

Prayer & Reflection

The Benefice prays for:

- Those in our congregations who find Christmas a difficult time.
- The Children's Society looking for more volunteers.
- People of faith in Moseley, and for strong interfaith relationships.
- 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).

We celebrate the Birthdays of:

Mark Simons (17th), Brendan Priest (18th), Jessica Midgley (20th), Jenny Daniels, Iris Howell, Christine McAteer (21st), Imogen Burbidge, Benjamin Richards (22nd), Sybil Harvey-Lago (23rd).

Thought for the day

[John 1:6-8;19-23](#)

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

The Testimony of John the Baptist

19 This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' ²⁰He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.' ²¹And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.' ²²Then they said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?' ²³He said, 'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord" ', as the prophet Isaiah said.

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.

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!

Welcome to St Mary's & St Anne's Moseley Sunday 17 December 2017 Third Sunday of Advent

Readings

Morning [Isaiah 6:1-4;8-end](#) (p. 645)
(8am and 11am) [John 1:6-8;19-28](#) (p, 88)

Services

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	6:30pm

Collect

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Future Services

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

Sunday 31 December – Christmas 2

No services at St Mary's	
Sung Eucharist at St Anne's	11:00am

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.

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.



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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 18 December

9:00am Morning prayers at St Mary's

Wednesday 20 December

9:00am Morning prayers at St Anne's

6:00pm 'Silentspace' in St Mary's Lady Chapel

7:30pm Moseley at the Movies –Vicarage

Thursday 21 December

10:00am Moseley CofE KS2 Nativity St Mary's

10:00am Stay & Play with Crib Service St Anne's Church

12:00pm Prayers for Palestine/ Israel, St Mary's

12:30pm Holy Communion, St Mary's

Friday 22 December

10:00am Open Church at St Mary's

10:00am Preparing Christingles West Room

Saturday 23 December

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

8:30am Assembling Christingles West Room

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.

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. This is just giving you advance notice.

Christingle Preparation

Friday 22 December, 10am – 12noon, West Room

Join Caroline to make the 'sticks'. If you can spare 30 minutes we can enjoy a cuppa and a treat.

Saturday 23 December, 8:30am, West Room

Christingles will be assembled. Join Debbie and Caroline to see if we can do this in record time. Children to be accompanied by adults both days please.

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, 6 – 7pm, 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, 12noon – 3:30pm, St Anne's Hall

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, and help with 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 the Christmas Day together number 07538 103500 or use the sign-up sheets available on the welcome desks in both churches if you would like to attend or can offer help, by Thursday 21 December

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 5th February. 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?

Moseley C of E Primary School Admissions Policy

The Governors of the school are proposing to amend the policy from 2019. To view the proposals and how to respond, please go to the school website at <http://www.moseleyce.bham.sch.uk/>

Moseley at the Movies

Wednesday 20 December, 7:30pm, the Vicarage.

Sidespeople at Christmas services

Extra people are needed! If you can help please let Glyn know.