



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



### Parish of Moseley - Mothering Sunday

#### Our Services for Sunday 30th March - Mothering Sunday

- 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.**

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**Morning readings for Mothering Sunday** - Exodus 2.1–10, 2 Corinthians 1.3–7, Luke 2.33–35

#### **Thought for the Day by Una Lodge**

In approaching this year's Mothering Sunday I began to think about the idea of God as Mother rather than Father. Julian of Norwich says that 'just as God is our Father, so God is also our Mother', emphasising that one does not exclude the other. Of course, we all 'know' that God is not gendered, but what does this mean to us in our mental representations of God? The language that we use in any context is full of power in forming and framing the ideas that we have about the world, and much of the language that we have historically used in church to describe God is male gendered. As I sat in church last Sunday, I started leafing through the service booklet and began to wonder how it would feel if every time we used the word Father in the service we substituted it with Mother?

I recently listened to a podcast in which the American theologian Thomas Oord was exploring the concept of God as omnipotent. He mentioned a word in the Bible that is commonly translated as 'Almighty' and suggested that a possible translation is 'the breasted one', a feminine image which emphasises the nature of God as one who feeds and nurtures, and perhaps a different notion of 'mightiness' compared to what we are used to. It is interesting to reflect on the implications of our mental representations of God on our relationship with her/him/them/it. What qualities do we associate with mothering? These will vary depending on our own experience of being mothered, but

to think of God as ideal mother can perhaps remind us of a God who is the source of life, a comforter and nurturer, always there for us, who loves us unreservedly despite our failings.

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## Future Services

### Sunday 6th April - Fifth Sunday of Lent

- 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.

### Sunday 13th April - Palm Sunday

- 8.00am - Holy Communion at St Mary's
- 10.00am - Processional Service for Palm Sunday starting at St Mary's, then moving to the centre of Moseley and on to St Anne's for the Eucharist (please note the service will not be live-streamed)
- 6.30pm - Service of readings, hymns and prayers including music of Somervell's "Passion of Christ" 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 [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 make sure you continue to the end of the bulletin to see what is happening in Lent!**

### Clocks change this weekend!

Please remember that the clocks move forward by one hour this weekend.

### Help Needed with Mothering Sunday Posies: 29th March in the West Room at St Mary's Church from 9:30-10:30am

Help is needed to construct the posies that are handed out during the services on 30th March. Please do bring greenery from your gardens if you are able!

Please contact Rachel at [outreach@moseleychurch.org.uk](mailto:outreach@moseleychurch.org.uk) if you have any questions.

## 7 Words from the Cross

Please take time to come and visit St Anne's Church during the next four weeks where seven stunning paintings and poems are on display. The exhibition is sponsored by Westhill Arts Foundation and will be on view until 28th April. The church will be open on Tuesdays from 9.30am-11.30am and Sundays from 10.30-12.30pm (bearing in mind we hold our regular service from 11.00am until 12.00noon). The paintings are by artist Ben Ecclestone and poems by Adrian Plass. We will also be using them at the Stations of the Cross Service on 15th April at 7.30pm. If you would like to view them but cannot make these times please contact Magdalen on [assocvicar@moseleychurch.org.uk](mailto:assocvicar@moseleychurch.org.uk)

## Happy 90th Birthday Peter!

Congratulations to Peter Magson who will celebrate his 90th birthday on 4th April. Peter first came to St Mary's in 1941 at the age of 6, to attend Edna Fowler's Sunday School in what is now the West Room.

## 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 2nd April 10.00 – 12.00
- Wednesday 9th April 10.00 – 12.00

For any queries, please contact Bridget Langstaff on 07816 828439 or [bridget@langstaff.co.uk](mailto:bridget@langstaff.co.uk)

## Parish Quiet Day - Living Differently

This year's Quiet Day will take place on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April, from 10am - 4pm (drinks served from 9.45am) at Temple Balsall Old Hall and Church. Please bring your own lunch (drinks are provided). Click on the link at the bottom of the bulletin for further details but please contact the office asap if you need a lift and have not arranged one yourself.

## Midland Chamber Orchestra - concert at St Mary's Church

Midland Chamber Orchestra presents Springtime with Schubert on Sunday 6th April, [1.30 - 2.30](#)pm, St Mary's Church.

Tickets are available online and on the door. £5 adults, £2 children and students.

For tickets go to [Midland Chamber Orchestra event tickets from TicketSource](#).

## We Need Your Help!

Local schools (including Moseley C of E) will be visiting St Mary's Church to take part in 'A Journey Through Holy Week', an interactive experience, which allows the children to explore their school values through a series of interactive tableaux.

Can you help for an hour or more on any of the days with some (very!) light acting or practical help?

- 7th April: 2- 3pm
- 8th April: All day
- 9th April: All day
- 11th April: 2-3pm

Please do speak to Rachel Kinning if you are interested: you can e mail her on [outreach@moseleychurch.org.uk](mailto:outreach@moseleychurch.org.uk).

