

Ashbourne Church News 05/07/2026



Welcome to this Week's Newsletter

Church and Parish Office Opening Times

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

- *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

- *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

Football

Well I have to confess that I know very little about football, I'm happy to watch it on TV, if someone else wants to watch it, but I wouldn't choose to do so myself.

However, I do enjoy watching live games, whether it's children playing in the little leagues or adults playing in the Sunday leagues, you can sense the excitement and, more often than not, you're close enough to almost be part of the action and, if you're lucky, you might just see a few goals scored, and whoop with the fans as the ball hits the back of the net.

I like the atmosphere, and I suppose that's what you miss when watching football on TV. Well, at least it's a different kind of atmosphere and supporter experience on TV.

Being a football supporter gives you a sense of camaraderie, a mutual understanding, and sense of community. This is important as loneliness affects 22% of adults according to NHS figures.

So football is great, and beneficial to our health and wellbeing, but faith and prayer also has a big impact on our health and wellbeing.

Prayer works in communities, uniting people with common goals, creating a sense of belonging and trust, supporting people. For the individual, the act of praying reduces stress, calming the cardiovascular and nervous systems, allowing the mind and body space to heal and restore itself. Prayer comforts and encourages hope and optimism in otherwise challenging situations.

Prayer like football is good for us, but prayer has the added advantage of changing our lives not just in the everyday, but in the world to come, for prayer opens up God's kingdom to those who believe, and claim Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

So you might not be picking up a football and heading off to your nearest playing fields, but you might just want to bow your head in prayer and ask the Lord Jesus to change your life.

God Bless 

Lynda



What's New

Anna Chaplaincy - from 30th August

As some of you already know, I have recently been on a training course to become an Anna Chaplain, a Chaplaincy for older people and this course is now completed. The training has aimed to inspire, to open your heart and mind, to consider whether God is calling you to this ministry and pray that he will help you discern your next steps in serving older people.

With the support of the ministry team led by the Rev Dwayne Engh, I have accepted the challenge. I willingly accept this challenge of ministry using the skills and energy I have. To serve our local community in an 'outward facing' ministry. Offering a flexible approach to support men and women spiritually in their later years.

Anna Chaplaincy is all about nurturing spirituality in its broadest sense, non-judgmental, personal centred spiritual care for people of strong, little or no faith at all.

I wait now to be licensed, to be formerly commissioned here at St Oswald's Church. Meanwhile, I shall be spending Thursday mornings between 10.00 – 12.00 noon (starting on 30th August) in The Cornerstone Café here in Ashbourne where I start my ministry and you are welcome to join me.

Lindsay Walker – Anna Chaplain – St Oswald's Church Ashbourne



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!



Summer Recitals at St Oswald's

It does not seem long since our remarkable recitals last year! If you would like to see the recital programme for this year, there are plenty of leaflets in St Oswald's Church, as well as in the Library and the Town Hall.

Michael Halls

Arts Festival Choral Evensong - 5th July, 18:30

Stanford in C Ayleward responses

O worship the Lord /Shephard

We praise thee O God/Ireland

Please do come along to Choral Evensong and support your choir. The music is our contribution to Ashbourne Arts Festival and represents some of the best music to enhance Evensong, covering, as it does, music from the 17th to 21st centuries. It is often said the Evensong is the Anglican Church's greatest gift to Christendom: meditation and contemplation at its best.

Kadiatu Kanneh-Mason - 6th July, 19:30

On Monday evening at 19:30, join author Kadiatu Kanneh-Mason as she discusses her powerful new book, *To Be Young, Gifted and Black*. It celebrates her extraordinary musical family - including daughters Isata (2023 BBC Proms piano debut) and Mariatu (see below) and son, Sheku (BBC Young Musician Winner, 2016). The book explores challenges faced, such as online abuse, while championing the talent and triumphs of young black artists today. (Tickets from Ashbourne Arts or on the door).

Mariatu Kanneh-Mason - 7th July, 19:00

On Tuesday at 19:00, Mariatu is in St Oswald's for her cello recital. (Tickets from Ashbourne Arts or on the door).

