

Prayer & Reflection

The Benefice prays for:

- Our young people who are sitting exams.
- Mathilda Stark and Freddie Grice as they are baptised at St Mary's today
- Lucy & Nick Shepherd as they begin their married life together
- the people of Manchester, especially those who have lost loved ones
- Our Ministry Team supporting Balsall Heath & Edgbaston church during their interregnum.
- Children's Society request prayer for young carers to get help and support.
- 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:

Pat Sack, Dylan Webb, Ava Mae Bridgeman. Joshua Rowlands (29th), Jokhim Meikle, Rory Howell (31st), Anne Inasley (2nd), Carole Robinson (3rd)

Thought for the day by Fiona Chew

Acts 1:6-14

Week by week, in the Nicene Creed, we recite the following words – "he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead."

The Gospels of both Mark (Ch 16: 19-20) and Luke (Ch 24: 50-52) include very brief accounts of the Ascension. In Luke, we read that as Jesus was blessing the disciples, he departed, and they worshipped him – the tone appears to be joyful. In Mark, we are told rather succinctly that after Jesus talked with the disciples, he was taken up to heaven, and the disciples went and preached everywhere. By contrast, in Acts (although thought to have been written by the same author as Luke's gospel), we read a more detailed account, in which the disciples continued to stare at the sky after a cloud had hidden Jesus from their sight. Two men dressed in white suddenly stood beside the disciples and asked them why they were looking up at the sky. In this final experience of the physical presence of the risen Jesus, maybe they were hoping for one last glimpse of their Lord.

The Diocesan 3D course that I am currently studying posed the following question of Jesus' Ascension - "If you were among the 11 disciples, what one question might you wish you had asked Jesus before he departed?. My immediate response was "When will you come back?. What would have been your question to Jesus?"

Welcome to St Mary's & St Anne's Moseley Sunday 28 May 2017 7th Sunday of Easter

Morning Readings: [Acts 1:6-14](#) (p. 114)

[John 17:1-11](#) (p. 108)

Evening Readings: [2 Samuel 23:1-5](#) (p. 308)

[Ephesians 1:15-end](#) (p. 189)

Holy Communion at St Mary's 8:00 a.m.

Sung Eucharist with Welcome and Blessing
for Thomas Walk 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, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Future Services

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.

Evensong at St Mary's 6:30 p.m.

Sunday 11 June – Trinity Sunday

Holy Communion at St Mary's 8:00 a.m.

Sung Eucharist with Blessing 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.

Moseley Car Park – changes to charging

From 1st 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.

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

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This week

Monday 29 May

No Morning Prayer

Wednesday 31 May

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer at St Anne's

Thursday 1 June

10:00 a.m. Open Church in St Mary's Church

12 noon 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 2 June

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

Saturday 3 June

10:30 a.m. Coffee and Co. at St Mary's

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 7 day (6 night) tour with three nights in Austria, 2 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 2 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

Thanks to all who helped so generously with Christian Aid week. The house to house collections went well with a few new volunteers who along with our reliable regulars were

much appreciated. Sadly only a few of the five envelope packs were taken this year. We'll be trying again next year in the hope that again will each one of us will be able to do something to help those in desperate need. Final counting to be done on Monday 29 May so please make sure I have your envelopes by then. Grateful thanks to YSMAA on a very successful Big Brekkie and to Elizabeth Leicester who had a tea party.

Julia Kilby

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.

Fairtrade stall

The Fairtrade stall is set up TODAY at 11:00 a.m. in St Anne's church.

Prayer Circle

Tuesday 6 June, 7:30 p.m., St Mary's West Room

The next meeting of the Prayer Circle will be on the first Tuesday of the month, as it is near Pentecost. Peter Alcock will guide us in *lectio divina* for Pentecost entitled "Standing in God's Holy Fire".

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.

Vocations

A small group has been meeting in the Benefice to support those exploring vocations, whether that be to authorised lay ministry, ordained ministry, a religious order such as the Third Order of Saint Francis, or to something else. The group next meets on Monday 12 June at 7:30 p.m. If you would be interested in coming along, please contact Hazel. Complete confidentiality is respected in the group.

Book of the term

Falling Upward, a spirituality for the two halves of life by Richard Rohr (available from Amazon from £4.48 + postage). 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.