



The Parish of Moseley

St Mary's & St Anne's



Parish of Moseley - Fourth Sunday of Easter

Our services for 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.

Morning readings for the Fourth Sunday of Easter: Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13, Acts 9.36-43, John 10.22-30

Thought for the Day by Revd Magdalen

We are entering spring followed by summer. During these seasons we enjoy (hopefully) some good weather and food eaten outside – maybe at a local café, on a picnic or in a garden. Many parishioners enjoy our annual Afternoon Tea in my own in August. Jesus also often broke bread outside too as the Feeding of the Five Thousand vouches for. This week I share a reflection which is part of a new piece of writing I am undertaking, called **The R.e.S.T Project** which stands for what it

spells as well as for Reflect Spiritually Today. As you read you are also invited to reflect or write about something each week or month that has made you stop and experience the presence of God.

Crumbs

I love to cook and perhaps especially to bake. There is always room in my life for cake and often I search for an occasion to do so. I love there being a fresh cake on the go. Cake feels decadent, a tiny piece of luxury in the everyday. Our parish love's cake too. Whatever the occasion and however few people, the cake always gets eaten. Cake generates crumbs and crumbs are an interesting phenomenon. Crumbs are the bits at the end where we try to prolong the experience of eating what has been delicious, perhaps we know we really shouldn't have any more. We might connect the experience of eating to thinking something out or, as we discuss a subject of importance with the friend we sit with. Crumbs feel precious and they make us stop and slow. They are the elements that help us recognise that the birds need feeding too. Nigel Slater in his beautiful memoir *A Thousand Feasts* likes them too, "There isn't a crumb I don't like", he says, "The shattered crust of a baguette; the rounded pink and yellow remains of a slice of birthday sponge; the last current from an Eccles cake or flake of puff pastry from a sausage roll".

Crumbs in the Christian tradition have not always had a positive history. The *Book of Common Prayer* suggests we have to grovel around under God's provision to 'gather up the crumbs under thy table' because we don't deserve his grace and goodness to us. Even Jesus tells the Samaritan woman that she isn't worthy of the scraps which are thrown to the dogs. Understandable, and with dignity she pushes back and tells him that indeed she is worthy, even if it is to eat *only* these. I would rather interpret these difficult pieces of theology in another light: that rather than feeling unhelpfully unworthy, our job is to know our need of God and to experience the joy in food generally and to express our gratitude for it in all its variety. That every crumb can be delicious, and nutritious. That gathering up the crumbs is about slowing, understanding good eating as a good ritual, sharing food and conversation with others who we love, or don't love, or don't know – all of which can build relationship and spirituality. Slater mentions his own uncertainty, wondering whether picking up crumbs is an "act of waste-not or of gluttony" and an act he does discreetly although admits that seeing someone else eat every last scrap of food he has cooked feels gratifying. For me, as for him, and as the liberal-catholic tradition encourages, I eat up all the shards and crumbs of broken wafer after a Eucharistic service and that becomes a closure and a sense of lifegiving love.

Future Services

Sunday 18th May - Fifth Sunday of Easter, Christian Aid and Bell Sunday

- 8.00am - Holy Communion at St Mary's (BCP)
- 10.00am - Bells and Bacon at St Mary's (please note this service will not be livestreamed)
- 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 May - Inclusive Church Sunday (Sixth Sunday of Easter)

- 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 for Inclusive Church Sunday with guest preacher Nigel Pietroni
- 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.

For the Wholeness and Healing service on 25th May, although everyone is welcome, we will hold a particular focus for those who have felt hurt and excluded by the Church.

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.

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.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) - Monday 12th May 2025

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting for the Parish of Moseley and a Meeting for the Election of Churchwardens will be held on Monday 12th May at 7.30pm at St Anne's Church.

Please [click here](#) to read a copy of the Annual Report and Accounts for 2024.

Funeral of Betty Padjasek

Betty Padjasek, a long-time volunteer in the kitchen for Lunch Club has sadly died. She worked with chef in the kitchen from 2007 to 2021. Betty's funeral will be held at St Peter's, Hall Green on Thursday 15th May at 2.15pm.

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:

- Thursday 15th May 2.00 – 4.00
- Tuesday 20th May 9.30 – 11.30
- Thursday 22nd May 2.00 – 4.00
- Monday 2nd June 10.00 – 12.00
- Wednesday 4th June 10.00 – 12.00

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

Successful Run for Headway!

