



The Parish of Moseley

St Mary's & St Anne's



Parish of Moseley - Fourth Sunday before Lent

Our Services for Sunday 9th February - Fourth Sunday before Lent

- 8.00am - Holy Communion at St Mary's
- 10.00am - Intergenerational Eucharist with a focus on Racial Justice Sunday at St Mary's (the service will not be livestreamed this week)
- 11.00am - Sung Eucharist at St Anne's
- 6.30pm - Taizé Service at St Mary's

Racial Justice Sunday is for all churches to reflect on the importance of racial justice, to give thanks for the gifts and beauty of human diversity, and to commit to end racism and acts of discrimination.

A **Taizé** service is meditative in style and includes sung or chanted prayers, periods of silence and readings from the Bible. It is the repetitive nature of the singing that allows the mind and heart the freedom to go deeper into worship.

Morning readings for the Fourth Sunday before Lent - Isaiah 6.1–13,

1 Corinthians 15.1–11, Luke 5.1–11

Thought for the Day by John Gray

"Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." Luke 5:10

It is unsurprising that fishermen appear multiple times in the gospels when talking of Jesus' ministry in Galilee – the historian Josephus (writing later in the 1st century) talks of there being 230 boats on the Sea of Galilee, so there was clearly a significant fishing fleet. In the story from Luke chapter 5, the overnight fishing has been hard work for little reward. For some people fishing is a relaxing, possibly even meditative hobby, but fishing for a living is hard, dangerous work even to this day. Two of my grandparents came from Scottish fishing communities and one great-grandfather was forbidden to go to sea by his mother as both his father and brother had been lost to fishing accidents. Fishing communities had their own powerful traditions and superstitions, perhaps reflecting the unpredictable and hazardous nature of the occupation.

For Simon Peter and his companions, the size of the catch after a long unsuccessful night demonstrates the power of Jesus, and results in them leaving everything behind for a new mission. The calling of these disciples – “From now on you will fish for people” is trading one kind of hard work for another, seemingly very different, task. What could these fishermen bring to a growing religious movement but their pre-existing skills: the practice of humility, patience and trust, and a willingness to work hard. How might these be reflected in our own discipleship?

Future Services

Sunday 16th February - Third Sunday before Lent

- 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'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.

Sunday 23rd February - Second Sunday before Lent

- 8.00 am - Holy Communion at St Mary's
- 8.30am - Breakfast Church at St Anne's
- 10.00am - Sung Eucharist at St Mary's
- 6.30pm - Wholeness and Healing at St Mary's

Our service of **Wholeness and Healing** is a quiet service of readings, music, prayer and reflection, with a focus on wholeness and healing. You do not have to be unwell to come, and you will not need to share anything personal. There is an invitation to receive the laying on of hands with prayer; this may be for ourselves, for others, for a situation on our minds, or for the world. There is also the opportunity to be anointed with oil. Both are optional; you are simply invited to come as you are, bringing and sharing your burdens with God who knows us deeply.

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.

Notices

Parish Motto for 2025 - Message from Revd Ange

During these winter months, we look for signs of hope. The first sightings of snowdrops cause our hearts to fill with joy at the thought that the days will be soon getting longer, and we shall see growth in nature. As we journey together as a Christian community, we have chosen a piece of scripture to help us see spiritual growth this year. Paul wrote to the church community in Ephesus, "Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love" (chapter 4, verse 2). This verse will be our parish motto in 2025. We've chosen it for several reasons: firstly because it will give some shape to our growth as disciples. Every ministry in our parish will be encouraged to consider and discuss 'what does this mean for me and for the area of church that I'm involved in'? Secondly, because it is a 'being' word and not a 'doing' word. This is not about promoting more activity, but looking inside ourselves to see how God is encouraging us to grow. And thirdly, because it will make us dependent on God. It's very hard to be even a little bit humble, let alone completely humble! And yet with God's Holy Spirit living in us, we can continue to be changed into a community which draws other in to know God's love. I'm looking forward to seeing how we grow as a community this year, and for God to guide us as we do so.

Karaoke evening at St Mary's: 8th February at 7.00 pm

Come along and have some fun for a fiver! Sing your favourite songs. Snacks included - bring your own drink of choice! Sign up on the sheets on the welcome desks.

Concert: A Celebration of John Joubert at St Mary's: 8th February at 11.00 am

A free concert to celebrate John Joubert, featuring Octet by John Joubert and new Joubert inspired songs created by students at Eden Girls Leadership Academy and St Mary's Trebles and Youth Group.

Spring Concert

A wonderful Spring concert will take place on Saturday 15th March (7pm) at St Anne's Church. It will headline the renowned **Alcester Male Voice Choir**, alongside performances by talented vocal, organ and classical guitar soloists. Tickets cost £10 including refreshments (£5 for under 16s) with all funds being used to support the ongoing refurbishment of the hall at St Anne's and ensure its continued contribution to community life. [Click here](#) to book or alternatively see the 'sign up' sheet on the welcome desks in both St Mary's and St Anne's churches. We really hope you can join us!

Moseley at the Movies

We are reviewing Moseley at the Movies, and to help with this, if you are a regular attendee, please could you fill in [this consent form](#) and you will be contacted.

We will be reviewing the start time and the time of the month for it to take place. Completion of the form will also enable communication about what is coming up.

Restore Training Course

Could you befriend a refugee? The next training course at Restore will be held at St Johns Church, Harborne on 8th February 2025, from 9.45am to 4pm. To book a place please email jasmine@restore-uk.org.

Job opportunity with CofE Birmingham Education Team

The Education Team are advertising a 21 hour a week role for an Education Team Executive Officer. The focus is principally around organising, running, and clerking meetings and providing support for the Diocesan Director of Education role in an administrative way. The advertisement is now live on the diocesan website: <https://www.cofebirmingham.com...> and also via Pathways <https://pathways.churchofengla...>

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, Shaun, Ben and Chantal and Christine Guest.

Souls of the Departed: Christopher Lenczyk

The Parish also prays and gives thanks for:

- Sabina Bealt as she prepares to be licensed as a Reader on 8th February.
- Bishop Michael and Archdeacon Jenny, leading and supporting the diocese.
- Racial Justice Sunday.

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

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

We celebrate the Birthdays of: Karen Gray, Helen McNicoll, Grace Kavanagh, Florence Clarkin, Samuel Clarkin, Philippa Clarkin, Freddie Grice and Katherine Turnbull.