



The Parish of Moseley

St Mary's & St Anne's



Parish of Moseley - Second Sunday before Advent

Our Services for Sunday 16th November - Second Sunday before Advent

- 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.

Morning Readings for the Second Sunday before Advent: Malachi 4.1–2a, 2 Thessalonians 3.6–13, Luke 21.5–19

Thought for the Day by Mark Simons

Jesus was never one to promise us good times always. He was well aware of the troubles that occur in our fallen world. We only have to look at our news media and online feeds with the war, conflict, tension, hate and violence against one another.

Jesus knew there would be wars, and rumours of wars, earthquakes, famines and plagues - our media still seems to glory in this sort of news!

Christians will not escape; they will suffer persecution and imprisonments. But Jesus says, 'do not be terrified' (21:9), use this as a time of witness (21:13). Jesus himself will be with us through all the troubles. He will give us the words we need and the wisdom to cope (21:15). Though we may be hated and killed, we will not perish (21:18): through Jesus we are not perishable goods. For us death is not fatal!

Now that is Good News. We are not alone, our God is with us at all times - even in the dark days - and he gives us the power to endure through the gift of eternal life.

So if things are difficult and dark for you at the moment, be kind and gentle with yourself, be held in the palm of God's love and surrounded by those who sit alongside you.

Future Services

Sunday 23rd 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 - A 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.

Sunday 30th 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

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

Bring and Share lunch - Sunday 16th November at St Anne's Hall

Our next parish lunch will be a **bring and share lunch** with our friends from St Paul's Balsall Heath, on Sunday 16th November at 12.30 in St Anne's Hall. Please sign up on the sheets on the welcome desk if you will be coming.

Moseley C of E Primary School - Vacancy for Administrative Assistant

The Governors of Moseley Church of England Primary School are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and highly organised Administrative Assistant to join their friendly and supportive school office team from January 2025. For more information, please [click here](#). To read the job description, please [click here](#). The deadline for applications is Wednesday 26th November 2025 at 17:00hrs.

Christmas Fair - Saturday 29th November, 10.30am-2.30pm

It's that time of the year again and we need your help. We are looking for items for stalls and help on the day. We are looking for good quality bric-a-brac, toys, books, bottles for the bottle stall and raffle and tombola prizes.

If you are able to help in any way, even if only for a couple of hours please contact the office at office@moseleychurch.org.uk or 0121 449 2243, or sign up on the welcome desk. Thank you in advance.

Book of the Term is back!

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 26th November at 7.30pm in the West Room. We are asking those who come to bring a book which has brought you comfort? This can be of any genre. There will be refreshments!

Toys 4 Birmingham Christmas Appeal

Toys4Birmingham is looking for donations of new toys and gifts to be distributed through their community networks to the city's most vulnerable children and young people.

Drop your toys and gifts off at Edgbaston Stadium, Edgbaston Road, B5 7QU on: Friday 5th December, 10am - 2pm; Saturday 6th December, 10am - 1pm; or Monday 8th December, 10am - 1pm.

Parish Yearbook

We would like to create a Parish Yearbook - an annual photo book to record our two churches' activities and to create an archive of our more recent parish history which can be printed and stored for future reference. If you would be willing to co-ordinate the task of receiving the photos and designing the book, please contact the Parish Office on office@moseleychurch.org.uk.

Moseley Village Rail Station Highway Works

Highway works at Moseley Village Rail Station are taking place for up to three months in several phases. Traffic signals allowing a single lane of traffic have been introduced to a small section of St

Mary's Row, Moseley.

Oxford Road is closed at the junction of St Mary's Row with a reduction in car parking spaces in this area. To stay up to date with roadworks, visit their webpage for the most up to date information: tfwm.org.uk/moseley-station

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, Phil and Trish Burt, Jane, Laurie Flood, Elizabeth, Ros Long, Betty Clarke, Christine Guest, John Dowell, Philip Mills and Angela Sones and family, and Christina Brown.

Souls of the departed: Barry Rogers, Theresa Patterson and Peter Wheeler.

The Parish also prays and gives thanks for:

- Janet and our parish Safeguarding Team and the diocesan team who support them.
- Everyone who lives in our parish - this week praying for all our neighbours who live on Cotton Lane.

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

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

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

Future events

Bring and Share Parish Lunch

Sunday, 16 November 12:30



Midland Chamber Orchestra Concert

Sunday, 23 November 13:30

Midland Chamber Orchestra presents a classical lunchtime concert featuring The Early Romantics at St Mary's Church Moseley at 1.30 pm. Schubert - Overture in Italian Style in D



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Wednesday, 26 November 19:30

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