Thank you to everyone who supported our (Anj, Iva and myself) fundraising runs for Headway. I am happy to report that we all completed the run in one piece and are keen to not run that distance again for a good while! It was all worthwhile though because as a team we have currently raised over £3000 for Headway Birmingham and Solihull.

This amazing charity has done so much to not only support my husband Martin, and our family as a whole, but many others in our community.

Our [JustGiving page](#) is still open for a few days more if you would like to donate.

Community Day

There will be a community day at Banana Moon Nursery on Saturday 10th May from 10am to 2pm. To find out more call 0121 449 7963 or visit bananamoon-moseley.co.uk.

Words from the Cross packs

Some of our congregation enjoyed the exhibition running through Lent and which we used for our Stations of the Cross service at St Anne's during Holy Week. Those people who took reproduction 'packs' please note these actually cost £5. If you can reimburse Revd Magdalen when you see her if you purchased one at the time it would be appreciated.

Reordering at St Mary's

Work continues to progress the development work at St Mary's. Part of the plans we are working on include underfloor heating, so some archaeological work will be needed to investigate! Read our FAQs [here](#) to learn more about the reordering plans.

Christians at Pride

Would you like to be part of Christians at Pride at Birmingham Pride this year? Please take a moment to register your interest here: <https://forms.gle/AY2AxV7RTmVK...>

The Birmingham Pride Parade is happening on Saturday 24th May.

On the day there are 2 meeting points for you to arrive at, the main one will be outside Java Roastery Colmore Row at 11:30.

Our EARLIER second meeting point will be at the Church at Carrs Lane at 10:30 for those who want to join us for prayer or join the roadside team.

We will share a short time of prayer outside the Church at Carrs Lane before those who are marching leave at 11:15 to head to Colmore Row (Java Roastery).

A group will also be staying at Carrs Lane to distribute stickers and sweets as part of the Christians at Pride roadside team.

Once the marchers have assembled as one group at Java Roastery Colmore Row, we will head to the main Pride meeting location on Centenary Square, to leave as part of the procession at approximately 12:30.

Any questions email christiansatpridebham@gmail.com or speak to Susan Winsor at susanwinsor@hotmail.com or Revd Magdalen at assocvicar@moseleychurch.org.uk or speak to us in person.

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 outreach@moseleychurch.org.uk

Bells and Bacon Sunday

On Sunday 18th May we will be celebrating Bells and Bacon Sunday at St Mary's Church during the 10am service. The service will focus on two important aspects of our church community, the work of Christian Aid and our Bells (and Bellringers!)

The service, led by our youth, will allow for many opportunities to explore both topics through our readings and hymns as well as some hand bell ringing! After the service, there will be an opportunity to have a go at ringing a bell (supervised of course!) and a chance to buy a bacon sandwich with all proceeds going to Christian Aid.

Do come and join in with the fun!

Turn your clutter into cash!

We're holding our **annual table top sale** on **Saturday 28th June** and we're looking for stallholders. It's usually a busy event as it's on the same day as Moseley farmers' market.

It's held from 10am-1pm in the churchyard of St Mary's (inside if it's bad weather). £15 minimum donation for a table. Money raised from sale of pitches and refreshments will go towards the upkeep of St Anne's and St Mary's churches.

For further details and to book a stall, follow this link: <https://forms.churchdesk.com/f/UZ3JmJNPkB>

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 <https://brumyodo.org.uk/events>

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 [here](#) or you can contact Jaz at jasmine@restore-uk.org for more information.

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: Doris Goodwin and Betty Padjasek.

The Parish also prays and gives thanks for:

- Those called to serve on our PCC as we prepare for our APCM.
- Everyone who lives in our parish - this week praying for all our neighbours who live on Chantry Road.
- Pope Leo, that he will serve with humility and love.

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

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

We celebrate the Birthdays of: James Barwell, Jeremy Maclean, Sylvie Howson, Florence McKay, William Middup, Penny Batsford, Diane Hirst and Indigo Masters.

Future events

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-...



Coffee Concert

Saturday, 31 May 11:00

Saturday morning Coffee Concert - 11am Saturday 24th May - by the Nova Wind Quintet. Familiar favourites including Haydn, de Groot, Rameau and Bartok. Coffee, tea and toast available from 10.30am. ...



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...

