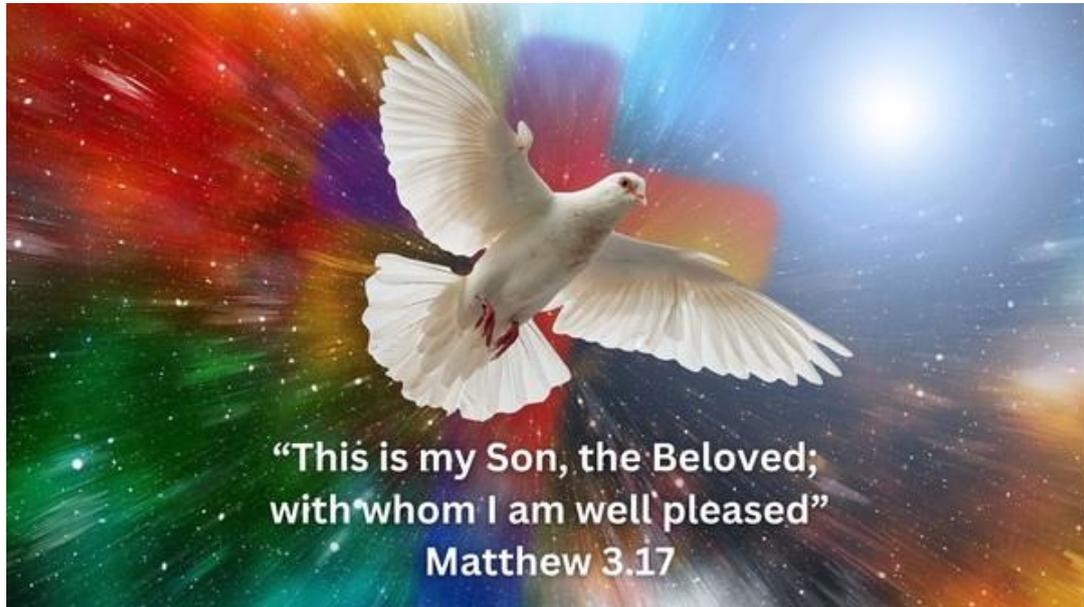




## The Parish of Moseley St Mary's & St Anne's



### Parish of Moseley - The Baptism of Christ

#### Our Services for Sunday 11th January - The Baptism of Christ

- 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 - Taizé service 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.

**Readings for The Baptism of Christ:** Isaiah 42.1–9, Acts 10.34–43, Matthew 3.13–end

#### Thought for the Day by Fiona Chew

In the first two chapters of his gospel, Matthew takes us on a whistle-stop tour of the genealogy of Jesus, his birth, the visit of the wise men and his move to Nazareth as a child. Chapter three then describes the ministry of John the Baptist and culminates in our gospel reading for today, in which Jesus is baptised by John in the River Jordan. To us, in today's times when the baptisms we usually attend are most often those of infants, this may seem at first glance to be quite logical – Jesus was born and baptised. Except of course, Jesus was baptised as an adult and Matthew has skipped us forward about 30 years. Those who came to be baptised by John the Baptist, came to repent of their sins. However, Jesus' baptism signified something more. It symbolised the start of his ministry, his humility and the fulfilment of a prophecy with which Jesus was very familiar. Through the act of baptism, Jesus was revealed as the Son of God – “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased” (Matthew 3.17).

For us as Christians, baptism is a sacrament that marks the beginning of a person's journey of faith – and that includes both infants and adults. If you would like to be baptised, or would like your child / children to be baptised, please be encouraged to talk to a member of the clergy team, or contact the Church Office.

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## Future Services

### Sunday 18th January - Second Sunday of Epiphany

- 8.00am - Holy Communion at St Mary's (BCP)
- 10.00am - Family Service 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.

