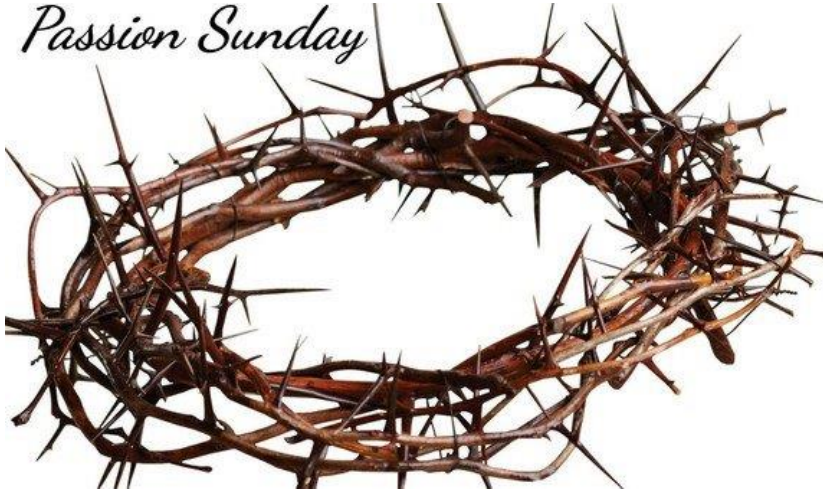




The Parish of Moseley St Mary's & St Anne's

Passion Sunday



Parish of Moseley - Fifth Sunday of Lent, Passion Sunday

Our Services for Sunday 17th March - Fifth Sunday of Lent, Passion Sunday

- 8.00am - Holy Communion at St Mary's (BCP)
- 8.30am – Breakfast Church at St Anne's
- 10.00am - Sung Eucharist at St Mary's
- 6.30pm - Evensong at St Mary's

Breakfast Church is different. With a strong emphasis on community, fun and food, it's a chance to meet people, and engage with God in a fresh and accessible way, with breakfast included. It happens early in the day to accommodate busy families with multiple commitments

Evensong is a traditional service where some of the liturgy is sung. The service is from the Book of Common Prayer (1662) with psalms, canticles, hymns, prayers, readings and a reflection.

Morning readings for the Fifth Sunday of Lent, Passion Sunday - Jeremiah 31.31–34, John 12.20–33

Thought for the Day by Helen McNicoll

The word Passion has many meanings, but they all seem to have a driving mission behind the word. Jesus himself knew His mission in life, it was to steer people to love God passionately, and to bring about the forgiveness of sin, and the promise of eternal life. He knew He had to die to fulfil this mission, and so bring about the Glory and Love of God.

It is encouraging for us to read that there were times when Jesus was worried about His actual death.

"Father, save me from this hour."

We often worry about future commitments and the death of loved ones or ourselves. Here Jesus, as so often happens, meets us on a human level, but He never failed to put his whole trust in God the Father, an example for us all to follow. With this faith He was able to fulfil His mission and bring about the Glory of God.

We can sing about this Glory in many of our hymns, and feast with joy when we see the children coming from Sunday school with crowns they have made to celebrate the King of our Hearts and Heaven.

Future Services

Sunday 24th March - Palm Sunday

- 8.00am - Holy Communion at St Mary's
- 10.00am - Processional Service for Palm Sunday starting at St Mary's, then moving to the centre of Moseley and on to St Anne's for the Eucharist (please note the service will not be live-streamed)
- 6.30pm - The Way to the Cross - service of readings, hymns and prayers with the music of Vivaldi's Gloria at St Mary's

Tuesday 26th March

- 7.30pm - The Way of the Cross at St Mary's (Journey with Jesus around the church, reflecting on the stages of his Passion)

Thursday 28th March - Maundy Thursday

- 7.45pm - Eucharist for Maundy Thursday at St Anne's (We gather to recall the Last Supper and the events leading to Good Friday, with an invitation to remain for 1 hour of silent reflection after the service)

Friday 29th March - Good Friday

- 10.00am - Intergenerational Service at St Anne's (Followed by refreshments in church)
- 12.00 noon - Good Friday 3 hours at St Mary's (A service of images, reflections, silence and music. Please join for all or part of the service)

Sunday 31st March - Easter Sunday

- 6.30am - Easter Sunrise Service at St Mary's
- 8.00am - Holy Communion at St Mary's
- 10.00am - Sung Eucharist at St Mary's
- 11.00am - Sung Eucharist at St Anne's

Please note there will be no evening service on Easter Sunday.

Our Regular Worship

- Details of our regular pattern of worship can be found on the Services page of our website [here](#).
 - Details of how the pattern relates to Children's Worship can be found on the Children and Youth page of our website [here](#).
 - Details of specific services can continue to be found in the Calendar.
 - Morning Prayer is at 9.10am in the Lady Chapel at St Mary's on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday and at 9.10am in St Anne's on Tuesday. **Please note there will be no Morning Prayer on Monday 18th March and Thursday 21st March.**
 - The Thursday Midweek Communion service is at 12.15pm in the Lady Chapel at St Mary's.
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Notices

A Statement from Dr Andrew Smith, Interfaith Relations Officer for the Diocese of Birmingham.

