



The Parish of Moseley

St Mary's & St Anne's



Parish of Moseley - Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Our services for Sunday 20th July - Fifth Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00am - Holy Communion at St Mary's (BCP)
- 10.00am - Sung Eucharist at St Mary's. Jasmine Browne will be speaking on Ethnicity as part of our Inclusive Church series
- 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.

Morning readings for the Fifth Sunday after Trinity: Genesis 18.1–10a, Colossians 1.15–28, Luke 10.38–end

Thought for the Day by Revd Magdalen

A few years ago, when looking through some family archives my Mum had put together for me, I discovered the astonishing fact that I am a small part Roma, my great grandmother on my mother's side being a Roma gypsy who had settled, (perhaps an ironic term) mostly in North Wales until she met my great grandfather and began to live a less transient lifestyle. Whilst I knew I had some Irish as well as Scottish blood in me I had no knowledge of this fact. Interestingly though my Mum had a tendency to get itchy feet every few years, often 'upping sticks' and moving to a completely different part of the country where she knew no one. And she had a close friend who owned and travelled in an old-fashioned gypsy caravan which was stationed (when not on the move) in Dorset.

Ethnicity runs deep and is sometimes hidden (as in my own case) as well as often very visible. In our own city of vibrant and wondrous nationalities we have a huge diversity of ethnicities. Recently our friends Anja and Markus took

us to a Yemeni restaurant in Sparkbrook as they wanted us to experience the cuisine, living in this country for 13 years. I love this richness and discovery of difference and interest in different cultures and food. On Sunday morning, we welcome Jasmine Browne, Reader at the United Church of St Paul's, Balsall Heath and part of our Oversight Area, who will be speaking during our 10am sermon slot about her own ethnicity and how this relates to her Windrush heritage.

When we think about Jesus, we witness someone who travelled across physical as well as cultural boundaries. We read stories of him crossing into territory where, as a Jew, he was aware he would not be welcome – the 'bad lands' of the Samaritans, and there are a few stories where he encounters people who are different but uses them (in a good way) to teach about the Good News reaching across the boundaries and barriers that are created, in fear, by human beings. So, he tells a story about the inherent goodness of the 'Good' Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37) who cares for someone down on their luck when other more established and expected figures do not. He is impressed by the faith of the Samaritan woman at the Well (John 4:1-42) and he helps the Syro-Phoenician woman and has his own prejudices challenged in the process (Matthew 15: 21-28). What we might glean from the example of Jesus is his courage and inquisitiveness about other people. In an age when there is so much ethnic hatred and misunderstanding, we as Christian people are called to be inquisitive about who someone else might be in terms of their history and their experience of non-inclusion as well as belonging. Christ calls us to love and to find a shared humanity, to celebrate as well as respect the distinctive people we each are.

Future Services

Sunday 27th July - Patronal Festival of St Anne (Sixth Sunday after Trinity)

- 8.00am - Holy Communion at St Mary's
- 11.00am - Parish Eucharist for St Anne's Patronal Festival at St Anne's
- 6.30pm - Wholeness and Healing at St Mary's

Please note there will be no 10am service at St Mary's. All are encouraged to come to the 11am service at St Anne's. The service will not be livestreamed.

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 3rd August - Seventh 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 - Compline at St Mary's

The service of **Compline** derives its name from a Latin word meaning 'completion' (completorium). It is above all a service of quietness and reflection before rest at the end of the day.

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

Items needed for Stay & Play

If you have any of the following items spare, we would be very grateful to receive them for Stay & Play:

- Matchbox cars (or any vehicles)
- Doll buggies
- Colouring books
- Felt tips
- Small good quality baby toys

Volunteers needed for Warm Space and Coffee and Co.

The church is open on Friday from 10.00-12.00 and Saturday from 10.30 -12.00 where warm drinks and snacks are served and everyone who comes into church is welcome. We have a group of loyal volunteers who make sure we are able to offer this and I would like to thank them for what they do, however we do need more volunteers.

If you feel able to give up a couple of hours occasionally on a Friday or Saturday morning please contact the office on [0121 449 2243](tel:01214492243) or speak to Angela Brown in church. Thank you.

Spiritual Accompaniment Course

If you are interested in learning more about how to pray and helping other people to pray better you might be interested in a course in Spiritual Accompaniment. The course begins in September and runs until June 2026 approximately once a month. It is ecumenical and facilitated by a mixture of face to face sessions at Selly Park Convent as well as on Zoom. Rev Magdalen is one of the facilitators. Please click [here](#) to read more and to book. Also please ignore the booking deadline - we are still receiving applications.

Manresa Link Prayer Guide Training Course - starts January 2026

Would you like to explore or deepen your calling to a ministry of prayer guiding - accompanying others through retreats in daily life? If so, this course is for you. It takes place over ten Saturday mornings at St Mary's Convent, B19 1EB, followed by two practice Retreats in Daily Life.

The ten sessions include topics such as Ignatian prayer, listening skills, what we are listening for as prayer companions, discernment and images of God. Participants will work in groups to practise listening and discernment together. You'll also have opportunities to watch role plays and to ask questions in the full group sessions.

If you are interested in finding out more please visit <https://www.manresalink.org.uk/training1.html>

Reordering at St Mary's

Work continues to progress the development work at St Mary's. Part of the plans we are working on include underfloor heating, so some archaeological work will be needed to investigate! Read our FAQs [here](#) to learn more about the reordering plans.

This week in the Parish

We continue to pray for:

Sheila Perks, Phil and Trish Burt, and Jane.

The Parish also prays and gives thanks for:

- All who nurture the faith of our children and young people through groups and activities throughout the week.
- Everyone who lives in our parish - this week praying for all our neighbours who live on Reddings Road.

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

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

We celebrate the Birthdays of: Hannah Williams, Jenny Bealt, Andrew Moore, Joshua Doyle, Harry Lewis, Robert de Vos and Amelie Reynolds.

Future events

- JUL 26

Coffee concert - St Mary's Choirs

Saturday, 26 July 11:00

Saturday morning coffee concert at St Mary's at 11.00 am on 26th July. St Mary's Choirs will present a programme of sacred, secular and instrumental music for a summer's morning. They hope that you...



- AUG 05

Tuesday Teas

Tuesday, 5 August 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. All are welcome - no need to book.



- AUG 06

Moseley at the Movies

Wednesday, 6 August 19:15

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 7:15pm for a 7:30pm start!