### Sunday 25th January - Third Sunday of Epiphany

- 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

**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.

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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

### Baptism Service 18th January

Next Sunday (18th January) we are holding a Family Baptism service for baby Noah and his family at 10am. Whilst this is not a Eucharistic service, it's a holy sacrament and therefore very special. Your support is needed to welcome Baby Noah into our community, so please come and be part of this service.

## **Sing Along A Sound of Music**

Come along to Sing Along A Sound of Music in St Anne's Church! Saturday 7th February.

Dress up as your favourite character; take a pic in the Alpine meadow backdrop; Austrian refreshments available, bring a drink.

Doors open 6pm, film starts 6.30pm. £5 entry, pay on the door (cash)

## **New for 2026 - Journeying into Faith**

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

On 31st January at 3pm we will be hosting a short session and simple Afternoon Tea for anyone who is interested. This will be at 3pm in the West Room for an hour or so.

Sessions will be on Tuesday evenings of 14th, 21st, 28th April and 5th May in the West Room from 7.30-9.0pm. For those wishing to be confirmed this service will be at St Mary's Church on May 17th at 5pm.

Please do feel free to chat to Revd Ange or Revd Magdalen about this if you are unsure whether its for you.

## **Moseley Organ Festival – breaking new ground!**

Following the rebirth of St. Mary's Henry Jones Exhibition Organ after its recent renovation, Moseley brings international talent to celebrate with the Parish and the community.

A wealth of events across the weekend of February 27<sup>th</sup> to March 1<sup>st</sup> includes feasting, playing, discovering, listening, learning with something for everyone.

Featuring international organ superstar David Briggs (once a pupil at Moseley CofE School, now Artist in Residence at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York) and international organ consultant and recitalist Paul Hale (formerly Director of Music at Southwell Minster now advising on major organ projects including Gloucester Cathedral), the wealth of opportunities can be accessed via the Music page of our website [here](#) or scroll down to the bottom of this bulletin to find out more and book your tickets.

We look forward to welcoming all from far and wide with yet another reason to visit Moseley Village!

## **Warm Space**

We are no longer doing Warm Space on any Thursday but we will be continuing every Friday from 10-12 at St Mary's. Everyone is welcome.

## **Can you help with the Conversation Cafe at St Chad's Sanctuary?**

St Chad's Sanctuary is a local Birmingham charity providing a variety of support to asylum seekers and refugees, including a weekly Conversation Café where people have the opportunity to practise their English. They are currently looking for volunteers to help with this friendly, informal English session which takes place on Wednesday mornings from 11.00 - 1.00. Volunteers arrive at 10.15 for the pre-session team briefing and to help with the set-up. They look at a different topic each week and each volunteer works with a group of 6-8 learners. You do not need to have any formal teaching qualifications, though relevant experience and a willingness to undertake some training would be an advantage.

The best way to find out what's involved is to come along and sit in on one of the sessions and meet the friendly and supportive team of volunteers. If this sounds like something you'd like to get involved in please email Karen at [esol@stchadssanctuary.com](mailto:esol@stchadssanctuary.com). St Chad's Sanctuary, 72-74 Shadwell Street, Birmingham, B4 6HA.

## 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!

## Restore Training Course

Restore will be holding their next training course at St Johns Church, Harborne on 7th February 2026. The course is for anyone interested in learning more about refugees, or those considering volunteering as a befriender with Restore. The training will start at 9.45am and finish at 4pm. Contact Jasmine at Restore for more information on [jasmine@restore-uk.org](mailto:jasmine@restore-uk.org) or [click here](#) to sign up.

## 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, Betty Clarke, Christine Guest, Philip Mills, Angela Sones and family, Christina Brown and Revd Richard Taylor.

**Souls of the Departed:** Geraldine Taylor.

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

- Those in our parish who will be baptised this year.
- Everyone who lives in our parish - this week praying for all our neighbours who live on Russell Road.

