



The Parish of Moseley

St Mary's & St Anne's

"Let anyone with ears listen"
Matthew 13.43

Parish of Moseley - Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Our Services for Sunday July 19th - Seventh Sunday after Trinity

- 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.

Readings for the Seventh Sunday after Trinity: Isaiah 44.6–8, Romans 8.12–25, Matthew 13.24–30, 36–43

Thought for the Day by Deb Curnock

Over the last year or two I have been discovering the joys of gardening, growing a few vegetables, herbs and flowers in the shared back yard of my rented flat. Seeing seeds germinate and harvesting my own fresh produce feels almost magical. I especially enjoy sharing my successes and struggles with my dad, a farmer's son, and mum, a keen lifelong gardener.

One lesson I'm learning is that many plants appear and grow of their own accord. Supermarket tomatoes sprout from a compost heap. Native wildflowers, otherwise known as weeds, pop up everywhere. In this era of climate change I'm keen to encourage anything that supports the wildlife by providing food or shelter, and I enjoy just seeing what turns up. But it can take a long time to know exactly what you have growing, or how it may affect its garden neighbours.

In our Gospel reading for today Jesus tells a story of a farmer growing wheat. The workers notice that there are weeds growing amongst the crop and they ask if they should go out to uproot and burn all the unwanted plants. But

they are told no, wait and see. At this early stage it's just too difficult to distinguish the wheat from the weeds, and besides the roots are entangled together, so by trying to pull up the weeds you would only damage the crop further. Best to let everything grow together for now, and at harvest time the wheat will be gathered and the weeds separated out.

The passage gives a very clear interpretation of the story. Harvest time is "the end of the age" and the reapers are angels. To modern eyes it can look like a harsh judgment, sorting people into two groups - the children of the kingdom, the "wheat" - and the worthless weeds. No doubt, Jesus wanted to speak to the real concerns of his disciples and neighbours, their fears and hopes about war, oppression and divine intervention, living as they did under Empire.

But time and again in his ministry Jesus repeated the lesson that the kingdom of God emerges in surprising places. The people invited in are those we least expect. And, with our limited human perspective, it is not for us to judge. We know that we ourselves are neither wholly good or evil. We must work alongside God, the skilled gardener, to uproot those attitudes and habits which drain the life from us and those around us, and nourish what is lifegiving within us. Thus together we can create a community where life can flourish.

Future Services

Sunday 26th July - Patronal Festival of St Anne

- 8.00am - Holy Communion at St Mary's
- 11.00am - Parish Eucharist at St Anne's for the Patronal Festival of St Anne followed by a bring and share lunch
- 6.30pm - Service of Wholeness and Healing at St Mary's

Please note there is no 10am service this week.

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.

Sunday 2nd August - 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

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.

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

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.

Malcolm McDonald Eulogy

Malcolm McDonald's funeral took place on 8th July. Please [click here](#) to read a copy of his eulogy.

Celebrate our new station!

Saturday 18th July, 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.

Funeral of Penny Batsford

Penny Batsford worshipped at St Mary's for the last 40 years. Her funeral will take place on Wednesday 22nd July at Robin Hood Crematorium at 10.30am, followed by refreshments at the family home in Solihull. All are welcome to attend.

Funeral of Elisabeth Leicester

The funeral of Elisabeth Leicester will be a private family cremation on Tuesday 28th July.

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. If anybody would like to share any memories of Elisabeth during this service, please contact Revd Ange.

Celebrating St Anne's Patronal Festival - Bring and share lunch on 26th July

St Anne's Patronal Festival is on Sunday 26th July. There will be a joint service at St Anne's at 11.00am, followed by a Bring and Share Lunch in the Hall. Let us know if you are coming and what food you'll bring - sign-up sheets are on the welcome desks!

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, Christina Brown, Heather Smithson, Linda and Rosie Calloway, Bobby Bridgeman, Nick Adams, Ken Bonham, Sumit, Paul Burnham and Amanda Kaye-Wright.

Souls of the Departed: Penny Batsford, Elisabeth Leicester, Alma Tanner, Patrick Durnin, Edward Fellows and Anthony Beckett.

The Parish also prays and gives thanks for:

- All who nurture the faith of our children and young people through groups and activities throughout the week.
- Magdalen, as she prepares to return from her sabbatical.
- Everyone who lives in our parish - this week praying for all our neighbours who live on

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

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

We celebrate the Birthdays of: Stephen Alabaster, Hannah Williams and Joshua Doyle

Future events

- JUL 18

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Saturday, 18 July 11:00

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- JUL 25

Coffee Concert

Saturday, 25 July 11:00

11.00am: Saturday Morning Coffee Concert ORGAN RECITAL by Darren Hogg. A programme of English organ music including Hollins, Thalben-Ball, Howells, Whitlock and Farrington Coffee, tea and toast ava...

