



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



Parish of Moseley - Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Our Services for Sunday August 2nd - Ninth 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

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

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.

Readings for the Ninth Sunday after Trinity : Isaiah 55.1–5, Romans 9.1–5 Matthew 14.13–21

Thought for the Day by Laura Dowell

Isaiah 55 starts: “Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters”.

After many weeks of prolonged dry weather, this opening line had me thinking about the importance of water.

I was astonished to learn that a quarter of the world's population consumes at least 80% of its renewable fresh water supply annually. The worst affected countries are in the Middle East and North Africa. Even the economically rich United States has water shortages in southern states and the UK is close to being in drought.

Water is an important theme in the Bible starting at the very beginning in Genesis. It is ever present, even if we can't always see it, and features in many Biblical stories.

Jesus feeds the crowds with only five loaves and two fish. There was enough food for everyone and plenty of leftovers. Likewise with water; no matter how rare or depleted, it will find a way. We see it evidenced in the cracks it prises into rocks, which form and widen into gorges. An absence of water can result in cracks in arid landscapes. Water can be powerful and destructive, making its presence felt through great storms and floods.

Water sustains life. Indeed, scientists searching for signs of life on other planets, start their search by looking for water. In hot weather, we must drink plenty of it. The vulnerable can suffer through dehydration. We need to look out for our neighbours in Moseley. Farmers use water for the seeds they sow and the crops they tend so that they can bring forward a good harvest to nourish us.

Water is a precious resource, which we need to protect and preserve. The rains will come again to water our parched land. Of course, by the time you read this, we may have been blessed by a downpour from the heavens.

Future Services

Sunday 9th August - Tenth 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

Sunday 16th August - Eleventh 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

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.
- 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

Office Opening Hours

Please note that the office will be closed on Thursday and Friday 6th and 7th August. It will re open on Monday 10th August.

Dyslexia Friendly Bibles

Thanks to the amazing generosity of the Bishop Hall Northfield Trust we have been gifted a set of dyslexia friendly Bibles that will be available for use at both St Mary's and St Anne's. As well as a set of overlays and order of services that are printed in a dyslexia friendly font, these Bibles are another way that we are helping to make God's word accessible to all.

Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Elisabeth Leicester

There will be a Service of Thanksgiving for Elisabeth at St Anne's on Thursday 6th August at 2pm for everyone to remember Elisabeth and give thanks for her life and all she gave to the church and to so many people. The service will be followed by refreshments.

Moseley Vicarage Honey now available!

Honey (raw) from Moseley Vicarage 2026 is now available. Jars cost £10 - cash only. Please message Revd Ange on vicar@moseleychurch.org.uk if interested. All proceeds to go to RNLI (our late Uncle Noel who died this year was a big supporter).

Sabbatical 2026

We welcome Magdalen back from her Sabbatical !

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, Philip Mills, Christina Brown, Heather Smithson, Linda and Rosie Calloway, Bobby Bridgeman, Nick Adams, Ken Bonham and Sumit,

Souls of the Departed: Elisabeth Leicester, Alma Tanner, Patrick Durnin, Edward Fellowes, Paul Burnham and Percil Cadogan.

The Parish also prays and gives thanks for:

- Our Parish Staff: Mick, Rachel, Richard Fiona and Trish.
- Magdalen, as she returns from her sabbatical.
- Everyone who lives in our parish - this week praying for all our neighbours who live on Chandos Avenue.

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

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

We celebrate the Birthdays of: Ann Andrew, Isaac Samuel, Beatrice Thompson and Miriam Samuel.

Future events

- AUG 04

Tuesday Teas

Tuesday, 4 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 05

Moseley at the Movies

Wednesday, 5 August 19:00

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 7pm.



- AUG 09

Farmers Market gardeners fair (churchyard)

Sunday, 9 August 10:00

Birmingham Gardeners' Fair will bring the pleasure of visiting a Plant Nursery into the heart of Birmingham's Moseley Village. Visitors can browse and buy plants, flowers, shrubs and all manner of ...

