

Ashbourne Church News 27/02/2026



Welcome to this week's newsletter

Included in this newsletter is all the news, music and readings for this week, together with articles from some of our regular church groups.

If you have any comments about this newsletter or wish to submit any material to be included, please email: parishoffice@ashbournechurch.org.uk

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Church and Parish Office Opening Times

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

- Bell Ringing Practice: Wednesday evenings from 19.30 to 21.00
- Choir Practice: Friday evenings from 19.00 to 20.00

The Parish Office is open:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 10:00 to 12:00

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.

[Find Us on Instagram and Facebook](#)

To keep up with the latest church news, please follow us on our [Facebook Page](#).

We now have a new [Instagram](#) account too.

The Future of our Churches

I've been praying a lot as I get ready for our Visioning Awayday on Saturday 7 March, from 10am to 3pm at Hulland Ward Village Hall. Lunch is on us – and there's still time to [sign up!](#) Please do so by Monday 3 March so we can plan lunch.

As I pray and reflect, a few questions have come to mind that I'd love for you to think and pray about, too.

- Remember a time when you felt engaged, alive, and motivated by what was going on at one or more of our churches. Who was involved? What did you do? What happened?
- At the present time, what is it that excites you about ministry at our churches?
- When you think about how our churches have related to our communities, what do you think has been most important?
- When you are at your best, how do you express God's love and mercy to those outside the church?
- Make a wish for the future of our churches. What would the churches look like in five years if it all came true? In ten years' time? In twenty?
- How can we live, starting tomorrow, as if it were already true?

Your voice is important, and I hope representatives from each of our churches will be present that day. As we pray for our churches' work and witness, also pray for our schools and communities that they may experience God's love. If you're unable to attend, please pray for us as we gather. You might want to close your time of prayer with:

Lord Jesus, give us your vision for the future of our churches. Guide us in sharing responsibility, in caring for those in need, and in reaching out to those who don't yet know you. Help us to be a people of faith and action. Amen.

We commit ourselves to the service of all our churches. Give us the faith to see the possibilities before us and the courage to explore the avenues of service waiting to be explored. Take what we are and direct what we would be, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessings,

Dwayne

Read [Ministry Thought for the Week](#) on the website.



Ashbourne Group of Churches

Visioning Awayday

Saturday 7 March | 10am - 3pm

Hulland Ward Village Hall

Join us. Everyone is Welcome!

We're excited to invite you to a special day when all our churches come together to share ideas and explore how we can work even better as one body in Christ. Your voice matters, and we'd love for you to be part of shaping the future of our shared mission.

To rsvp, please email:

ParishOffice@ashbournechurch.org.uk



Services

Weekly Online Service

Each week a recorded service is prepared which can be streamed from the [Ashbourne Group of Churches website](#).

The service is normally recorded in one of the churches in the Ashbourne Group on the Thursday prior to the Sunday.

Recorded Services

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

[Holy Communion for Lent 2 from St.Oswald's](#)

The next recording will be a Holy Communion service and will be recorded on Thursday 5th March at St Mary's, Mappleton starting at 10:30am prompt.

Everyone is welcome to join the recording.

[Ashbourne Group of Churches - 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.

Sunday 1st March - Second Sunday of Lent

09:15 - Holy Communion, St Peter's, Snelston

11:00 - Holy Communion, St Mary and St Barlok, Norbury

10:30 - Holy Communion, St Oswald's

18:30 Evensong, St Oswald's

Sunday 8th March - Third Sunday of Lent

09:00 - Breakfast Church, St Oswald's

10:30 - Holy Communion, St Oswald's

18:30 - Choral Evensong, St Oswald's

Sunday 15th March - Mothering Sunday

09:15 - Family Service, St Peter's, Snelston

09:15 - Family Service, St Mary's, Mappleton

10:30 - Holy Communion, St Oswald's

11:00 - Family Service, St Mary and St Barlok, Norbury

18:30 - Evensong, St Oswald's

Sunday 22nd March

10:30 - Holy Communion, St Oswald's

16:00 - Songs of Praise, St Peter's Snelston

(There is no evening service at St Oswald's)

Sunday 29th March - Palm Sunday

10:30 - Holy Communion, St Oswald's

18:30 - Tenebrae, St Oswald's

Monday 30th March - Easter Monday

18:30 - Compline, St Oswald's

Tuesday 31st March

18:30 - Compline, St Oswald's

Breakfast Church



 Ashbourne Group
of Churches

JOIN US FOR
**BREAKFAST
CHURCH**
AT ST OSWALD'S, ASHBOURNE

EVERY SECOND SUNDAY FROM 09:00 - 09:45

Bacon butties, cereal, toast and
a short all age service

A warm welcome is awaiting you.