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

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

**We celebrate the Birthdays of:** Janet Thorne, Lena Skuriat and Evelyn Hewett.

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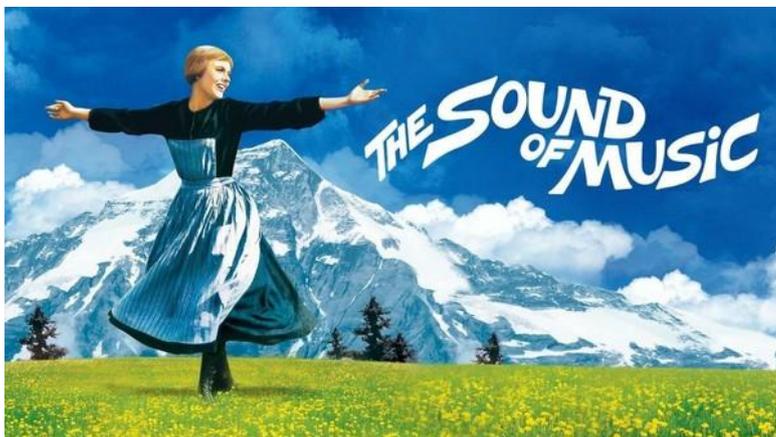
## Future events

- FEB 07

### Sing Along A Sound of Music

Saturday, 7 February 18:00

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- FEB 27

### **Organ Festival: Festival Supper**

Friday, 27 February 19:00

Come along and enjoy a curry banquet with soft drinks provided. Bring your own alcohol if required.



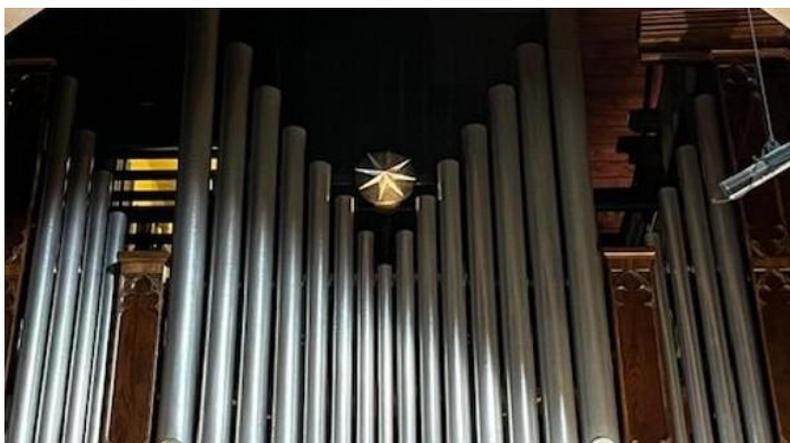
Sign up

- FEB 28

### **Organ Festival: Open Console**

Saturday, 28 February 10:00

Members of Birmingham Organists Association will be stationed at St Anne's and St Mary's Churches. Any organists wishing to play the organs are invited to arrive at their own convenience between th...



Sign up

- FEB 28

### **Organ Festival: Young Person's Guide to the Organ**

Saturday, 28 February 14:30

Session led by Mick Perrier, Director of Music. All young people must be accompanied by an adult.



Sign up

- FEB 28

### **Organ Festival: Gala Concert by David Briggs**

Saturday, 28 February 19:30

Gala Concert by International Organ Virtuoso DAVID BRIGGS (Artist in Residence, St. John the Divine, New York)  
Tickets: £20 (Children free) includes a glass of wine or soft drink and nibbles in the...



Sign up

- MAR 01

### **Organ Festival: Sung Eucharist at St. Mary's with David Briggs on Organ**

Sunday, 1 March 10:00



- MAR 01

### Organ Festival: Demonstration Recital by Paul Hale

Sunday, 1 March 15:30



Sign up

- MAR 01

### Organ Festival: Festival Tea

Sunday, 1 March 17:00



- MAR 01

### Organ Festival: Songs of Praise at St. Mary's with Paul Hale on Organ

Sunday, 1 March 18:30

