



Parish of Moseley - Harvest Festival

Our Services for Sunday 6th October - Harvest

- 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

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

We will be collecting items for FareShare during our Harvest services. Gifts of non-perishable goods will be 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.

Morning readings for Harvest: 1 Timothy 2.1-7, Matthew 6.25-33

Thought for the Day by Laura Dowell

I read this week's lessons with the news on in the background. It was about the fighting in the Middle East. I wondered what Timothy would make of the leaders of Israel, Hamas and Hezbollah. They certainly need our prayers and intercessions so that the people of those lands may lead a quiet and peaceable life. I thought also of the leaders of other Middle Eastern countries, the US, our own leaders in the UK and other European leaders who are trying to find solutions to bring an end to the conflict. I hope that, in time, they will be worthy of our thanksgivings if and when a peaceable solution can be found. In the meantime, I'm mindful that we should keep them in our prayers too.

Turning to Matthew, I was equally intrigued by the suggestion not to worry about what we will eat or drink. Our leaders in health and nutrition often give conflicting advice about what to eat, how often, and why, which can be confusing. Many in our own communities, as well as others in war torn lands and elsewhere may worry very much indeed about where their next meal will come from.

Then I remembered that we are celebrating harvest this week when we give thanks for the food that we have. We bring our own contributions into church to be blessed, and these contributions are distributed to more needy people in our own neighbourhood. I thought again of Timothy. We should give thanks to our own church and community leaders who organise this on our behalf.

Future Services

Sunday 13th October - Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00am Holy Communion at St Mary's
- 10.00am Intergenerational Service at St Mary's (the service will not be livestreamed this week)
- 11.00am Sung Eucharist at St Anne's
- 6.30pm Celtic Worship at St Mary's

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

Sunday 20th October - Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00am Holy Communion at St Mary's (BCP)
- 10.00am Sung Eucharist with Baptism at St Mary's (the service will not be livestreamed this week)
- 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 <u>here</u>.
- 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 9.10am in the Lady Chapel at St Mary's on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday and at 9.10am in St Anne's on Tuesday. Please note the time of Morning Prayer is currently being reviewed.
- The Thursday Midweek Communion service is at 12.15pm in the Lady Chapel at St Mary's.

Notices

Harvest Flowers at St Mary's

We will be decorating St Mary's for Harvest on 5th October from 10.30am. If you have any greenery or apples and would like to help please come to church in the morning. Thank you.

St Anne's 150th Anniversary

At 11am on 22nd September 2024, we gathered to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of St Anne's church.

The service was recorded and you can watch the video <u>here.</u> The audio is fairly quiet in parts, so we have provided resources below to read as you watch the service.

We were delighted that Revd Rosemary Donovan returned as guest preacher for the service. You can read her sermon here.

The order of service is here.

Messages from past clergy and members of the congregation who could not attend were read out during the service. You can read them <u>here.</u>

Photos of the beautiful flowers arranged by Jan and the fabulous bunting are here.

An update from the Vision 13 team

Work has continued to progress on the re-ordering of St Mary's and we are now in the 'Design Phase' having completed the 'Feasibility Stage'. Much of the work that happens during this stage is very much behind the scenes so we thought an update might be appreciated.

We suffered a slight setback earlier this year when the Archaeologist appointed decided to step away from the project. A new Archaeologist was duly appointed but there were procedures which had to be followed which caused a slight delay. However, in June, the Structural Engineer and Heating System Engineers visited, and they have now presented their draft reports to the Architects APEC. APEC have given this information to the Archaeologist who will now study them and put together a statement proposing the necessary archaeology works to the DAC for their approval.

The completion of this, which we hope will be before the end of the year, will be very exciting and enable us to move forward with our proposals to level the floor, work on the access to the church, glaze the Lady Chapel and make the space containing the West Room, Kitchen and WC's more functional.

As we look forward to this stage, we are looking for people to join the Vision 13 team to help deliver this project. If you believe you have the skills and enthusiasm, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact Becs Ray on 07860 197237 or rebeccawilloughby@btinternet.com if you'd like to put yourself forward or if you'd like more information.

