

## Prayer & Reflection

### The Benefice prays for:

- Those in our congregations exploring new possibilities for the coming year, especially those looking for new employment.
- Rachel Barwell continuing a year in Honduras volunteering with Project Trust.
- St. Basil's helping homeless young people to be united with their families.
- All the charities we will try to help in 2018.

### 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.

### We celebrate the Birthdays of:

Barney McLeod (8th), Harry Rawlings, John Townend, Alec Charles-Peers, Merryn Phillips (9th), William Terry (10th), Janet Thorne, Lena Skuriat, Evelyn Hewett (13th)

### Thought for the day by Cheryl Hall

I wonder what would have happened if the wise men in today's first gospel reading had refused to accept the significance of the star leading them to Christ. Or crucially if after visiting the infant Lord they had failed to heed God's warning that they should not return to Herod or reveal Christ's whereabouts. They might have been reluctant to accept a dream as a channel for a message from God possibly thinking that He would more likely communicate in other ways or they might simply have believed that divine prompting if possible only happened to other, worthier people.

In our modern daily lives it is all too easy for us to make excuses: 'It's just my imagination'; 'He wouldn't/couldn't send a message like that'; 'It's just a coincidence', rather than for us to hear and respond to His voice - particularly if that voice is directing us to a course of action in accordance with bible principles that we would rather not take. Biblically God's warnings and messages come in myriad forms: dreams, visions, angelic appearances and miracles. As Christians do we believe that God is still prompting and guiding us today as he did in biblical times? Are we willing to accept that the growing sense of unease we might have about a particular course of action, the penetrating and timely wisdom of a friend or loved one or the words of a conversation overheard resonating at a frequency beyond coincidence might all be ways in which God is still guiding, prompting and speaking to us today or are we more inclined to search for a more 'rational' explanation? Our challenge as modern Christians is to be able to recognise, accept and respond to His voice.

# Welcome to St Mary's & St Anne's Moseley Sunday 7 January 2018 Epiphany Sunday

## Readings

Morning	<a href="#">Isaiah 60:1-6</a> (p. 700) <a href="#">Matthew 2:1-12</a> (p. 1)
Evening	<a href="#">Isaiah 63:7-end</a> (p. 703) <a href="#">1 John 3</a> (p. 237)

## 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
Evensong at St. Mary's	6:30pm

## Collect

Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child: guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## Future Services

### Sunday 14 January – Epiphany 2

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

### Sunday 21 January – Christian Unity

Holy Communion, St Mary's	8:00am
<i>No morning services at St Mary's or St Anne's</i>	
Holy Communion for Christian Unity, St Agnes	9:15am
Family Service for Christian Unity, St Agnes	11:00am
Evensong 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.

## 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 8 January

9:00am Morning prayers at St Mary's

### Tuesday 9 January

7:30pm Prayer Circle, St Mary's West Room

### Wednesday 10 January

9:00am Morning prayers at St Anne's

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

7:30pm Safeguarding team meeting

### Thursday 11 January

10:00am Open Church at St Mary's

10:00am Stay & Play at St Anne's

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

12:30pm Holy Communion, St Mary's

### Friday 12 January

10:00am Open Church at St Mary's

### Saturday 13 January

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

## Notices

### 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 are now actively seeking volunteers for this year's Winter Night Shelter. If you've volunteered before, you should have received an email in the last few days inviting you to sign up to help. If you didn't receive this, or you'd like to get involved for the first time, please email [winternightshelter@moseleybenefice.org.uk](mailto:winternightshelter@moseleybenefice.org.uk) or phone Julia Kilby on 07929 739518.

### 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.

## Christian Unity

To demonstrate the visible power of the gospel through Christian unity and our commitment to Moseley Churches Together, we will not be holding our 10am or 11am services on Sunday 21 January at St Mary's or St Anne's. All are encouraged to attend the services at St Agnes. There will be a service of Holy Communion (with traditional hymns on the organ) at 9:15am or a Family Service (with modern worship songs and Sunday School) at 11am. There will also be a shared meal in the church hall (on the corner of Billesley Lane and Dyott Road) at 1pm which all are welcome to attend.

## 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 until Monday 5 February. For more information visit [christianaid.org.uk/programme-policy-practice/programmes/uk-aid-match](http://christianaid.org.uk/programme-policy-practice/programmes/uk-aid-match).

## 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.

## 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.

## St Mary's charity of the month – January

Information will be available about the work of [St Basils Centre](#), please take a moment to read it. There will be a cake sale on Sunday 28 January after the 10am service. Please make a note of the date. Cakes to sell would be much appreciated and can be brought on the morning.

## Benefice Lunch Sunday February

Sunday 4 February, 1pm, St Anne's Hall

This will be our first benefice lunch of 2018. Minimum donation of £5 with any surplus monies going to our Benefice charities. Sign-up sheets are available in both churches.

## Moseley at the Movies

The next film screening will be on Wednesday 24 January.

**Ethical Money Churches West Midlands – job vacancy**  
[Ethical Money Churches](#) have a vacancy for a part time development manager. For more details, please contact the Benefice Office or follow the link above.