



The Parish of Moseley

St Mary's & St Anne's



Parish of Moseley – Easter

Our Services for Good Friday, Easter Eve and Easter Sunday:

Good Friday - 18th April

- 10am - All age service at St Anne's, followed by refreshments in church.
- 12 noon - 3 hours at St Mary's- a service of images, reflections, silence and music. Please join for all or part of the service.

Easter Eve - 19th April

- 8pm - Easter Vigil and the first Eucharist of Easter at St Mary's Church

Easter Sunday - 20th April

- 8.00am - Holy Communion at St Mary's
- 10.00am - Sung Eucharist at St Mary's
- 11.00am - Sung Eucharist at St Anne's

Please note there is no evening service.

Morning readings for Easter Sunday - Isaiah 65.17–end, Acts 10.34–43 and John 20.1–18

Thought for the Day by Mick Perrier

Christ is Risen - Alleluia!

He is Risen indeed – Alleluia!

Today, more than Christmas Day, is the most important Feast of the Church's year.

Some years ago, our Choirs sang for the Mothers' Union Carol Service in St. Martin's in the Bull Ring. The preacher used a "pass the parcel" visual aid in which different layers of a Christmas present were stripped off eventually to reveal the true meaning of Christmas. One by one the layers were shed to reveal Shepherds, Wise Men, animals, a star and more, until at last we got to the Baby. Surely that was the true meaning of Christmas: the Incarnation? Yet there was a remaining layer – what could that be? Slowly the final paper came off to reveal..... The Cross. That was the true meaning of Christmas – the purpose of the Incarnation itself: God's redemptive mission for all humankind on the Cross and its aftermath in the Resurrection.

In the words of the Easter carol, "This Joyful Eastertide":

Had Christ, that once was slain

Ne'er burst his three-day prison,

Our faith had been in vain:

*But now hath Christ arisen, ARISEN, **ARISEN!***

So Christmas – and each one of us - is safe in the arms of the Cross – and in the joy of the Resurrection!

Happy Easter!!

Future Services

Sunday 27th April - Second Sunday of Easter

- 10.00am - Sung Eucharist at St Mary's

Please note there are no other services on 27th April.

Sunday 4th May - Third Sunday of Easter

- 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.

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.
- **There will be no Morning Prayer after Easter: Morning Prayer will resume on Monday 28th April.**
- **The next Midweek Communion service will be on Thursday May 1st at 12.15pm in the Lady Chapel at St Mary's.**

----- **Office closure**

The Parish office will be closed for the Bank Holidays on Friday 18th April and Monday 21st April and will close at 12 noon on Wednesday 23rd April, reopening at 9.30am on Thursday 24th April.

7 Words from the Cross

Sunday April 20th is the last chance to view the seven stunning paintings and poems which are on display at St Anne's church. The exhibition is sponsored by Westhill Arts Foundation and will be on view on 20th April from 10.30-12.30pm (bearing in mind we hold our regular service from 11.00am until 12.00 noon). The paintings are by artist Ben Ecclestone and the poems are by Adrian Plass.

Decorating St Mary's for Easter

We will be decorating the church for Easter on Saturday morning (19th April) from 9.30am. All volunteers are welcome, and donations of greenery will be gratefully received.

HALLELUIA!

Members of St. Mary's congregation who are familiar with Handel's perennial chorus from Messiah are warmly invited to step up and sing it with the Choirs on Easter Day. Once Communion has been received, singing congregants can come up to the chancel via the Lady Chapel and join the throng. Do let Mick Perrier know to expect you via music@moseleychurch.org.uk so music can be provided. There will be a warm up at 9.30am before the service for all participants to ensure we're all singing from the same hymn sheet!

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:

- Wednesday 23rd April, 10.00 - 12.00
- Thursday 24th April, 2.00 - 4.00
- Friday 25th April, 10.00 – 12.00
- Monday 28th April, 10.00 – 12.00
- Thursday 1st May, 2.00 – 4.00
- Wednesday 7th May, 10.00 – 12.00

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

A Matter of Life and Death

A Matter of Life and Death is an interfaith event which invites and encourages people to talk about death and dying. The events are local and open to everyone. For more information on a variety of events in May please visit <https://brumyodo.org.uk/events>

Could you befriend a refugee?

Restore are currently recruiting new volunteer befrienders and are holding a befriending training day on Saturday 7th June from 9.45 am to 4.00pm at St John's Harborne. You can sign up for the training day [here](#) or you can contact Jaz at jasmine@restore-uk.org for more information.

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: Ben Whitehouse, Eric Adams and Jeremy Peters.

The Parish also prays and gives thanks for:

- The community of Moseley in this Easter season, as we experience and live out the joy of the resurrection.
- Everyone who lives in our parish - this week praying for all our neighbours who live on Oxford Road.

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

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

We celebrate the Birthdays of: Lizzie Bealt, Aksel Partlow, Madeleine Townend and Tommy Woods.