



The Parish of Moseley

St Mary's & St Anne's



Parish of Moseley - Fifth Sunday of Easter

Our Services for Sunday 28th April - Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 8.00am - Holy Communion at St Mary's
- 8.30am - Breakfast Church at St Anne's
- 10.00am - Sung Eucharist at St Mary's
- 6.30pm - A 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.

Morning readings for the Fifth Sunday of Easter Acts 8.26–40, John 15.1–8

Thought for the Day by John Gray

Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?

Our reading from Acts describes Philip meeting an Ethiopian eunuch (someone probably very much a religious outsider despite their secular wealth and status) on a journey through the wilderness. We do not know whether minutes or hours were spent in conversation on the road, but when the Ethiopian spots some water he immediately asks to be baptised and Philip obliges.

There are two things that immediately interested me from a modern perspective – firstly (and slightly prosaically) we might well be suspicious about the quality of a pool of water found at the roadside! (Karen pointed me to an interesting article in the latest “Green Christian” magazine reflecting on wild swimming and spirituality: the beauty of swimming in nature compared to an artificial swimming pool should be good for us spiritually, but so many of our watercourses have issues with pollution that instead they are sadly symbolic of our broken relationship with the natural world).

Secondly, the spontaneity of the baptism. I think we have a cultural expectation of baptism as an important public event, as a “rite of passage”. We plan in advance for such occasions: friends and relatives may live a long way away and it’s natural that we want them to attend. We might want to arrange catering or buy a new outfit. There may be spiritual preparation and reflection beforehand which, alongside the support of family and friends should give us strength and joy in the journey. It is nonetheless a long way from seeing a pool by the side of the road and jumping in!

Future Services

Sunday 5th May - Sixth Sunday of Easter

- 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.

Parish Breakfast will follow the 8am service at St Mary's. All are welcome.

Sunday 12th May - Seventh Sunday of Easter/Sunday after Ascension

- 8.00am - Holy Communion at St Mary's
- 10.00am - Intergenerational Service at St Mary's
- 11.00am - Sung Eucharist at St Anne's
- 6.30pm - Service of 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 Christianity.

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 there will be no Morning Prayer from Monday 22nd April to Monday 6th May. Morning Prayer will resume on Tuesday 7th May.**
 - The Thursday Midweek Communion service is at 12.15pm in the Lady Chapel at St Mary's.
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Notices

Flowers in St Mary's

The flowers in St Mary's this week have been given by the Barwell family to give thanks for Willow and to remember her with love.

Building Work at St Mary's

You will see that the renovation on the organ has started. The pen has been built and the works will take place in the enclosure. Over the coming weeks we will be trying to make the walls more attractive, using them as information sharing boards. If anyone would like to help or has ideas on what might go on these please let me know. I apologise for the inconvenience this will cause but we will try to minimise disruption as much as possible.

Unfortunately, this has made access to the north aisle limited. Should you require any assistance, please do not hesitate to ask a member of our team. We thank you for your patience and understanding. Angela Brown, Churchwarden.

The Bereavement Journey

For anyone struggling with grief and either recent or longer-term bereavement, there is the opportunity to participate in this excellent and helpful course. Myself and three others participated in this last year so do ask Revd Magdalen, Fiona Chew or Jean Lindley if you would like to know more. It is coordinated by Lindsay Lucas at Riverside, free of charge and can be done in person or online. It uses videos and opportunities for gentle discussion and sharing of experience.

Both begin on 15th May 9.30am - 12.00 noon in person and 7.30pm - 9.30pm online.

If interested or would like to know more please contact Revd Magdalen.

Safeguarding training

The Parish will be facilitating two sessions for Basic Safeguarding training for those who are not able to access online facilities or for those who prefer an in-person session. If you have not yet completed your training you only need to come to ONE of these sessions. The sessions are

- Thursday 6th June at 2.00 pm
- Tuesday 11th June at 6.30 pm

Both sessions will be held at St Mary's Church. Please contact the office to book a place.

Christian Aid and Bell Sunday

At 10am on Sunday 12th May, we will be celebrating the ministry of our Bell Ringers as well as thinking about the work of Christian Aid. Our youth group y@smaa will be selling bacon sandwiches (and a vegetarian option) after the service. Please bring in cash in order to donate to Christian Aid.

