



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



Harvest Festival

Parish of Moseley - Harvest

Our Services for Sunday 4th October - Harvest

- 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

Parish breakfast will follow the 8am service. All are welcome.

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 Harvest: Deuteronomy 8.7-18, 2 Corinthians 9.6-15, Luke 12.16-30

Thought for the day by Markus Kappers

When the Path Seems to Lead Away

From our campsite in Northumbria, Bamburgh Castle stood clearly in view. It seemed to promise a straightforward journey: a two-hour walk towards a visible destination. Yet, as we followed the path, it sometimes led us away from the castle. At times it appeared close enough to touch; at others, it disappeared completely from sight.

The experience brought to mind the labyrinths used in prayer and contemplation. A labyrinth may appear to lead us towards the centre, only to turn us away again. Yet every step belongs to the journey. The apparent detours are not mistakes; they are part of the path.

I also thought of Teresa of Avila's image of the "interior castle", with its many rooms and passages. The journey towards God is rarely direct or predictable. There are times when God seems close and unmistakable, and other times when the way feels uncertain and the destination is hidden. We may wonder whether we are making progress at all.

Perhaps faithfulness is not measured by how clearly we can see the goal, but by whether we continue to walk the path set before us. A route that seems to lead away may be quietly preparing us for the next stage. What appears to be distance may be an invitation to trust.

Today, when your journey seems confusing or your goal feels out of sight, remember that you may still be moving towards it. Keep walking. The path knows more than you can presently see.

Future Services

Sunday 11th October - Nineteenth 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 - Celtic Worship at St Mary's

Our Celtic Service is a quiet, reflective service of readings, prayer and music, with liturgy and themes drawn from communities with roots in early Celtic Christianity.

Sunday 18th October - Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00am - 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 - Evensong at St Mary's

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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 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.
- Online Compline (Night Prayer) takes place at 7.30pm on a Wednesday. Please contact the office if you would like the Zoom link.
- The Thursday Midweek Communion service is at **12.15pm** in the Lady Chapel at St Mary's.
- Our 10am Sunday service is usually livestreamed to our Parish YouTube page. The Parish YouTube page can be found [here](#).

Notices - please continue to the bottom of the bulletin for events which are coming up

Harvest Collections for Sparkhill Foodbank

We will be collecting items for Sparkhill Foodbank during our Harvest services at both churches on 4th October. The Foodbank are in particular need of the following items - UHT milk, biscuits, tinned custard, tinned rice pudding, tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, cereals, tea, coffee, tinned fish, tinned meat, tinned tomatoes and instant mashed potatoes.

Support the Community Fridge

The Community Fridge at Moseley Hive is running short of food. If you have any surplus fresh food, please consider donating it to the Fridge. For more information, please check their website <https://moseleycommunity.com/>

Walking Bus for Trebles Practice

This term we are looking to trial a walking bus from Moseley C of E Primary School to St Mary's Church for the Tuesday evening Treble practice.

A number of families have indicated that their child/ren would like to join the Trebles however they are currently unable to make the logistics work. We are proposing that teams of two adults would collect children from school at 4.30pm and walk them to church in good time for practice which begins at 5.00pm. That 30 minute commitment is all that is needed as parents would collect their children at the end of practice at 6.00pm. If you would be willing to be a part of the walking bus rota for the trial period, we would be very appreciative, even if you could only sign up for one or two weeks. This role does require all adults to be DBS checked and to have completed Safeguarding training, both which the church can assist you with. Please let Rachel outreach@moseleychurch.org.uk or Mick music@moseleychurch.org.uk know if you are interested in helping.

Accessibility Aids

If you have additional needs and would appreciate using one of our resources, please let the Duty Warden or Sidesperson know. We have the following available on the Welcome Desk for you to borrow: Dyslexia Bibles, Dyslexia overlays for the orders of service and Ear Defenders.

Can you help with a welcome/support with Makaton/BSL

If you can use British Sign Language, and/or Makaton, and could help us during our services, could you let the Office know?

Receiving communion

If its easier for you to receive communion at your seat, please let the sidespeople/ deputy wardens know - they are the people you meet at the welcome desk.

Karaoke and Samosas!

Enjoy a fun night of karaoke and samosas at St Mary's on Saturday 10th October at 7 pm. Pay £5.00 on the night: samosas, tea, coffee and soft drinks available, and you can bring your own alcohol. Sign up on the sheets on the welcome desk.

Sign up for Eat Pray Love!

Eat Pray Love is on Monday 12th October at St Anne's Church 6.30pm-8.30pm,

An opportunity for everyone to join with our friends from our Oversight Area for a bring-and-share supper and Iona style-worship.

