



The Parish of Moseley

St Mary's & St Anne's



Parish of Moseley - Third Sunday of Lent

Our Services for Sunday 23rd March - Third Sunday of Lent

- 8.00am - Holy Communion at St Mary's
- 8.30am - Breakfast Church at St Anne's Hall
- 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.

Morning readings for the Third Sunday of Lent - Isaiah 55.1–9, 1 Corinthians 10.1–13, Luke 13.1–9

Thought for the Day by Jean Lindley

This Sunday is the 19th day and the third Sunday in Lent. We are almost half way through the Lenten period, where Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness and where Satan tempted Him. (Actually the period of Lent is 46 days as we count from Ash Wednesday to Easter Saturday)

Today's readings are challenging! They encourage us to look and search and hopefully find. The readings may give each of us courage to look more deeply into what choices we make as to how we live and to be careful how we make those choices. We can use this time of Lent to look at ourselves and think about how we can progress in our Faith. The journey is difficult and hard to make on our own but with the fellowship we share with Christ, we can pray that we can find our way.

Jesus, in the desert, had to make choices and he did, resulting in him giving his life for all.

If we can use Lent to pray and perhaps read the bible a little more, maybe attend the Lent Groups if we are able, hopefully it will lead us to sensitivity to the needs of other people who are hungry, homeless, unwell and who might be suffering any other forms of oppression. These people are often desperate, even just to spend time talking to someone. I look into the eyes of troubled folk and as you chat to them you sometimes notice that their gaze relaxes and this is rewarding. It's a difficult judgement to make as to whether to intrude or leave the person alone. Jesus spent many hours during Lent alone, praying and speaking to God our heavenly Father. Maybe we can all spend a little more time in the last half of Lent offering a few more prayers offering thanks to God for what we have.

To finish, I have chosen the words of a Lent hymn:

Take up your cross, the Saviour said,

If you would my disciple be;

Deny yourself the world forsake,

And humbly follow after me.

Amen.

Future Services

Sunday 30th March - Mothering Sunday

- 8.00am - Holy Communion at St Mary's
- 10.00am - Sung Eucharist at St Mary's
- 11.00am - Sung Eucharist at St Anne's

Please note there is no evening service on 30th March.

Sunday 6th April - Fifth Sunday of Lent

- 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

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.

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 make sure you continue to the end of the bulletin to see what is happening in Lent!

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:

- Tuesday 25th March 09.30 – 11.30
- Wednesday 26th March 10.00 – 12.00
- Wednesday 2nd April 10.00 – 12.00
- Wednesday 9th April 10.00 – 12.00

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

Interfaith Iftar

The United Church of St Paul's & Retrofit Balsall Heath invite you to an Interfaith Iftar at Balsall Heath Church Centre on Wednesday 26th March 2025, 5.30-7.30pm followed by Lent Discussion Group led by the Parish of Moseley. [Click here](#) for more details. Booking is essential.

Help Needed with Mothering Sunday Posies: 29th March in the West Room at St Mary's Church from 9:30-10:30am

Help is needed to construct the posies that are handed out during the services on the 30th March. Please do bring greenery from your gardens if you are able!

Please contact Rachel at outreach@moseleychurch.org.uk if you have any questions.

Midland Chamber Orchestra - concert at St Mary's Church

Midland Chamber Orchestra presents Springtime with Schubert on Sunday 6th April, [1.30 - 2.30pm](#), St Mary's Church.

Tickets are available online and on the door. £5 adults, £2 children and students.

For tickets go to [Midland Chamber Orchestra event tickets from TicketSource](#).

We Need Your Help!

Local schools (including Moseley C of E) will be visiting St Mary's Church to take part in 'A Journey Through Holy Week', an interactive experience, which allows the children to explore their school values through a series of interactive tableaux.

Can you help for an hour or more on any of the days with some (very!) light acting or practical help?

7th April: 2- 3pm

8th April: All day

9th April: All day

11th April: 2-3pm

Please do speak to Rachel Kinning if you are interested: you can e mail her on

outreach@moseleychurch.org.uk.

HALLELUJA!

Members of St. Mary's congregation who are familiar with Handel's perennial chorus from Messiah are warmly invited to step up and sing it with the Choirs on Easter Day. Once Communion has been received, singing congregants can come up to the chancel via the Lady Chapel and join the throng. Do let Mick Perrier know to expect you via music@moseleychurch.org.uk so music can be provided. There will be a warm up at 9.30am before the service for all participants to ensure we're all singing from the same hymnsheet!

New Electoral roll

Every six years, a completely new church Electoral Roll must be prepared in each parish. 2025 is the year to prepare the new roll.

Electoral rolls provide a true indication of the real membership and strength of the Church, both locally and nationally. Putting your name on the roll is a way of saying "I belong"; it is an act of commitment to your local church and to the Church as a whole.

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.

