

Prayer & Reflection

The Benefice prays for:

- Christmas Day Together – for Janet as she coordinates the event, Kurt our chef, those who volunteer in varying roles, and all the guests.
- All mission partners sharing the good news of Christ's birth.
- People of faith in Moseley, and for strong interfaith relationships.
- The people of Syria and other countries experiencing conflict.

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, Harry Rawlings, Fred Burrows, Sue Corlett, Debbie Baker, Roger Howling, John & Sue Withey, Sue & John Williams, Paul Jones, Sheila Boylan, Ryan and Kelly, Rachel Clarkson, Betty Clarke, Suki Cornfield, Sean Brady, Sheila Perks, Mohammed Saleem (Sandy), Mary Brookstein.

Souls of the Departed:

Kevin Morgan

We celebrate the Birthdays of:

Dawn Martin (24th), Caitlin Hope McNamara (25th), Chloe Meredith-Hyde (26th), Isaac Jaques, John Gray (28th), Jenny Livermore, Amelia Dowsett, Thomas Dean (30th), Hazel White (31st), Tabitha Stuttard (1st), Molly Roberts (2nd), Alistair Ritchie (4th), Georgina Hartley Kite (5th), John Dowell, Kevin Parry, Arden Rowley (6th).

Thought for the day:

Christopher Ardagh-Walter

The best part of waiting is when you can do nothing more. After months of looking forward, making all the preparations, wondering again whether anything could have been forgotten, at last there is nothing more to do but wait. Like any expectant mother, Mary must have known this. In her case a journey had to be made to Bethlehem, but we picture her sitting on the donkey (?), thinking, readying herself for God's gift and her future responsibilities. That would be a wonderful way to spend the last day before Christmas. I'm not sure that things actually happen like that – there are too many last minute panics, yet the ideal is there of all creation quietly waiting for our Saviour to come. If our hearts are open to him, he does come to us. But this is not a once a year thought. He knocks at the door whenever he will, at any time. Our place is to hear that knock, and then to want him, to welcome him. Do pray for those people who are busy helping us to enjoy Christmas. Pray for those who are so busy that come the Day they will be exhausted. Pray for clergy, musicians, churchwardens, carers (and parents !) who can hardly allow themselves to be still. And then pray for ourselves that with Mary we may hold ourselves quietly, ready for Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Welcome to St Mary's & St Anne's Moseley Sunday 24 December 2017 Fourth Sunday of Advent Christmas Eve

Sunday 24 December, Advent 4,
Christmas Eve

Readings

Morning: [2 Samuel 7:1-11:16](#) (p. 290)
[Luke 1:26-38](#) (p. 54)

Midnight: [Isaiah 52:7-10](#) (p. 693)
[John 1:1-14](#) (p. 88)

Services

Holy Communion at St Mary's 8:00am
Sung Eucharist at St Mary's 10:00am
Sung Eucharist at St Anne's 11:00am

Collect

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Christingle at St Mary's 5:00pm

Midnight Mass at St Mary's 11:00pm

Collect

Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of your one true light: bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth, to see the radiance of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Monday 25 December, Christmas Day

Readings

8:00am: [Isaiah 52:7-10](#) (p. 693)
[John 1:1-14](#) (p. 88)

10:00am: [Luke 2:1-7](#) (p. 55)

Services

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

Collect

Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth: accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you, our Saviour and our eternal God. Amen.

Children are invited to bring one opened gift with them to the 10:00am service.



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Sunday 31 December – Christmas 2

Readings

Morning: [Philippians 2:5-11](#)
[Luke 2:15-21](#)

Services

Sung Eucharist at St Anne's 11:00am

No services at St Mary's

Collect

God our Father, in love you sent your Son that the world may have life: lead us to seek him among the outcast and to find him in those in need, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Future Services

Sunday 7 January – Epiphany Sunday

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

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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Notices

Church Office Opening Times

The office will be closed from Friday 22nd December, re-opening on Tuesday 2nd January 2018 at 9.00am. Thank you.

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.

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.

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 Feb to 24th/25th March. This is just giving you advance notice.

Prayer circle

Tuesday 9 January, 7:30pm, West Room, St Mary's
The next meeting of the Prayer Circle will focus on 'Stars of Hope for Refugees'. There will be activities. Please come and bring your relevant items for prayer stations.

Christmas Day Together 2017

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

Once again the benefice will be hosting this community event which provides Christmas Lunch, fun and fellowship!

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/>

St Anne's charity of the month – January

St Anne's will be making special collections throughout January for [Practical Action](#), an international development charity which uses sustainable technology to challenge poverty and improve the lives of people worldwide. There is a display at the back of the church about Practical Action's work and a plate for donations on the welcome desk. There will be a short drama in the sermon slot on Sunday 14 January to illustrate the work the charity does, and an auction of surplus Christmas gifts after the service on that day. Please give any items for auction to Elisabeth Leicester.

December 25th – January 6th

Monday 25 December

12noon Christmas Day Together

Saturday 30 December

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

Wednesday 3 January

9:00am Morning prayers at St Anne's

Thursday 4 January

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

Friday 5 January

10:00am Open Church at St Mary's

Saturday 6 January

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

The Clergy and Ministry Team wish you all
A very Merry Christmas and
A Happy New Year.