

Ashbourne Church News 07/07/2026



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*
-

The Parish Office is open

- *Monday, Wednesday and 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.

Ministry Thought for the Week

Signs of New Growth

Gosh, isn't this weather so different to our latest heatwave. Wind, rain and sunshine and all in one day!

Yet now the weather has changed there is certainly one sign of summer in our garden – the lawn needs mowing!

I am not a gardener, but it strikes me that a good gardener plans, plants, prunes, nurtures, waters, clears and tidies. Have I forgotten anything?

Sometimes, I suppose, a garden is so overgrown and previously neglected that a great deal of cutting back and preparing the ground has to be done first before any new designs or plans can be put in place and new plants put in.

Spiritually, the Bible has something to say about this.

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit He prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.”

John 15:1-2

We should therefore, perhaps, watch for signs of new growth in our spiritual life, but at the same time be aware that God may be wanting us to prune some things out of our lives.

Sometimes it may be difficult to realise and understand what God is asking us to do, but knowing and trusting that our Creator God loves us and wants the best for us, just like a master gardener, may make it easier to open up to his leading.

Blessings

Maggie



What's New

Minute Secretary for the PCC

Could you volunteer to take Minutes at PCC Meetings? Please get in touch with the Parish Office for more details.

Rachel Knight, our new curate

All are invited to come and welcome the new curate, Rachel Knight, Sunday 21st June at 17.00 (*please note amended time*) a Welcome Tea at St Oswald's. (We will also need help with cakes, please)! She will be ordained at Derby Cathedral that morning at their 10.45am service. Please keep her in your prayers.



Get to Know Rachel, our new Curate - Part 2

We asked Rachel, who joins us from 21 June, to complete the Proust Questionnaire, a set of questions answered by the French Writer, Marcel Proust, and often used in interviews. We'll be sharing her answers in the next few editions of the newsletter.

1. Which words or phrases do you most overuse? "Do you know what I mean?", "Okey dokey", "Bell Belles" (my dog is called Bella), "If you had put it away properly you would know where it is" (to my husband who can never find anything) "What's for dinner" or "when are we eating next?" (My husband does the cooking and I'm usually always hungry)
2. What or who is the greatest love of your life? My dog, followed by my family and husband.
3. When and where were you happiest? I'm quite a happy person generally, even when life is difficult I tend not to worry and my default state is optimism and a sense of happiness. I was probably happiest as a child before school started because I was unaware of the expectations of society. After that I've always been hyper aware of trying to fit in, although the older I get the less I'm bothered about that so I'm probably at my happiest now.
4. Which talent would you most like to have? The ability to paint pictures really well.
5. If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be? I would like to be a little taller and be able to breathe underwater. More realistically I'm working on trying to be organised and not always leaving things to the last minute.
6. What do you consider your greatest achievement? Surviving some really difficult times.
7. If you were to die and come back as a person or a thing, what would it be? Probably a squirrel because I love to hide things away but then can't find them and I can be a bit hyperactive.
8. Where would you most like to live? Under the sea as a mermaid. Failing that in a cottage in the middle of a wood surrounded by nature and forest animals.
9. What is your most treasured possession? My grandma's autograph book from when she was a Wren before she got married.
10. What do you regard as the lowest depth of misery? Any situation where you feel trapped and unable to see a way out, feeling hopeless.
11. What is your favourite occupation? Anything that involves listening to people and helping to find the best of themselves.

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

We were given a real insight into the many ways in which we can hear and interpret music when played on the magnificent organ we have at St Oswald's on Wednesday when Roger gave us such a beautifully framed sequence of compositions. Bach, Howells, Vaughan Williams and Parry provided the insight into organ composition through from 1685 to 1958. Amazing! Thank you Roger.

This Wednesday we have Henry Morton at 2.00 p.m. who is studying Music at Falmouth University. This will feature the violin and the piano.

On Thursday evening at 7.00 p.m., Josh Phillips will be playing the piano for us. Need I say more; two young people demonstrating a love of music in action.

Both Henry and Josh went to QEGS and are well known in the community. Please do support them.





