

Prayer & Reflection

The Benefice prays for:

- Those in our congregation who work in retail, especially in the weeks leading up to Christmas
- All Amnesty International prisoners of conscience to whom we are sending greetings cards.
- Malawi – with thanks for a bumper harvest this year and for completion of all of the classroom blocks.
- Churches together in Moseley & pray for those who receive Christmas cards inviting them to services
- The people of Syria and other countries experiencing conflict.
- 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).

Souls of the Departed:

Marion Lloyd

We celebrate the Birthdays of:

Richard Tearoe, Alexei Adams (11th), John Carey, Theo Winwood, Amy Townend (12th), Cynthia Kirkham (13th), Elizabeth Way, Dawn Martin (14th), Matthew Jones (15th).

Thought for the Day

By Trish Everett

Today's reading from Mark tells of the beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ.

These days we seem to be inundated with messages and news, on the TV, the radio, in newspapers – to say nothing of Twitter feeds and Facebook posts! How do we distinguish what is true that we should take note of? I can't help thinking that what we need to do in our busy lives, is to listen to the still small voice of calm that speaks to us through the earthquake, wind and fire – the voice of God, who speaks to us. Are we listening?

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.

Final Hymn – St Mary's

Advent Sunday marked the beginning of the new liturgical year. At the 10am service at St. Mary's, we introduced a new way of receiving the collection. In the offertory hymn, we focus on the presentation of the gifts of bread and wine. In the final hymn, we receive the collection for the work of the church.

Welcome to St Mary's & St Anne's Moseley Sunday 10 December 2017 Second Sunday of Advent

Readings

Morning	Isaiah 40:1-11 (p. 677) Mark 1:1-8 (p. 33)
Evening	1 Kings 22:1-2 (p. 339) Romans 15:4-1 (p. 159)

Services

Holy Communion, St Mary's	8:00am
Sung Eucharist, St Mary's	10:00am
Sung Eucharist, St Anne's	11:00am
Ambler's Annual Memorial Service, St Anne's	2:00pm
Evensong, St Mary's	6:30pm

Collect

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. Amen

Future Services

Sunday 17 December – Advent 3

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 at St Anne's	5:00pm
Festival of Nine Lessons with Carols at St Mary's	6:30p

Sunday 24 December – Advent 4, Christmas Eve

Holy Communion at St Mary's	8:00am
Sung Eucharist at St Mary's	10:00am
Sung Eucharist at St Anne's	11:00am
Christingle at St Mary's	5:00pm
Midnight Mass at St Mary's	11:00pm

Monday 25 December – Christmas Day

Holy Communion at St Mary's	8:00am
Sung Eucharist at St Mary's	10:00am
Sung Eucharist at St Anne's	10:00am

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 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)

Church Office: 25 St Mary's Row, B13 8HW
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Email: info@moseleybenefice.org.uk
Church website: www.moseleybenefice.org.uk

This week

Monday 11 December

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

Tuesday 12 December

7:30pm Vocations group

Wednesday 13 December

9:00am Morning prayers at St Anne's
6:00pm 'Silentspace' in St Mary's Lady Chapel
6:00pm Scratch choir rehearsal at St Anne's

Thursday 14 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 15 December

10:00am Open Church at St Mary's

Saturday 16 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!

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.

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 17th/18th February to 24th/25th March. We're not signing up volunteers yet – this is just giving you advance notice.

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 in 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

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

Christmas Day Together 2017

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

Once again the benefice will be hosting this 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 Christmas Day?

Amnesty International Prisoners of Conscience

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

Thursday Thinkers

Thursday 14 December, 10am–11:30am, 15 Park Hill

Stamps into Cash

Birmingham City Mission (active in several ways including helping homeless people) need used stamps. These can be left in the 'L' pigeon hole in either church and Elisabeth Leicester will forward them. Please trim stamps to within 5mm of perforation and sort into UK and foreign.

Double Your Money

Christian Aid supporters may like to note that the UK government will match donations for Christian Aid projects in South Sudan and Burkina Faso. The scheme runs from now until Monday 5 February 2018. For more information visit christianaid.org.uk/programme-policy-practice/programmes/uk-aid-match.

Moseley 'Churches Together' Joint Christmas Cards

Christmas cards are now at the back of both churches. Could you collect them for the road where you live and deliver them?