

## Prayer & Reflection

### The Benefice prays for:

- Our young people who are sitting exams.
- Our Ministry Team supporting Balsall Heath & Edgbaston church during their interregnum.
- Christian Aid's work with refugees.
- 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, Sue Corlett, 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, Mark Midgley.

### We celebrate the Birthdays of:

Elizabeth Southall, Jade Holloway,  
Charlie Keenan, Charles Wall (22nd), Theodore Atkins (23rd), Mei-ling Rhodes (25th), Amy Watson (26th)

### Thought for the day

by Glyn Samuels

When Jesus spoke with an entirely Jewish audience he often quoted from scripture, expecting and trusting that his listeners would know, or at least recognise, the reference. Even when dying on the cross he quoted the first line of Psalm 22, where the remainder of that psalm is remarkably relevant to what was happening.

In the reading from Acts today St Paul was addressing a crowd of Athenians. Instead of using excerpts from the Old Testament, that his Gentile hearers would not have recognised, he instead quoted from a Cretan philosopher (Epimenides) and even from a Greek Poet (Aratus), trusting and expecting that his hearers would recognise the references.

Perhaps the greatest relevance of that is the fact that even at the on-set of the early Christian Church there was a move to show that God had been speaking to and blessing all peoples, not just the Jews, for hundreds of years. Epimenides died six hundred years before St Paul addressed the crowd and the quotation from his works had originally been Minos speaking of the Father-God Zeus. Aratus died about three hundred years before the speech and his poem also was addressed to Zeus, but St Paul cleverly insists that the references had in reality been to God the Father, who was and is and ever shall be.

Where else in ancient writings, I wonder, can we see that God had been the guiding force?

# Welcome to St Mary's & St Anne's Moseley Sunday 21 May 2017 6th Sunday of Easter

Morning Readings: [Acts 17:22-31](#) (p. 134)

[John 14:15-21](#) (p. 105)

Evening Readings: [Zechariah 8:1-13](#) (p. 897)

[Revelation 21:22-22:5](#) (p. 258)

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.

### Collect

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### Future Services

#### Thursday 25 May – Ascension Day

Holy Communion in St Mary's Lady Chapel 12:30 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.

#### Sunday 4 June – Pentecost

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.

### 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.

### Moseley Car Park – changes to charging

From Thursday 1 June the car park in Moseley is both increasing its charges and introducing charges for 24 hours a day. Please do not be caught out.



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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.

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### **This week**

#### **Monday 22 May**

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer, St Mary's  
7:30 p.m. Pastoral Team Training

#### **Wednesday 24 May**

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer, St Anne's  
7:30 p.m. Discipleship Team

#### **Thursday 25 May**

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

#### **Friday 26 May**

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

#### **Saturday 27 May**

10:30 a.m. Coffee and Co., St Mary's  
2:00 p.m. Wedding of Lucy Jones & Nick Shepherd, St Mary's Church

## Notices

### **Oberammergau 2020**

I would like to lead a pilgrimage to see the [Oberammergau Passion Play](#) in July 2020. I need to know if enough people are interested at this stage to make it a viable group booking. The trip would be by luxury coach from Moseley if we can get enough folk to fill it. The tour is operated by Leger Holidays. A seven day (six nights) tour with three nights in Austria, two in Belgium and one in Oberammergau including all travel, 4/5 star accommodation and a ticket to the play will cost around £1,225 per person based on two people

sharing a room. Single supplement is £259. Please note that this will be post Brexit. Please let Brenda know if you are interested either by phone or email by the end of the month. *Duncan*

## Thanks

'Restore' expresses warm thanks to St Anne's people for all their gifts.

## Thanks

The Christian Aid lunch was well supported last Sunday and raised £300 for Christian Aid. Thanks to all who supported this event. Particular thanks to Angela Brown and Janet Thorne who did all the catering and spent the morning cooking the lunch. Thanks also to all the others on the hospitality team.

## Thy Kingdom Come

Please look at and take away the leaflet of events in the Moseley Deanery taking place as part of 'Thy Kingdom Come', a call to prayer by the Archbishop of Canterbury. There are times of prayer taking place in our own churches as part of this initiative, do come along for one or all of these. Ask Mark Simons for more information or if you want to help.

## Saturday Morning Coffee Concert

*Saturday 27 May, 11:00 a.m., St Mary's church*

The next in this series of concerts will feature Jeanne Conard Jones (Mezzo Soprano) who will bring us 'Songs for a Spring Morning'.

## Fairtrade stall

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

## Container for Malawi

Moseley Churches Together are collecting items for the container for Malawi which the Diocese is sending on Saturday 10 June. There is a box at the back of both churches for contributions. We are collecting school furniture, writing materials, books, children's shoes and school bags, haberdashery, wool, knitting needles, cloth, women's jerseys and flat shoes, babies' and children's clothes, sheets, blankets, thin duvets, bedspreads, woodwork and garage tools, computers, mobile phones and cameras. Please bring any items by Sunday 4 June.

## Book of the term

*Falling Upward, a spirituality for the two halves of life* by Richard Rohr (available from [Amazon](#)). In this book, Fr. Richard Rohr, founder of the Centre for Action and Contemplation, takes the reader on a journey of exploration of how the heartbreaks and disappointments of life can be stepping stones into the spiritual joys that the second half of life has in store for us. There will be an opportunity to discuss the book with others on the evening of Tuesday 25 July.