

## Prayer & Reflection

### The Benefice prays for:

- Those on half term: our children and families, and also the staff of the schools in our parish.
- For Abigail and Clara as they are Baptised today.
- Rachel Barwell continuing a year in Honduras volunteering with Project Trust.
- Embrace the Middle East's partners helping refugees with chronic medical conditions.
- 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, Sylvia Gold, Alan Jones, Ruth Greenhalgh, Ian Spence, Harry Rawlings, Fred Burrows, Sue Corlett, Debbie Baker, Roger Howling, John & Sue Withey, Sue & John Williams, Bal and Louise, Paul Jones, Sheila Boylan, Ryan and Kelly, Rachel Clarkson, Betty Clarke, Jade Phipps, Suki Cornfield, Sean Brady, Joan Dakin, Sheila Perks, Mohammed Saleem (Sandy).

### We celebrate the Birthdays of:

22nd	Robert Brown
23rd	Janet Moir, Joanne Simons
24th	George Rodgers
25th	Cath Greenhill
26th	Isla Swinbourne
27th	Rachel McLeod

### Thought for the Day by Rick Smyth

Today's gospel reading invokes many discussions – about the cost and risk we all face (as Christians) in being complicit in the injustices of our society, the relationship between Church and State, the nature of taxes, the list goes on. However, in the internet age where global leaders choose to communicate in 142 characters on Twitter and news broadcasters constantly interrupt our leaders, demanding "yes/no" answers to complex issues, there is another facet to this story which is perhaps also worthy of exploration.

The Pharisees sought to trap Jesus: "Yes" and the people would turn against him. "No" and he would find himself in trouble with the authorities. A seemingly no win scenario – as familiar to us today as it was then.

His answer is, of course, famously elegant. In standing back from the pressure to give that simplistic "yes/no" answer, Jesus lifts the eyes of his inquisitors above the petty devices of their trap to see the greater complexity of the world that we live in - in all its wonder and beauty. They were, quite rightly, amazed.

It is fashionable in our modern world to see virtue in the reduction of difficult issues into overly simplistic sound bites or binary choices. No one has time to consider the issues fully. (*cont. on front page ...*)

## Welcome to St Mary's & St Anne's Moseley Sunday 22 October 2017 19th Sunday after Trinity

Morning Readings: [Isaiah 45:1-7](#) (p. 684)

[Matthew 22:15-22](#) (p. 023)

Evening Readings: [Proverbs 4:1-18](#) (p. 598)

[1 John 3:16-4:6](#) (p. 235)

Holy Communion at St Mary's 8:00am

Sung Eucharist with Baptism at St Mary's 10:00am

Sung Eucharist at St Anne's 11:00am

Evensong at St Mary's 6:30pm

### Collect

Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Future Services

#### Sunday 29 October – Last Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion at St Mary's 8:00am

Sung Eucharist St Mary's 10:00am

Sung Eucharist at St Anne's 11:00am

Service of Wholeness & Healing at St Mary's 6:30pm

#### Sunday 5 November – All Saints' & All Souls

Holy Communion at St Mary's 8:00am

Sung Eucharist at St Mary's 10:00am

Sung Eucharist at St Anne's 11:00am

All Souls Memorial Service at St Anne's 5:00pm

### 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.

### Thought for the Day

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Everyone is pressing for tomorrow's headline rather than looking for lasting solutions. By definition, there are no easy answers to difficult questions. That is particularly true where faith is involved. In facing our society's difficult issues, we too must step back, stop talking, look, listen and think beyond the sound bites and headlines in order to hear God. Who knows, in doing so we might even find some answers.



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## Welcome

If you are here for the first time, please do introduce yourself to a sidesperson 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 Jamie Sheehan at St Anne's or Stephen Lewis or Jenny Jupe at St Mary's.

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

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## This week

### Monday 23 October

No Morning prayers at St Mary's this week

### Wednesday 25 October

09:00am Morning prayers at St Anne's  
No 'Silentspace' this week

### Thursday 26 October

10:15am Open Church at St Mary's  
10:15am Stay & Play in St Anne's Church  
12:00pm Prayers for Palestine/ Israel, St Mary's  
12:30pm Holy Communion, St Mary's  
7:30pm Russian Choir 'Voskresenije' at St Mary's

### Friday 27 October

10:00am Open Church at St Mary's

### Saturday 28 October

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

## Notices

### Refreshments

All proceeds from the sale of refreshments at St Mary's during the month of October will be donated to the Bible Society, one of St Mary's charities.

### Embrace the Middle East

St Anne's charity for October is [Embrace the Middle East](#), a Christian charity which tackles injustice, poverty and exclusion in the Middle East and supports transformational projects which help vulnerable and marginalised people to achieve their full potential. There will be a cake sale TODAY in aid of the charity, and a plate for donations will be on the welcome desk at the back of the church throughout October.

## Clocks

Remember that the clocks go back 1 hour on Sunday morning 29 October.

## Service of Remembrance & Thanksgiving

Sunday 5 November, 5:00pm, St Anne's Church.

If you would like the name of someone who has died to be read at this service, please add their name(s) to the list on the Welcome Desk in church.

## School Admissions 2018

If you are applying for a place for your child for September 2018 at Moseley C of E Primary School and require confirmation of church attendance, you will need to bring your completed school 'additional information for admissions form' (available on the school website) for Revd Hazel or Revd Duncan to sign on one of the following dates:

- Sat-4-Nov, 10:30am-12:30pm, St Mary's Church
- Sat-18-Nov, 2:00-4:00pm, St Anne's Church.

Coffee and tea will be available during these times.

**Please note**, it is not our practise 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.

## Russian Choir Concert

Thursday 26 October, 7:30pm, St Mary's church.

The Voskresenije Ensemble perform Russian Sacred Music and Folk Songs. Tickets £12 (Under 18 years £8)

Book via Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/concert-voskresenije-ensemble-of-st-petersburg-tickets-37562440270>

Or by post from 7 Melbury Grove, Kings Heath B14 6BN.

## DemCaf- Edgbaston.

Coffee, tea and activities for people with dementia and their carers'. At St. George's Church, Westbourne Crescent, B'ham B15 3DQ. Opening 7th November 2017. Session times: 10.30am – 12.30pm, first Tuesday of the month. (excluding Jan and April 2018). For further information contact [eve.a.kirby@gmail.com](mailto:eve.a.kirby@gmail.com)

## Christmas Shoeboxes

We hope to send boxes again this year. On 22nd & 29th Oct and 5th Nov there will be cartons at the back of both churches for your kind gifts. Suggestions for items are posted on the cartons. Packing of boxes will take place in St Anne's Hall from 2:30pm to 5:00pm on Monday 6th November. Please come and help. Samaritans Purse (the parent organisation) has had to increase the cost of transport to £5 per box, so financial donations are also welcome. Enquiries to: Debbie Barwell tel 449 7690 or Elisabeth Leicester tel 449 8995.

## Vision 13

A 'Moseley Conversations' lunch will take place in St Mary's church after the morning service on Sunday 29th October for anyone who wishes to be involved in the ongoing discussions regarding the future development of St Mary's church premises. Please sign-up on the attendance sheet on the welcome desk if you would like to attend.

## Moseley Car Park

The car park in Moseley has now both increased its charges and introduced charges for 24 hours a day. Please do not be caught out.