



The Parish of Moseley

St Mary's & St Anne's



Parish of Moseley - Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Our Services for Sunday 31st August - Eleventh 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

Please note there will be no 6.30pm service at St Mary's.

Morning readings for the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity: Proverbs 25.6–7, Hebrews 13.1–8, 15-16, Luke 14.1, 7–14

Thought for the Day by Cheryl Hall

Proverbs reminds us it's better to take the lower seat and be invited forward than to push ourselves to the front and risk being told to step back. Jesus picks this up in Luke's gospel, warning against the scramble for recognition and teaching instead that "those who humble themselves will be exalted."

These verses come to mind as I read about the meeting between Donald Trump and Volodymyr Zelensky. Politics is often about who sits where, who looks stronger, who gets the photo opportunity. But Scripture quietly points us to a different measure of leadership—one that doesn't depend on status or headlines but on humility, service, and care for those who can't repay us.

The writer to the Hebrews reminds us: “Let brotherly love continue... do good and share with others, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.” That’s what God values—not how powerful we appear, but how faithfully we live.

In a world where pride and self-promotion dominate, the gospel calls us to another way. We don’t need to fight for the best seat at the table. We are invited to trust that Christ, who is the same yesterday, today, and forever, sees us, honours us, and calls us to lift others up. That’s where true strength lies.

Future Services

Sunday 7th September - Patronal Festival of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8.00am - Holy Communion at St Mary's
- 10.00am - Parish Eucharist for the Patronal Festival of the Blessed Virgin Mary at St Mary's
- 6.30pm - Choral Evensong and Dedication of St Mary's Refurbished Organ by the Bishop of Birmingham, the Right Reverend Michael Volland. (This service will be live streamed).

Please note there will be no 11.00am service at St Anne's.

Parish Breakfast will follow the 8.00am service.

Sunday 14th September - Thirteenth 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 - 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 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 continue to the bottom of the bulletin for events which are coming up

Flowers in St Mary's

This week's flowers commemorate Mike Stocks on the 10th anniversary of his death.

Revd Joan Griffin

We are saddened by the news of the death on August 8th of the Revd Joan Griffin, who with her husband Harry was a valued member of St Mary's. She served as a Reader, was ordained deacon in a service at St Mary's in May 1992, and priest in the first batch of women priests in 1994. A trained singer, she had been a founder member of St Mary's Singers, but her unpaid ministry to St Mary's people was extensive and highly valued - preaching, confirmation preparation, pastoral visiting. In parallel she served as a Chaplain first at Selly Oak Hospital, then at the Priory Hospital - a life of dedication and commitment.

Her funeral will be at Holy Cross Billesley, the parish where she settled after leaving St Mary's. The service is on Friday 19th September at 1.30pm (Holy Cross Church, Beauchamp Road, Billesley Common, B13 0NS) followed by cremation at Robin Hood Crematorium and returning for the wake at Holy Cross Community Centre. May she rest in peace - and rise in glory!

Tuesday Teas - 2nd September

If you are coming to Tuesday Teas, please can you choose a year which has a special memory for you. Please be prepared to talk about why it is special or important to you. If you would rather someone reads out your thoughts, please write them down and bring them with you.

Working parties at St Anne's Hall

Work will take place in the Council Room at St Anne's Hall on the following dates. Please come along and help if you are able.

- Tuesday 26th Aug, 9.30 – 11.30
- Thursday 28th Aug, 2.00 – 4.00
- Monday 1st Sept, 2.00 – 4.00
- Wednesday 3rd Sept, 10.00 - 12.00
- Thursday 4th Sept, 2.00 – 4.00
- Wednesday 10th Sep, 10.00 – 12.00
- Thursday 11th Sept, 2.00 – 4.00

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.

Heritage Open Days - September

St Anne's is participating in Heritage Open Days this September as part of the 150th anniversary celebrations, and in order to prepare some displays it would be useful to have a couple of people to help sift through and identify interesting material from our archive. If anyone is interested in this (probably a few hours at St Anne's at a mutually-convenient time), please contact John Gray on jgray@azuli.co.uk or 07841 004179.

Reordering at St Mary's: investigative work starting soon and services will move for two weeks only!

Part of the plans we are working on include underfloor heating, so some archaeological work will be needed to investigate what lies beneath. Trial pits will need to be dug and explored. **This means that for two Sundays (28th September and 5th October) we worship together as a single church family at St Anne's church at 11.00am.**

Services at St Anne's will be as follows:

28th September

- 8.30am Breakfast Church
- 11.00am Sung Eucharist
- 6.30pm Wholeness and Healing

5th October

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 11.00am Sung Eucharist
- 6.30pm Evensong

We want to offer a lift to St Anne's to anyone who would like one - if you would like a lift or if you can offer a lift, please do sign up on the sheets on the welcome desk, or contact the office.

Could you befriend a refugee?

Restore are running a befriending training day on Saturday 4th October, 9.45am – 4pm, at St John's Harborne. As a befriender, you would help refugees feel more welcome and less isolated; help them to practice English and show them Birmingham. Contact Jaz on jasmine@restore-uk.org to book or to find out more.

This week in the Parish

We continue to pray for:

Sheila Perks, Phil and Trish Burt, Jane, Laurie Flood, Jacqueline and Elizabeth, Ros Long, Betty Clarke and Christine Guest.

Souls of the Departed: Derek Purnell, Ken Harvey and Revd Joan Griffin.

The Parish also prays and gives thanks for:

- Revd Christine as she commences her role of Assistant Curate in our Parish.
- Those preparing to return to school, college and university: for students, staff and all who care for and nurture young people.
- Everyone who lives in our parish - this week praying for all our neighbours who live on Sovereign Way.

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

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

We celebrate the Birthdays of: Etta Bridgeman, Nigel Blakey, Nick Drew and Kate Stocks.

Future events

Tuesday Teas

Tuesday, 2 September 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, 3 September 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!



Dedication of the rebuilt organ by the Bishop of Birmingham in a service of Choral Evensong at St. Mary's

Sunday, 7 September 18:30



Heritage Open Day - St Anne's

Saturday, 13 September 14:00

The Anglican church of St Anne, Moseley was consecrated in 1874. As we reach the end of our 150th year celebrations, we will have on display some of the material from our archives giving a flavour ...



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Sunday, 21 September 14:00

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