## 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](mailto: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!

## Reverence

Magdalen has some more copies of her book Reverence for sale if anyone would like to have one. They are £12. Please contact her to arrange at: [assocvicar@moseleychurch.org.uk](mailto:assocvicar@moseleychurch.org.uk)

## New Electoral roll

Every six years, a completely new church Electoral Roll must be prepared in each parish. 2025 is the year to prepare the new roll.

Electoral rolls provide a true indication of the real membership and strength of the Church, both locally and nationally. Putting your name on the roll is a way of saying "I belong"; it is an act of commitment to your local church and to the Church as a whole.

Joining the electoral roll opens up the way for greater involvement in the life of the Church, at parish, deanery, diocesan and national levels. You become entitled to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

It is an important statement of witness, and step along the path of discipleship. With your name on the electoral roll the strength of the Church can be seen in our area, and across the country.

Please do complete the application form by using [this link](#). The form only takes a minute to complete, and your response will be automatically uploaded into Churchdesk, our secure church management system. Please note that if you complete this electronic form, you **do not** need to complete the paper forms which are in church. **The form is now open and will close on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April.**

If you are unsure whether you are resident in the parish, please enter your postcode into [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com) for confirmation. (You do not have to be resident in the parish to join the electoral roll, you just need to habitually attend worship at either church!)

## Job Opportunity - Sandwell Churches Link

Sandwell Churches Link are advertising the role of CEO for their organisation. They are seeking an exceptional team leader with a passion to help churches in Sandwell to interact with and serve their local communities, and to collaborate with others to tackle poverty in all its forms. If you are interested please use [this link](#).

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## 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 and Christine Guest.

**Souls of the Departed:** Philip Cale, Mary Shears and Ben Whitehouse.

### The Parish also prays and gives thanks for:

- Those who experience Mothering Sunday as a difficult day.
- International Transgender Day of Visibility.

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

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

**We celebrate the Birthdays of:** Kurt Aston-Bailey, Trish Everett, Pam Rhodes, Noah Samuel, Nneoma Adannaya Udo-okeke, Cheryl Hall, Jessica Livings, Laura Dowell, Peter Magson and Elijah Conway.

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## Coming up ...

## Edit

- **Words from the Cross - Paintings by Ben Ecclestone**

Words from the Cross - Paintings by Ben Ecclestone Visit St Anne's Church (Park Hill, Moseley) to view paintings by Ben Ecclestone which reflect the Seven Sayings of Jesus from the Cross (also know...



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- **MAR 29**

### **Saturday Morning Coffee Concert**

Saturday, 29 March 11:00

Saturday Coffee Concert – 11am 29th March 2025 All are welcome at St Mary's Church for a Saturday Morning Coffee Concert. Margot Russell (Soprano) and Michael Jones (Piano) will perform a selection...



- **APR 01**

### **Tuesday Teas**

Tuesday, 1 April 14:00

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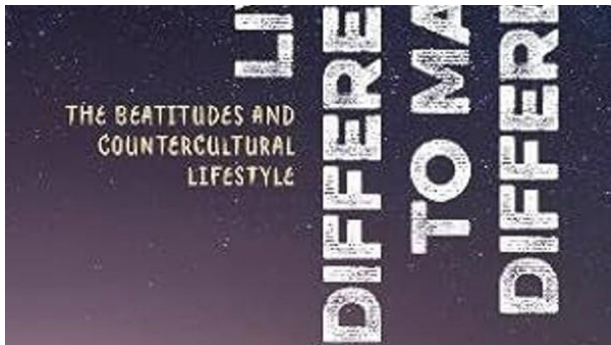


- **APR 02**

### Lent Course - Session 4 in the West Room

Wednesday, 2 April 19:30

Lent Course This years Lent Course will focus on the relevance of the 'Blessed Are' sayings of Jesus in Matthew's Gospel Chapter 5, collectively understood as The Beaititudes and explored in Will D...

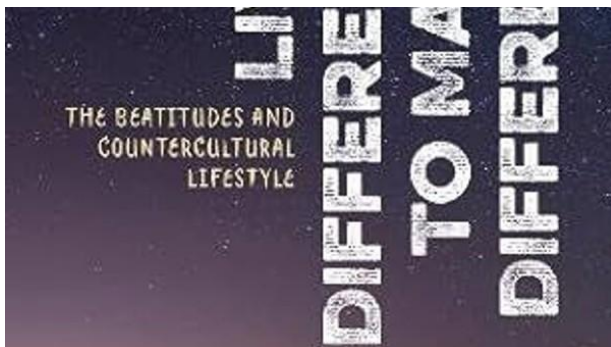


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### Lent Course - Session 4 in the West Room

Thursday, 3 April 10:00

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### Parish Quiet Day - Living Differently

Saturday, 5 April 10:00

PARISH QUIET DAY Date: 10am - 4pm, 5th April (drinks served from 9.45am) Venue: Temple Balsall Old Hall and Church Speaker: Revd Will Donaldson, author of Living Differently to Make a Difference Lu...

