



# The Parish of Moseley

## St Mary's & St Anne's



### **Parish of Moseley - Sunday next before Lent**

#### **Our Services for Sunday 11th February - Sunday next before before Lent**

- 8.00am - Holy Communion at St Mary's
- 10.00am - Intergenerational Eucharist at St Mary's (the service will not be live-streamed this week)
- 11.00am - Sung Eucharist at St Anne's
- 6.30pm - Taize worship at St Mary's

A **Taizé** service is meditative in style and includes sung or chanted prayers, periods of silence and readings from the Bible. It is the repetitive nature of the singing that allows the mind and heart the freedom to go deeper into worship.

#### **Our Service for Ash Wednesday - 14th February**

- 7.30pm - Sung Eucharist with the imposition of ashes at St Mary's Church (this service will be live-streamed)

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## Morning readings for the Sunday next before Lent - 2 Kings 2.1–12, Mark 9.2–9

Readings for Ash Wednesday - Isaiah 58.1–12, John 8.1–11

### Thought for the Day by Debbie Barwell

Today's reading from St Mark's Gospel describes the events of the transfiguration when Jesus, accompanied by his disciples Peter, John and James, went to the top of a mountain and revealed his divine nature. His appearance changed dramatically into a more spiritual form; His clothes glistened and shone a dazzling, brilliant white. As if that was not enough for the bewildered disciples to try to process, Elijah and Moses then appeared and spoke with Jesus. God told the disciples to listen to Jesus, His beloved son.

Moses and Elijah appeared as representatives of the Law and the Prophets, now being fulfilled by and in Jesus. Moses obviously represents the Law but why does Elijah represent the Prophets? Today's Old Testament reading (2 Kings 2: 1-12) provides a clue. Elijah did not die but was taken up into Heaven alive in a whirlwind, a foretelling of Jesus' ascension into Heaven after His resurrection. It seems appropriate, therefore, that it should be Moses and Elijah discussing Jesus' own forthcoming departure with Him. Why did Jesus choose to take Peter, James and John with Him? Perhaps they were chosen as Jesus' closest friends, who were being prepared for their future leadership roles in His early church. All three were with Jesus at key moments of His ministry and shared in his suffering, with John being present at the crucifixion and James and Peter being martyred for their devotion to Jesus.

#### Ash Wednesday (by Helen McNicoll)

As memories of pancakes vanish  
the Lenten offering awaits  
for bowed heads and contrite hearts.  
Humanly torn crosses lie dismantled,  
echoing past and present human conflicts,  
along with self-made, bewildering human pain  
that numbs and paralyses the mind.  
But those crosses are blessed,  
purified by God's cleansing fire,  
igniting the promise of growth to come.  
Blended by drops of healing, Holy oil.  
Ready to be used as a witness  
to God's great forgiveness and everlasting Love.  
Strengthened with a million uttered prayers  
from every race and nation,  
And outstretched helping hands,  
so that we can live with renewed strength  
in God's Faith, Hope and Love.

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## Future Services

### Sunday 18th February - First Sunday of Lent

- 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.

### Sunday 25th February - Second Sunday of Lent

- 8.00am - Holy Communion at St Mary's
- 8.30am - Breakfast Church at St Anne's
- 10.00am - Sung Eucharist at St Mary's
- 6.30pm - 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.

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## 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 9.10am in the Lady Chapel at St Mary's on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday and at 9.10am in St Anne's on Tuesday. **Please note there is no Morning Prayer on Tuesday 13th February.**
- The Thursday Midweek Communion service is at 12.15pm in the Lady Chapel at St Mary's.

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## Notices

### Return of the Altar Rails at St Mary's

Following their absence since Covid, the altar rails have now been reinstated on the nave platform at St Mary's. When you come forward to receive communion or a blessing, please kneel at the rail or continue to stand, whichever is your preference.

