



# Parish of Moseley - Second Sunday of Easter

# Our Services for Sunday April 27th - Second Sunday of Easter

• 10.00am - Sung Eucharist at St Mary's

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

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Morning readings for the second Sunday of Easter: Isaiah 65.17–end, Acts 10.34–43, John 20.1–18

# Thought for the Day by Kevin Edwards

"How Lovely are the Messengers that preach us the Gospel of Peace?" This is an anthem composed by Mendelssohn, which our choirs often sing.

Last week the final Lent Group sessions were looking at the Beatitude "Blessed are the Peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God". During the evening session there were over 20 of us mostly discussing various famous liberators from history, such as William Wilberforce, Martin Luther King, Nelson Mandela, Barack Obama, tending to see them as 'peacemakers'. However, they might not all have seen themselves as such, perhaps more as pioneers of social change that could lead to more peaceful, better times. So who might be more distinctively seen as "peacemakers"? I suggest that we consider what peace actually is because Jesus mentioned it many times: 'Peace be with You'; 'my

Peace I give you'; 'the Peace of God that passeth all understanding'. It can be seen as calm, tranquility, silence or 'absence of conflict or war'.

If we examine how Ghandi managed to eventually liberate India from British rule, his methods were centred on peaceful protest, combined with urging his people to be both united and uncooperative. Just as Christ discouraged the formation of armies to fight the Romans, Ghandi did the same but still managed to get what he sought for the people.

Just prior to when the Beatles group disbanded in 1970, they released a song called 'Ballad of John and Yoko'. Around this time, in March 1968, John Lennon and Yoko Ono went to Amsterdam to spend a week in bed to promote PEACE to the whole world. Some thought they were crazy but the world listened to them and featured them on the News. All they were saying was "Give Peace a Chance"! This was around the time when the Vietnam War was soon destined to end.

So where does real peace lie; in our hearts, minds, or collectively shared as a treasured joy in many countries of the world?

"Imagine all the people living life in Peace?

You may say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one.

I hope some day you'll join us; and the World will be as One".

[lyrics from the song 'Imagine']

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# **Future Services**

### Sunday 4th May - Third 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 Evensong at St Mary's

### Parish breakfast will follow the 8am service. All are welcome.

**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 11th May - 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 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.

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# Our Regular Worship

- Details of our regular pattern of worship can be found on the Services page of our website <u>here</u>.
- Details of how the pattern relates to Children's Worship can be found on the Children and Youth page of our website <u>here.</u>
- 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

# Parish Lunch for Christian Aid - Sunday 11th May

There will be a Parish Lunch at St Anne's Hall on Sunday 11th May, at 1.00 pm. There is a suggested donation for £5.00 to support Christian Aid. Sign up sheets are on the welcome desks.

# Thank you

A big thank you to Jan Midgley and family, Keith Bishop and Helen McNicoll for decorating St Anne's so beautifully and for replenishing the pots outside.

# Flowers at St Mary's

Thank you to those who decorated the church beautifully for Easter Sunday. A donation for Easter flowers was given to commemorate the baptisms of Harry and Max Rainbow on Easter Day 2011 and 2013.

Flowers on Sunday 27th April have been given by the Barwell family, to give thanks for Willow and to remember her with love.

If you would like to make a donation for flowers to commemorate a special person or occasion, please do contact the office.

# St Anne's Hall Working Party

Further dates have been arranged for the hall working party to continue work on the foyer and council room:

- Monday 28th April, 10.00 12.00
- Thursday 1st May, 2.00 4.00
- Wednesday 7th May, 10.00 12.00

For any queries, please contact Bridget Langstaff on 07816 828439 or bridget@langstaff.co.uk.

### **Refreshment Rota**

We are currently in the process of creating the refreshment rota for the months of June - Aug and would like to ask for more volunteers to join this dedicated team of volunteers. The people in this group commit to providing, serving and cleaning up the refreshments after the 10am service at St Mary's Church, usually 5-6 times a year, working in pairs.

If you are interested in learning more about this role or to sign up please do speak to or email Rachel at <u>outreach@moseleychurch.org.uk</u>

## A Matter of Life and Death

A Matter of Life and Death is an interfaith event which invites and encourages people to talk about death and dying. The events are local and open to everyone. For more information on a variety of events in May please visit <u>https://brumyodo.org.uk/events</u>

# Could you befriend a refugee?

Restore are currently recruiting new volunteer befrienders and are holding a befriending training day on Saturday 7th June from 9.45 am to 4.00pm at St John's Harborne. You can sign up for the training day <u>here</u> or you can contact Jaz at <u>jasmine@restore-uk.org</u> for more information.

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# This week in the Parish

### We continue to pray for:

Cathie Carey and Stella Fernley, Tony Sheppard, Mike Carter, Ruth Carter, Jon Terry, Rachel McLeod, Sheila Perks, Laurie Flood, Elisabeth Leicester, Lincoln Hoeschen, Phil and Trish Burt, Geraldine and Gerald Cartin, Malcolm McDonald, Jenny Taylor, June Dudleston, Christine Guest, Jane and Bill and Charan Platt.

Souls of the Departed: Ben Whitehouse, Eric Adams and Jeremy Peters.

### 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 Woodbridge Road.

Church of England Birmingham Praying Together: The April edition is here.

Inclusive Church Newsletter: The April edition is here.

We celebrate the Birthdays of: Jonathan Hodgson, Una Lodge, Clara McLeod, Amarie Folkes, Toby Harlin, Harry Rainbow and Imogen Holt.

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# **Future events**

### **Tuesday Teas**

Tuesday, 6 May 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.



## Moseley at the Movies

Wednesday, 7 May 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!



**Bereavement Cafe** 

Saturday, 17 May 14:30

Are you recently bereaved? Or struggling with the loss of a loved one even after many years? If so, do come to our Bereavement Cafe 17th May at St Anne's Church, Park Hill, Moseley, B13 8DU 2.30pm-...



# Table Top Sale - St Mary's Churchyard

Saturday, 28 June 10:00

Come along to St Mary's Churchyard for a Table Top Sale. Bric-a-Brac, clothes, toys, cakes and much more! Raising funds in aid of St Mary's and St Anne's Churches. To book a stall, please follow th...

