concert will take place on Saturday 21st March (7pm) at St Anne's Church. It will headline the renowned Alcester Male Voice Choir, alongside performances by talented vocal, piano and strings soloists. Tickets cost £10 including refreshments (£5 for under 16s) with all funds being used to support the ongoing refurbishment of the hall at St Anne's and ensure its continued contribution to community life. Click [here](#) to book or alternatively see the 'sign up' sheet on the welcome desks in both St Mary's and St Anne's churches. We really hope you can join us!

## **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.

**Souls of the Departed:** Ruth Carter, Amin Abdollazadeh and Barbara Davies

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

- Our Warm Space and Coffee and Co teams who keep St Mary's open on Friday and Saturday mornings, and for those who come into church.
- Everyone who lives in our parish - this week praying for all our neighbours who live on Sutherland Drive.

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

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

**We celebrate the Birthdays of:** Rebecca Turnbull, Christine Guest and Phil Hall.

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## **Future events**

### **Organ Festival: Festival Supper**

Friday, 27 February 19:00

Come along and enjoy a curry banquet with soft drinks provided. Bring your own alcohol if required.



### **Organ Festival: Open Console**

Saturday, 28 February 10:00

Members of Birmingham Organists Association will be stationed at St Anne's and St Mary's Churches. Any organists wishing to play the organs are invited to arrive at their own convenience.



### **Organ Festival: Young Person's Guide to the Organ**

Saturday, 28 February 14:30

Session led by Mick Perrier, Director of Music. All young people must be accompanied by an adult.



### **Organ Festival: Gala Concert by David Briggs**

Saturday, 28 February 19:30

Gala Concert by International Organ Virtuoso DAVID BRIGGS (Artist in Residence, St. John the Divine, New York) Tickets: £20 (Children free) includes a glass of wine or soft drink and nibbles.



### **Organ Festival: Sung Eucharist at St. Mary's with David Briggs on Organ**

Sunday, 1 March 10:00



**Organ Festival: Demonstration Recital by Andrew Lumsden with Paul Hale**

Sunday, 1 March 15:30



**Organ Festival: Festival Tea**

Sunday, 1 March 17:00



**Organ Festival: Songs of Praise at St. Mary's with Andrew Lumsden on Organ**

Sunday, 1 March 18:30



**Tuesday Teas**

Tuesday, 3 March 14:00

Tuesday Teas is a monthly group at St Mary's church and you are warmly invited. This month, come and meet our local PCSOs who will be talking to us about their work in Moseley.

