
St Oswald's Church Newsletter

Open Daily

St Oswald's Church is open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

St Oswald's Church

School Lane
Ashbourne DE6 1AN
Tel: 0303 300 0498

Sunday Services

10:30 Holy Communion
18:30 Evensong



Dates for your Diary

- 8th February: Retreat in Daily Life starts
- 10th February: Ossie's Kitchen
- 17th February: Ossie's Potters
- 18th February: Holy Communion with Ashing
- 28th February: St Oswald's Walking Group
- 4th March: Carers Count

Verse of the Day

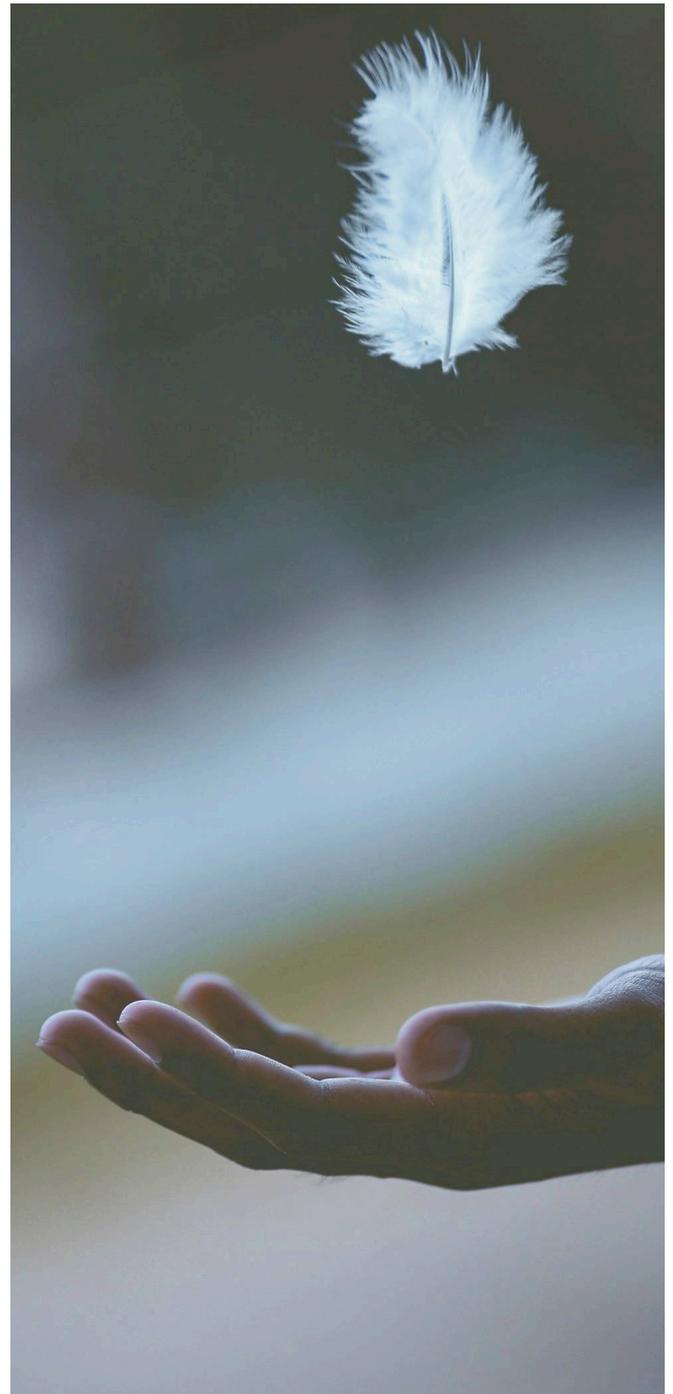
Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Hebrews 13:2

Ministry Thought for the Week

I've been thinking about the phrase, 'Blessed are the peacemakers.' I find it hard to read those words without thinking of the divisions in our country and the world. Minnesota, in particular, has been on my mind and in my prayers over the past few days.

The phrase reminds me how easy it is to let scripture remain abstract when real people are suffering around us. The word peacemaker is often misunderstood. It doesn't mean passivity, silence, or letting people walk all over you.

