

Ashbourne Church News 12/07/2026



Welcome to this Week's Newsletter

Church and Parish Office Opening Times

St Oswald's Church is open daily from 10am to 5pm

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- *Bell Ringing Practice: Wednesday evenings from 19.30 to 21.00*
 - *Choir Practice: Friday evenings from 19.00 to 20.00*
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The Parish Office is open

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- *Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:00 to 12:00*
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Telephone: 01335 343052

If you need a priest urgently, please call 01335 664159.

Pastoral Contact

If you would like to contact a member of the clergy team to discuss any pastoral matter please telephone 01335 664159.

Ministry Thought for the Week

Relationships

Meeting new people and building relationships is one of the most deeply transformative parts of life. Every new encounter carries the possibility of friendship, understanding, and shared humanity. It can also feel vulnerable: stepping into unfamiliar conversations, offering a bit of ourselves, and hoping it will be received with warmth.

Over the past days and weeks, I've been meeting new people and beginning relationships that I hope will last for years. I've been met with a warm and genuine welcome and I'm thankful for that. Relationships rarely appear fully formed; they grow through small acts of attention, kindness, and curiosity. When we listen well, show interest, and make space for others' stories, trust begins to take root.

Jesus modelled this relational way of living with remarkable clarity. He didn't build community through grand speeches or impressive structures but through presence. He met people on roadsides, in homes, at wells, and on beaches. He noticed those others overlooked and asked questions that invited honesty. He shared meals—simple, everyday moments that became sacred because they were offered with love. His friendships were not limited to those who were similar to Him; He welcomed tax collectors, fishermen, women, children, the sick, the curious, and even the skeptical. For Jesus, community was never a closed circle but an ever-widening one.

Jesus created belonging before people had everything sorted. He showed that relationships are built not on perfection but on grace. Community grows through ordinary acts of compassion—checking in, sharing burdens, celebrating joys, and making room for each person's story.

As I continue meeting people, I'm excited to see how relationships grow and to notice what God is already doing in this community.

Blessings in Christ,

Rachel



What's New

Bishop Francis of Patna - Sunday 12 July

The Rt. Revd. Francis Hansda, Bishop of Patna, from the Church of North India is visiting St Oswald's on Sunday 12 July.

Some of you may remember Bishop Francis visiting Ashbourne a few years ago when he was a Presbyter in the Diocese of Patna. He will be in Ashbourne from Friday 10th July to Monday 20th July.

He will be at St. Oswald's Church on Sunday 12th July and at Ashbourne Methodist Church on Sunday 19th July. Other visits planned include the Picnic in the Park with all of Ashbourne Churches Together, as well as the Monday House group and the Food Bank.

The Ashbourne Churches Together (ACT) has an ecumenical partnership with the Diocese of Patna. The Church of North India (CNI) is a United Church formed when the Anglican, Methodist

Baptist and Presbyterian Churches in North India joined together. CNI calls on a mixture of traditions from the joining Churches for its governance and its worship.

Mothers' Union

150 years ago Mary Sumner, a Vicar's wife, had a vision of women supporting and encouraging each other in their faith and families. The ripples have gone out over those years to 4 million members in 84 countries. Ashbourne Mothers' Union was founded in 1905 in Mary Summer's lifetime.

Today, Mothers' Union stands alongside families and communities around the world. This is delivered through programmes raising awareness of domestic abuse and modern slavery, working to support prisoners and their families and providing respite to vulnerable families. Globally, Mothers' Union funds literacy, parenting and gender based violence programmes and savings and credit groups.

To celebrate and raise funds for Mothers' Union work we are holding a cream tea on Tuesday 14th July at 2.30 to be held in Hulland Ward at member Sally Halls' home. Please join us. For further details, contact Nancy Bell, 01335 34791.



Summer Recitals at St Oswald's

Music has but five letters yet it encompasses an encyclopaedia of variety, texture and interpretation. From the Festival Choral Evensong on Sunday evening through the fascinating insight of Kadiatu Kanneh-Mason, the sublime expression of talent by Mariatu Kanneh-Mason and the amazing skill and repertoire with the Grange Ensemble (Jenny, Erin, Catherine and Damion), more than 450 people have sensed the vital importance of music in our lives and in our society. We are so fortunate to be able to access such fabulous music in our church. And there is more to come!





Wednesday 15th July at 2.00 pm: Bethan, Esther + Hugh Morris

The Morris family will demonstrate extraordinary musical talent today. They are all in our church choir and will amaze you with their versatility and ability. Expect music for violin, cello and piano.

Wednesday 22nd July at 2.00 pm: The Green Road, Folk Music

We are delighted that The Green Road are able to join us again this year. Your local folk group meets regularly at the Smith's Tavern. Enjoy traditional folk tunes from Scotland, Ireland and further afield.

Wednesday 29th July at 2.00 pm: Sophie Henderson, Soprano

A former pupil of QEGS, Sophie Henderson has recently graduated from the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire. Her accompanist, Ashley Wagner, is currently Assistant Head of Music at Birmingham Cathedral and, next year, will be embarking on postgraduate study as a répétiteur at the RBC.

