



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



Parish of Moseley - Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)

Our Services for Sunday 2nd February - Presentation of Christ in the Temple

- 8.00 am - Holy Communion at St Mary's (BCP)
- 10.00am - Sung Eucharist at St Mary's
- 11.00am - Sung Eucharist at St Anne's
- 6.30pm - Service of Music and Readings for Candlemas at St Mary's

Parish Breakfast will follow the 8am service - all are welcome.

Morning readings for the Presentation of Christ in the Temple - Malachi 3.1–5, Hebrews 2.14–18, Luke 2.22–40

Thought for the Day by Trish Everett

The festival of Candlemas commemorates the presentation of Jesus at the Temple of Jerusalem, referring to him as the light of the people.

We light candles to remind us that the light of Christ overcomes darkness, death and despair. And if we follow the teachings and example of Christ as we endeavour to live a Christ-like life, that light should be in us too.

So we can try each day to bring some light to the lives of others - through kindness and generosity, with empathy, respect and consideration for those we meet each day. If we live out our parish motto "Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love", then we will indeed reflect that light of Christ.

And we should also take some time to shine that light in our own lives too, perhaps taking a moment to reflect on something which we are thankful for: ending our day with gratitude and thanks.

Future Services

Sunday 9th February - Fourth Sunday before Lent

- 8.00 am - Holy Communion at St Mary's (BCP)
- 10.00am - Intergenerational Eucharist with a focus on Racial Justice Sunday
- 11.00am - Sung Eucharist at St Anne's
- 6.30pm - Taize 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.

Racial Justice Sunday is for all churches to reflect on the importance of racial justice, to give thanks for the gifts and beauty of human diversity, and to commit to end racism and acts of discrimination.

Sunday 16th February - Third Sunday before Lent

- 8.00 am - 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.

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.
 - **With effect from Monday 3rd February**, 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

Parish Motto for 2025 - Message from Revd Ange

During these winter months, we look for signs of hope. The first sightings of snowdrops cause our hearts to fill with joy at the thought that the days will be soon getting longer, and we shall see growth in nature. As we journey together as a Christian community, we have chosen a piece of scripture to help us see spiritual growth this year. Paul wrote to the church community in Ephesus, "Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love" (chapter 4, verse 2). This verse will be our parish motto in 2025. We've chosen it for several reasons: firstly because it will give some shape to our growth as disciples. Every ministry in our parish will be encouraged to consider and discuss 'what does this mean for me and for the area of church that I'm involved in'? Secondly, because it is a 'being' word and not a 'doing' word. This is not about promoting more activity, but looking inside ourselves to see how God is encouraging us to grow. And thirdly, because it will make us dependent on God. It's very hard to be even a little bit humble, let alone completely humble! And yet with God's Holy Spirit living in us, we can continue to

be changed into a community which draws other in to know God's love. I'm looking forward to seeing how we grow as a community this year, and for God to guide us as we do so.

Tuesday Teas

Tuesday Teas will be taking place this Tuesday, 4th February from 2pm in St Mary's Church. We are looking forward to seeing you.

Karaoke evening at St Mary's: 8th February at 7.00 pm

Come along and have some fun for a fiver! Sing your favourite songs. Snacks included - bring your own drink of choice! Sign up on the sheets on the welcome desks.

Concert: A Celebration of John Joubert at St Mary's: 8th February at 11.00 am

A free concert to celebrate John Joubert, featuring Octet by John Joubert and new Joubert inspired songs created by students at Eden Girls Leadership Academy and St Mary's Trebles and Youth Group.

Alcester Male Voice Choir

Come and enjoy an evening of song with the renowned Alcester Male Voice Choir on Saturday 15th March 2025 at 7pm at St Anne's Church, Moseley. Alcester Male Voice Choir are celebrating 50 golden years since their foundation in 1974.

Tickets £10.00 per person, including a drink and biscuits. [Click here](#) to book.

Restore Training Course

Could you befriend a refugee? The next training course at Restore will be held at St Johns Church, Harborne on 8th February 2025, from 9.45am to 4pm. To book a place please email jasmine@restore-uk.org.

Job opportunity with CofE Birmingham Education Team

The Education Team are advertising a 21 hour a week role for an Education Team Executive Officer. The focus is principally around organising, running, and clerking meetings and providing support for the Diocesan Director of Education role in an administrative way. The advertisement is now live on the diocesan website: <https://www.cofebirmingham.com...> and also via Pathways <https://pathways.churchofengla...>

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, Shaun, Ben and Chantal and Christine Guest.

Souls of the Departed: Michael Lloyd, Thelma Berridge and Christopher Lenczyk

The Parish also prays and gives thanks for:

- Sabina Bealt as she prepares to be licensed as a Reader on 8th February.
- Our churchwardens: Danielle, John, Angela and our Deputy Wardens.
- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans + History Month.

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

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

We celebrate the Birthdays of: Arthur Pollitt, Emma Hyem, Paul Chew, Abigail McLeod, Chloe Hewett, Jacob Rowley, Luca Jeffers and Joyce Hodgson.