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Messy Church - Save the Date

Save the Date! We are very excited to announce the launch of Messy Church at St Oswald's on Sunday 26 April from 4-6pm. Messy Church is an all-age worshipping community that focuses on creativity, hospitality, and celebration. It offers a relaxed, hands-on way for families to explore Bible stories through crafts, games, and food, aiming to make faith accessible to everyone. All are welcome!



**St Oswald's
Church**

Music at St Oswald's

Music	March	2026	Year A
SUNDAY	1st	Second Sunday of Lent	Purple
10.30	368 Psalm 524	All my hope on God is founded 121 My God I love thee I lift my eyes to the quiet hills	6.30
	383 606	Be still for the presence of the Lord Thy hand O God has guided (omit * verses)	497 Psalm 8 116 495
			Turn thy face from our sins/Attwood Let all the world Mag and ND E O dearest Lord O Saviour of the world/Goss Lead kindly light
SUNDAY	8th	Third Sunday of Lent	Purple
10.30	467 Psalm 469	How sweet the name of Jesus sounds 95 I heard the voice of Jesus say My song is love unknown/Archer	6.30
	524 557	My God I love thee Prasie to the holiest in the height	424 Psalm 42 vs1-7 16
			Choral Evensong Stanford in Bb Stewart responses Through the day/Morley Fill thou my life What a friend we have in Jesus (sheet) Like as the hart/Howells Hail gladdening light
SUNDAY	15th	Fourth Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday	Purple
10.30	253 362 377	For the beauty of the earth Tell out my soul Angel voices ever singing Ave Maria/S.Lindley	6.30
	598 Psalm 516	There's a wideness in God's mercy 23 Love divine	618 Psalm 23 238 18
			Christ be with me/Rawsthorne When in our music God is glorified Mag and ND F For Mary mother of our Lord (omit *) Purest and highest/Stanford O strength and stay
SUNDAY	22nd	Fifth Sunday of Lent	Purple
10.30	411 Psalm 571	Dear Lord and Father of mankind 130 Soldiers of Christ arise * omit vs 3 Ave verum corpus/Mozart Pie Jesu/Faure (solo) Clare Benediction/Rutter	4.00
	468	Lord of the dance	
			Songs of Praise at Snelston (No evening service at St Oswald's church)
SUNDAY	29th	Palm Sunday	Purple
10.30	128 129 433	All glory laud and honour Ride on ride on Give me joy in my heart Palm Sunday antiphon/Morgan	6.30
	127 499	When I survey Lift high the cross. (omit * verses)	
			Tenebrae Taize chants, hymns, readings and candles

Choral Scholarships

Music is an important part of the life of St Oswald's church in Ashbourne, especially through the musical ministry of the choir. We are proposing a **new set of choral scholarships**.

Ideally, **4 students** ('scholars') will have mentored places in the choir, alongside more experienced singers. This will optimally be one per voice part (soprano/alto/ tenor/bass); the expectation is that you will be Y10 and upwards (i.e. age 15-18).

Scholars will be expected to regularly attend choir practice, and at least one of the two services on Sunday. You will **gain experience** of a vast range of repertoire, improved choral singing skills, teamwork with adults, regular gold standard music in services and excellent sight-reading skills. This gives you experience to enable you potentially to apply for a choral scholarship at university, and to add to UCAS forms when applying for university/college. In return, we will offer scholars 30 minutes of **tuition**, at the end of choir practice. This will cover sight reading, aural skills, and general music perception. A basis for this will be the RSCM *Voice for Life Singing Awards* – St Oswald's has had a good track record of young singers gaining Bronze, Silver and Gold awards (NB the Awards are about to be submitted for OFQUAL accreditation giving them value on a UCAS form).

