



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



### Parish of Moseley - All Saints

#### Our Services for Sunday 3rd November - All Saints

- 8.00 am - Holy Communion at St Mary's (BCP)
- 10.00am - Sung Eucharist at St Mary's (followed by Magdalen's book signing)
- 11.00am - Sung Eucharist at St Anne's
- 6.30pm - Evensong at St Mary's

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

**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.

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**Morning readings for All Saints:** Revelation 21.1–6a, John 11.32–44

#### Thought for the Day by Mick Perrier

A verse from the great hymn: *For All The Saints*:

“O blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle, but they in glory shine;  
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!”

At my Catholic secondary school, our Houses were named after prominent English Catholic saints: Campion, More, Southwell and, being of a certain age, I can't remember the fourth! Being a Jesuit school, St. Ignatius Loyola was

never far from being mentioned and referred to as a role model for us teenage boys. Indeed, in true Ignatian style, every piece of work we wrote in our exercise books had to be prefaced with the letters “AMDG” (Ad Maiorem Dei Gloriam – For The Greater Glory Of God) and ended with the letters “LDS” (Laus Deo Semper – Praise Always to God). For those of us who thought about it, it rooted us.

Today is a day set aside in the church year to remember the saints. But not just the ones who are familiar since it is technically *All Saints Sunday* and not just *Some Saints Sunday*. To be clear, this isn't like a cult of saints or anything - we don't need special saints to intercede for us because God listens to them more since they were just basically better Christians than we are. What we celebrate when we celebrate All Saints is not the superhuman faith and power of a select few but God's ability to use flawed people to do divine things. We celebrate all on whom God has acted in baptism, sealing them, as Ephesians says, with the mark of the promised Holy Spirit. We celebrate the fact that God creates faith in God's people, and those people, through ordinary acts of love, bring the Kingdom of Heaven closer to Earth. We celebrate that we have, in all who've gone before us, what St Paul calls *such a great cloud of witnesses* and that the faithful departed are as much the body of Christ as we are.

It is quite a thing, really. That we are connected to so many. Connected to so much faith. So many stories. So much divine love. Especially in this day and age of alienation and trying to find community and belonging in smaller and smaller ways. I mean, I may think that the basis of me being connected to other people is in having theology or political beliefs or denominational affiliation or neighbourhood or musical taste or Facebook groups in common. But none of that is what connects me to the Body of Christ. What connects me to the body of Christ is not my piety or good works or theological beliefs. It's God. A God who gathers up all of God's children into the church eternal.

So, today let us remember all the deeply faithful and deeply flawed saints of God's church through whom the glory of God has been revealed, is being revealed and will be revealed. Let us remember Mary Magdalen and Peter the fisherman and the glorious disciples. Let us remember St Francis and Mother Teresa and Martin Luther King Jr. Let us remember those in Kinmos, Anawim, Fairshare, The Springfield Project, Headway and more in our own community. Today let us thank God for gathering so many into the church eternal, some of whom still light our own paths.

O blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle, but they in glory shine;  
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Mick Perrier (with apologies to Nadia Bolz Weber for including some of her thoughts)

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## **Future Services**

### **Sunday 10th November - Remembrance Sunday**

- 8.00am - Holy Communion at St Mary's
- 10.00am - Sung Eucharist with Act of Remembrance at St Mary's
- 10.45am - Sung Eucharist with Act of Remembrance at St Anne's
- 6.30pm - A Service of Music and Readings for Remembrance Sunday at St. Mary's

**We welcome the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of the West Midlands to the 10.00 am service and Act of Remembrance at St Mary's.**

**Please note that the service at St Anne's starts at the earlier time of 10.45am.**

### **Sunday 17th November -**

- 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

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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 9.10am 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.

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## Notices

### Reverence - Book launch this Sunday

Magdalen will be talking about her new book Reverence in the sermon slot this coming Sunday. There will be a book signing during coffee time and if you have ordered a book do please come to collect it. **Books are £12. Please also bring cash or arrange to pay by BACS [here](#)....** If you can't get there this week, please arrange to collect the book from Magdalen herself over the next few weeks. There will be spare copies for anyone who didn't sign up.

### Office Opening Hours

The office will be open for reduced hours this week. If you need to come to the office, please call in advance to check that we are here.

### Moseley Parish is in search of a new Treasurer!

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

### 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. Please sign up using the sheets on the welcome desks.

### 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 can buy the book [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.

## **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.

## **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](mailto:office@moseleychurch.org.uk) to book an appointment at one of our signing sessions.

The sessions will take place on Saturday 9th (now fully booked) 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.

## **Tuesday Teas**

Tuesday Teas will be taking place this Tuesday, 5th November from 2pm in St Mary's Church. We are looking forward to seeing you.

A few people asked about making a donation so we will put a donation box out for people who would like to contribute. Any money will go towards heating the church and refreshments.

## **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](mailto:office@moseleychurch.org.uk) or 0121 449 2243. Thank you in advance.

## **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.

## **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 13<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> and February 3<sup>rd</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>.  
Contact [guydc@cofebirmingham.com](mailto:guydc@cofebirmingham.com) to book.

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## **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, and Malcolm McDonald.

**Souls of the Departed:** Nan Collins, Peter Millns , Mike Midgley and Anne Winstone.

### **The Parish also prays and gives thanks for:**

- Our team of Eucharistic Assistants and Servers.

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

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

**We celebrate the Birthdays of:** Bethany Davies, Macie Groves, Kathy Freer, Ava Swani, Sonia Sheehan, Scarlett Pollard and Ocean Barwell.