



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



Parish of Moseley - Second Sunday of Easter

Our Services for Sunday April 12th - Second Sunday of Easter

- 11.00am - Sung Eucharist at St Anne's

Please note there are no other services on 27th April.

This service will not be livestreamed.

Readings for the second Sunday of Easter: Exodus 14.10–end; 15.20, 21

Acts 2.14a, 22–32 and John 20.19–end.

Thought for the Day by Jean Lindley

Last weekend seems to have passed quickly for me with family staying and young grandchildren searching for Easter eggs in the garden! and yet the preparation the Clergy made for our Easter services, decoration of the churches with the beautiful flowers by our volunteers, and the music Mick produced etc must have taken many hours. I walked into St Mary's on Easter Day, in preparation for the 8am service, and the wonderful displays of flowers made me stand still for a moment and take in the beauty. Perfect preparation for Easter Day. I also saw photos of the flowers at St Anne's - quite lovely. We were all preparing to say those wonderful words, "Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!"

Since then much happened for Jesus as we read in John 20 beginning at verse 19. Jesus appeared to his disciples as they sat together and they were amazed to see him. There was one disciple, however, who was not present at this first visit by Jesus, Thomas. When Jesus found his disciples for the second time, after another few days, Thomas was there but he did not believe that Jesus had risen from the dead after being nailed to the cross by his hands and feet. He could not think anyone who had suffered as Jesus had, that this could be so. Jesus showed Thomas his hands and asked him to put his fingers into the wounds where the nails had been, to prove things. Jesus asked Thomas to stop doubting him and Thomas was obviously so sorry he had doubted. It was at this point that Jesus made a very profound statement by saying, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Magdalen spoke to us at the 8am service last weekend, powerful words about the Easter story and as she stood near the altar talking to us, somehow things really hit me that Jesus is inviting us all to believe despite having not actually having seen him, and to have every faith in him. I was humbled sitting in church realising that we must not doubt the Christian stories but believe and therefore have everlasting life.

I hope we can all come to St. Anne's this Sunday, if we are able, to thank God for sending his son Jesus to us.

Future Services

Sunday 19th April - Third Sunday of Easter

- 8.00am - 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.

Sunday 26th April - Fourth Sunday of Easter

- 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 Wholeness and Healing at St Mary's

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.

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

Thank you

Thank you to all those who decorated our churches so beautifully for Easter Sunday. A donation for Easter flowers was given to commemorate the baptisms of Harry and Max Rainbow at St Mary's on Easter Day 2011 and 2013.

Online Compline after Easter

Thank you to everyone who participated in online Compline (Night Prayer). We will be continuing this after Easter on Wednesdays at 7.30pm from 15th April. Please contact the Parish Office for login details.

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.

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.

Marriage Enrichment Course - *Real Love, Real Life*

St Anne's Church, Saturday 25th April, 10am - 3pm. For all couples, those who are about to be married, newly-married, and those wanting to deepen their marriage relationship. No cost and lunch provided.

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.

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 and Catherine Glasbey.

Souls of the departed: Stephen Vokes

The Parish also prays and gives thanks for:

- Those returning to school or college
- Everyone who lives in our parish - this week praying for all our neighbours who live on Caroline Road.

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

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

We celebrate the Birthdays of: Paul Lindley, Michael Hell, Malcolm McDonald and Evelyn Holt.

Future events

- APR 14

Journeying into Faith

Tuesday, 14 April 19:30

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