



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



Parish of Moseley - Epiphany

Sunday 5th January - Epiphany

- 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

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.

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

Morning readings for Epiphany: Isaiah 60.1–6, Ephesians 3.1–12, Matthew 2.1–12

Thought for the Day by Deborah Curnock

There's a story I love which is connected with today's feast of Epiphany.

Babushka is a lonely old Russian Grandma who lives in a remote cottage, and she is very house-proud.

One snowy night, three strangers come looking for hospitality, and Babushka reluctantly invites them in, offering a meal and a bed for the night. The men are strangely dressed in rich but tattered clothes, as if they have travelled a long distance. Over the meal they explain about their quest to find a holy child, and the star which guides them. Babushka is keen to join them, and they agree to travel together.

The next morning, the travellers are eager to set off at first light, but Babushka hesitates. She cannot leave an untidy house. So they set off and she sets to sweeping and mopping, promising to catch up with them later. When at last she is ready, bringing some sweets and a doll for the Christ child, she hurries to join the wise men. But she can find no sign of them. Arriving at the next village she asks around, but to no avail. There is a baby, however, so she leaves her gifts with him, for who knows - perhaps this is the child she is seeking! And on she travels to the next village, but still there is no sign of the mysterious travellers. Still, she is determined to keep searching.

In fact, Babushka is still travelling the world to this day, searching for the Christ child especially at Christmas time. And wherever she goes, she brings gifts for children and leaves her blessing, treating each one as special and precious, because she knows that any one of them may be the Christ child she is seeking.

Future Services

Sunday 12th January -Baptism of Christ

- 8.00 am - 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

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 19th January -Second Sunday of Epiphany

- 8.00 am - Holy Communion at St Mary's (BCP)
- 10.00am - Sung Eucharist with Baptism at St Mary's
- 11.00am - Sung Eucharist at St Anne's
- 6.30pm - Evensong at St Mary'

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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 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

Thank you

Thank you to Bridget and all the volunteers who worked hard to make Christmas Day Together a success. The day was greatly enjoyed by all who attended.

Tuesday Teas

Tuesday Teas will be taking place this Tuesday, 7th January from 2pm in St Mary's Church. We are looking forward to seeing you.

Parish Walk - Saturday 11th January

The next parish walk will be on Saturday 11th January at 2pm and will be led by Revd Magdalen. Meet outside the entrance to St Martin in the Bullring Church. The walk is 2 and a half miles but it is on the flat. We will finish with tea and cake somewhere in the Bullring!

Parish Lunch - 19th January

The next parish lunch will be on Sunday 19th January at 1.00pm and returns to St Anne's Hall! There is a suggested minimum donation of £5. Please sign up using the sheets on the welcome desks.

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 [here](#).

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 January 8th.

January 2025: Way of Discipleship Online – “Becoming like Christ”

“Becoming like Christ” is a 6 week course on Zoom covering:

- Who Jesus is and what He came to do through His life, death, resurrection and ascension.

- How we change and the kind of practices that grow Christlike self-giving love in us.
- How God sees and uses the difficult times in our lives.

Monday evenings, 7pm – 9.15pm, January 13th/20th/27th and February 3rd/10th/17th.
Contact guydc@cofebirmingham.com to book.

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 and Jenny Taylor.

The Parish also prays and gives thanks for:

- For all in our congregation as we look forward to all that the new year will bring.

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

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

We celebrate the Birthdays of: John Dowell, Arden Rowley, Barney McLeod, John Townend, and Alec Charles-Peers.

We wish John Dowell a very happy 90th birthday!