You will receive an honorarium of **£100** for the year plus **£1 for each practice and service** attended. St Oswald's church choir has an excellent reputation for good music sung in our church as well as for weddings elsewhere, services in cathedrals (including York Minster, Salisbury and Hereford) and concerts too. Please find out more by contacting Michael Halls (Director of Music) on 07976708449 or mvaehalls@gmail.com Application forms will be sent to you after the initial contact. I shall look forward to hearing from you soon.

Readings

March Readings

March readings 2026

March 1st Lent 2

Romans 4:1-5,13-17 Paul writes to the Christians in Rome before he visits them. He reminds them that Abraham, the great hero of faith in the Hebrew Scriptures, was chosen by God, not because of his deeds but his faith.

John 3.1-17

John, alone of the Gospel writers, recorded the visit of Nicodemus, a Pharisee, who asked Jesus a question. The conversation that followed relied heavily on their knowledge and use of the Hebrew language. The word for 'again' sounded very similar to the one for 'from above'. The 'lifting up' of Jesus on the cross was a parallel to Moses lifting up the serpent in the wilderness to save the people from a plague of serpents.

March 8th Lent 3

Exodus 17.1-7 When the people complain that their life in the wilderness is very difficult, Moses strikes a great rock and water gushes out.

John 4.5-42 (shortened)

Contact with women and with Samaritans was forbidden to devout Jews, therefore the Samaritan woman was astonished at Jesus's request for water. Their conversation, only recorded in John's gospel, became a 'theological discussion' on the nature of belief and of God's life-giving Spirit. As a result, she became an early evangelist, witnessing to Jesus.

March 15th Lent 4

Mothering Sunday

Colossians 1:3-7

Paul writes to the Christians in Colossae commending them for the strength of their faith.

John 19:25b-27

In his account of the crucifixion, John alone of the four Gospel writers recorded Jesus's words to his mother and to his 'beloved disciple'.

March 22nd Lent 5

Ezekiel 37:1-14 In his vision, Ezekiel finds himself in a valley of dry bones. God's Spirit, his breath which gave life to creation, will now give new life to the Jews in exile.

John 11.1-45 (shortened)

Jesus's act of raising Lazarus (like his meeting with the Samaritan woman) is only recorded by John. Jesus had known the family so it was natural that they turned to him when Lazarus fell ill. Jesus's surprising delay ensured that he could reassure the family of what was to come, and of how God's life-giving power was at work in all that would take place.

March 29th Palm Sunday

(reading for the Blessing of the Palms)

Luke 19.28-40 Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a donkey, the crowds greet him excitedly, hoping he is the hoped-for Messiah.

OTHER PARISHES:

Philippians 2:5-11 Paul writes to the Christians at Philippi in words they may have known as a hymn as he describes the humility and obedience of Jesus to his father's will.

Matthew 26:47 - 27:54

This gospel reading, especially when read dramatically, needs no additional comments

1st March: Lent 2



Romans 4:1-5,13-17

Paul writes to the Christians in Rome before he visits them. He reminds them that Abraham, the great hero of faith in the Hebrew Scriptures, was chosen by God, not because of his deeds but his faith.

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

John 3.1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he

gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

Something to think about

John, alone of the Gospel writers, recorded the visit of Nicodemus, a Pharisee, who asked Jesus a question. The conversation that followed relied heavily on their knowledge and use of the Hebrew language. The word for 'again' sounded very similar to the one for 'from above'. The 'lifting up' of Jesus on the cross was a parallel to Moses lifting up the serpent in the wilderness to save the people from a plague of serpents.

Collect

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,
and by following in the Way may we come to share in the glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion

Almighty God,
you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:
keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all adversities
which may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Evensong

Numbers 21.4-9

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.' Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, 'We

have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.' So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Luke 14.27-33

Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

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, the Reverend Joe and Mrs. Gillie Lister..

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

The recently bereaved, especially the relatives and friends of Jennie Mitchell, Dorothy Tougher, Christine Broughton and Alan Wibberley.

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

Our local churches.

