

Prayer & Reflection

The Benefice prays for:

- Those who facilitate the prayer of our church communities, including the leaders of the Prayer Circle and Silentspace.
- For the Growing Leaders "away day" and participants on the course: Ann, Myra, Chloe, Anna, Debbie, Tony, Caroline, Richard, Mary and Lynn.
- Christian Aid's campaign to encourage banks to fund green energy rather than fossil fuels.
- 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, 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.

Birthdays:

Unfortunately we have been unable to access our list of birthdays this week. If it is your special day in the coming week, we wish you a very Happy Birthday!

Thought for the day by Christine McAteer

A theme from today's readings is how to recognise how God is calling us. This is not always obvious. Samuel had never been taught to know God and Nathaniel was a cynic. They both failed to perceive that God was calling them until helped by their guides. It is through other people that we first learn to recognise the call of God. Sometimes our guides point us towards God at a cost to themselves. Eli sensed that Samuel would have a difficult message to pass on to him and Philip was ridiculed. Many years ago, a Taize brother gave some tips on how to discern a call: Firstly it is difficult to 'hear' God because God's voice can be 'soft'. God does not force anyone to follow but invites us by name; "Come and see." To hear God it is important to attend to our feelings - including the feeling of desire. These are not the noisy feelings of immediate desires but the deeper longings of our hearts. Feelings may be a complicated mixture of anxiety and joy. God will then give us a task but we may not always have what we need to complete the task. This gives the Holy Spirit a chance to work. Finally God takes us seriously. No one is too young or too long in the tooth to be called by God."

Welcome to St Mary's & St Anne's Moseley Sunday 14 January 2018 Epiphany 2

Morning Readings: [1 Samuel 3:1-10](#) (p. 254)

[John 1:43-end](#) (p. 89)

Evening Readings: [Isaiah 60:9-end](#) (p. 701)

[Hebrews 6:17-7:10](#) (p. 218)

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

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Future Services

Sunday 21 January – Week of Christian Unity

Holy Communion at St Mary's	8:00am
No other morning services at St Mary's or St. Anne's	
Holy Communion for Week of Christian Unity at St. Agnes	9:15am
Family Service for Christian Unity at St. Agnes	11:00am
Evensong at St. Mary's	6:30pm

Sunday 28th January – Candlemas

Holy Communion at St Mary's	8:00am
Sung Eucharist at St Mary's	10:00am
Sung Eucharist at St Anne's	11:00am
Special Candlemas Evening Service 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.

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 15 January

9:00am Morning prayers at St Mary's

Tuesday 16 January

7:30pm Vocations Group

Wednesday 17 January

9:00am Morning prayers at St Anne's

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

Thursday 18 January

10:15am St. Martin's Guild Midweek Ringing 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 19 January

10:00am Open Church at St Mary's

Saturday 20 January

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

8:45am Growing Leaders Away day

Notices

New volunteers needed for Winter Night Shelter

We'd love to have some new people to come and help with the winter night shelter this year! It will run on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings from Saturday 17 February – Sunday 25 March in St Anne's church hall. A training session has been arranged for new volunteers from all the churches involved with the shelter. This will take place at Birmingham Vineyard (178 Barford St, Birmingham B5 7EP) on Monday 15 January from 7:30pm to 9:00pm. You might like to go along and find out more before making your final decision. And if you can't make that date but would definitely like to volunteer, that's fine too – just let us know. Email winternightshelter@moseleybenefice.org.uk or ring Julia Kilby on 07929 739518. We'll also be running our own local briefing session for both new and seasoned volunteers at St Mary's on Sunday 4 February at 11:15am.

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.

Week of Prayer for 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.

Saturday Morning Coffee Concerts

Saturday 27 January, 11am, St Mary's Church

We will welcome pianist Michael Jones who will play music commemorating 1918 and the end of WW1.

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 4th February at 1pm in 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 24th 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.

Coming Soon: Lent programme for 2018

Our theme during Lent this year, which begins on Wednesday 14 February, will be 'healing, wholeness and wellbeing', with a range of activities, groups, and sermons on offer around that theme. Details will be available by the beginning of February, but you might like to note the following dates:

- Saturday 3 March – a day looking at Growing a Healing Ministry in our Benefice
- Saturday 17 March – Benefice Quiet Day on the theme of Wholeness and Healing