

## Prayer & Reflection

### The Benefice prays for:

- Those in our congregation who work from home.
- Our Ministry Team supporting Balsa!! Heath & Edgbaston church during their interregnum.
- St Basil's helping clients move into their own tenancies.
- For the leaders of the- nations, for wisdom, courage and compassion.

### Prayers are asked for:

Margaret Brown, Pat Dowell, Sam Wylie, Lucy Charles, Matthew, Hannah and Bethany Davies, Nick Ball, Jocelyn Bennett, Jeanette Riddick, Daniel Herman, Sylvia Gold, Alan Jones, Ruth Greenhalgh, Ian Spence, Harry Rawlings, Fred & Pat Burrows, Jon Montgomery, Sue & John Williams, John & Sue Withey, Debbie Baker, Roger Howling, Bal and Louise, Paul Jones, Sheila Boylan, Graham Underhill, Ryan and Kelly, Rachel Clarkson, Betty Clarke, Jade Phipps, Suki Cornfield, Sean Brady.

### Souls of the Departed:

Giles Osborne

### We celebrate the Birthdays of:

Jenny Jupe (8th), John Brocklesby, Joseph Slater, Annelise Jensen (9th), Eliza Peet, Otilie Cooper (10th), James Barwell, Jeremy Maclean, Thomas Charman, Sylvie Howson, Florence McKay (11th), William Middup (12th), Owen Watson (13th)

### Thought for the day

#### by Cheryl Hall

A colleague recently shared the story of a young woman from Birmingham called Assya Shabir, born with a debilitating condition called 'Epidermolysis Bullosa' in which any contact with the skin causes it to form into painful blisters, bleed and break. This painful and potentially life threatening disease has no known cure, however, Assya has managed to remain overwhelmingly positive in spite of her condition and, perhaps surprisingly, describes herself as "blessed".

This unusually uplifting story made me think of today's gospel reading, in particular, Jesus' comment to Thomas following his ascension, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet still believe."

How many times have we, with relatively little to complain about, forgotten the multitude of blessings that we are surrounded by on a daily basis? How often have we looked at a cup and considered it half empty, without appreciating the abundant fullness within?

Assya Shabir has, perhaps, every reason to doubt God's grace and mercy. Her daily reality is fraught with pain and discomfort, but she still considers herself blessed and acknowledges all that she has to be thankful for.

Can we, like Assya, learn to weave a thread of thankfulness through all of our daily experiences which acknowledges God as the originator of everything? Can we learn to accept all of our circumstances and have the faith to trust that He will sustain us, or will our daily reality convince us otherwise? The choice is ours.

# Welcome to St Mary's & St Anne's Moseley Sunday 7 May 2017 4th Sunday of Easter

Morning Readings: [Acts 2:42-end](#) (p. 116)

[John 10:1-10](#) (p. 100)

Evening Readings: [Ezra 3:1-13](#) (p. 434)

[Ephesians 2:11-end](#) (p. 190)

Holy Communion at St Mary's	8:00 a.m.
Sung Eucharist at St Mary's	10:00 a.m.
Sung Eucharist at St Anne's	11:00 a.m.
Messy Church at St Anne's Church	4:00 p.m.
Evensong at St Mary's	6:30 p.m.

### Collect

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### Future Services

#### Sunday 14 May – Easter 5

Holy Communion at St Mary's	8:00 a.m.
Sung Eucharist at St Mary's	10:00 a.m.
Sung Eucharist at St Anne's	11:00 a.m.
Evensong at St Mary's	6:30 p.m.

#### Sunday 21 May – Easter 6

Holy Communion at St Mary's	8:00 a.m.
Sung Eucharist at St Mary's	10:00 a.m.
Sung Eucharist at St Anne's	11:00 a.m.
Evensong at St Mary's	6:30 p.m.

#### Sunday 28 May – Easter 7

Holy Communion at St Mary's	8:00 a.m.
Sung Eucharist with Baptism at St Mary's	10:00 a.m.
Sung Eucharist at St Anne's	11:00 a.m.
Evensong at St Mary's	6:30 p.m.

### Preparation

Before each service you are invited to use the time for prayer and preparation for worship. Children are welcome and we want them to be safe whilst they are with us.

Parents and carers should be aware that our church is open to the public and they should therefore be aware of where their children are in the building at all times when they are not part of organised activities.



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## Welcome

If you are here for the first time, please do introduce yourself to a sides-person or priest. There is a loop system for the hard-of-hearing available in the nave at St Mary's and in all parts of the church at St Anne's.