Car Boot Sale - 4th July



CAR BOOT SALE
IN ST OSWALD'S CHURCH HALL AND CAR PARK
4TH JULY 2026
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
FROM 08:00 - 13:00

Refreshments: bacon and sausage cobs
To book a place: call Anne on 07807 413671

Traders
Inside Setup: Friday 18:00 - 20:00
Setup: Saturday 07:00 - 08:00

£10 per car/table

ST OSWALD'S
ASHBOURNE

The poster features a photograph of a car boot sale stall with various items including clothing on a rack, hats, vinyl records, a guitar, and other miscellaneous goods.

Crafts in the Park

We have been asked by one of the Town Councillors to consider hosting craft events for children and families in the park on Saturday mornings for a couple of hours during the summer.

Is there anyone who has an interest and time to help with that?

Please talk with Dwayne if you are interested!

Thank you ...

... to all those people who were able to support us with our Open Garden at the end of May. You will be pleased to know that we have been able to donate £200 each to the Children's Society, Christchurch Hulland and St Oswald's. Thank you so much. Your presence and donations were much appreciated. It was a lovely day in every way.

Michael and Sally Halls



Teddy Bear Parachuting - Saturday 20th June, 10:00 - 12:00

St. Oswald's Church Teddy Bear Parachuting



20th June 10.00 - 12.00

One Jump £2.00

Three Jumps £5.00

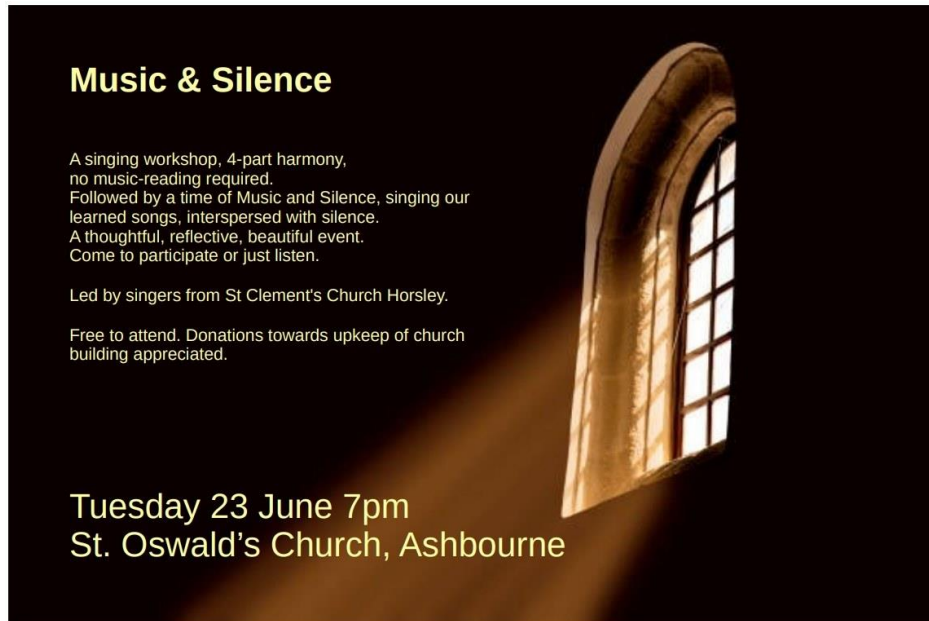
We would appreciate donations of
CAKES/PLANTS//KNITTED TEDDIES (we have a knitting
pattern) and PRIZES FOR THE TOMBOLA
If you have anything you wish to donate please give it to
Chris Haycock, Peter or Lindsay Walker or leave in the
Edward Bear area on the children's altar.
Plants and cakes can be brought along
on the morning of the event.

Get ready for a fun-filled morning on 20th June for our annual Teddy Bear Parachuting event!

We would love your help to make the day a success - we would welcome **Tombola prizes, plants,** and **homemade cakes** for the stall. All contributions can be left in church in advance, or handed to Lindsay or Chris Haycock on Sundays. Thank you so much for your generosity and support!

Lindsay Walker

Music and Silence



Music & Silence

A singing workshop, 4-part harmony, no music-reading required. Followed by a time of Music and Silence, singing our learned songs, interspersed with silence. A thoughtful, reflective, beautiful event. Come to participate or just listen.

Led by singers from St Clement's Church Horsley.