## **Pancake Party**

Our annual Pancake party will take place on Shrove Tuesday, 13th February from 5.00-6.30pm at St Mary's Church. Fun for everyone, pancakes galore, games and a short quiet time in church to understand more about Lent to finish. There will be a minimum charge for this event of £2 per person payable on the door. This money will be used to support the work of the church.

## **A Language Big Enough - Parish Quiet Day – Saturday 9th March**

St Swithin's Centre, Barston (travel details to follow). 9.30pm arrival for hot drinks and finish by 4.00pm.

This Quiet Day will use poetry to read, reflect on and help us think about how we use language, and whether poetry specifically can help us to pause, to shape our attitude to the world in a fresh way as well as help us more easily into the things of mystery. Poems chosen will be contemporary and accessible even to those people who have not prior experience. There will be a chance to write some of your own poetry but with no pressure to share these.

Each session will be a 'stand-alone' one so you can come to one session, or all of them, or none. Everything is optional so you can just come to the venue to join in the worship but walk or read if you don't want to come to any of the sessions.

We will finish with an informal Eucharist. Hot drinks, fruit and snacks provided but please bring your own lunch. For those who can afford it a £10 donation is suggested but please do come even if you are not able to offer this. Transport will be arranged at a later date and lifts can be organised. The day will be led by Revd Magdalen Smith.

## **Lent Group - Broken**

Wednesday Evenings in the West Room 7.30pm-9.30pm, 21st February until 27th March. Refreshments served.

During Lent we will be offering a 6-week study course based on the TV series Broken. Broken was written by Jimmy McGovern, starred Sean Bean and was aired in 2017. The series focuses on the life and ministry of Father Michael Kerrigan, a Roman Catholic priest, who, despite past trauma and anxiety about his own inadequacies, attempts to bring the light of Christ into the lives of people amongst whom he ministers. The series portrays gritty and unvarnished real-life situations but is also mysteriously hopeful and raises questions along the way about how Christians should live faithfully when life is hard. The course has 6 sessions, and we will watch each episode for an hour followed by a short discussion on the episode, the issues it raises, Bible study and prayer. Broken begins on Wednesday 21st February for 6 weeks with the last session on 27th March.

The course is written by Revd Dr Paula Gooder.

"Broken explores the pastoral challenges a faithful parish priest encounters in his ministry. The series reaches out to all Christians who want to know how to live and love better in the contexts where they find themselves in". The series is moving and beautiful but does also come with something of a 'health warning' in that it does deal with themes of death, suicide, abuse, violence and contains lots of bad language. The series originally was given a 15 rating. Because of this there will be people available from the Pastoral Team to talk to should issues arise and also a list of numbers of organisations which relate to the issues and can offer support. However, please also note the series is extremely well done and in Revd Magdalen's words, "is the most realistic series about what it feels like to be clergy and what 'good church might look like that I have come across so far in my own

ministry. There are some beautiful, tender and incredibly pastoral moments and the final episode moved me to tears. It is well worth watching”.

### **Thursday Thinkers - Exploring Lent through different household objects**

Thursday Mornings in the West Room 10.30am-12.00noon - 22nd and 29th February and 7th and 14th March. Hot drinks and homemade cake provided.

There is an optional Eucharist at 12.15pm in the Lady Chapel.

These sessions will be based on a book written by Gordon Giles. It is an original way to approach Lent as we explore some of the everyday objects we need and use every day, reflecting on the spiritual lessons from their use and history. Each session will look at 2 or 3 objects. As a result, you might discover the finding of God in the normal pattern of life – even in the apparently mundane – which also holds the potential to transform how we understand the things we use and the household tasks we all regularly perform.

### **Murder Mystery Evening**

Drama 13 present Truffle in Paradise: A Murder Mystery Evening at St Mary’s Church Moseley. Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – 7pm for 7.30pm start. Reception drink, 3 course meal and a glass of wine included. You can also bring your own drink! Ticket price £25.00. Places are limited so book your ticket now. Click [here](#) to book online or contact the office on 0121 449 2243 or [office@moseleychurch.org.uk](mailto:office@moseleychurch.org.uk).

