



The Parish of Moseley

St Mary's & St Anne's



Parish of Moseley - Fourth Sunday of Easter

Our Services for Sunday 21st April - Fourth Sunday of Easter

- 8.00am - Holy Communion at St Mary's (BCP)
- 10.00am - Sung Eucharist with Baptism at St Mary's
- 11.00am - Sung Eucharist at St Anne's
- 6.30pm - Evensong at St Mary's

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 Fourth Sunday of Easter Acts 4.5–12, John 10.11–18

Thought for the Day by John Dowell

I was sad to learn last week of the death of Peter Higgs, an outstanding UK theoretical particle physicist.

Although I am an experimental particle physicist, I am always keen to follow the theory and had the chance to meet Peter on a number of occasions. Following the discovery of the Higgs boson at

CERN's large hadron collider in 2012, the Birmingham Particle Physics group was asked by the Royal Society to prepare an exhibit about the particle to be included in its Summer Science Exhibition. I thought I should write to Peter Higgs to clarify some points. I was delighted to receive a lengthy handwritten letter detailing lots of points to consider. To my surprise, a few days later, another letter arrived from Peter in which he said he had made an error in his earlier letter and indicated the page number and paragraph.

When the discovery was announced, the CERN director Rolf Heuer said "the Higgs boson is the missing cornerstone of particle physics". According to the theory laid out by Peter and other theorists, it's the physical proof of an invisible, universe-wide field that gave mass to all matter right after the Big Bang forcing particles to coalesce into stars, planets and everything else.

The media quickly renamed the Higgs boson as the God particle.

According to Genesis, God created the heavens and the earth, created light, created land and sea and all living things. Theoretical physicists have tried to understand the science behind that. New things may be discovered.

We affirm our faith in the Nicene Creed stating that we believe in one God and in all that is seen and unseen. In physics, theorists are trying to describe the unseen side of physics and experimental particle physicists have research projects to try to see it. Until it is seen, it is only a theory.

Experimentalists have proved that the Standard Model of particle physics does exist, the Higgs boson discovery being its final known element. Even so, we hear that CERN is hoping to develop a future collider to look for the 95% of elements that theorists now believe are still out there. Construction could start in 2035 with the first experiments up and running a decade later.

When I am worshipping God, I like to know that there is some exciting science behind our existence and lots of people determined to understand it.

Future Services

Sunday 28th April - Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 8.00am - Holy Communion at St Mary's
- 8.30am - Breakfast Church at St Anne's
- 10.00am - Sung Eucharist at St Mary's
- 6.30pm - A service of Wholeness and Healing 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.

Our service of **Wholeness and Healing** is a quiet service of readings, music, prayer and reflection, with a focus on wholeness and healing. You do not have to be unwell to come, and you will not need to share anything personal. There is an invitation to receive the laying on of hands with prayer; this may be for ourselves, for others, for a situation on our minds, or for the world. There is also the opportunity to be anointed with oil. Both are optional; you are simply invited to come as you are, bringing and sharing your burdens with God who knows us deeply.

Sunday 5th May - Sixth Sunday of Easter

- 8.00am - Holy Communion at St Mary's (BCP)
- 10.00am - Sung Eucharist at St Mary's
- 11.00am - Sung Eucharist at St Anne's
- 6.30pm - Evensong at St Mary's

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.

Parish Breakfast will follow the 8am service at St Mary's. All are welcome.

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 from Monday 22nd April to Monday 6th May. Morning Prayer will resume on Tuesday 7th May.**
- The Thursday Midweek Communion service is at 12.15pm in the Lady Chapel at St Mary's.

Notices

Building Work at St Mary's

You will see that the renovation on the organ has started. The pen has been built and the works will take place in the enclosure. Over the next week we will be trying to make the walls more attractive, using them as information sharing boards. If anyone would like to help or has ideas on what might go on these please let me know. I apologise for the inconvenience this will cause but we will try to minimise disruption as much as possible.

Unfortunately, this has made access to the north aisle limited. Should you require any assistance, please do not hesitate to ask a member of our team. We thank you for your patience and understanding. Angela Brown, Churchwarden.

The Bereavement Journey

For anyone struggling with grief and either recent or longer-term bereavement, there is the opportunity to participate in this excellent and helpful course. Myself and three others participated in this last year so do ask Revd Magdalen, Fiona Chew or Jean Lindley if you would like to know more. It is coordinated by Lindsay Lucas at Riverside, free of charge and can be done in person or online. It uses videos and opportunities for gentle discussion and sharing of experience.

Both begin on 15th May 9.30am - 12.00 noon in person and 7.30pm - 9.30pm online.

If interested or would like to know more please contact Revd Magdalen.

Safeguarding training

The Parish will be facilitating two sessions for Basic Safeguarding training for those who are not able to access online facilities or for those who prefer an in-person session. If you have not yet completed your training you only need to come to ONE of these sessions. The sessions are

- Thursday 6th June at 2.00 pm
- Tuesday 11th June at 6.30 pm

Both sessions will be held at St Mary's Church. Please contact the office to book a place.

Christian Aid and Bell Sunday

At 10am on Sunday 12th May, we will be celebrating the ministry of our Bell Ringers as well as thinking about the work of Christian Aid. Our youth group y@smaa will be selling bacon sandwiches (and a vegetarian option) after the service. Please bring in cash in order to donate to Christian Aid.

Book of the Term: Wednesday 15th May

The next meeting is on Wednesday 15th May at 7.30pm in the West Room at St Mary's.

You are invited to come along and share a book of your choice. This can be anything that you have recently read, has interested you, made a difference to you in whatever way.

Please come prepared to talk about your book for about 5 minutes. Be creative with your genres too – biography, novels, memoirs, children's books and cookbooks – everything is worth a review!

Silent Disco - save the date!

We are planning a silent disco on Saturday 1st June at St Anne's Church in the afternoon and evening. More information to follow, but meanwhile save the date!

Community Fridge and Soup Lunch every Thursday at Moseley Hive (opposite the Coop)

Moseley Community Fridge is an opportunity for ANYONE, regardless of financial circumstances, to pick up fresh and frozen food which is excess from our community. Moseley Community Fridge happens every Thursday at The Hive from 11.30am-1.00pm.

Community Lunch is a mug of homemade soup and bread at the Hive from 1pm-2pm most Thursdays. Donations welcome but not necessary.

Moseley at the Movies

On every first Wednesday of the month, there is Moseley at the Movies, a group which meets to watch a film together and discuss it afterwards.

Come along to St Marys West Room at 7:15pm for a 7:30pm start! (Unless otherwise stated).

Next showings and films are:

- 1st May
- 5th June
- 3rd July

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.

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, Julia Lee and Phil and Trish Burt.

The Parish also prays and gives thanks for:

- Oscar and Frederick who are being baptised at St Mary's on Sunday morning.
- Revd Tammy Tearoe whose Institution and Induction as Vicar of Yardley, St Edburgha & Vicar of Stechford, All Saints is on Tuesday 23rd April.
- Following our APCM, we pray in thankfulness for those called to serve on our PCC.

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

We celebrate the Birthdays of: Lizzie Bealt, Aksel Partlow, Madeleine Townend, Tommy Woods and Jonathan Hodgson.