Sophie and Ashley are delighted to present a programme of richly-coloured late-Romantic art song by lesser known English female composers: Liza Lehmann, Rebecca Clarke and Amy-Woodforde Finden.

Enjoy "An Enchanted Garden".

Sunday 2nd August

10.30 St Oswald's Day Festival Communion

Psalm 150/Stanford

How lovely are thy dwellings fair/Brahms

How lovely are the messengers/Mendelssohn

6.30 Festival Choral Evensong

Stanford in A canticles Smith responses

Glory love and praise and honour/Harris

We praise thee O God/Stanford

A Clare Benediction/Rutter

Wednesday 5th August at 2.00 pm : Ben Barrs, Piano and Organ

Ben Barrs, another alumnus of the choir of St Oswald's Church, is back to provide a rich tapestry of beautiful music for piano and organ. Ben has a wealth of happy memories here, worshiping here when his work permits. Let's finish the series with a full house!



Saturday 18th July at 7.00 pm



Picnic in the Park - 12th July

Ashbourne Churches Together are supporting Ashbourne Festival's final event - the Picnic in the Park, a free event from 1pm in the Memorial Gardens at the Park.

Do come and join us - let's Picnic Together!

Pack a picnic and bring a blanket or chair, to spend time together. Shade provided by a gazebo and trees!



Joining together at Ashbourne
Festival Picnic in the park.

LET'S PICNIC TOGETHER!



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SUNDAY,
12TH JULY

The picnic will be held
from 1pm

Location:
Ashbourne Memorial Gardens

Festival of Hymns - 23rd July



The Hymn Society
of Great Britain and Ireland
2026 Conference

A Festival of Hymns in St Oswald's Parish Church, Ashbourne

Thursday, 23rd July 2026, at 7.45 pm

The Hymns introduced by
Dr Noël Tredinnick

Organist: Hugh Morris

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Summer Fun Day - 1st August - a gift to the community. Please help if you can!

The day is a fantastic opportunity for us as churches across Ashbourne, to serve our community together, build relationships and demonstrate the love of Jesus in a practical way.

Help is needed from noon - 6pm (event 1-5pm) on Saturday 1st August 2026 at Ashbourne Recreation ground. You will be allocated a time slot. There are lots of roles (e.g. supervise a Bouncy Castle, host a game, steward, face painting, set up or take down).

If you can help, please contact Janet Wright (je96wright@btinternet.com), who will take some details and record the times you are available.

Do join our great team of volunteers!



New Chairs for the Chapel

As part of the efforts of the Tourism Working Group, we are planning to purchase between 8-10 new chairs for the St Oswald's Chapel (2 with arms and 8 without arms). We invite you to consider purchasing a chair for the chapel, either in your name or in memory of someone special. The cost is about £150 per chair, depending on the model. This is a thoughtful way to support our community and honour those you care about. If you wish to participate, please contact Anne Ford, Andrew Burns, Paul Elliott or the Rev'd Dwayne Engh to reserve your chair. Thank you!



Church Services, Readings and Music

Weekly Online Service

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Each week a recorded service is prepared which can be streamed from the church [YouTube channel](#).

Recorded Services

This week's recorded service can be downloaded using the following link:

[Morning Prayer from Holy Trinity](#)

Services

Find Services and Events in the Calendar

All of the Ashbourne Group of Churches services can be found on the website in the [Calendar](#).
You can also see forthcoming events taking place in Church and in the Church Hall.

July Services

ASHBOURNE GROUP OF CHURCHES

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

Day	JULY	Time	Church	Service
Sunday	5	9.15	St John's, Buxton Hill	Holy Communion
		9.15	St Peter's, Snelston	Holy Communion
		10.30	St Oswald's, Ashbourne	Holy Communion
		11.00	St Mary & St Barlock, Norbury	Morning Prayer
		18.30	St Oswald's, Ashbourne	Evensong
Sunday	12	9.00	St Oswald's, Ashbourne	Breakfast Church
		9.15	St Mary's, Mappleton	Holy Communion
		10.30	St Oswald's, Ashbourne	Holy Communion
		18.30	St Oswald's, Ashbourne	Choral Evensong
Sunday	19	9.15	St John's, Buxton Hill	Taizé
		10.30	St Oswald's, Ashbourne	Holy Communion
		18.30	St Oswald's, Ashbourne	Evensong
Sunday	26	10.30	St Oswald's, Ashbourne	Holy Communion
		10.45	Holy Trinity, Clifton	Holy Communion
		16.00	St Oswald's, Ashbourne	Messy Church
		18.30	St Oswald's, Ashbourne	Evensong

ON LINE SERVICES

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

ashbournechurch.org.uk

WEDDING and BAPTISM ENQUIRIES

Please call Parish Administrator 01335 343052

PASTORAL CONTACT

To speak to a member of the Clergy call 01335 664159

Music in July

Music for July 2026 Year A

Sunday 12th Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Green

556 Praise the Lord, ye heavens adore him
379 As pants the heart...
413 Eternal Father strong to save...
Glorious is thy name/Mozart
278 Alleluia sing to Jesus
418 Father Lord of all creation

6.30 **O strength and stay/Thiman**
405 Come my way..
Psalm 63 Mag and ND D
416 Father hear the prayer we offer...
Thou wilt keep him/Wesley
20 Saviour again..

