
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

- 9th March : PCC Meeting
- 10th March: Ossie's Potters
- 15th March: Mother's Day
- 17th March: Ossie's Kitchen
- 23rd March: Ossie's Potters
- 31st March: Ossie's Kitchen

Verse of the Day

And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: Many shall see it, and fear, And shall trust in the LORD.

Psalm 40:3

Ministry Thought for the Week

Where does the time go? It's hard to believe that we are already seven weeks into the New Year. Did you make a New Year's resolution? If so, are you keeping up with it or is it a distant memory?

Just a few days ago we began the season of Lent. During this time we are encouraged to pause and reflect on our relationship with God. Lent is a time of preparation, self-examination, and renewal, guiding us toward Easter. For many, it is marked by giving something up or taking something on (a second opportunity to reignite that new year's resolution) - but, at its core, Lent challenges us to look for God in the ordinary moments woven throughout our daily lives.

As many of you will be aware, at the beginning of January I started the License Lay Ministry (Reader) LLM(R) course, or in simple terms reader training. One of my tasks was to look for the presence of God in our church building. What would your answer be?

Each of us looks for the presence of God in our own way, there is no right or wrong answer, or a one size fits all approach to finding God.

So, whether we find ourselves in the rush of morning routines, the stillness of a lunch break or in the daily interactions between friends and strangers, I encourage you to look for God's presence that surrounds us in our everyday life.



WRITTEN BY ASH TOOMBS

We don't need to wait for that light bulb moment or extraordinary experiences to encounter God. Instead, let's open our eyes and our hearts to the subtle ways God reaches out - a smile, a kind word, the wonder of creation or a moment of peace.

This Lent, may we intentionally create space to notice and respond, growing closer to God in the midst of everyday living.

As we continue through Lent, let us do so with purpose and confidence, trusting that in finding God in the ordinary, we will encounter the extraordinary presence of God.

Blessings

Ash

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



Mothering Sunday

Sunday 15th March



Messy Church

Sunday 26th April

Welcoming a New Curate in June

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



BREAKFAST CHURCH
St. Oswald's Church Centre
Sunday 8th March
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

Messy Church

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!

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



Choir Practice
Friday, 19:00 - 20:00

St Oswald's Walking Group

The St Oswald's Walkers group this month was a select group of three 'ladies' (St Oswald's Girlies as we have been known in the past!) We set off from Monyash along what is sometimes referred to as 'The Steeplechase Route' due to the very large number of stiles; at least 12 before we reached Hard Rake plantation. The consolation prize was the beautiful skylark singing above us. We proceeded down Deepdale, following a babbling brook, enjoying more birdsong and watching buds beginning to burst. Definitely the first signs of spring! As we left the nature reserve the brook had become a torrent, and one member of the group accidentally 'sat down' so having recovered her, we had to take a higher path which led us to White Park car park where we had a short break for elevenses.



After crossing the A6 we entered Monsal Dale, another natural delight with snowdrops still flourishing, crocuses, and daffodils in bud. We were lucky enough to see a dipper, and plenty of mud. We climbed to Monsal Head Viaduct from where we followed the trail, a few very muddy fields and a quiet lane to Ashford in the Water where we ate our picnic lunch under the Silver Jubilee shelter in the village.



The third section of the walk began with a steep and unrelenting climb to Sheldon, but as we got higher more and more far reaching and stunning views opened up around us towards the moors and the edges. Leaving Sheldon, we had views in the other direction towards Magpie Mine, which was our highest point of the day, and the White Peak. The last couple of miles were gently downhill all the way to Monyash, with a few more stiles thrown in for good measure.



In spite of the mud, the innumerable stiles and one short sharp shower, a thoroughly enjoyable walk was enjoyed by all. Total distance was almost 11 miles with 1750 feet of ascent.

Judy Harrison



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

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 March 2026, Millers Dale car park. 10.00.

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

- Saturday 28th March 2026

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: 10th March



Ossie's Kitchen

Alternate Tuesdays
16:00 - 18:00
Next: 17th 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

www.ashbournesingers.org.uk
 Registered charity 1140285



Palm Sunday

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

We are in need of more knitted Ozzie Bears!

Ozzie bears are given to every baby that is Baptised here at St Oswalds.

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



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

March 17th, 31st

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

Suggested donations of

£5 per adult and £2 per child

For enquiries and to request transport

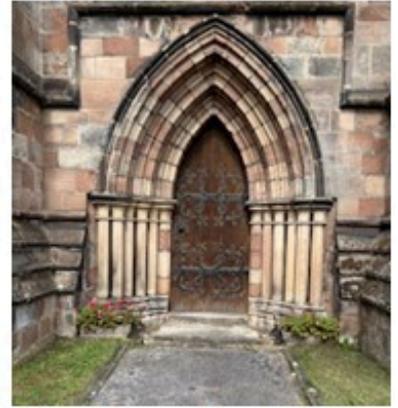
call Ossie's Kitchen on 01335 664159



**St Oswald's Church
Derbyshire CC
Fare Share**



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

10th and 24th March

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

MARCH 2026



**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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