



## The Parish of Moseley St Mary's & St Anne's



### Parish of Moseley - Third Sunday of Easter

#### Our Services for Sunday April 19th - Third Sunday of Easter

- 8.00am - Holy Communion at St Mary's (BCP)
- 10.00am - Sung Eucharist with Baptism 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 Third Sunday of Easter:** Zephaniah 3.14–end, Acts 2.14a, 36–41, Luke 24.13–35

#### Thought for the Day by Una Lodge

In this Sunday's gospel reading we hear the account of the encounter with Jesus on the road to Emmaus. The two disciples meet the risen Jesus, but don't recognise him. It is only when they invite Jesus to stay with them and he breaks bread that the metaphorical scales drop from their eyes and they see that it is him.

I have always been struck by the phrase that Jesus 'walked alongside them, but they were kept from recognising him'. What was it that was keeping them, and what can keep us, from recognising Jesus? A few weeks ago, I heard a great sermon preached at St Martin in the Fields in London about Jesus giving sight to the young man blind since birth. The point was made that we can sometimes get hung up on trying to understand God on an intellectual level and sometimes this desire to be

knowledgeable can stand in the way of us seeing and appreciating how God is acting in our lives. The challenge is how do we make ourselves open to this seeing, particularly when we might feel lost or bewildered like those disciples on the Emmaus road?

In this story, it is only when the disciples reflect back on the encounter with Jesus that they recognise the spiritual gift that they have been given, in that wonderfully resonant phrase: 'Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?' One of the traditional practices of Christian spirituality that I have learnt recently is the Examen, in which one spends time looking back over the day that has passed and considering where God has been present in it. Taking time to be still can help us work towards this most simple but apparently difficult task of seeing God, and perhaps, sometimes, we too may feel our hearts burning within us.

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## Future Services

### Sunday 26th April - Fourth 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
- 11.00am - Sung Eucharist at St Anne'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.

### Sunday 3rd May - Fifth 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 - Evensong at St Mary's

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**Parish breakfast will follow the 8.00am service. All are welcome.**

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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 **9.00am** 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**

**Online Compline**

Online Compline (Night Prayer) will be at the earlier time of 7pm this Wednesday 22nd April. Please contact the office if you would like the Zoom link.

**Livestreaming of Services**

Please note that our 10am service is now livestreamed to our Parish YouTube page, rather than via Facebook. This is due to ongoing interruptions to livestreams via Facebook. The Parish YouTube page can be found [here](#).

**Betty Clarke**

Betty died peacefully on 19th January 2026 after over 100 good years. Liz and Jenny would like to thank the many who have given us kind words, sympathy, cards, flowers and love, and prayed for us in the last few weeks. Betty planned a service to celebrate her life. This will take place on **Saturday 18th April at 12.30pm in St Mary's**. All are welcome to be part of this service. Betty asked that those attending the service wear bright colours and not black.

**Marriage Enrichment Course - *Real Love, Real Life***

St Anne's Church, Saturday 25th April, 10am - 3pm. For all couples, those who are about to be married, newly-married, and those wanting to deepen their marriage relationship. No cost and lunch provided.

**New for 2026 - Journeying into Faith**

We are offering four short sessions on Tuesday evenings for those who would like to explore some of the basics of Christian faith. Sessions are very open and accessible with some input from clergy leaders as well as plenty of space to ask questions. The sessions are appropriate for those preparing for Confirmation but are also open to anyone interested in refreshing questions around their faith.

The remaining sessions will be on Tuesday evenings of 21st, 28th April and 5th May in the West Room from 7.30-9pm.

**Book of the Term**

Our next Book of the Term date will be on **Wednesday 29th April at 7.30-9.00pm** in the West Room at St Mary's Church. Please come prepared to share about a book you have read **recently**. The West Room can be accessed to the left of the main church doors where there is a sign to direct you.

**Sabbatical 2026**

Revd Magdalen has been granted a sabbatical by the Diocese this year from 1st May until the end of July. Magdalen's last sabbatical was in 2013 when she wrote her first book. This time, building on the

course she has already written which we will be using this Lent - *And Now For the Rest* - she will be looking into the idea of wellbeing - emotional, physical and spiritual and reading and writing around how people of faith and church communities can model this well. She will be spending some time at St Beuno's Ignatian Spirituality Centre in North Wales, The Community of Martha and Mary in Devon and Glasshampton Friary in Worcestershire. The rest of the time will be spent reading and writing at Queen's Library in Edgbaston (where she trained) and visiting friends and family. 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.

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## **This week in the Parish**

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

Sheila Perks, Trish Burt, Jane, Laurie Flood, Elizabeth, Ros Long, Christine Guest, Philip Mills, Angela Sones and family, Christina Brown, Revd Richard Taylor, Heather Smithson, Linda and Rosie Calloway and Catherine Glasbey.

**Souls of the departed:** Stephen Vokes and Jane Briggs.

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

- Claudia, being baptised at St Mary's this Sunday.
- The pastoral care we offer to one another, praying especially for the ministry of the Pastoral Team.
- Everyone who lives in our parish - this week praying for all our neighbours who live on Torridon Croft.

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

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

**We celebrate the Birthdays of:** Sarah Williams and Madeleine Townend.

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## **Future events**

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