Our Ministry Team: Dwayne, Maggie, Nigel & Lynda

See [Readings and Prayers](#) on the website.

Activities at St Oswald's



There are many men and women in our community who are caring for a loved one and it is very seldom realised just how little recognition they get for fulfilling such an important but lonely role. If you, or someone you know, is caring for a loved one, for whatever reason, and would like the chance just to have somewhere you can have an hour or so respite with coffee and chat with people who understand the challenges you face daily, then come along to 'Carers Count'.

'Carers Count' meet on the first Wednesday of every month between 10am and 12 noon at St Oswald's Church Hall in School Lane, Ashbourne where you are assured of a warm welcome, a friendly face and a listening ear.

We work with Derbyshire Carers Association who give advice regarding practical support to which one might be entitled. They also support our meetings with the occasional special event.

For more information and to let us know that you would like to come along, then call Maggie or Nigel on 01335 664159

Notices

Dates for your Diary

- Saturday 28th February @ 09:30 - St Oswald's Walking Group
- Tuesday 3rd March @ 16:00 - Ossie's Kitchen
- Wednesday 4th March @ 10:00 - Carers Count
- Tuesday 17th March @ 16:00 - Ossie's Kitchen

Get Involved

- Saturday 7th March @ 10:00 - Hulland Ward Millennium Hall - Visioning Awayday
- Sunday 22nd March @ 14:00 - St Oswald's Church - Retreat in Daily Life closes
- Saturday 1st August - Young Adults Pilgrimage to Taizé

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

Rachel Knight, Curate

Rachel will be arriving at St Oswald's in late June as Curate. We look forward to welcoming her. We asked Rachel to tell us a little about herself.

About Rachel

Hello, my name is Rachel, and I'm very excited to be coming to Ashbourne and the villages for my curacy and to be working with Rev'd Dwayne and you. I've been living in Warwickshire for the past 28 years and have had many jobs over that time from Care Assistant to Library Assistant and Social Care Support Worker to Community Development Officer. I'm passionate about people and I'm really looking forward to getting to know you all.

I'm married to Alan, and I have two sons and two stepdaughters, most of whom have grown up and left the nest. I have a little dog called Bella who, despite being a Chihuahua, is very friendly and loves cuddles and fuss.

I've been studying for the past 2 years at Ripon College, Cuddesdon, just outside of Oxford, and have been living there half the week and then back in my current home of Hillmorton in Rugby for the rest of week. I serve in my local church when I'm not at college, so it works out to be a full-time course.

Church-wise, I come from a varied background, initially born into and raised as a strict Baptist, then spent my older childhood and teens in a lively but conservative CofE church, then in my young adult days we went to an evangelical church as a family for a while before settling into our local village parish church. I've been in rural ministry for most of my adult life and am used to multi-parish benefices and juggling different priorities. I'm also very happy in a variety of worship styles from very liturgical and choral through to worship band and drums!

I think I come with a variety of skills and experience, having been a churchwarden for several years during an interregnum and spent many years in community-facing roles. But mainly, I'm eager to know what skills and gifts you have and how I can help you know God more and fully inhabit the person God calls you to be.

Rachel



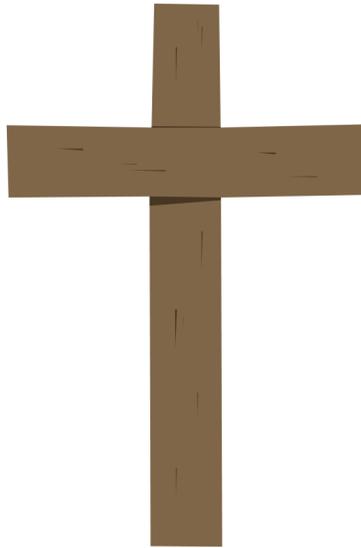
[Palm Sunday Dramatised Reading](#)

On Sunday, 29th March we will be following our Palm Sunday tradition of a dramatised setting of the Gospel read by members of the congregation as part of our morning service. This year, it is based on the Gospel according to St Matthew. Anyone is welcome to take part and a sign-up sheet will be available in the South transept on Sunday, 1st March for those interested.