## Lighting a Candle

Please feel free to light candles to pray for someone. Candle stands are in the Magnificat Chapel at the end of the North Aisle in St Mary's. Prayer boards are also adjacent.

## Your Offering

A collection for the work of the church is usually taken during each service. There will also be a collection from the parents in the children's groups. Please use the Gift Aid envelope. The Churches will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that you give. Standing order and Gift Aid forms are available in both churches. Please see John Gray at St Anne's or Stephen Lewis or Paul Chew at St Mary's.

## Contact details for our Administrator, Vicar, Associate Vicar & Wardens (inc. Hall Bookings)

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### ***This week***

#### **Monday 8 May**

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer at St Mary's  
7:30 p.m. Ministers and Warden's meeting

#### **Tuesday 9 May**

10:30 a.m. Funeral of Giles Osborne at St Mary's church  
6:40 p.m. Prayer Circle in St Anne's Vestry

#### **Wednesday 10 May**

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer at St Anne's  
6:00 p.m. Silent-space in- St- Mary's Chapel

#### **Thursday 11 May**

10:00 a.m. Open church at St Mary's  
10:00 a.m. Stay & Play in St Mary's West Room  
12:00 p.m. Prayers for Palestine/ Israel at St Mary's  
12:30 p.m. Holy Communion at St Mary's  
6:30 p.m. 'Brumdingers' at St Mary's

#### **Friday 12 May**

10:00 a.m. Open church with Pastoral Team, St Mary's

#### **Saturday 13 May**

10:30 a.m. Coffee and Co. at St Mary's  
7:30 p.m. Wine Tasting in St Mary's West Room

## Notices

### Thank You

The Flower Guild wishes to thank all those people who donated time and greenery for the Mothering Sunday posies and to fill the Church with beautiful Easter flowers. We trust they enhanced your worship. We are looking for volunteers to help with flowers during the year. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office.

## Confirmation

Confirmation groups for adults and young people in school year 5 and above will begin in May, meeting once a month, with the confirmation service on Sunday 19 November. The group for adults takes place during the Sunday morning service, and the group for young people takes place at 4:00 p.m. on a Sunday afternoon. Please contact Hazel via the Church office if you are interested in joining a group this year.

## Prayer Circle

*Tuesday 9 May, 6:40 p.m., St Anne's Church Vestry*  
The Prayer Circle will meet for a time with the Bell-ringers. The Vestry door is on the left of the church towards the back. There will be an opportunity to go up the tower if you wish.

## Drama 13's Next Production 11th-13th May

*Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 11th to 13th May, 7:30 p.m., New Life Baptist Church Hall, Kings Heath (opp. ASDA)*

"The Darkling Plain" is a new comedy by Bea Roberts, set in the 1940's. Tickets are £6. Contact John Dowell on 449 3332.

## Wine Tasting evening

*Saturday 13 May, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., St Mary's West Room.*

Tutored wine tasting by Mark Stammers. All are welcome. Organised by FSMCM. Wines supplied by Connolly's. Tickets at the door £9 (members £7). Details from John Carey (Tel: 449 2506).

## Benefice Lunch

*Sunday 14 May, 1:30 p.m., St Anne's hall*  
Minimum donation of £5.00. Activities and games for all the family. All monies raised will go to Christian Aid. If you are able to provide a pudding, please let Angela or Janet know through the Benefice office. Sign-up sheets are on the welcome desks in each church.

## Christian Aid Week

*Sunday 14 to Sunday 21 May*

Christian Aid week will soon be here and there are several activities. Our focus is on refugees. Please visit the Christian Aid website to download games and activities for your children.

- *Sunday 14 May:* Benefice Lunch (see above)
- *Saturday 20 May:* 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Afternoon Tea with Elisabeth Leicester at Flat 14, Sinclair Court, 29 Park Road, Moseley. For catering purposes please phone 0121 449 8995 to confirm that you are coming.
- *Sunday 21 May:* YSMAA are holding a big breakfast after the St Mary's 10:00 a.m. service. Come to church with empty tummies and enjoy bacon butties, croissants, etc!

We are always in need of new house-to-house collectors. The more roads we cover in Moseley, the more funds we make for Christian Aid! Please collect a pack from the table, or speak to Julia Kilby 449 0559. *Thank you.*

## Fairtrade stall

*Sunday 28 May, 11:00 a.m., St Anne's church.*