Mariatu is seventeen years old and the youngest of the Kanneh-Mason siblings, she attends Trinity Catholic School in Nottingham. An exciting presence on the concert stage, in June 2026 Neil Fisher of The Times described her as having 'the forceful tone of a soloist with personality' and that 'her rich timbre sparked shivers'. She studies cello with Ben Davies, and piano with Fiona Harris at Junior Royal Academy of Music and will be taking auditions for full-time conservatoire study in the Autumn of 2026. At age 10, she gained Grade 8 distinction on the cello and holds a piano diploma distinction (ARSM).

- Manuel de Falla: Falla/Arr. Maréchal: 7 Canciones populares españolas: No. 1: 'El Pano Moruno' No 5 : 'Nana'
- Rachmaninov Sonata for Cello and Piano in G Minor, opus 19 (40 mins)
- I. Lento – Allegro moderato II. Allegro scherzando III. Andante IV. Allegro mosso

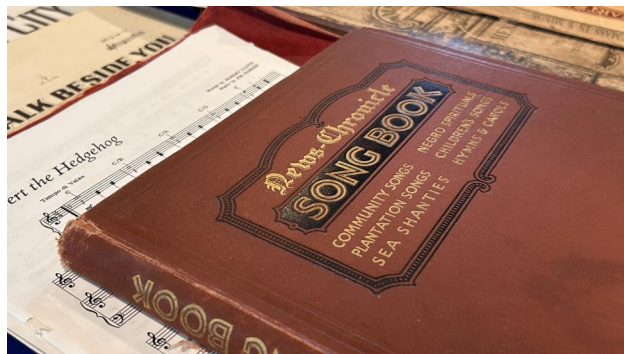
The Grange Ensemble - 8th July, 14:00

On Wednesday at 14:00, we have the Grange Ensemble as the next in our programme of free recitals.

Erin Cooper-Gay (Halls), Catherine Summerhayes, Jennifer Kelly and Damion Browne bring you a cornucopia of music for French horn, violin, cello, voice and piano, including works by Brahms and Piazzolla. A feast of music indeed! Many of you will know individual members of the ensemble and immediately realise that together they will be bringing you a very exciting recital.

Music in my Life

On Wednesday this week, Michael Halls, Director of Music at St Oswald's, shared the profound musical journey that has shaped his life. To a full audience, including some of his former pupils, Michael traced his story from childhood through his teaching career to his role at St Oswald's, illustrating how music has been a constant, unifying thread - connecting not only his own experiences but also those of his parents, children, and grandchildren. A particularly moving piece was his improvisation on *The House of the Rising Sun*, which was a highlight for many in the audience. Michael's closing reflections on music's transformative power to enrich lives and make the world a better place resonated deeply, leaving a lasting impression.











Thank you to so many people who came along on Wednesday. I referred last week to a glimpse into the influence of music in my life. When it comes down to it, 30 minutes of talking is not quite enough to sum up a lifetime immersed in music!

Michael Halls

Ashbourne Singers

Sing

Ashbourne

SATURDAY 18th JULY 7.00pm

ST JOHN'S CHURCH, ASHBOURNE

Tickets at the door or from Natural Choice

£10 (u18s Free) Refreshments Available

www.ashbournesingers.org.uk - Registered charity 1140285



Community Fun Day - 1st August

As part of **Ashbourne Churches Together**, we're looking forward to our upcoming Community Fun Day on 1st August and would love to invite members of your church to get involved by volunteering.

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.

If you're able, we'd really appreciate you sharing this opportunity with your church. They can sign up individually or someone can take ownership and sign up the group.

For more information and to sign up, please [visit our website](#).

Bishop Francis from the Church of North India visiting on Sunday 12 July

The Ashbourne Churches Together (ACT) have an ecumenical partnership with the Diocese of Patna. Bishop Francis, their bishop, is joining us in July for two weeks. He'll be with us on Sunday 12 July and with Ashbourne Methodists on Sunday 19 July. 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. More info to come soon as we look to actively relaunch St Oswald's involvement supporting the ACT – Patna partnership!

Visit of the Rt. Revd. Francis Hansda, Bishop of Patna

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 coming to Ashbourne from Friday 10th July to Monday 20th July. We are planning the programme for his visit.

He will be at St. Oswald's Church on Sunday 12th July and at Ashbourne Methodist Church on Sunday 19th July. Visits planned so far are to the Picnic in the Park with all of Ashbourne Churches Together, as well as the Monday Housegroup and the Food Bank. We hope that he will be able to meet as many people as possible.

