



The Parish of Moseley

St Mary's & St Anne's



Parish of Moseley - Trinity Sunday

Our services for Sunday 15th June - Trinity Sunday

- 8.00am - Holy Communion at St Mary's (BCP)
- 10.00am - Sung Eucharist with Baptism at St Mary's (this service will not be live-streamed)
- 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.

Morning readings for Trinity Sunday: Proverbs 8.1–4, 22–31, Romans 5.1–5 and John 16.12–15

Thought for the Day by Fiona Chew

Our first reading today is from the book of Proverbs – a collection of sayings which were designed to educate humankind in the art of wise living. In chapter 8, Wisdom is personified as a female figure, created by God when the world did not exist- *“The Lord created me at the beginning of his work”* (v22). Wisdom says *“When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit (v27-29).... Then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight”* (v30). So Wisdom is describing herself as created by God and playing an active role in the Creation and the language in these verses is clearly an echo of the creation narrative of Genesis chapter 1. However, the identity of Wisdom has been much debated. The Oxford

Bible Commentary says that “she belongs at God’s side but she is also at home in the world.....it reveals her place as the link between heaven and earth.” Is this the same as the Holy Spirit? The fact that this passage is our Old Testament reading for Trinity Sunday, when we celebrate Father, Son and Holy Spirit has certainly left me contemplating the mystery and majesty of the Holy Trinity and maybe that is the intention?

Future Services

Sunday 22nd June - Trinity 1

- 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. David Derbyshire will be speaking on Neurodiversity as part of our Inclusive Church series
- 6.30pm - Contemplative Worship at St Mary's

Please note there will be no 11am service at St Anne's on 22nd June.

Contemplative worship will offer the opportunity to to reflect and contemplate around a theme. By its nature, the service will usually include longer periods of silence, pieces of music and also prayer. There may be less opportunity for congregational singing. The service is likely to be less formal than our usual worship.

Sunday 29th June - Trinity 2

- 8.00am - Holy Communion at St Mary's
- 10.00am - Sung Eucharist at St Mary's. Mark Simons will be speaking on Mental Health as part of our Inclusive Church series
- 11.00am - Sung Eucharist at St Anne's

Please note there will be no 6.30pm service at St Mary's on 29th June.

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

EAT PRAY LOVE - Thank you!

A big thank you to everyone who supported our first EAT PRAY LOVE event last Monday. It was great to be together, pray and share food. This was our first event as an Oversight community so keep watch for details of our next gathering!

Volunteers needed for Warm Space and Coffee and Co.

The church is open on Friday from 10.00-12.00 and Saturday from 10.30 -12.00 where warm drinks and snacks are served and everyone who comes into church is welcome. We have a group of loyal volunteers who make sure we are able to offer this and I would like to thank them for what they do, however we do need more volunteers.

If you feel able to give up a couple of hours occasionally on a Friday or Saturday morning please contact the office on [0121 449 2243](tel:01214492243) or speak to Angela Brown in church. Thank you.

Turn your clutter into cash!

We're holding our **annual table top sale** on **Saturday 28th June** and we're looking for stallholders. It's usually a busy event as it's on the same day as Moseley farmers' market.

It's held from 10am-1pm in the churchyard of St Mary's (inside if it's bad weather). £15 minimum donation for a table. Money raised from sale of pitches and refreshments will go towards the upkeep of St Anne's and St Mary's churches.

For further details and to book a stall, follow this link: <https://forms.churchdesk.com/f/UZ3JmJNPkB>

St Anne's Hall Working Party

Further dates have been arranged for the hall working party to continue work on the foyer and council room:

- Tuesday 17th June 9.30 – 11.30
- Thursday 19th June 2.00 – 4.00
- Friday 20th June 10.00 – 12.00
- Wednesday 25th June 10.00 – 12.00

For any queries, please contact Bridget Langstaff on 07816 828439 or bridget@langstaff.co.uk.

Churchwarden at St Mary's

As we discussed in our APCM, Angela Brown would like to stand as churchwarden at St Mary's for another year before stepping down. As the maximum tenure is six years, we met on Sunday 8th June and voted to temporarily disallow this six-year rule so that she can do this.

In order to elect Angela as churchwarden, we will hold another short meeting at St Mary's following the 10.00am morning service on Sunday 6th July. If you are able to attend, please do.

Churchwardens - can you step up to take the role on?

(Nearly) every Parish Church ought to have two Churchwardens. Very soon we shall have no Churchwardens at either St Mary's or St Anne's. Every communicant on the electoral roll aged at least 21 is eligible to stand as Churchwarden - and the role is not exclusively for the older

members of the congregation: I was aged just 27 when I first became Churchwarden at St Mary's, working alongside Betty Clarke.

