



The Parish of Moseley

St Mary's & St Anne's



Parish of Moseley - Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

Our Services for Sunday 13th October - Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00am - 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

If you are coming to the Intergenerational Service, please bring along an item which is precious to you, to use during the service.

Our 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.

Morning readings for the Twentieth Sunday after Trinity: Hebrews 4.12–16, Mark 10.17–31

Thought for the Day by John Gray

"It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." Mark 10:25

As a teenager I remember hearing various explanations of this verse – one of which was that the “eye of the needle” was a specific (small) gate in Jerusalem through which camels could only pass with difficulty and Jesus’ listeners would have understood this reference. (Another theory is that camel refers to camel-hair rope used by sailors).

My feeling now is that this passage should be seen as a radical command and as a reference to something impossible rather than just difficult – in fact, it appears that the “gate” interpretation is a much later legend that appears to have no historical or scriptural evidence (while the proverbial use of the phrase for an impossibility appears in Jewish writings too). Clearly the use of the gate interpretation might soften the impact of the passage on those unwilling to give up their worldly wealth, though those who told me the story may instead have felt that Jesus wouldn’t say “ridiculous” things but would appeal (as in his parables) to everyday understanding.

The other thing I take from the passage is that we shouldn’t presume that our work towards becoming a better person is ever fully complete; improving ourselves is not a simple checklist where we eventually put our feet up and decide we’re perfect! Even when trying to observe a set of rules our experience of the ease or difficulty of those rules will vary: We each start from different places, with different advantages and disadvantages in life and what may seem easy for one person may feel insurmountable for another. The conclusion, however, is striking and reassuring: “Nothing is impossible for God.”

Future Services

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.

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

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

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

Harvest Thank You

Huge thanks to Jan, Angela, Michelle, Myra and Liz for the brilliant displays in our churches for our Harvest Festival, and to all who supported and helped in any way.

Thank you to everyone who came and supported the Harvest Supper and Quiz. We raised £250!

Thanks to Sarah Barwell for masterminding a hugely enjoyable quiz, and to the hospitality team for all their hard work!

Contributions that were brought to church are greatly appreciated by FareShare.

Celebrity Literary Evening with Louis de Bernières

Thursday 17th October, 7.30pm, St Mary's Church. Meet the author: an evening of shared dreams and stories with Louis de Bernières acclaimed author of "Captain Corelli's Mandolin", in aid of St Mary's Organ Renovation. Admission £10.00 (£8.00 those in full time education). Tickets on the door or in advance via [this link](#)

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 office@moseleychurch.org.uk and we will add their name to the list.

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 [here](#).

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. [Click here](#) to book.

An update from the Vision 13 team

Work has continued to progress on the re-ordering of St Mary's and we are now in the 'Design Phase' having completed the 'Feasibility Stage'. Much of the work that happens during this stage is very much behind the scenes so we thought an update might be appreciated.

We suffered a slight setback earlier this year when the Archaeologist appointed decided to step away from the project. A new Archaeologist was duly appointed but there were procedures which had to be followed which caused a slight delay. However, in June, the Structural Engineer and Heating System Engineers visited, and they have now presented their draft reports to the Architects APEC. APEC have given this information to the Archaeologist who will now study them and put together a statement proposing the necessary archaeology works to the DAC for their approval.

The completion of this, which we hope will be before the end of the year, will be very exciting and enable us to move forward with our proposals to level the floor, work on the access to the church, glaze the Lady Chapel and make the space containing the West Room, Kitchen and WC's more functional.

As we look forward to this stage, we are looking for people to join the Vision 13 team to help deliver this project. If you believe you have the skills and enthusiasm, we'd love to hear from you. Please

contact Beccs Ray on 07860 197237 or rebeccawilloughby@btinternet.com if you'd like to put yourself forward or if you'd like more information.

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

The sessions will take place on Saturday 9th 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.

Magdalen has written a new book!

Magdalen's new book *Reverence* is a part memoir, part reflection on the current vocation of how it feels to be a contemporary priest. There are also lots of colourful, maybe surprising stories from both her own life as well as of our context here in Moseley, and some of the congregation feature in the book!

We will be having a brief **book launch** after the 10.00am service on **Sunday 3rd November at St Mary's and Sunday 10th November at St Anne's**. If you would like a discounted copy please sign up on the sheets on the welcome tables of both churches. This is her 6th book. If you want to pre-order directly from the publishers please contact Sacristy Press : the link is [here](#). For those who request a copy via church the price will be £12.00.

Please pay Magdalen in advance of picking up the book on 3rd or 10th November or contact her [here](#) for 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.

The Parish also prays and gives thanks for:

- Those who contribute to our worship by reading in church or writing the Thought for the Day.

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.