



The Parish of Moseley

St Mary's & St Anne's



Parish of Moseley - Third Sunday before Lent

Our Services for Sunday 16th February - Third Sunday before Lent

- 8.00am - 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.

Morning readings for the Third Sunday before Lent - Jeremiah 17.5–10, 1 Corinthians 15.12–20, Luke 6.17–26

Thought for the Day by Cheryl Hall

The background to this morning's New Testament reading of the Beatitudes is interesting. Jesus shows the scribes and Pharisees that it is better to do good than evil on the sabbath. To act with kindness is better than following the letter of The Law if the result is an omission. They disapprove. He heals the withered hand of a man in the Synagogue knowing that he will be held to account for it, regardless. He then chooses his apostles and their first taste of the life to come happens soon

afterwards when he takes them to a level place and, surrounded by a multitude, proceeds to heal those gathered of their diseases and ailments.

What comes next is significant. He turns, not to the crowd, but to his disciples. He is addressing *them* when he starts. What he issues is both a promise and a warning of things to come. His statements are essentially questions. He is effectively asking them:

Can you stand the heat? Will you take the pressure? Are you able to go without **for my sake**? Are you prepared to set aside the things of this life for the life to come? Ultimately....Can I *trust* you?

Of course, at least one among them could not answer yes to any of these questions despite being a literal follower of Christ. Judas is present when Jesus makes his powerful speech. How interesting then that what follows in verse 27 is a plea to love our enemies and do good to those that treat us badly. It must have been so hard for Jesus to bear this betrayal, but he did so with equanimity and grace, once more modelling to us how to do the right thing in the face of the unimaginable.

Future Services

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.

Sunday 2nd March - Sunday before 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

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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

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.

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 will be open for completion from Monday 17th February.**

If you are unsure whether you are resident in the parish, please enter your postcode into www.achurchnearyou.com for confirmation.

Reviews of *Reverence*

Magdalen would like to thank everyone for their support purchasing and reading her new book. She is also trying to build up some good reviews on Amazon, which you can do even if you haven't

purchased from this platform. If you feel inspired, please write a few sentences if you enjoyed the book and say what you liked about it. Thank you so much - link below.

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Reverence-priests-life-holiness-humanity/dp/1789593611>

Spiritual Guiding - A ministry is learning how to listen to God

Have you ever been interested in deepening your own prayer life? Or learning how to listen to God and enabling others to do so too? The ministry of 'spiritual direction or guiding' seeks to do just this, through ancient and creative techniques. In September there will be an opportunity to participate in a year-long course (one/two days a month). Revd Magdalen is one of the facilitators of this. There are 15 sessions in total and delivered on Zoom as well as some in-person at St Paul's Convent, Selly Park. If interested in finding out more please speak to Magdalen or email her on assocvicar@moseleychurch.org.uk

Flowers in St Mary's

The flowers in St Mary's this week are in memory of Valerie Barnwell, mother of Angela Brown.

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.

Friends First - a new friendship group for over 50s

Age Concern, Age UK and the city council are offering a new Friendship group for over 50s which meets fortnightly from Thursday 27th February at Lench's Close, Wake Green Road, B13 9EY from 1.30pm to 3.30pm. The Friends First Community groups are a great way to get out and socialise with other people - enjoy a chat, a hot drink and various activities. For more information call Miriam on 07985 270579.

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 and Christine Guest.

Souls of the Departed: Christopher Lenczyk

The Parish also prays and gives thanks for:

- Charlotte and Francesco who are being baptised at St Mary's on Sunday morning.
- Those in our congregations who work in all levels of education: teachers, lecturers, classroom assistants and support staff.

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

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

We celebrate the Birthdays of: Christopher Maclean, Oliver Monk, Alfred Monk and Maisie Shackleton.