School Admissions 2025

If you are applying for a place for your child for September 2025 at Moseley C of E Primary School and require confirmation of church attendance, please contact the Church Office on 0121 449 2243 or office@moseleychurch.org.uk to book an appointment at one of our signing sessions.

The sessions will take place on Saturday 9th and Saturday 16th November 10.30am -12.00pm, in St Mary's Church. Coffee and tea will be available.

On the day of your appointment, please bring your completed school 'additional information for admissions form' (available on the school website) for Revd Angela or Revd Magdalen to sign.

Please note, it is not our practice to sign forms on a Sunday before or after church services when the priority of our clergy is worship and pastoral care of the congregation.

Magdalen has written a new book!

Magdalen's new book *Reverence* is a part memoir, part reflection on the current vocation of how it feels to be a contemporary priest. There are also lots of colourful, maybe surprising stories from both her own life as well as of our context here in Moseley, and some of the congregation feature in the book!

We will be having a brief **book launch** after the 10.00am service on **Sunday 3rd November at St Mary's and Sunday 10th November at St Anne's.** If you would like a discounted copy please sign up on the sheets on the welcome tables

of both churches. This is her 6th book. If you want to pre-order directly from the publishers please contact Sacristy Press: the link is here. For those who request a copy via church the price will be £12.00.

Please pay Magdalen in advance of picking up the book on 3rd or 10th November or contact her <u>here</u> for BACS details

Sponsored Slim!

Over the next few months, Mick Perrier is shedding pounds for ££££s in aid of the Pipe Organ Renovation at St Mary's. Do encourage him by supporting his efforts. Sign up on the poster in church or send a note of your sponsorship to music@moseleychurch.org.uk.

Moseley at the Movies

On every first Wednesday of the month, there is Moseley at the Movies, a group which meets to watch a film together and discuss it afterwards.

Come along to St Mary's West Room at 7:15pm for a 7:30pm start! (Unless otherwise stated).

The next showing is on 6th November.

Moseley in Bloom Pop-up Sale: Sunday 6th October

Moseley in Bloom are holding a pop-up sale on Sunday 6th October from 2pm - 4pm at The Dovecote Garden, 179 Alcester Road, B13 8JR.

If you have spare plants, seedlings or any garden paraphernalia to donate, please take them to 15 Thornley Close, B13 9UQ up to midday on the Sunday. Or you can just bring them along to the sale on the day.

This time they have a special collaboration with Change Kitchen who will be providing refreshments and take-home meals.

Further information from Carol Miller - doctorcarolmiller@gmail.com

Celebrity Literary Evening with Louis de Bernières

Thursday 17th October, 7.30pm, St Mary's Church. Meet the author: an evening of shared dreams and stories with Louis de Bernières acclaimed author of "Captain Corelli's Mandolin", in aid of St Mary's Organ Renovation. Admission £10.00 (£8.00 those in full time education). Tickets on the door or in advance via this link

Bereavement Cafe

Are you recently bereaved? Or struggling with the loss of a loved one even after many years? If so, do come to our Bereavement Cafe, 19th October at 64 Oxford Road B13, 2.30pm-4.00pm. Hot drinks, home-made cakes and an opportunity to be in the company of others facing similar experiences. At this Cafe, Revd Magdalen will offer a few carefully chosen poems on the bereavement experience to listen to.

Riverside Sunday Lunch

Magdalen will be joining Riverside for their Sunday Lunch on Sunday 20th October at 1.0pm. This is to join with others to talk about a community ministry to homelessness in the local area, with Jon Hyde who works for the Local Authority. If anyone has a heart for this ministry and would like to come along please contact her here.

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, Richard Tetlow and Malcolm McDonald.

The Parish also prays and gives thanks for:

• Those who offer their artistic and creative gifts in our churches, praying for those who arrange flowers at St Anne's and St Mary's.

Church of England Birmingham Praying Together: The October edition is here.

Inclusive Church Newsletter: The September edition is <u>here.</u>

We celebrate the Birthdays of: Lavinia Morris, Jenny Drew, Jemima Harlin, Glyn Samuel, Sarah Teversham, Helen Stammers, Alice Kinning and Rose Sandys.