

# News from Ashbourne Group of Churches

## May 2024



### ASHBOURNE GROUP OF CHURCHES

Everyone is **WELCOME** at any of the Services in our Churches

Day	MAY	Time	Church	Service
Sunday	5th	9.15	St Peter's, Snelston	Holy Communion
		10.3	St Oswald's, Ashbourne	Holy Communion
		11	St Mary & St Barlock, Norbury	Holy Communion
		18.3	St Oswald's, Ashbourne	Concert
Thursday	9th	19.00	St Oswald's, Ashbourne	Holy Communion
<b>Ascension</b>				
Sunday	12th	9	St Oswald's, Ashbourne	BREAKFAST CHURCH
		9.15	St Mary's, Mappleton	Morning Prayer
		10.3	St Oswald's, Ashbourne	Holy Communion
		15.00	St Oswald's, Ashbourne	Celebration of Baptism
		18.3	St Oswald's, Ashbourne	Choral Evensong
Sunday	19th	9.15	St John's, Buxton Hill	Congregation Prayers
		10.30	St Peter's, Snelston	Family Service
		10.30	St Oswald's, Ashbourne	Holy Communion
		18.30	St Oswald's, Ashbourne	Evensong
Sunday	26th	10.3	St Oswald's, Ashbourne	Holy Communion

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Trinity

10.45  
18.3

Holy Trinity, Clifton  
St Oswald's, Ashbourne

Holy Communion  
Evensong

### ON LINE SERVICES

Daily Morning & Evening Prayer and Sunday Morning Service available on :

[ashbournechurch.org.uk](http://ashbournechurch.org.uk)

### WEDDING and BAPTISM ENQUIRIES

Please call Parish Administrator on 07891 887845

### PASTORAL CONTACT

To speak to a member of the Clergy call 07891 887845

## Music for May at St Oswald's

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter; Rogation Sunday

10.30 Parish Communion

359 Rejoice O land

271 God whose farm is all creation

490 Jesus shall reign

*The heavens declare the Creator's glory/Beethoven*

277 *All for Jesus*

612 We have a gospel to proclaim

6.30 CONCERT Southern Spirit Singers

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Ascension

10.30 Parish Communion

167 Hail the day that sees him rise

172 The head that once was crowned with thorns

170 Jesus is Lord

*Rejoice the Lord is King/Archer*

311 *Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour*

166 Crown him with many crowns

6.30 Choral Evensong

*Canticles; Harwood in Ab. Responses; Sanders*

*From the rising of the sun/Ouseley*

563 Rejoice the Lord is King

Psalm 147 vs 1-12

163 All hail the power of Jesu's name

*Rejoice in the Lord alway/Purcell*

398 Christ triumphant

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### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Pentecost; Whitsun

#### 10.30 Parish Communion

- 175 Come down O Love divine  
182 Gracious Spirit Holy Ghost  
399 Christians lift up your hearts (omit \* verses)  
*Come down O Love divine/Harris*  
383 *Be still for the presence of the Lord*  
377 Angel voices ever singing

#### 6.30 Evensong

- Litany to the Holy Spirit/Hurford*  
176 Come Gracious Spirit  
Psalm 121  
183 Holy Spirit come confirm us  
*I will sing with the spirit/Rutter*  
191 O Thou who camest from above

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Trinity

#### 10.30 Parish Communion

- 202 Holy Holy Holy  
162 Ye choirs of new Jerusalem  
278 Alleluya sing to Jesus  
*Hymn to the Trinity/Tchaikovsky*  
*Sanctus/Schubert*  
*Three in one and one in three/sheet*  
368 All my hope on God is founded

#### 6.30 Evensong

- Sanctus/Schubert*  
202 Holy Holy Holy  
Psalm 104 vs 1-10  
392 Bright the vision  
*O Trinity! O Unity!/ Stainer*  
474 Immortal invisible! God only wise

### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June First Sunday after Trinity

#### 10.30 Parish Communion

- 1 Awake my soul.. vs 1,2,3,4,and 8  
2 Christ whose glory fills the skies  
505 Lord Jesus Christ  
*Panis Angelicus/Franck*  
324 *Sweet sacrament divine*  
555 Praise my soul the King of heaven

#### 6.30 Evensong

- Day by Day/How*  
474 Immortal invisible, God only wise  
Psalm 32  
308 Just as I am  
*Grant us thy peace/Mendelssohn*  
418 Father Lord of all creation

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*“Music is to the soul what words are to the mind.”*

Some dates for your diary....

- Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May                    18.30 A CONCERT in church with SOUTHERN SPIRIT SINGERS
- Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June                    18.30 Come and Sing Choral Evensong  
(all music by C V Stanford)
- Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June                The Kings Men  
  
Ashbourne Arts - more information to follow

### Readings at St Oswald's Services in May 2024

DATE	SERVICE	1 <sup>st</sup> LESSON	GOSPEL
5 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30am	Acts 10:44-48	John 15:9-17
5 <sup>th</sup> May	6.30pm	Concert	
9 <sup>th</sup> May	7.00pm	Acts 1:1-11	Luke 24:44-53
12 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30am	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26	John 17:6-19
12 <sup>th</sup> May	6.30pm	Isaiah 61	Luke 4:14-21
19 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30pm	Acts 2:1-21	John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15
19 <sup>th</sup> May	6.30pm	Ezekiel 36:22-28	Acts 2:22-38
26 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30am	Isaiah 6:1-8	John 3:1-17
26 <sup>th</sup> May	6.30pm	Ezekiel 1:4-10,22-28a	Revelations 4

### A Service of Prayer For Healing From The Abbey, Iona.

For three pilgrims visiting the Isle of Iona the visit proved to be even more exciting than the eventful journey to get there! Whilst meandering on an afternoon walk, gazing at George McLeod's house and generally taking in the sunshine and natural beauty of the island that Joan, Judith and Anne bumped into a local gentleman to Ashbourne (Jon) and also Denise Collis, who acts as Sacristan at The Abbey.

Engaging in conversation, we enquired about the time and nature of the service of the day, and our interest to attend. Denise, duly responded by inviting us not only to attend, but to take part! Hence we were invited to join 'The Team' prior to the service.

Attending promptly for our duties, Judith and Anne firstly helped Judi (Sacristan Assistant) set up and lit an array of candles that formed a display centrally and on the periphery within the chancel of The Abbey - where the service was to be held.

Beautifully delivered by Sacristan Denise, Prayers for Healing were expressed for the divided within nations across the world, within communities as well as families and individuals known to all. Complimenting this, Joan read a passage from the Bible. Judith and Anne, joined by The Very Reverend John Tober, a visiting Rector from New Mexico went among the congregation inviting them to take a number of prayer requests from a bowl.

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Following this a candle was then passed from individual to individual and a prayer said. From the Prayer Requests names were read out. The array of music for this service was played by the skilful Dr Euan Fulton, who amazingly also gave an impromptu singing lesson before the service started!

At the close of the service and being part of 'The Team' for the evening Joan, Judith, John and Anne stayed to extinguish and put away all candles and tidy the Chancel area.

The following evening, Denise, Euan and John attended Compline at the Chapel at Bishop's House, following which gave opportunity to meet with the rest of the band of pilgrims that had travelled from Ashbourne over a drinks reception.

Pilgrims Joan, Judith and Anne would like to thank Denise, Euan and Judi for warmly welcoming us to The Abbey, Iona and inviting and giving the opportunity to take part in the the Service of Prayers for Healing. We all take away beautiful memories of that experience.

It was a Pleasure and a Privilege.



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## Iona Pilgrimage

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April: by coach to East Kilbride.

Saturday: coach to Oban. Storm Kathleen - no ferries! Back to East Kilbride.

Sunday: Back to Oban. Still no ferries - found a hotel to put us up in Oban.

Monday: Ferry to Mull, then another to Iona. At last!

Several days of mixed weather, then:

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>: weather forecast threatening, so caught the earliest ferry to Mull, then Mull to Oban. Coach back to Ashbourne.

Brilliant leadership from Nigel and superb coach driver.

“O happy band of pilgrims,

look upward to the skies!

Where such a light affliction

shall win so great a prize!”



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St Oswald's Church Hall,  
School Lane, DE6 1AN

## Coffee Morning

St Oswald's Church Hall  
£2 entry includes refreshments

Saturday 04 May 2024  
10.00am to 11.30am

Raffle, cakes and souvenirs.  
Donations to RNLI Ashbourne Branch

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The RNLI is the charity that saves lives at sea

The Royal National Lifeboat Institution, a charity registered in England and Wales (201603), Scotland (SC037736), the Republic of Ireland (CHI 2678 and 20003326), the Bailiwick of Jersey (14), the Isle of Man (1308 and 0063299), the Bailiwick of Guernsey and Alderney, of West Quay Road, Poole, Dorset, BH15 3H2



## Ossie's Kitchen

Back up and running in St Oswalds church centre



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### **Southern Spirit Singers**

If you put *Southern Spirit Singers* into Google, amongst other things there are a few videos that come up and these will without a doubt confirm what a great choir we have coming to our church on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30p.m. Please do come and bring your friends. It is free, although you will be so stunned that you will want to give generously to the work of St Oswald's church at the end of the concert.

