



The Parish of Moseley

St Mary's & St Anne's



Parish of Moseley - Sixth Sunday of Easter

Our Services for Sunday May 10th - Sixth 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 - Celtic Worship at St Mary's

Celtic Worship is a quiet, reflective service of readings, prayer and music, with liturgy and themes drawn from communities with roots in early Celtic Christianity.

Readings for the Fifth Sunday of Easter: Genesis 8.20 – 9.17, Acts 17.22–31 and John 14.15–21

Thought for the Day by Mark Simons

I offer a question; how do you find praying? There will be a huge range of responses if we were to ask this in a survey!

What does prayer mean for you? For me, it's a relationship with God, to bring the needs of the world, the church, the community, for others and then for ourselves.

For some there is a regular rhythm and pattern that flows easily, but even as a minister of the church, I struggle at times to pray, sometimes not having the words, or having the time, or distracted by the tasks needed to be done.

In every generation, there seems to be a way of praying, in posture, in form of words, in action. Each

generation has expressed the prayers of the heart and soul in creative and imaginative ways. Ways of praying could include, prayer beads, rosaries, holding crosses, praying with colour, praying through photography, praying with icons, prayer with music, prayer walks, prayer books, prayer dancing, labyrinths, praying in silence and countless many other ways.

It is an important part of our Christian faith, either praying individually or together as a community. Prayer is a spiritual time to be with God, bringing to God what is on your heart and mind, whether a world event or something closer to home concerning a loved one.

To pray is to experience the love of God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. It can change the way we think about our lives and opens us to be transformed by God.

Prayer can happen in many ways, and it is ok to find a way that helps you - there is no wrong way to pray! Sometimes the simplest thing can be powerful.

Remember that God hears every prayer - but not all prayers are answered in the way we might expect or desire: we don't always pray for his will to be done!

Our main morning services are called to prayer by our bells. Our prayer will be in word and sacrament then in our action through charity giving such as Christian Aid that we remember and reflect.

Prayer is a discipline - it can be difficult at times, just like keeping fit, being on a diet, or keeping weeds down in the garden. Little and often is best, but don't give up! No prayer, however inadequate you may feel it to be, is ever wasted or of no value.

Ascension Day marks the beginning of Thy Kingdom Come, a global ecumenical prayer movement that incites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus. Everyone is encouraged to pray in their own way. If you need help there is a booklet available on the welcome desks, I encourage you to take one!

Future Services

Thursday 14th May - Ascension Day

- 12.15pm - Sung Eucharist for Ascension Day at St Mary's

Sunday 17th May - Seventh Sunday of Easter

- 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
- 5.00pm - Deanery Baptism and Confirmation within a Celebration of Holy Communion with the Rt Revd Dr Michael Volland, Bishop of Birmingham.

Please note there is no 6.30pm evening service at St Mary's.

Sunday 24th May - Pentecost

- 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 - 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

Online Compline

Online Compline (Night Prayer) will be at the usual time of 7.30pm this Wednesday. Please contact the office if you would like the Zoom link.

Livestreaming of Services

Please note that our 10am service is livestreamed to our Parish YouTube page. The Parish YouTube page can be found [here](#).

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting for the Parish of Moseley and a Meeting for the Election of Churchwardens will be held on Monday 11th May at 7.30pm in St Mary's Church.

Please [click here](#) to read a copy of the Annual Report and Accounts for 2025.

Thy Kingdom Come

Thy Kingdom Come (TKC) is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus. Every person, household and church are encouraged to pray during the 11 days in their own way.

There are some copies of the Thy Kingdom Come Novena available on the Welcome Desks. Please do take one.

Celebrate your new stations!

Saturday 23rd May, 11am - 3pm.

Come along and have some fun celebrating all things "Camp Hill Line". There will be lots of free activities taking place at Moseley Village Railway Station and next door in St Mary's Church.

Moseley Village Railway Station - live DJ and music, games, prizes, children's entertainment, mosaic workshop

St Mary's Church - face painting, balloon modelling, children's train activity and refreshments.

Open Gardens - help support St Anne's refreshment stop!

St Anne's will be hosting a Refreshments Stop this year at the annual Open Gardens on **Sunday 28th June from 11am-5pm**. As well as hosting refreshments outside and inside the church, we'd love to create a display of small plant pots outside the church from our parish. Please let the Office/Angela know if you can help with any of the following: be part of the refreshments rota for an hour or so, bake a cake, bring a plant pot or even lend a gazebo for the occasion. Our Vision Statement says we seek to be a welcoming church at the heart of Moseley, so this is a great opportunity for us to open our doors and get to know our community better.

Sabbatical 2026

Revd Magdalen is on sabbatical from 1st May until the end of July. 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.

Souls of the departed: Jane Briggs, Catherine Glasbey, Johnson Gabriel and Clive Jones.

The Parish also prays and gives thanks for:

- Those called to serve on our PCC ahead of our APCM and for those considering standing this year.
- Magdalen, on her sabbatical.
- Our candidates as they prepare for Confirmation on 17th May.
- Everyone who lives in our parish - this week praying for all our neighbours who live on Grevis Close.

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

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

We celebrate the Birthdays of: Otilie Cooper, James Barwell and Penny Batsford.

Future events

APCM at St Mary's Church

Monday, 11 May 19:30

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Railway launch event

Saturday, 23 May 11:00

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