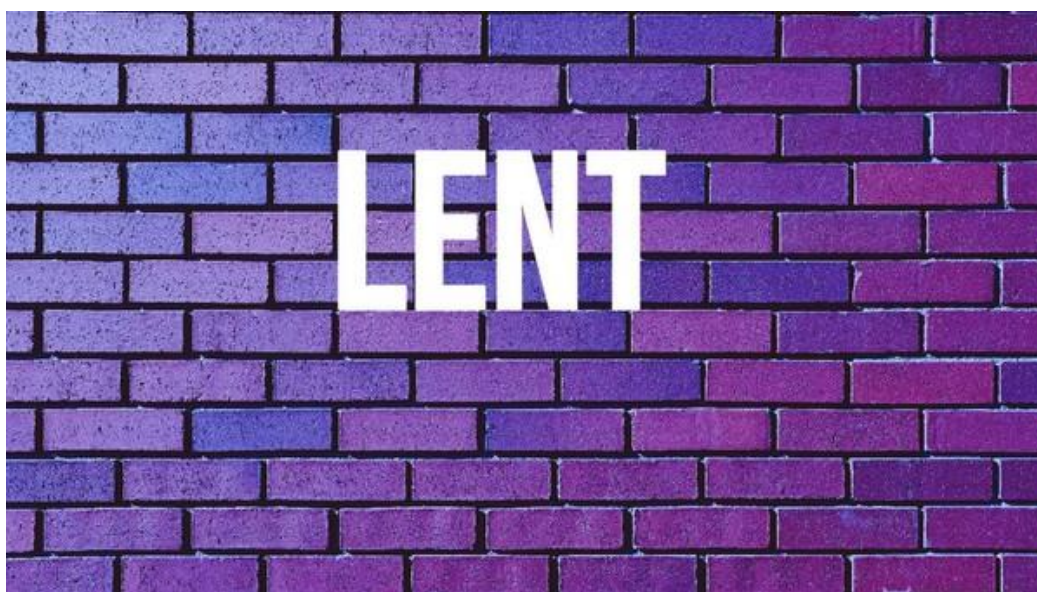




The Parish of Moseley

St Mary's & St Anne's



Parish of Moseley - First Sunday of Lent

Our Services for Sunday 9th March - First Sunday of Lent

- 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 - Celtic Worship at St Mary's

Celtic Worship is a quiet, reflective service of readings, prayer and music, with liturgy and themes drawn from communities with roots in early Celtic Christian

Morning readings for the First Sunday of Lent - Deuteronomy 26.1–11, Romans 10.8b–13, Luke 4.1–13

Thought for the Day by Jennifer Holloway

Easter as a major celebration dates back to the 2nd century. It preached the Mystery of Christ, emphasizing the need for adequate preparation, prayer and fasting, according to the ways of Christ, before he entered into resurrected life. By the 4th century this became a liturgical reality known as the 6 weeks' Lenten Season. Today is the first Sunday in the season.

In Luke 4 v 1-13, the story of Jesus being tempted in the wilderness is told. Jesus rejects what might be seen as good opportunities or offers and accepts God as being the true source of fulfilment. Jesus rejects the devil and thus malintentions.

In Romans 10 v 8-13, we learn that no matter who we are, everyone who calls upon the Lord will be saved" (v 13). What we say, what we do and what we believe in our hearts really does matter. Some of these words are intentionally in the Choristers Prayer.

Lent gives us the time to mindfully reflect on our Christian beliefs, and the Parish gives us many opportunities to help us do this. May we, in our turn, also enter the joy we will later celebrate on Easter Day, when we know that Christ has indeed been resurrected!

Future Services

Sunday 16th March - Second Sunday of Lent

- 8.00am - Holy Communion at St Mary's (BCP)
- 10.00am - Sung Eucharist 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 March - Third Sunday of Lent

- 8.00am - Holy Communion at St Mary's
- 8.30am - Breakfast Church at St Anne's Hall
- 10.00am - Sung Eucharist at St Mary's
- 11.00am - Sung Eucharist at St Anne'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. **Please note there will be no Morning Prayer on 11th or 12th March.**
- The Thursday Midweek Communion service is at **12.15pm** in the Lady Chapel at St Mary's.

Notices - please make sure you continue to the end of the bulletin to see what is happening in Lent!

Changes to Services

As an inclusive parish, we are committed to supporting the ministry and discipleship of all ages. After some consideration, we have decided to change our second Sunday 'Intergen' service at St Mary's back to a Eucharistic service. In its place, we would like to continue to encourage and equip our children and young people for engagement and participation in our services. Additionally, there will be occasional services led by our children and young people this year.

At St Anne's on the fourth Sunday of the month, Breakfast church will continue at 8.30am in St Anne's Hall, and there will also be a Sung Eucharist at 11.00am in St Anne's Church.

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!

Rachel's job title and email address have changed!

Please note that Rachel Kinning's job title has been changed to Children, Families and Outreach Minister, in order to better reflect the work that she does. Her email address has also been changed to outreach@moseleychurch.org.uk. Please use this email address to contact Rachel with immediate effect.

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 14th April.**

If you are unsure whether you are resident in the parish, please enter your postcode into 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!)

St Anne's Hall Working Party

In an effort to make St Anne's Hall more attractive to hirers we are setting up a working party to tackle two areas.

- The council room, we will clean and redecorate this room.
- The reception area, we want to deep clean and declutter this area to make it more welcoming.

We have some initial dates to start this process, they are: Monday 10th March 12.00 – 2.00pm; Thursday 13th March 2.00pm – 4.00pm; Wednesday 19th March 10.00am – 12.00. If you can join us for any of these times please let Bridget know. There will be more dates later in the month. Bridget Langstaff Mobile: 07816 828439 Email: bridget@langstaff.co.uk

JAM Club Twins a Toilet

JAM Club (Jesus And Me), is a weekly club that is run at Moseley C of E Primary by Rachel Kinning. The Year 6 members of JAM Club recently raised enough money to twin a toilet at their school with one in Zambia. They were moved by a lesson on Jesus' new commandments and the work of Tearfund who help provide sanitation and clean water to communities around the world. Their drive and caring attitude are a wonderful inspiration to us all!

Change to Warm Space

From Thursday March 7th, Warm Space will be open on Fridays only, except for the third Thursday of the month, when there is mid-week ringing!

Midland Chamber Orchestra - concert at St Mary's Church

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

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.

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: Angie Barnbrook.

The Parish also prays and gives thanks for:

- Members of the Vision 13 group as they continue to prayerfully help shape our vision for the future.

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

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

We celebrate the Birthdays of: Sabina Bealt, Coby Partlow, Eleanor McLeod, Harrison Freeman, Charlotte Smith, William Vakarcs and Oliver Vora.

Coming up ...

Lent Course 2025

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 Beatitudes and explored in Will Do...



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...



Lent Walk

Saturday, 15 March 14:30

Come and join a Moseley Walk with stops for reflection and a short prayer based on the Beatitudes. Saturday 15th March 2.30-4pm. Meet at St Anne's and finish at St Mary's. Suitable for adults and a...



Alcester Male Voice Choir Spring Concert

Saturday, 15 March 19:00

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 talent...



Parish Quiet Day - Living Differently

Saturday, 5 April 10:00

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...