### **February - Go Green for Lent**

You will be aware that we recently achieved our Eco church Bronze award. On our continuing journey to be more eco-friendly we will be including monthly tips.

February - Go Green for Lent: The weeks leading up to Easter are a time for self-reflection, repentance and emulating Jesus’ obedience to the Father. Is there something you’d like to give up or take up during Lent that will enable you to reflect on God, contribute to our planet’s well-being and enhance others’ lives through sustainable, eco-friendly living? Explore some of these changes [armchair.org.uk/go-green-for-lent/](http://armchair.org.uk/go-green-for-lent/)

### **Bereavement Cafe: Bring and Share Lunch**

Saturday 23rd March 2024 - 12.30 until 2.30pm.

For our next Bereavement Cafe we are holding a shared lunch, taking up the idea that it can sometimes feel hard to eat alone after bereavement.

Please bring something to share on Saturday 23rd March from 12.30 until 2.30pm at St Mary's Church (West Room). We can eat together and share stories of favourite meals shared.

Hot and cold drinks provided.

### **Watch and Pray: 40 Daily Reflections**

Our parish has a rich selection of things to deepen discipleship during Lent - please keep an eye out for the weekly flyers and see the Bulletin and website for regular updates. As well as this you might like to use resources the Church of England has produced - Watch and Pray: 40 Daily Reflections, Bible Readings and actions to help us use Lent as a time to deepen our discipleship. Find out more at [cofe.io/WatchAndPray](http://cofe.io/WatchAndPray)

## **Y@smaa Leaders**

Due to the increasing size of our youth group (!) we are in need of a few new leaders. Please do consider helping with this fantastic group of young people. Ideally, helpers would be able to assist with leading group sessions once or twice a term. We meet from 6:30-8pm at St Mary's once or twice a month on a Saturday evening.

If you are interested please contact Rachel Kinning at [imc@moseleychurch.org.uk](mailto:imc@moseleychurch.org.uk)

Please do join us as we pray for new leaders to join our team.

## **Actors and helpers needed for a 'Journey through Holy Week'**

On the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of March we will be hosting an interactive 'Journey through Holy Week' at St Mary's Church for the children and staff from Moseley C of E Primary School. To run this event we need volunteers to help with set up and by taking part in interactive tableaux. Please note that there is no need to take part on both days, or even for a whole day, any help will be greatly appreciated.

If you would like to learn more please contact Rachel Kinning at [imc@moseleychurch.org.uk](mailto:imc@moseleychurch.org.uk)

## **£130 for our Church**

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## **Stewardship**

Our parish is facing significant financial challenges with a growing deficit which a small team are seeking to redress. However, stewardship (the giving of time, talents and financial means) is about us all. On Sunday 4th June we focussed on this in our Sunday services at both St Mary's and St Anne's. Information is available on the welcome desk.

You may also have noticed some notices with QR codes around the buildings. This can be an easy and quick way to donate to the church through 'the collection' when you come to church or are visiting.

Please do make use of these on an occasional or more regular basis in our new 'cashless' society.

Thank you so much - Magdalen.

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## **This week in the Parish**

### **We continue to pray for:**

Cathie Carey and family, Tony Sheppard, Mike Carter, Sylvia Gold, Ruth Carter, Jon Terry, Rachel McLeod, Sheila Perks, Laurie Flood, Elisabeth Leicester, Lincoln Hoeschen and Julia Lee.

**Souls of the Departed:** Shirley Carey.

### **The Parish also prays and gives thanks for:**

- During this half term we pray for those in our congregation who work in all levels of education: teachers, lecturers, classroom assistants and support staff.

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

**We celebrate the Birthdays of:** Helen McNicoll, Grace Kavanagh, Florence Clarkin, Samuel Clarkin, Philippa Clarkin, Freddie Grice, Katherine Turnbull, Christopher Maclean, Oliver Monk, Alfred Monk and Maisie Shackleton.