

## Prayer & Reflection

### The Benefice prays for:

- For Isaac Jaques as we give thanks at St Anne's for the gift of his life and pray for God's blessing.
- For all who volunteer to help with Messy Church.
- Malawi – with thanks for a bumper harvest this year and for completion of all of the classroom blocks.
- Rachel Barwell continuing a year in Honduras volunteering with Project Trust.

### Prayers are asked for:

Margaret Brown, Pat Dowell, Sam Wylie, Lucy Charles, Matthew, Hannah and Bethany Davies, 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, Suki Cornfield, Sean Brady, Sheila Perks, Mohammed Saleem (Sandy).

### We celebrate the Birthdays of:

Mick Perrier, Maisie Cartmell, Matthew Horton (3rd), Philip Holloway (4th), Helen Collett, Peter Alcock (9th)

### Thought for the Day by Tammy Tearoe:

The words of the prophet Isaiah in today's reading call to mind Mount Anong, a simmering, near boiling, volcano on the island of Bali. The mountain has been giving signals that it will erupt since at least September prompting evacuations and world-wide warnings of potential disruption caused by the ash cloud billowing from its vent. Residents unwilling, or unable to flee watch warily whilst donning face masks to minimise the inhalation of toxic smoke and ash.

We know ancient people equated natural disasters and phenomena like violent volcanic eruptions with the wrath of god. Isaiah implores God to step down from heaven, to make the mountains tremble and disrupt the wicked ways of the nation and call them back to obedience. He's looking for a dramatic entrance and intervention by the Almighty.

Today we embark on the Advent journey to Christmas, the time when Christians believe the words of the prophets are fulfilled in the birth of Jesus. How surprised would Isaiah have been to discover that when God did step into our world God wasn't accompanied by earthquakes and eruptions but a chorus of angels and the frail first cries of a baby lying in a manger?

### Final Hymn – St Mary's

Advent Sunday marks the beginning of the new liturgical year. At the 10am service at St Mary's we are introducing a new way of receiving the collection. In the offertory hymn, we will be focussing on the presentation of the gifts of bread and wine. In the final hymn, we will be receiving the collection for the work of the church.

# Welcome to St Mary's & St Anne's Moseley Sunday 3 December 2017 Advent Sunday

## Readings

Morning [Isaiah 64:1-9](#) (p. 704)  
[Mark 13:24-end](#) (p. 48)

## Services

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| Holy Communion at St Mary's   | 8:00am  |
| Sung Eucharist at St Mary's<br><i>followed by Messy Church</i>  | 10:00am |
| Sung Eucharist at St Anne's with<br>Thanksgiving and Blessing<br>for the Gift of a Child<br><i>followed by Messy Church</i> | 11:00am |
| Special Service of Readings and Music<br>for Advent at St Mary's  | 6.30pm  |

## Collect

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## Future Services

### Sunday 10 December – Advent 2

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| Holy Communion at St Mary's | 8:00am  |
| Sung Eucharist at St Mary's | 10:00am |
| Sung Eucharist at St Anne's | 11:00am |
| Evensong at St Mary's       | 6:30pm  |

### Sunday 17 December – Advent 3

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| Holy Communion at St Mary's                          | 8:00am  |
| Sung Eucharist with Nativity at St Mary's            | 10:00am |
| Sung Eucharist at St Anne's                          | 11:00am |
| Pop-up Nativity and Community Carols<br>at St Anne's | 5:00pm  |
| Festival of Nine Lessons with Carols<br>at St Mary's | 6:30pm  |

## 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

The car park in Moseley has now both increased its charges and introduced charges for 24 hours a day.

## Printed Sermons

Each week, a small number of printed copies of any sermons which have been posted on the Benefice website will now be made available in both churches.



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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 / Parish Giving and Gift Aid forms are available in both churches, please see John Gray at St Anne's or Paul Chew at St Mary's.

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

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### This week

#### Monday 4 December

9:00am Morning prayers at St Mary's  
7:30pm Pastoral Training Course  
7:30pm St Mary's Standing Committee

#### Wednesday 6 December

9:00am Morning prayers at St Anne's  
6:00pm 'Silentspace' in St Mary's Lady Chapel  
7:15pm Growing Leaders in West Room

#### Thursday 7 December

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

#### Friday 8 December

10:00am Open Church at St Mary's

#### Saturday 9 December

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

## Notices

### Church Office Opening Times

Please note that the Church Office is now open from 11am to 3:30pm on a Monday and from 9:30am to 3:30pm from Tuesday to Friday.

### Journeying In Advent Prayer Station

A new prayer station for Advent can be found below the Magnificat window at St Mary's and in the prayer corner at St Anne's – please do take a look!

### Winter Night Shelter

We will once again be taking part in the Birmingham Churches Winter Night Shelter project in the New Year. The dates to note in your diaries are: Saturday nights/Sunday mornings from 17/18 Feb to 24/25 March. We're not signing up volunteers yet – this is just

giving you advance notice.

## Benefice Christmas Fair – Thank-you!

A huge thank you to everyone who helped in any way with a successful Christmas Fair on Saturday. Whether it was publicising the event, setting up, running or helping on a stall, singing or counting the money, it was a real team effort. There are a few books and jams left on display in church by the Welcome desk for sale. These will be on offer until Sunday 3 December, so if you would like anything please leave a reasonable donation in the bowls provided. With expenses taken out we raised £1,915.32 – a great total! This will be added to the £160 raised at the Benefice lunch on Sunday 5 November. A total of £2,075.32 will be sent to our Benefice charities. These are The Children's Society, Christian Aid, Médecins Sans Frontières and The Diocesan Malawi Link.

*Thank you all, Angela Brown*

## St Anne's Community Carol Service, Sunday 17 December, 5pm – Scratch Choir

Anyone of any age is welcome to come along and learn one piece of music 'from scratch' on Wednesday 13 December from 6-7pm in St Anne's church. One rehearsal, lasting one hour, for a one off performance of one piece of music in the carol service on Sunday 17 December.

## Burns Supper with Ceilidh

*Saturday 27 January 2018, St Anne's Church Hall.*

Guest of Honour: The Lord Bishop of Birmingham.

Licensed Bar. Tickets £25 each available from the Benefice Office. Veggie option, but you need to advise the office when buying your ticket.

## Silentspace

*Wednesdays in Advent, 6-7 pm, St Mary's Lady Chapel*  
Silentspace during Advent will be a form of Compline. A contemplative, said service with space for silence afterwards.

## Christmas Day Together 2017

*Monday 25 December, 12:00 – 3:30pm, St Anne's church*

Once again the benefice will be hosting this event. It is a community event open to all who would otherwise be alone and provides Christmas Lunch, fun and fellowship. Helpers are also needed to provide transport, help with preparations and hosting on the day. Please help to make this special day in the life of the benefice a great success. Please ring the church office on 0121 4492243 or use the sign-up sheets available on the welcome desks in both churches if you would like to attend or can offer help in any way. A special request: Can anyone offer to play the piano for Carol singing at approximately 2:15pm on the day?

## Amnesty International Prisoners of Conscience

There will be greetings cards in St. Mary's after the 10am service on Sunday 10 December for people to send a message of solidarity to prisoners of conscience for Amnesty International.

## Thursday Thinkers

- Thursday 7 December, 10am – 11:30am, 47 Moor Green Lane
- Thursday 14 December, 10am – 11:30am, 15 Park Hill