I plan to hand out the scripts on Sunday, 15th March after Morning Service and also arrange a brief practice before coffee on 22nd March. If you have any questions in the meantime, do please speak to me at church or contact me on 07969 989818.

Look forward to seeing you!

Debbie Ashton-Cleary



[Lent Lunches - Dates](#)

Thursday 5 March - Methodists

Thursday 12 March - Elim

Thursday 19 March - Elim

Thursday 26 March - All Saints



LENT LUNCHES

Venue:
All Saints Hall
 Time: 12:00 - 13:00

Hosted by:

- THURSDAY 5 MARCH - METHODISTS
- THURSDAY 12 MARCH - ELIM
- THURSDAY 19 MARCH - ELIM
- THURSDAY 26 MARCH - ALL SAINTS



2026

Ozzie Bears

Just look at these amazing bears that have been knitted and a big 'thank you' to everyone who is currently knitting Ozzie Bears. Just look at these 'beauties'

We give every child an Ozzie Bear at their Baptism and of course they are the stars of Teddy Parachuting in June.

Patterns in the Edward Bear area in Church.



1 - Rosemary Warner



2 - Nancy Mackman



3 - Nancy Bell



We are in need of more knitted Ozzie Bears!

Ozzie bears are given to every baby that is Baptised here at St Oswalds. Ozzie Bears are also the best flyers in town!

We sell them at Teddy Parachuting for £2.50 and they 'fill the skies' with their aeronautical expertise.

If you have time to knit, patterns for these beautiful bears are in the Edward Bear Area on the children's altar.

Thank you

Lindsay

Date for your Diaries

Teddy Parachuting: Saturday June 20th between 10.00 - 12.00 noon.

Bring teddies, Octonauts and Dinosaurs!

[Bringing Purposeful Lives to Others](#)

I so want to bring to your attention the ongoing work that Gillie Lister and her husband, Joe, are doing in supporting TWAM but also in the making of beautiful bags from the materials donated in some cases to Aquabox in Wirksworth, who at present have all they need.

Peter Walker



Message from Gillie

I have been making these bags for TWAM for a long time. Joe and I came across Tools With A Mission (TWAM) when we were in Zambia in the late 1990s and early 2000s. TWAM is a Charity based in the UK creating vocational empowerment training and tools for a sustainable living for many in Zambia, Uganda, Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Malawi, the D R C and Burundi.

Volunteers in this country collect tools, anything from screwdrivers to sewing machines and more. They are refurbished before being sent out to Africa to students who complete their training, at various centres in their own country.

One student we might call Nicolas who was given Carpentry training at an orphanage, then Business Studies skills; he was then given a carpentry tool kit. Nicolas could have easily become a street kid and turned to crime if it wasn't for TWAM.

Diane had to drop out of school, another 'student' but was offered a dressmaking course and was given a sewing machine and a sewing kit. Her income now supports herself and her family.

The bags I make from the fabric so generously given hold sewing kits and knitting kits and some small tools. The fabric needs to be strong cotton of any size, dressmaking or furnishing (not too thick), any colour.

And how you can help me!

I also need sewing thread, half used spools are most welcome and flat tape or ribbon 1/2" —15 mm. Many thanks for all your support and help on this journey. Should you be able to help, then please leave such items in the blue Acquabox and Peter and Lindsay will ensure I get them.

Thank you again for your understanding and kindness.

Gillie and Joe Lister

[Ashbourne Rotary Easter Egg Appeal](#)

Easter is a time of hope and celebration, and you can help make it special for children in Ukraine by donating a medium sized chocolate egg. For many, this may be their only Easter treat.

With your support, we can make sure as many children as possible experience a little bit of joy and normality this season.

If you could drop them off at David Neill Mica on Compton or Cornerstone Coffee Shop by 10 March 2026 we can then get them to Ukraine by Easter.

Ashbourne



Easter Egg Appeal



Easter is a time of hope and celebration, and you can help make it special for children in Eastern Europe by donating a medium sized (minimum 90g) chocolate egg.