Many of us are aware that Michael Gove is planning to announce a broader definition of extremism and which groups or individuals will, therefore, be affected by this. The Archbishop's of Canterbury and York have issued a statement expressing their deep concern about the proposal, the damage it will have on community relations and the disproportionate impact for the Muslim community.

We are deeply concerned about this in Birmingham and wanted to share their statement with you, to show our unease and what is proposed and our on-going commitment to work with friends of different faiths, recognising that we don't agree on everything, but we are still able to live in harmony with one another.

You can read their statement at <https://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/news/news-and-statements/joint-statement-archbishops-warns-government-over-new-extremism-definition>

Would you like to be on the Electoral Roll?

Joining the electoral roll opens up the way for greater involvement in the life of the Church, at parish, deanery, diocesan and national levels. You become entitled to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

It is an important statement of witness and step along the path of discipleship. With your name on the electoral roll the strength of the Church can be seen in our area, and across the country.

If you are not already on the roll you can complete a form by following [this link](#).

You can check if you are resident in the parish on the A Church Near You website which you can find [here](#).

If you require a paper form or have any queries about completing the form please do not hesitate to contact Fiona or Trish in the office. Blank forms are also available on the welcome desk in each church.

Bereavement Café: Bring and Share Lunch

Saturday 23rd March 2024 - 12.30 until 2.30pm.

For our next Bereavement Café we are holding a shared lunch, taking up the idea that it can sometimes feel hard to eat alone after bereavement.

Please bring something to share on Saturday 23rd March from 12.30 until 2.30pm at St Mary's Church (West Room).

We can eat together and share stories of favourite meals shared.

Hot and cold drinks provided.

Moseley Iftar - Peace at Heart, Harmony in the World

The Moseley Iftar will take place at 7pm on Wednesday 3rd April at St Columba URC, Chantry Road, Moseley, B13 8DJ. This is a free event but booking is essential. Call 07505 900 490 or click [here](#).

To Absent Friends - An Evening of Loving Remembrance

To Absent Friends is a small informal gathering as part of Dying Matters Awareness Week in which we tell and listen to stories of our loved ones over food. Location: Anjuna Lounge, 58-60 Hazelwell Street, Stirchley, B30 2JS. Thursday 9th May 2024 at 7pm. Bring an object, or maybe a photo, to help you share a memory. This is a free event but booking is required. Click [here](#) to book. Food and drink is not provided.

Spring into Sculpture Event: Sunday 24th March from 3pm—9pm Moseley Hive and Moseley Park and Pool

Kinmos are holding a free, Alice in Wonderland themed, community event full of activities for all ages at Moseley Park and Pool and Moseley Hive. This will include a sculpture trail filled with creations made by the community.

Follow the White Rabbit and join a FREE, interactive sculpture trail in Moseley Park and Pool. Arts, crafts and music for all ages available followed by a Hatter's tea party at The Moseley Hive.

3pm - 4pm Making Hearts - Moseley Hive

3pm - 4pm Music Session - Park

3pm - 5.30pm Make Sunshine Bunting - Park

3pm - 5.30pm Make Willow Hearts/Crowns - Park

4pm - Procession through trail

4.30pm - 5.30pm Storytelling - Park

5.30pm - 6.30 Drumming Circle - Park

6.30pm - 7.30pm Twilight Viewing

7pm - 9pm Hatters Tea Party - Bring a dish to share - Moseley Hive

Payaz machines

You will be aware that we now have two Payaz machines which you can use to make donations, one on the welcome desk and one by the south east door. If you can gift aid your donation, please do. As long as you use the same card each time, you only have to enter your details once.

If you do not already do so, you might like to consider joining the Parish Giving Scheme. Please ask one of the sidespeople for a form to find out more about the scheme.

£130 for our Church

Take out a home insurance policy with Ecclesiastical and they will donate £130 to our church. To find out more, please contact Ecclesiastical on 0800 7830 130 and quote TRUSTPST or go to ecclesiastical.com/trust130.

Stewardship

Our parish is facing significant financial challenges with a growing deficit which a small team are seeking to redress. However, stewardship (the giving of time, talents and financial means) is about us all. On Sunday 4th June we focussed on this in our Sunday services at both St Mary's and St Anne's. Information is available on the welcome desk.

You may also have noticed some notices with QR codes around the buildings. This can be an easy and quick way to donate to the church through 'the collection' when you come to church or are visiting. Please do make use of these on an occasional or more regular basis in our new 'cashless' society. Thank you so much - Magdalen.

This week in the Parish

We continue to pray for:

Cathie Carey and family, Tony Sheppard, Mike Carter, Sylvia Gold, Ruth Carter, Jon Terry, Rachel McLeod, Sheila Perks, Laurie Flood, Elisabeth Leicester, Lincoln Hoeschen and Julia Lee.

The Parish also prays and gives thanks for:

- Betty Clarke who celebrated her 99th birthday last week.
- Those who work in the hospitality industry, especially our local cafes and restaurants in Moseley.

Church of England Birmingham Praying Together: The current edition is [here](#).

We celebrate the Birthdays of: Pam Hall, Andy Livings, Lucy Collins and Cathie Carey.