



Parish of Moseley - Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity

Our Services for 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.

Morning readings for the Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity: Hebrews 5.1–10, Mark 10.35–45

Thought for the Day by Deb Curnock

In today's Gospel passage Jesus tells his disciples James and John, "whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all". It reminds me of how elsewhere he describes the Kingdom of God, where "the last shall be first". I wonder who he had in mind, of the people he met in his world. He was accused of socialising with "tax collectors and sinners" and he once told a group of religious leaders "the tax collectors and prostitutes are going into the kingdom of heaven ahead of you." It was even implied that he was immoral after he allowed a "sinful" woman to touch him.

The Bible can seem quick to categorise and condemn groups of people we might nowadays recognise as suffering from the effects of poverty, abuse and trauma - sex workers, people with addictions for example. When Jesus met a woman accused of adultery, he told her he did not condemn her. I don't think I would either, with my 21st century hindsight of course. This was a society with child marriage, double standards about sexual morality, and women's lives entirely controlled by men.

I like to think I'd be right there, cheering Jesus on as he defends the oppressed and speaks truth to power.

But these tax collectors? These guys were hated for lying, cheating and getting wealthy at the expense of their neighbours. They were rich but not respectable. Would a modern equivalent be a people trafficker, wealthy gangster or drug dealer perhaps? As a friend of Jesus, would I be willing to go with him, to spend time with people like that? Listen to their stories? Understand their humanity too? Or would I be having words with him about his choices?

Future Services

Sunday 27th October - Last Sunday after Trinity/All Souls

- 8.00am Holy Communion at St Mary's
- 8.30am Breakfast Church at St Anne's
- 10.00am Sung Eucharist at St Mary's
- 5.00pm Service of Remembrance, Thanksgiving and Hope at St Anne's

There is no 6.30 pm service at St Mary's.

Breakfast church is different. With a strong emphasis on community, fun and food, it's a chance to meet people, and engage with God in a fresh and accessible way, with breakfast included. It happens early in the day to accommodate busy families with multiple commitments.

Our evening service offers an opportunity to gather and remember those we have loved who have died. Through a simple service of prayer, music, reflection and hymns, we both remember with thankfulness and pray for God's blessing and strength in our lives now. There will be the opportunity to light a candle as an act of individual prayer and thanksgiving for those we love but see no longer.

Sunday 3rd November - All Saints

- 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 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 <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 <u>here.</u>
- 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

Bereavement Cafe: Saturday October 19th

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 9SQ, 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.

Midland Chamber Orchestra Concert

The Midland Chamber Orchestra presents Joseph Bologne, Chevalier de Saint-Georges. Sunday 20th October, 1.30pm

- Saint-Georges Violin Sonata Op. 1a No.3
- Saint-Georges Symphony No.1
- Haydn Symphony No.85 'LaReine'

Tickets online and on the door. £5 adults, £2 children and students. Group discounts available online - ticketsource.co.uk/midland-chamber-orchestra

All Souls Service - St Anne's 5.00pm, Sunday 27th October

If you would like the name of someone who has passed away to be read out at the service of Remembrance, Thanksgiving and Hope at St Anne's, please sign the sheet at the back of either church or email the church office on <u>office@moseleychurch.org.uk</u> and we will add their name to the list.

Moseley Parish is in search of a new Treasurer!

Do you have financial or book keeping skills and could help the parish manage it's funding streams? We are currently looking for someone to help specifically with the bookkeeping and financial forecasting for St Mary's Church. If so, we really need your help from January 2025. The Treasurer would be part of a finance team along with others who currently help with the management of church properties, Gift Aid reclaiming and St Anne's finances. If you think you might be able to help with skills and time or know of someone who could, please contact Revd Ange <u>here</u>.

Riverside Sunday Lunch

Magdalen will be joining Riverside for their Sunday Lunch on Sunday 20th October at 1pm. 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 <u>here</u>.

Fantastic Fashion Show

Saturday 23rd November 2024 at 2pm, St Anne's Church. Presented by SOS Charity Fashion Shows with the opportunity to buy High Street brands at up to 75% off, plus French and Italian designer wear; women's sizes 6 to 30! Raffle and cake stall. Tickets £10.00 per person (under 16s free) including a drink and biscuits. <u>Click here</u> to book.

Nan Collins

Mandy Swift, Nan Collins' daughter has told us that her mother, who was a long-standing member of St Mary's congregation and St Mary's Singers died on October 11th in Broadstairs.

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 <u>office@moseleychurch.org.uk</u> to book an appointment at one of our signing sessions.

The sessions will take place on Saturday 9th (now fully booked) 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.

Reverence - Magdalen's new book will be available very soon

For those people who have requested a copy of Magdalen's book there will be a book signing after the 10.00am service on 3rd of November and after the 11.00am service on 10th November at St Anne's. Please collect your copy then or arrange with Magdalen to do so if you are unable to make this date. Books should be arriving this week and there should be spare copies if you haven't managed to sign up.

Please **either bring cash (£12.00)** on the day or when you collect, or contact Magdalen <u>here</u> for her 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.

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.

Souls of the Departed: Nan Collins.

The Parish also prays and gives thanks for:

- Nzube and Sylvia whose wedding is at St Anne's Church on Saturday.
- Sebastian, Louis and Elijah who are being baptised at St Mary's on Sunday morning.
- Coffee and Company, offering hospitality on Saturday mornings.
- Those who will attend the Bereavement Café on Saturday.

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

Inclusive Church Newsletter: The October edition is here.

We celebrate the Birthdays of: Joshua King, Enyinnaya obianuju Gerald Udo-okeke, Sophie Kinning, Robert Brown, Janet Moir, Joanne Simons, George Rodgers and Matilda-Rose Schirwing.