Bishop Francis will be staying with Liz and John Hurfurt. One way to get to know him is to invite him to a meal. If you would like to invite him to attend an activity, please let us know. We should also be glad of help with transport.

Liz and John Hurfurt

Let's Picnic Together - 12th July



Joining together at Ashbourne
Festival Picnic in the park.

LET'S PICNIC TOGETHER!



PACK YOUR
PICNIC AND JOIN
US FOR A
WONDERFUL
TIME TOGETHER!

**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!

Church Services, Readings and Music

Weekly Online Service

Weekly Online Service

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 for Trinity 5 from St.Mary's, Mappleton](#)

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.

BCP at St John's

Following our annual meeting St John's will revert to using the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) wording for any services of Holy Communion we have tabled.

Do come and join us to experience this rich, traditional and almost poetic language as we celebrate Holy Communion.

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 5th Fifth Sunday after Trinity

368 All my hope on God is founded...
536 O God of Bethel
390 Blessed assurance
Fairest Lord Jesus/How
408 Come to me' says Jesus...
619 When morning gilds the skies

Green

6.30

FESTIVAL CHORAL EVENSONG
Stanford in C Ayleward responses
O worship the Lord/Shephard
369 All people that on earth do dwell
Psalm 136 How
377 Angel voices ever singing
We praise thee O God/Ireland
16 Hail gladdening light

Sunday 12th Sixth Sunday after Trinity

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

Green

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..

July Readings Notes

Sunday 5 July - (5th Sunday after Trinity - Continuous)

Genesis 24.34-38,42-49-58

Following the family custom of the time, Abraham sends his servant back to his own country to find a wife for his son, Isaac. The servant is successful in his mission.

Romans 7.15-25

Before he visits the Christian community in Rome, Paul writes to them to offer advice on the problems they may face as they seek to follow the Christian way of life.

Matthew 11.16-19, 25-30

Teaching in parables (the word is connected to parallel) was a common method of teaching among Hebrew rabbis. A story, often based on everyday life, then left the listeners to ponder for themselves what it might mean.

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

Readings - 5th July: Trinity 5

Genesis 24.34-38,42-49, 58

Following the family custom of the time, Abraham sends his servant back to his own country to find a wife for his son, Isaac. The servant is successful in his mission.

So he said, 'I am Abraham's servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old;

and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, "You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son."

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 and Pauline Smalley.

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

Our local churches.

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

Dates for your Diary

- 6 July, 19:00: Kadiatu Kanneh-Mason
- 7 July, 16:00: Ossie's Kitchen
- 7 July, 19:00: Mariatu Kanneh-Mason
- 8 July, 14:00: The Grange Ensemble
- 13 July, 10:00: Ramblers Group
- 14 July, 13:00: Ossie's Potters
- 14 July, 14:30: Mother's Union Cream Tea
- 15 July, 14:00: The Morris Family

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

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

- Saturday 25th July 2026

Gill

Email : paulgillelliott@outlook.com

Volunteering

[Schoolreaders](#) is a charity that finds volunteers and matches them with a local primary school, where they visit weekly for an hour or two and listen to children read individually, to help improve the children's reading and comprehension skills.

Reading for pleasure is currently the most significant factor in improving a child's access to secondary education and their life chances beyond. With 2026 being designated as a National Year of Reading, and Schoolreaders being a key partner, we are really keen to be able to support even more schools and children with their quest to improve children's reading skills and enthusiasm.

We are working hard to increase the number of children we support by increasing the number of volunteers that we have visiting our partner schools and that is where I am hoping that you can help. We have schools in and around Ashbourne that are looking for reading support from Schoolreaders volunteers. For more information, please [visit our website](#).

Michelle Bailey

Schoolreaders
improving literacy • increasing life chances

You can change a child's life story.



"I feel honoured to have the chance to help children learn a skill which will set them up for better opportunities in life."
Carolyn, Schoolreaders volunteer

To apply to become a volunteer, visit [Schoolreaders.org](https://www.schoolreaders.org)

Schoolreaders is looking for volunteers in this area to listen to children read in primary schools. No qualifications are required, just a love of reading and some spare time each week in term time.



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"Reading with Mr. Pemberton brings me so much joy. I wish other children could learn to love reading like I do."

Jamila, year 4 pupil at a Schoolreaders school

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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

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