



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



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Our Services for Sunday 17th November - Second Sunday before Advent

- 8.00 am - Holy Communion at St Mary's (BCP)
- 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 - 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 Second Sunday before Advent: Daniel 12.1–3, Mark 13.1–8

Thought for the Day by Vernon Batsford

'Nation shall rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom. There shall not be left one stone upon another'.

What a prediction and how true it has proved to be. Why can't nation live peacefully with nation and kingdom with kingdom?

We have no doubt all asked that question. We have probably all come up with the same answer – it is really not nation against nation or kingdom against kingdom; it is one megalomaniac against the rest of us. History is littered with the names of megalomaniacs - Ivan the Terrible, Alexander the Great, Hitler, Putin to name but a few - who represent a tiny minority of the world population but who wield enormous power and create misery and devastation in the process.

The rest of us (the massive majority) don't want these things so why are they allowed to happen? One of many questions worthy of discussion but to which there doesn't seem to be an answer.

Future Services

Sunday 24th November - Christ the King

- 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 - Service of Wholeness and Healing 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 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.

Sunday 1st December - Advent Sunday

- 8.00 am - Holy Communion at St Mary's
- 10.00am - Sung Eucharist at St Mary's
- 11.00am - Sung Eucharist at St Anne's
- 6.30pm - Service of Readings and Music for Advent at St Mary's

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

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

Bishop Michael's response to the resignation of the Archbishop of Canterbury

Bishop Michael has said 'I encourage us to hold victims and survivors of abuse in prayer, now and always, and to honour and learn from their examples of courage and bravery.'

He has also published a brief statement on the CofE Birmingham website which you can find [here](#).

If you have been troubled by this week's events, you can contact one of the clergy or members of the pastoral team via the office.

Recruitment of Site Services Manager

The Parish of Moseley are seeking to recruit a Site Services Manager. To obtain a copy of the Job Description, please contact the Church Office on 0121 449 2243 or email office@moseleychurch.org.uk. Applications by CV to be sent to the Church Office by the closing date of 12 noon, Monday 25th November 2024.

Moseley Parish is in search of a new Treasurer!

Do you have financial or book keeping skills and could help the parish manage its 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](#).

Reverence - Magdalen Smith

If you have not already collected or paid for a copy of Magdalen's book please arrange to drop cash off at the office or pay her by BACS and arrange to pick up a copy. You can also contact her on assocvicar@moseleychurch.org.uk.

Parish Lunch - Sunday 17th November

On Sunday 17th November, there will be a Parish Lunch at St Mary's Church, starting at 12.30pm. There is a suggested minimum donation of £5.

Funeral of Mike Midgley

The funeral of Mike Midgley will take place at 2.30pm on Friday 29th November, at Robin Hood Crematorium.

Advent Discipleship

In Advent we will be commencing a Bible Study Group and looking at Paula Gooder's creative and accessible book, Women of the Nativity. The book tells the story of 9 well-known and less well-known biblical women and has some simple questions for reflection at the end of each chapter. You do not need to buy the book as resources will be provided but if you want to the link is [here](#). Dates will be 27th November (West Room), 11th November (venue to be confirmed) and 18th November (West Room at St Mary's), 7.30-9.00pm.

Advent Quiet Morning

There will be a Quiet Morning to think about the themes of the season at St Anne's Church on Saturday 14th December from 9.30am.

Visit to Lichfield Cathedral for the Christmas Tree festival - Saturday 7th December

We aim to travel by train, go to the cathedral then you will be free to explore Lichfield for the rest of the day and return by train in the afternoon. If you are interested, please contact the office or sign up on the sheet which will be available shortly in church. More details to follow.

Blue Christmas: 2.30pm Sunday 8th December 2024, Lady Chapel, St Mary's Church

A quiet and pastoral space to hold a short service for those mourning and remembering loved ones who have died, or for those who do not find the festive season easy. The service will last about 40 minutes followed by hot drinks, mince pies and conversation in the West Room. All are welcome to come, regardless of faith.

Christmas Fair - Saturday 30th November, 10.00am-2.00pm

It's that time of the year again and we need your help. We are looking for items for stalls and help on the day. With half term coming this might be an opportunity to sort and donate any items you no longer need. We are looking for good quality bric-a-brac, toys, books, raffle and tombola prizes. If you are able to help in any way, even if only for a

couple of hours please contact the office at office@moseleychurch.org.uk or 0121 449 2243, or sign up on the sheet on the welcome desk. Thank you in advance.

Sponsored Slim:

For the past few months Mick Perrier has been undertaking a Sponsored Slim in aid of the Organ Restoration Project. To date he has lost a total of 1.5stones (21lbs) for the effort. Although he is continuing for his own benefit, he is drawing the sponsored part of the enterprise to a close and would be grateful if his sponsors could now redeem their pledges! If others would like to show support he will be very happy to welcome any further contributions to the effort.

Christmas Day Together

All being well, we hope that this year's event will be back in St Anne's Hall, on Park Hill. Last year all the people who helped out had a really good time, so we hope that some of you will want to make volunteering part of your Christmas activities. We will need help beforehand, preparing food and setting up the hall, on Christmas Day itself we will need people to serve meals and drinks, wash up and chat to guests. We also need volunteer drivers to pick up and /or take guests home again. The event will run from 12.00 until 3.00 pm. Volunteers can also have a Christmas meal if they would like to. Please let the office know if you would like to be a volunteer, there will also be a list in both churches from late November. Any queries contact Bridget on 07816 828439. We look forward to hearing from you. Bridget & James Langstaff.

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 4th December.

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.

Souls of the Departed: Mike Midgley and Anne Winstone.

The Parish also prays and gives thanks for:

- Our three candidates who are preparing to be confirmed at Birmingham cathedral on November 24th - Sophie Kinning, Lauren Townend and Pranati Vadlamudi (from St Mary and St Ambrose Parish).
- Janet, our Parish Safeguarding Team and the central diocese team who support them.

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

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

We celebrate the Birthdays of: Hardy Baldwin, Kathleen Lodge and John Clarkin