Book of the Term: Wednesday 15th May

The next meeting is on Wednesday 15th May at 7.30pm in the West Room at St Mary's. You are invited to come along and share a book of your choice. This can be anything that you have recently read, has interested you, made a difference to you in whatever way. Please come prepared to talk about your book for about 5 minutes. Be creative with your genres too – biography, novels, memoirs, children's books and cookbooks – everything is worth a review!

Parish Lunch for Christian Aid

On Sunday 19th May, there will be a Parish Lunch at St Mary's Church, starting at 12.30pm. Minimum donation of £5 to support Christian Aid. Please sign up using the sheets on the welcome desk.

Silent Disco - save the date!

We are planning a silent disco on Saturday 1st June at St Anne's Church in the afternoon and evening. More information to follow, but meanwhile save the date!

Community Fridge and Soup Lunch every Thursday at Moseley Hive (opposite the Coop)

Moseley Community Fridge is an opportunity for ANYONE, regardless of financial circumstances, to pick up fresh and frozen food which is excess from our community. Moseley Community Fridge happens every Thursday at The Hive from 11.30am-1.00pm.

Community Lunch is a mug of homemade soup and bread at the Hive from 1pm-2pm most Thursdays. Donations welcome but not necessary.

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 Marys West Room at 7:15pm for a 7:30pm start! (Unless otherwise stated).

Next showings and films are:

- 1st May
- 5th June
- 3rd July

To Absent Friends - An Evening of Loving Remembrance

To Absent Friends is a small informal gathering as part of Dying Matters Awareness Week in which we tell and listen to stories of our loved ones over food. Location: Anjuna Lounge, 58-60 Hazelwell Street, Stirchley, B30 2JS. Thursday 9th May 2024 at 7pm. Bring an object, or maybe a photo, to help you share a memory. This is a free event but booking is required. Click [here](#) to book. Food and drink is not provided.

Payaz machines

You will be aware that we now have two Payaz machines which you can use to make donations, one on the welcome desk and one by the south east door. If you can gift aid your donation, please do. As long as you use the same card each time, you only have to enter your details once.

If you do not already do so, you might like to consider joining the Parish Giving Scheme. Please ask one of the sidespeople for a form to find out more about the scheme.

£130 for our Church

Take out a home insurance policy with Ecclesiastical and they will donate £130 to our church. To find out more, please contact Ecclesiastical on 0800 7830 130 and quote TRUSTPST or go to ecclesiastical.com/trust130.

My Country Diary of an Edwardian Lady Journey - a talk at Moseley Exchange on May 28th

A talk by Rachel Smith Chopra which will include her interest in the book and author, events that she organised and Edith Holden Trails. Part of the talk will include an over to you and your country diary items section where you are invited to bring a country diary related item if you have one.

The talk, in collaboration with The Moseley Society, is on Tuesday May 28th at Moseley Exchange 149 - 153 Alcester Road B13 8JP from 2- 3pm and is followed by refreshments.

Stewardship

Our parish is facing significant financial challenges with a growing deficit which a small team are seeking to redress. However, stewardship (the giving of time, talents and financial means) is about us all. On Sunday 4th June we focussed on this in our Sunday services at both St Mary's and St Anne's. Information is available on the welcome desk.

You may also have noticed some notices with QR codes around the buildings. This can be an easy and quick way to donate to the church through 'the collection' when you come to church or are visiting. Please do make use of these on an occasional or more regular basis in our new 'cashless' society. Thank you so much - Magdalen.

This week in the Parish

We continue to pray for:

Cathie Carey and family, Tony Sheppard, Mike Carter, Sylvia Gold, Ruth Carter, Jon Terry, Rachel McLeod, Sheila Perks, Laurie Flood, Elisabeth Leicester, Lincoln Hoeschen, Julia Lee, Phil and Trish Burt and Geraldine and Gerald Cartin.

The Parish also prays and gives thanks for:

- Those who lead intercessions in our worship, and for those considering offering their gifts in this ministry.

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

We celebrate the Birthdays of: Una Lodge, Clara McLeod, Amarie Folkes, Toby Harlin, Harry Rainbow, Imogen Holt and Niamh Horth.