Free to attend. Donations towards upkeep of church building appreciated.

Tuesday 23 June 7pm
St. Oswald's Church, Ashbourne

Could you Volunteer for Messy Church?

Would you like to volunteer to support Messy Church? Taking place once a month on the fourth Sunday from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., you could help with the activities or cooking and service food. No preparation required beforehand. Please speak to Ash Toombs or Dwayne if you would like to find out more.



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!

Are there a couple of people who can (a) join the team to help plan Bishop Francis' visit and (b) consider joining a team to revitalise our partnership over the longer term?

Please talk to Dwayne if interested!

Let's Picnic Together - 12th July



Hosting Diocesan Choral Festival

Plan to join us at Evensong on Sunday 14 June for the Diocesan Choral Festival with choirs from across the diocese, including the Derby Cathedral choirs, will be with us!

This year, the Diocesan Choral Festival is being held at St Oswald's church. Well over a hundred singers from choirs all around the Diocese will be involved in creating a beautiful service of Choral Evensong at 6.30 pm. The procession alone will be impressive. Please make every effort to support this.

Thank you!

Michael Halls



Diocesan Choral Festival

Sunday 14 June 3.00pm - 7.30pm
St Oswald's Church, Ashbourne

Join the Cathedral Choir and church choirs from across the Diocese of Derby for a feast of music in the beautiful church of St Oswald's, Ashbourne.

3.00pm Rehearsal
6.30pm Service

Booking for singers and choirs is essential at <https://form.jotform.com/261132186309049>



Diocese of Derby
THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

 /derbycathedralmusic
 @derbycathedralmusic

 Derby Cathedral

 derbycathedral.org
 01332 341201

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 the first Sunday after 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.

June Services

ASHBOURNE GROUP OF CHURCHES

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

Day	JUNE	Time	Church	Service
Sunday	7th	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	14th	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	21st	10.30	St Oswald's, Ashbourne	Holy Communion
		18.30	St Oswald's, Ashbourne	Evensong
Sunday	28th	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



Breakfast CHURCH

14TH JUNE FROM 09:00 – 09:45

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



Readings - 7th June: Trinity 1

Genesis 12.1-9

Abram, whose name God changed to Abraham, is called to leave his home town of Haran, with his wife Sara. God promises to make him the father of a great nation.

Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

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

June Reading Notes

For the reading notes for this month, please [visit the website](#).

Dates for your Diary

- Tuesday 9th June @ 16:00 - Ossie's Kitchen
- Wednesday 10th June @ 14:00 - Henry Morton, Piano and Violin (Summer Recital)
- Thursday 11th June @ 19:00 - Josh Phillips, Piano (Summer Recital)
- Saturday 13th June @ 14:00 - Tea in the Garden, Norbury Hall
- Saturday 20th June @ 10:00 - Teddy Bear Parachuting
- Sunday 21st June @ 17:00 - New Curate Welcome Tea (*please note amended time*)

Get Involved

- Saturday 1st August - Young Adults Pilgrimage to Taizé

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

V&A at Wedgwood

Thursday 25th June.

Coach outing to V&A at Wedgwood and then onto Trentham gardens for lunch. Stroll round the gardens, explore the lake and wire Fairies, take a trip down the lake on the boat or just sit and watch the world go by. Don't forget you can also look around the shopping village and explore the garden centre.

Coach will leave Ashbourne at 9.30 and return approx. 4.00.

Cost - £25 to include the coach and admission to Trentham gardens.

Please email gillianelliott@live.co.uk for a place.



**Thursday 25th June
Coach Outing to
V&A at Wedgewood**



**Continuing to
Trentham Gardens**



**The coach will leave Ashbourne at 9.30am
and return at approximately 4.00pm**

**Cost - £25 to include the coach and
admission to Trentham gardens**

**Please email gillianelliott@live.co.uk for a
place.**

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 8th June 2026 - starts at 10.00 at the car park at Cromford Wharf. Please note this is a pay and display car park. Grid ref 300 571. The walk will be approximately 5 miles.

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

- Saturday 27th June 2026

Gill

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.

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.

Footnotes

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

If you have not already subscribed to receive an email reminder when a new update to the newsletter is available, you can [subscribe here](#).

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

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