Why have Churchwardens? The Churchwardens are the foremost representatives of the congregation, responsible for voicing the thoughts and wishes of the congregation to the members of the ministry team, and to the bishop. They are keepers of the valuables of the Church and must ensure there is 'order and decency in the church and churchyard' (yes, churchwardens even have a power of arrest). Churchwardens are active in promoting the mission of the church, because church law requires churchwardens '*to use their best endeavours by example and precept to encourage the parishioners in the practice of true religion and to promote unity and peace among them*'. It is very important to have someone willing to take on the office; without churchwardens the lay congregation is not properly represented, and it almost suggests the members of the congregation are not invested in the future of the Parish. Although Angela Brown has agreed to continue for one more year (subject to a vote of the parishioners allowing her to stand) there really needs to be someone from St Mary's willing to work with her to learn the role - and there definitely needs to be someone willing to step forward at St Anne's.

Appointment as Churchwarden is for one year at a time, with now a maximum of six consecutive years, but a churchwarden is not required to stay in office for the whole six year period. If you are invested in the future of our two churches, are confirmed and believe you can represent the rest of the congregation, can you consider stepping forward? If interested, please do speak with a member of the ministry team, with Angela, or with any former churchwarden.

Glyn Samuel - Churchwarden at St Mary's 1996-2005, 2016-2022

Running St Anne's without Churchwardens

Thanks to all who attended our helpful meeting about St Anne's (with no Churchwarden). We agreed to meet briefly once a month after the 11am service to check how things are going. The next meeting will be on 29th June after the 11am service.

Aspects of Inclusion

We're exploring this a little more over the summer as we consider what it really means to be inclusive. We've signed up to be part of a national network of churches who want to do this and will be organising some special services as part of our series on inclusion. We're starting with a service on Inclusive Church Sunday on May 25th at St Mary's at 10am and over the summer there will be speakers on the following themes:

- June 22nd Neurodiversity - 10am at St Mary's, speaker David Derbyshire
- June 29th Mental Health - 10am at St Mary's, speaker Mark Simons
- July 6th Sexuality - 10am at St Mary's, reflection Magdalen Smith
- July 13th Poverty - 11am at St Anne's, speaker Fred Ratley
- July 20th Ethnicity - 10am at St Mary's, speaker Jasmine Brown

Moseley in Bloom - Open Gardens 29th June : tickets now available !

Tickets to the summer's best day out are now on sale! We will have 18 lovely gardens open to the public on Sunday 29th June and you can get your tickets at the early-bird discount price of £8.50 until Sunday 15th June. From Monday 16th June the price is £10. You can buy via our [online shop](#) (to be collected on the day), at the Moseley Exchange (8.30am - 3pm, Monday - Friday) and at the Moseley

farmer's Market on Saturday 28th June. You can also buy tickets on the day at five specific gardens - this [ticket map](#) has the details.

Feeling peckish during Open Gardens, but don't want to take time out to stop for lunch? New for this year we have partnered up with Change Kitchen to provide picnic lunch boxes for collection at one of the gardens on the day - you need to pre-order from the [Change Kitchen website](#). We will still be selling our delicious samosas at the five refreshment gardens, and of course our homemade cakes too.

Reordering at St Mary's

Work continues to progress the development work at St Mary's. Part of the plans we are working on include underfloor heating, so some archaeological work will be needed to investigate! Read our FAQs [here](#) to learn more about the reordering plans.

Parish Prayer List

We are reviewing the Parish Prayer List and names will continue to be left on the list if the person who has asked for prayer informs the Parish Office each month. This also refers to individuals who have been referred by another person. Names will remain on the list for one month and if the office are not recontacted concerning them, they will be taken off unless informed otherwise.

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, Christine Guest, Jane and Bill, and Charan Platt.

Souls of the Departed: Dorothy Pridham.

The Parish also prays and gives thanks for:

- Remy who is being baptised at St Mary's on Sunday morning.
- Our Deanery team, including our Area Dean and Deanery Support Officer.
- Everyone who lives in our parish - this week praying for all our neighbours who live on Oakland Road.

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

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

We celebrate the Birthdays of: Sheila Perks, Oliver Charles-Peers, Oliver Keenan and Imogen Fisher.

Future events

Ex Cathedra - Music for a Summer's Evening

Tuesday, 17 June 19:30

Join Ex Cathedra and guest conductor Steven Grahl, to celebrate the joys of the season with madrigals, part-songs, close harmony, and readings from across the ages - performed by candlelight. Draw ...

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Table Top Sale - St Mary's Churchyard

Saturday, 28 June 10:00

Come along to St Mary's Churchyard for a Table Top Sale. Bric-a-Brac, clothes, toys, cakes and much more! Raising funds in aid of St Mary's and St Anne's Churches. To book a stall, please follow th...



Midland Chamber Orchestra Concert

Sunday, 29 June 13:30