Please do complete the application form by using [this link](#). The form only takes a minute to complete, and your response will be automatically uploaded into Churchdesk, our secure church management system. Please note that if you complete this electronic form, you **do not** need to complete the paper forms which are in church. **The form is now open and will close on Monday 14th April.**

If you are unsure whether you are resident in the parish, please enter your postcode into www.achurchnearyou.com for confirmation. (You do not have to be resident in the parish to join the electoral roll, you just need to habitually attend worship at either church!)

Job Opportunity - Sandwell Churches Link

Sandwell Churches Link are advertising the role of CEO for their organisation. They are seeking an exceptional team leader with a passion to help churches in Sandwell to interact with and serve their local communities, and to collaborate with others to tackle poverty in all its forms. If you are interested please use [this link](#).

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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 and Christine Guest.

Souls of the Departed: Angie Barnbrook, Philip Cale and Mary Shears.

The Parish also prays and gives thanks for:

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

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

We celebrate the Birthdays of: Sophia Rogers

Coming up ...

- **Words from the Cross - Paintings by Ben Ecclestone**

Words from the Cross - Paintings by Ben Ecclestone Visit St Anne's Church (Park Hill, Moseley) to view paintings by Ben Ecclestone which reflect the Seven Sayings of Jesus from the Cross (also know...

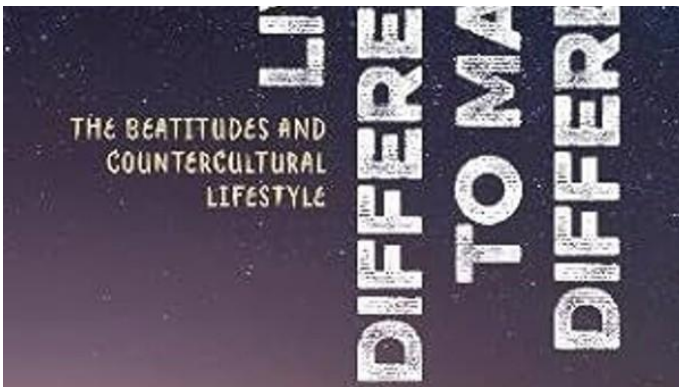


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- **MAR 26**

Lent Course - Session 3 at St Paul's Church Centre

Wednesday, 26 March 19:30

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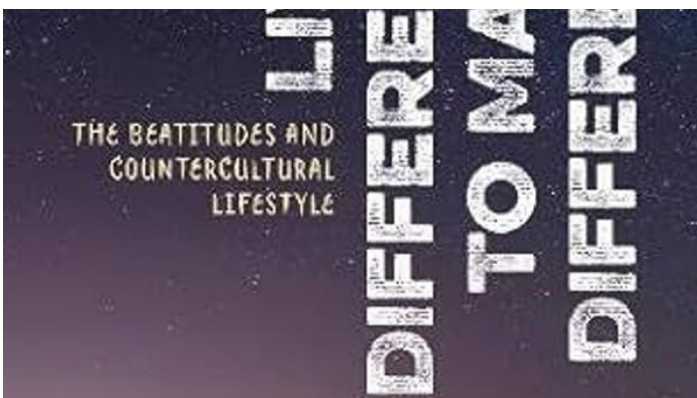


- **MAR 27**

Lent Course - Session 3 at St Paul's Church Centre

Thursday, 27 March 10:00

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- **MAR 29**

Saturday Morning Coffee Concert

Saturday, 29 March 11:00

Saturday Coffee Concert – 11am 29th March 2025 All are welcome at St Mary's Church for a Saturday Morning Coffee Concert. Margot Russell (Soprano) and Michael Jones (Piano) will perform a selection...

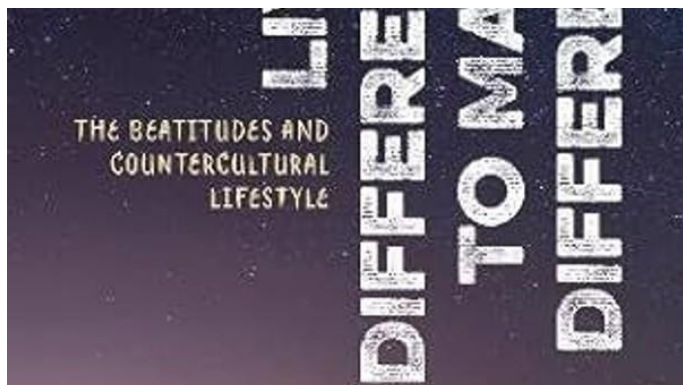


- **APR 05**

Parish Quiet Day - Living Differently

Saturday, 5 April 10:00

PARISH QUIET DAY Date: 10am - 4pm, 5th April (drinks served from 9.45am) Venue: Temple Balsall Old Hall and Church Speaker: Revd Will Donaldson, author of Living Differently to Make a Difference Lu...



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- **Electoral Roll Application - Parish of Moseley 2025**

Please complete this form if you would like to be on the Electoral Roll for the Parish of Moseley and indicate the criteria for qualification. Thank you.

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