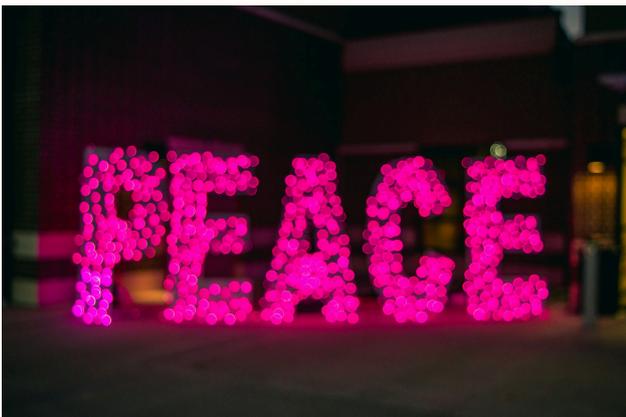
Peacemaking starts internally, attempting to make peace with ourselves, then moves to our loved ones, and beyond that to the wider world. It is about seeing something wrong and refusing to look away.





WRITTEN BY DWAYNE ENGH

Peacemakers stand with the grieving, listen to the wounded, ask hard questions about harmful systems, and care about accountability.



Let's be honest—none of this is easy, and fear is always present. So, this week's invitation is to keep choosing love, showing up for those in pain, praying for peace, and working for justice. May you have the courage to be a peacemaker in your life, home, work, and community.

Blessings

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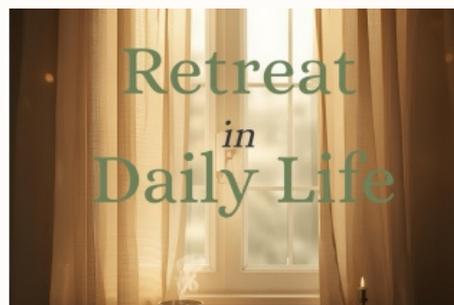
Get in Touch

The Parish Office is open Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 10:00 to 12:00.

Telephone: 01335 343052

If you need a priest urgently call 01335 664159

Upcoming Events



Retreat in Daily Life

Starts 8th February



Holy Communion

Ash Wednesday 18th February

Aquabox

This week we once again emptied the Aquabox which is situated in the Edward Bear area in Church, taking several used towels and duvet covers. Peter will be delivering these items to Aquabox in Wirksworth.

A very big thank you to those people who have been sorting out their cupboards and whose unwanted items will make their way to the benefit of others inside humanitarian relief boxes.

We historically have collected used towels and patterned duvet covers. However, Aquabox are saying **NO MORE TOWELS FOR THE MOMENT** but please continue with fabrics/duvet covers which are lovingly made into discreet sanitary wear for women living in countries where they cannot access such items. The boxes are filled with many other items including groundsheets, pots and pans, utensils and tools.

The boxes themselves are robust enough to transport these items anywhere in the world as well as be used as beds for newborn babies, reservoirs for clean drinking water and much more. For more information please contact the Church Office.



St Oswald's Book Club

St Oswald's Book Club meets on the first Monday of every month at Ashbourne Library from 10.00 a.m. until 11.00 a.m. We encourage everyone to bring a mug and a teabag, taking 'time-out' as we discuss our latest 'read'. We have 14 members as of January 2026.

The group is always looking for new authors to read, new titles to explore, old classics to re-visit.

We liaise with our library representative Ruth to search for books that may be of interest to us, challenge us further, aware that getting numbers of copies may not always be possible. The group often shares copies, may download to a Kindle, resort to an audio book but we make it work for us.

Our January read has been 'Murder Before Evensong' by Rev Richard Coles, February's book is 'Homecoming' by Kate Morgan.



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Keep up to date with all
the latest news.



Bell Ringing Practice
Wednesday, 19:30 - 21:00



Choir Practice
Friday, 19:00 - 20:00

St Oswald's Walking Group

Jet and a small group of 3 walkers met at Carlton Lees car park, on the edge of the Chatsworth estate. We started by heading off along the river Derwent towards Beeley village. Passing through the village we ascended through woodland - although much of the wood has been felled and it was quite muddied and rutted - until we reached Beeley Moor. Turning left, we followed the path along the ridge passing Swiss Lake, which has received much work recently and is once again full of water. A quick coffee break at the hunting tower, with views over the house and gardens before continuing on the path and dropping down to cross the haia.