Sunday 19th Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Green

409 Come ye faithful raise the anthem... ; vs 1,2 and 6
385 Be thou my guardian and my guide...
411 Dear Lord and father of mankind
Love divine/Willcocks
396 Christ is the world's true light
417 Father in whom we live...

6.30 **Jesu my way/Archer**
399 Christians lift up your hearts.... omit * vs
Psalm 67 Mag and ND E
401 Come let us join our cheerful songs...
Achieved is the glorious work/Haydn
17 O gladsome light

July Readings Notes

Sunday 12 July - (6th Sunday after Trinity - Continuous)

Genesis 25.19-34

After their difficult birth, as they grow up, the two boys, Esau and Jacob become rivals. Jacob cheats his brother of his rightful inheritance.

Romans 8.1-11

Paul contrasts the life of the Christian who lives in the freedom of God's Holy Spirit, with that of one whose life is bound to earthly pleasures.

Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23

Matthew continued to recount other parables of Jesus based on the working experience of many of his listeners, who would have understood their meaning.

For all the readings notes this month, please [visit the website](#).

Readings - 12th July: Trinity 6

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These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled

together within her; and she said, 'If it is to be this way, why do I live?' So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her,

'Two nations are in your womb,

and two peoples born of you shall be divided;

one shall be stronger than the other,

the elder shall serve the younger.'

For all the readings this week, please visit this week's [Readings and Prayers](#) on the website.

Please remember in your prayers this week

Those who are unable to be with us in church, including Diana & Edmund Urquhart, Linda Torr, Arthur and Barbara Williams.

Those who are ill, especially Graham Price, Pam Phillips, Reina Hammond and Neil Burns.

The recently bereaved, especially the relatives and friends of Trevor Taylor, Gary Baker, Andrew Millward, Richard Fitzherbert-Yudin, Margaret Shenton, Pauline Smalley, Alan Turner and Christopher Land.

Areas of conflict: the Ukraine, the Middle East, the Sudan and too many others.

Our local churches.

Our Ministry Team: Dwayne, Maggie, Nigel, Rachel, Ash & Lynda.

Dates for your Diary

- 13 July, 10:00: Ramblers Group
- 14 July, 13:00: Ossie's Potters
- 14 July, 14:30: Mother's Union Cream Tea , at Sally's
- 15 July, 14:00: The Morris Family Recital
- 21 July, 16:00: Ossie's Kitchen
- 22 July, 14:00: The Green Road, Folk Music
- 23 July, 19:45: Festival of Hymns
- 25 July, 09:30: Walking Group

Get Involved

- Saturday 1st August - Young Adults Pilgrimage to Taizé

See [Forthcoming Events](#) on the website.

Church Groups

Walking and Rambling with St Oswalds

St Oswald's has a choice of two walking groups.

The Ramblers group meets on the 2nd Monday of the month, starts walking at 10.00am and covers approximately 5 miles.

The Walking group meets on the last Saturday of the month, starts walking at 9.30am and covers approximately 10 miles.

Ramblers Group Dates (All rambles start at 10 a.m.)

- Monday 13th July 2026 - 10:00 a.m. start at the little train station at Rudyard reservoir.

Walking Group Dates (All walks start at 9:30 a.m.)

- Saturday 25th July 2026

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Email : paulgillelliott@outlook.com

Giving and Donations

Donate to St Oswald's

If you would like to set up a regular payment to St Oswald's Church then you can do so through the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS).. You can find out more information on [the PGS website](#) where you can also set up a regular payment.

Alternatively you can telephone the Parish Giving Scheme on 0333 002 1260 to set up a payment. (The PGS code for St Oswald's Church is 120612186).



Give a Little

St Oswald's church is open every day of the week. If you would like to make a donation to the work of St Oswald's Church you can do so from the [Give a Little website](#).



Easyfundraising

St Oswald's Church is registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Since joining we have raised over £400, and that is with only 27 supporters.

Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment. You can find our easyfundraising page by [>> CLICKING HERE](#)



Safeguarding

Keeping People Safe

We are committed to ensuring that our church is a safe place for everyone and take the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults very seriously. We adhere to safeguarding rules laid down by the Church of England and the diocese of Derby.

Report a Safeguarding Concern: Protecting children, young people and vulnerable adults is the responsibility of us all, whether they are in the communities in which we live or part of our Christian family. If you have a concern about a child, young person or adult who may be at risk of harm please speak to the Parish Safeguarding Coordinator via the Parish Office.

If you have concerns about a member of the clergy or an employee of the church please contact the Diocesan Safeguarding. To confidentially report a safeguarding concern please complete the [Safeguarding Concern Form](#) or call 01332 388678. You can also report any concerns to the

Police or Social Care. The important thing is that your concerns are shared with someone in a position to help.

Footnotes

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