Founded in 2015 by conductor Andy King, Southern Spirit Singers is an award-winning chamber choir. The choir rehearses in London every few weeks, with the singers travelling from all over England to take part.

The group performs a wide unaccompanied repertoire, in many styles and languages, ranging from early music to the present day. They have a particular interest in music by contemporary composers. Their debut digital album, *First Light*, featuring 21st-century works, was released in November 2022. The choir has enjoyed giving first performances of works by one of the members, composer George Montagu.

Southern Spirit Singers tour regularly, including recent trips to Latvia (where they featured on national radio), Estonia and Sweden, as well as UK concerts outside London in Derbyshire, Yorkshire and Cambridge.

The choir took part in London Oriana Choir's Women Composer Festival at the Southbank Centre in July 2023. They were delighted to be four-times gold medalists in the European Choir Games and Grand Prix of Nations in Gothenburg in 2019, as well as overall winners of the Sacred Music category at Hull International Choir Competition in 2023.  
Michael Halls



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“The bellringers were sorry to hear that Kath Brown, our longest serving ringer, had reluctantly decided to retire.

Kath learnt to ring at St. Oswald's along with her late husband Ian some 50 plus years ago. Between them they taught several learners to ring at St. Oswald's, not the easiest bells on which to learn or to teach. Some of these learners remain regular members of our band.

Kath remains a member of the Derbyshire Association of Church Bellringers, for which she rang 24 full peals and innumerable quarter peals. The latter were rung especially at St. Oswald's, some to mark special occasions of both local and national importance, others to encourage other ringers to progress.

We all miss seeing Kath on the end of a bell rope, but she promises to come along to the odd Wednesday practice night to keep an eye on us and to catch up with the news!

Thank you very much from all of us, Kath.”



After 4 months of being hosted at Cornerstones Cafe, we are pleased to announce that for Sunday May 12th Breakfast Church returns to St.Oswalds Church hall . Breakfast is served at 9.00am and our worship at 9.25 , finishing by 9.45am . As always , it really helps with catering if we know how many people plan to come along and join in , so if you can please let Andy know on 07973558150 . We look forward to seeing you on the 12th

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**a Classical Concert**  
in aid of  
**Lviv Children's Hospital**  
in Ukraine

**the Ad Hoc Baroque**  
**string ensemble**

will be playing in  
**St John's Church, Ashbourne**  
on Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 2.30 pm  
(No tickets: all money from the retiring collection will go to Ukraine)

music from JS Bach, Handel and Purcell, as well as  
Ukrainian composers  
Barvinsky, Leontovich and Lysenko

For details contact: [howard.kilner@gmail.com](mailto:howard.kilner@gmail.com)

**Come and Sing Stanford**  
**Evensong**

RSCM  
The Royal School of Church Music  
MUSIC SUNDAY

All music provided!

**Sun 09 June** | **St Oswald's** | **4.00pm**  
**FREE** | **Church,** | rehearsal  
| **Ashbourne** | **6.30pm**  
| | service

**Conducted by Hugh Morris**  
**RSCM National Director**

For more information and to book your place,  
scan the QR code or use the weblink:  
<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/DILZ>

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June The King's Men Cambridge Concert St Oswald's Church**  
**Tickets from Ashbourne Festival Box Office 01335 348707 or <https://ashbournefestival.org/>**

*The King's Men* is the close-harmony group formed from the Choral Scholars of the Choir of King's College, Cambridge. As Choral Scholars, they follow the daily routine of Chapel services throughout term, as well as undertaking a busy concert and recording schedule in the vacations.

The Choir is, of course, most famous for the broadcast of *A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols* on radio each Christmas, and its companion programme, *Carols from King's*, on BBC television.

*The King's Men*, however, functions separately from the main Choir, and is run by the current members of the group. It performs regularly around Britain, and has performed as far afield as North America, Australia and China.



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### We are trying something new at St John's!

We were looking for a way forward with our monthly congregation-led service and have found that Taizé style songs and prayers have slotted naturally into our services.

Rather than a full Taizé service it's more of a Taizé sandwich!