Heading towards the house we passed close to a beautiful herd of deer before eating lunch in the courtyard. After lunch we crossed the river and headed to Edensor before climbing to New Piece Wood and followed a lane down to Carlton Lees. A beautiful 10 mile walk, the streams by the paths we all running and babbling along, the sun shone and the rain held off until we were in the car travelling home.

If you would like to join our next walk the February walk is on February 28th.





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

Parish Giving Scheme

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



Ossie's Potters

Alternate Tuesdays
13:00 - 15:00
Next: 17th February

Walking with St Oswald's

St Oswald's has a choice of 2 walking groups.

The Ramblers group meet on the 2nd Monday of the month, start walking at 10.00am and covering approximately 5 miles.

The Walking group meet on the last Saturday of the month, start walking at 9.30am and covering approximately 10 miles.

Ramblers Group Dates (All rambles start at 10am)

- Monday 9th February 2026 start 10.00 at the main car park at Chatsworth house.
- Monday 9th March 2026

Walking Group Dates (All walks start at 9:30am)

- Saturday 28th February 2026
- Saturday 28th March 2026



Ossie's Kitchen

Alternate Tuesdays
16:00 - 18:00
Next: 10th February

Community Café in Ashbourne

OSSIE'S KITCHEN



Why eat alone ?

Come and join us for a three course meal

In the company of others

Family friendly

Open to All between 4pm and 6pm

On Tuesdays

February 3rd, 10th

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

Suggested donations of

£5per adult and £2 per child

For enquiries & to request transport

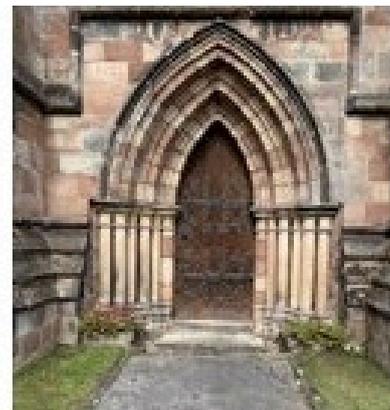
call Ossie's Kitchen on 07437 377345



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Ossie's Potters



A group of people who enjoy being in the fresh air
with other people,
'potter'

around the Church and Church Hall
on alternate Tuesdays.

They tidy flower beds, plant up new areas and
make the surrounding of the Church
look more colourful, loved and cared for.

They always finish with a cup of tea.

Would you like to be a Potter too?

Why not come and see where
they are pottering?

You would be very welcome.

They will be meeting on
27th January & 17th February

From 1pm until 3pm.



save the date!

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Join the East Midlands
Young Adults Pilgrimage to



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

Pilgrimage to Taizé

If you, or anyone you know, would like to join the East Midlands Young Adults Pilgrimage for those aged 18-35 to Taizé, please contact Rev'd Dwayne Engh or the Parish Office to register your interest.



Ramblers Group

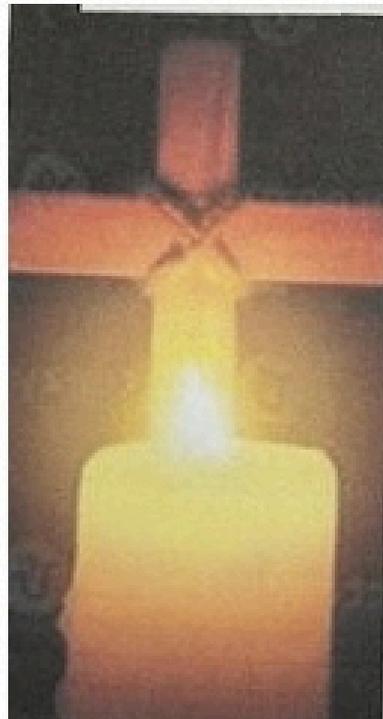
Next walk: 9th February



Walking Group

Next walk: 28th February

BREAKFAST CHURCH
St. Oswald's Church Centre
Sunday 8th February
9.00am.



Start your Sunday with
Breakfast Church!

Join us for a delicious
breakfast of cereal, toast,
coffee and your choice of
bacon or sausage butty.
Enjoy a warm and welcoming
atmosphere as we gather for
worship and fellowship.



Please come and give it a try.
To help with catering, please
book your place in advance
by contacting Andy Wright,
Email
admandjewright@gmail.com

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