Please drop off your eggs at:

David Neill Mica Home & DIY or Cornerstone Coffee House

Closing date: 10 March 2026*

*any eggs received after this date will be donated to local charities

Quiet Day



**'Pilgrimage
The outer & inner journey'**
Led by the Rev'd Fr Alasdair Kay
Saturday 28th March 2026
St Oswald's Church, Ashbourne

*Pilgrimage encourages us to go deeper into our relationships.
The pilgrim seeks to let go of everyday distractions and interior attachments, to be open to new insights into self and the Beloved and, allowing all this to integrate, draws ever closer in union. On my own journeys I realised I had not so much sought the Beloved, but that the Beloved has sought me',*
(extract from *The Kentigern Way* by Stephen Wright, Wild Goose Publications, Glasgow, 2019 p.92)

The quiet day begins at 10.30am, refreshments will be available from 10am. The day begins with worship and will include three short talks and times of silence. The day ends with a time for questions and finally closing worship. Those attending are asked to bring a packed lunch. The speaker for the day is Rev'd Fr Alasdair Kay MA SCP (The Anglican Greyfriars) who will lead the day on the theme of the 'Pilgrimage an inner and outward journey'. There is no charge for the day, those attending are invited to make a donation. Please book your place by emailing Cameron Butland – cameron.butland@derby.anglican.org

Programme

10-10.30am Arrive, (*refreshments available on arrival*)
10.30am Morning Prayer
11.00am **First talk**
followed by quiet time of reflection
12noon **Second talk**
followed by quiet time of reflection
1.00pm *Lunch, please bring own packed lunch, drinks provided*
2.00pm **Third talk**
followed by quiet time of reflection
3.00pm Closing Prayer

The venue is St Oswald's Church Hall, 5 School Lane, Ashbourne DE6 1AN Ashbourne. There is a small car park and parking on the road outside the church.

Glendalough Pilgrim Prayer

I beg assistance, God of my journey, to accept that all of life is only on loan to me, to believe beyond this moment, to accept your courage when mine fails, to recognise the pilgrim of my heart, to hold all of life in open hands. Amen

East Midlands Young Adults Pilgrimage to Taizé

The Diocese of Derby, along with the Dioceses of Leicester and Lincoln, has come together to offer a Pilgrimage to Taizé for young adults aged 18-35, which will take place from August 1-9 this year.

[Taizé](#) is an ecumenical Christian community in Southern France which produces the beautiful contemplative worship music familiar to many. Its mission is to reach young people throughout the world.

If you are interested in spending a week camping with a global and monastic community, we will be making this pilgrimage together, travelling and camping as a group from across the East Midlands. The trip will cost approximately £350, and priority is given to young adults aged 18-35.

For more information, contact the Rev'd Dwayne Engh by email: vicar@ashbournechurch.org.uk.

To book, [click here](#).

save the date!

Diocese of Derby
THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

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Join the East Midlands Young Adults Pilgrimage to

TAIZÉ

August 1 - 9, 2026

For those aged 18-35, from across the East Midlands and beyond, with limited seats on the coach for those over 35! To find out more contact: vicar@ashbournechurch.org.uk

Ashbourne Singers - 21st March



Look at the World . . .

Ashbourne Singers

SATURDAY 21st MARCH 7.00pm
ST OSWALD'S CHURCH, ASHBOURNE

**EASTER CONCERT
IN AID OF
Scouts** 
2nd Ashbourne

Tickets at the door
or from Natural Choice
£10 (u18s Free)
Refreshments Available

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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 9th March 2026, starts in Millers Dale car park at 10:00

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

- Saturday 28th February 2026, starts in Monyash village at 09:30
- Saturday 28th March 2026

Gill

Email : paulgillelliott@outlook.com

St Aelred's Pilgrim Trail

The walking group have decided on their challenge for 2026. We are going to walk the St Aelred's Pilgrim Trail from 1st to 8th May 2026. This is a 41 mile pilgrimage linking the 9 churches of Upper Ryedale and Helmsley with Rievaulx Abbey.

Aelred of Hexham was a Cistercian monk and from 1147 – 1167 he was Abbot of Rievaulx. He wrote on Christian friendship and was gifted with wisdom to lead.



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.

The contact details are:

Celia Dickinson, Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO)

Mobile: 07754 883935

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.