Sign up sheets are on the welcome desks - let us know if you'll be coming and what food you can bring.

Inspiring videos shared by Birmingham Diocese during the Season of Creation

Throughout the Season of Creation (31st August to 4th October), there will be articles on the Church of England Birmingham website about caring for God's creation. Follow [this link](#) for more information.

Knit a poppy for Remembrance

The knitting group meets on alternate Wednesdays at 2 pm. If you would like to join in contact Kate on 07853 244917.

If you would like to knit or crochet a poppy for Remembrance Sunday the instructions are [here](#).

Churchyard Tidy

We are organising a Churchyard tidy and gardening session on Saturday 10 October, 10:30 - 12:30. We will be initially focussing on the Garden of Remembrance and surrounding area.

If you are able and would like to be involved please sign up on the sheet at the back of church or email our Churchwarden Neil via the church office on office@moseleychurch.org.uk just so we have an idea of numbers. It's fine to just come on the day though.

We'll have some spare gardening gloves but please bring along any gardening tools you may have.

Christmas Fair

The kids have only just gone back to school and we're already talking about Christmas!

St Mary's Church Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday 28th November 10am - 2pm. Please put this date in your diaries. We'll be raising money for our churches and chosen charities (The Busoga Trust, Practical Action and St Chad's Sanctuary).

We are busy planning all the usual festive fun, games and refreshments that make this event such a success but we are now in need of donations.

★ New this year! We will be holding a Christmas themed stall, instead of our usual bric a brac table, for all your festive bargains! We are now collecting donations so please bring in to church anything Christmas-related that we can sell. For example:

- Christmas decorations 🎄
- Christmas jumpers 🧣
- Regifiable items (these must be brand new, unopened or in excellent condition) 📺
- Christmas wrapping 📦 🎀

We will not be accepting bric a brac so please do not bring it to the church.

🧸 Our popular Children's Corner will return, so anything like unwanted toys, children's books, games and jigsaws will be very welcome.

📖 We are accepting books for our Book Stall. Sorry we cannot take DVDs or CDs so please do not bring them to church.

🍷 We also need bottles for our Bottle Tombola.

Please ensure all donated items are in good working order.

Nearer the time we will be asking for volunteers to help out on the day, if you already fancy lending a hand please let the office know.

Thank you in advance for all your support, it is always appreciated. See you at the Christmas Fair!

Online Compline

Are you looking for a new challenge this autumn? Have you enjoyed coming to Compline over the summer? Would you like to try Compline (Night Prayer) but don't want to come out in the evenings? What is better than the opportunity to join our friendly online prayer group on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm for just 20 minutes of prayer from the comfort of your own home. Do get in touch with the Parish Office for details of how to join if you would like to give it a try.

Prayer Corner

The Prayer Corner has been repositioned, returning to its original position underneath the Magnificat Window (almost diagonal to where it was by the Welcome Desk). Over the coming weeks we hope to develop this area a little. One change will be having a large bowl filled with sand, using small vertical candles to light, rather than using the small tea-lights which are difficult to recycle and often end up in landfill. We may also move to use a book where people can write prayer requests rather than pin post-it notes on a noticeboard. We also hope to introduce a prayer focus every 2-3 months with simple resources around a theme. Revd Magdalen.

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.

This week in the Parish

We continue to pray for:

Sheila Perks, Trish Burt, Jane, Laurie Flood, Elizabeth, Ros Long, Christine Guest, Philip Mills, Christina Brown, Heather Smithson, Linda and Rosie Calloway, Bobby Bridgeman, Nick Adams, Ken Bonham, Sumit, Sam and Grace Macfie, Kevin Holland and Peter Magson.

The Parish also prays and gives thanks for:

- The work of Sparkhill Foodbank and the Community Fridge in Moseley.
- Baby Loss Awareness Week and Global Wave of Light from 9th to 15th October.
- World Mental Health Day on 10th October.
- Everyone who lives in our parish - this week praying for all our neighbours who live on Conifer Court.

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

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

We celebrate the Birthdays of: Cathal Drew, Lauren Townend, Jenny Drew, Glyn Samuel and Sarah Teversham.

Future events

- OCT 06

Tuesday Teas

Tuesday, 6 October 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.



- OCT 07

Moseley at the Movies

Wednesday, 7 October 19:00

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 7pm.



- OCT 10

Churchyard tidy and gardening session

Saturday, 10 October 10:30

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Karaoke and Samosas

Saturday, 10 October 19:00

Karaoke and Samosas! At St Mary's Church at 7.00pm - £5.00 pay on the door. Samosas, tea, coffee and soft drinks available Bring your own wine/beer/alcohol of choice



- OCT 12

Eat Pray Love

Monday, 12 October 18:30

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