We start and finish with hymns, we have a bible reading or two then our prayers and intercessions are interspersed with Taizé songs usually accompanied gently by guitar.

Taizé-style worship\* offers an opportunity for peace and quiet, for stillness and reassurance. A simple style of sung prayer which welcomes and comforts you, whether you would say you are Christian, or not.

Come and sit a while with Bible readings, silence and singing. It is easy to learn Taizé chants as they are repeated again and again, using just a few words, which can penetrate our whole being, becoming a way of listening to God, to what is most important in our lives.

The service will normally be on a third Sunday of the month and will start at 9.30 (15 minutes later than our other services) and lasts up to 40 minutes.

## ST OSWALD'S SUMMER RECITALS

EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM JUNE 5TH TO AUGUST 7TH AT 2.00

MUSIC FOR EVERYONE

We have some very special treats for you this year.

Each event is **free** and will last for about **40 minutes**

5TH JUNE

DAN EVANS

ORGAN RECITAL

Dan is the Director of Music at St Agnes and St Pancras church in Liverpool as well as a member of our own choir. You have heard him sing; you have heard him play the piano. Now see what he can play on the organ. There will be music by Bach, Rinck, Verdi and Franck.

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12TH JUNE

## MUSIC STUDENTS FROM QEGS SIXTH FORM

This has become an annual treat for us to see young musicians demonstrate such skill. Supporting young musicians at the start of their promising future is so important.

19TH JUNE

## FRIENDS FROM MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL

MILLI LENNOX, LEELA MALAN, CHRISTOPHER STOKES AND JENNY KELLY

Music by Handel, Pergolesi, Vivaldi and Clara Schumann; what is more to like?

26TH JUNE

## TOM CORFIELD.....

## ORGAN RECITAL

Tom is such an accomplished virtuoso organist. Currently he is Director of Music at St Anne's church in Derby, adding to his excellent pedigree.

3RD JULY

## ELLIE MAY ASTBURY.....

## MUSIC AT ITS BEST

Ellie May has been a member of our church choir for many years and continues to engage people with her beautiful programmes in many venues. The music will definitely reflect the sense of summer in the air.

10TH JULY

## HENRY MORTON

Henry is an A level music student at QEGS hoping to study popular music at university. He has won the Rotary Young Musician of the Year competition twice in the violin and piano categories and has broadened his focus onto guitar, vocals and composition.

17TH JULY

## BETHAN AND ESTHER MORRIS

Two very talented sisters in our church choir who will amaze you with their versatility and talent, ably assisted by Hugh Morris. Expect music for violin, cello and piano, including movements from Mendelssohn and Saint-Saens trios.

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24TH JULY

## GREG BARKER AND BEN BARRS ORGAN MUSIC WITH A DIFFERENCE

Two ex-choristers here to entertain you on the organ. Be assured that this will be a very enjoyable recital with a difference.

31ST JULY

IVAN YAKUTIN

AN ECLECTIC MIX WITH A

MODERN TWIST

Ivan gave us a wonderful recital last year; come and see how his talent has developed over the last year.

7TH AUGUST

ROGER HARRISON

ORGAN RECITAL

Roger plays here for almost every Evensong and in many of the churches locally. He is a very talented organist. You heard Roger and John Elwell talk about how the organ works last year; this will demonstrate his knowledge of the organ here

....ANY DONATIONS WILL BE FOR THE WORK OF ST OSWALD'S CHURCH....

## Sundays at 6.30pm: CHORAL EVENSONG

9th June	Choral Evensong Jubilate/Stanford (The culmination of a Come and Sing Stanford afternoon with a practice at 4.00)	Stanford in C O for a closer walk with God/Stanford	Stanford responses
7th July	Arts Festival Choral Evensong Cantate Domino/Pitoni	Harwood in Ab We praise Thee O God/Stanford	Smith responses
4th August	Patronal Festival Choral Evensong Psalm 150/Talbot	Moore Third Service Glory Love and Praise and honour/Harris	Stanford responses

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St Oswald's and St Mary's churches are open every day of the week. If you would like to make a donation to the work of St Oswald's or St Mary's you can do so by scanning the following relevant QR Code below and making a donation:



St Oswald's Church



St Mary's Church



If you would like to set up a regular payment to St Oswald's or St Mary's Church then you can do so through the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS).

You can find out more information on the PGS website at:

<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/>

where you can also set up a regular payment.

Alternatively you can telephone the Parish Giving Scheme on **0333 002 1260**

The PGS code for St Oswald's Church is **120612186**