

Ashbourne Church News 13/09/2026



Welcome to this Week's Newsletter

Church and Parish Office Opening Times

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

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- *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

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- *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.

“Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth.” – Genesis 9:16



1 - Photograph taken and permission given by Sheila Taylor. Thank you Sheila!

Ministry Thought for the Week

This week's 'Thought for the Week' is different from usual in as much as it is more of a sharing of information about a new form of 'Outreach' that, this week, has taken a big stride forward in its development. It is also an invitation to all who read this to think how they might take an interest and possibly get involved.

For a number of years, we have run 'Carers Count' a monthly meeting providing, for anyone caring for another, a few hours respite and the opportunity to share experiences and chat over a coffee.

Back in March our attention was drawn to a particular group of people, with specific challenges, who are in much need of such support. Those people are the parents of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

In response, we have set up a 'SEND Parents Count' meeting once a month on the same basis as 'Carers Count'. A small group of parents have come together over the last few months, and apart from the opportunity of a few hours respite and mutual support, have been enlightening Anne Ford and me as to the enormous physical and emotional demands on a parent caring for one, or more, children in a family suffering from Autism or ADHD (Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder).

This week, we have taken a further significant step forward when Louise Gunnarsson, Neurohub Co-Ordinator at ZINK, joined our meeting and imparted helpful information to parents and gave ideas as to how we might be able to further support these parents.

If you would like to know more about getting involved in developing this 'outreach' then please speak with either me or Anne Ford. If you know of any parents who might benefit from coming along to 'SEND Parents Count' then please share the attached flyer and pray for them:

"O God our Father, grant to parents of children with special needs the wisdom, patience, emotional and physical strength needed to care for their children.

Shed your blessing upon them in their home, and may the spirit of love and peace abide with them always. Amen"

With blessings

Nigel

A poster for 'SEND Parents Count' featuring a background image of a table with coffee cups and a smartphone. The text is overlaid in various colors and fonts. At the top left is a calendar icon. The main title 'SEND PARENTS COUNT' is in large, bold letters. Below it is the subtitle 'Support and signposting for parents of children with additional needs'. A list of bullet points follows, each with a target icon. At the bottom left is the church logo, and at the bottom right are contact details including a phone number, website, and address. Two photos of smiling children are on the right side.

Next dates:
8th October, 12th November

Time: 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.
Place: St Oswald's Church Hall

SEND PARENTS COUNT

Support and signposting
for parents of children
with additional needs

- Informal
- Drop in for a friendly chat
- Share experiences

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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

Join us in the service. This week's recorded service can be downloaded using the following link:

[Morning Prayer from Holy Trinity](#)

Breakfast Church - this Sunday - 13th September



Education Sunday - this Sunday - 13th September

Join us, this weekend, for Education Sunday at Breakfast Church (9.00am) and/or at Holy Communion (10.30am) at St Oswald's as we celebrate the gift of learning, give thanks for our teachers, schools, and young people, and pray for the year ahead.

Bring your backpack to church for our special 'Blessings of the Backpacks'—a joyful moment of prayer and blessing for everyone heading back to school. Whether you're a pupil, student, teacher, or simply want to support our local schools, come along and be part of this special celebration!





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.

September Services

ASHBOURNE GROUP OF CHURCHES

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

Day	SEPT	Time	Church	Service
Sunday	6th	9.15	St John's, Buxton Hill	Holy Communion (BCP)
		9.15	St Peter's, Snelston	Holy Communion
		10.30	St Oswald's, Ashbourne	Holy Communion
		11.00	St Mary & St Barlock, Norbury	Holy Communion
		18.30	St Oswald's, Ashbourne	Evensong
Sunday	13th	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	Evensong
Sunday	20th	10.30	St Oswald's, Ashbourne	Holy Communion
		18.30	St Oswald's, Ashbourne	Evensong
Sunday	27th	10.30	St Oswald's, Ashbourne	Harvest Holy Communion
		16.00	Holy Trinity, Clifton	Harvest Festival
		16.00	St Oswald's, Ashbourne	Messy Church
		18.30	St Oswald's, Ashbourne	Choral Evensong

ON LINE SERVICES

Daily Morning & Evening Prayer and Sunday Morning Service available on :

ashbournechurch.org.uk

WEDDING and BAPTISM ENQUIRIES

Please call Parish Office on 01335 343052

PASTORAL CONTACT

To speak to a member of the Clergy call 01335 664159

Music in September

September 2026			
SUNDAY 6th	14th Sunday after Trinity	Green	
10.30 496	Lead us heavenly Father lead us	6.30	Blessed are the pure in heart/Walford Davis
313	My God and is thy table spread	533	O for a heart to praise my God
589	The King of Love	Psalm	34 vs 1-8
	I lift my eyes to the hills above	476	In a world where people walk in darkness
324	Sweet sacrament divine		Jesu joy/Bach
311	Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour	21	Sun of my soul
SUNDAY 13th	15th Sunday after Trinity/ Holy Cross	Green	
10.30 555	Praise my soul...	6.30 163	O taste and see/Vaughan Williams
581	Take my life	Psalm	110
122	The royal banners forward go	608	Thy kingdom come
	God so loved the world/Stainer		Lord for thy tender mercies' sake/Tye
127	When I survey the wondrous cross.	22	The day thou gavest
81	Lord for the years		
SUNDAY 20th	16th Sunday after Trinity/ St Matthew	Green	
10.30 230	Ye watchers and ye holy ones	6.30	Comfort O Lord/Crotch
474	Immortal invisible God only wise	583	Teach me my God and King
455	Guide me O thou great Redeemer	Psalm	34 vs 1-8
	Day by day/How	385	Be thou my guardian and my guide
277	All for Jesus		Lord give me faith/Robson
435	Glorious things of thee are spoken	23	The duteous day now closeth
SUNDAY 27th	17th Sunday after Trinity/ Harvest Festival	Green	
10.30 270	Come ye thankful people come	6.30	Choral Evensong
251	All things bright and beautiful (Royal Oak)	Stanford in Bb	Smith responses
275	We plough the fields and scatter		Fear not O land/Elgar
	Thou visitest the earth/Greene	258	Lord of beauty (Regent Square)
272	Praise and thanksgiving	271	God whose farm is all creation
253	For the beauty of the earth	Psalm	65
250	All creatures of our God and King (omit vs 5+6)	274	For the beauty of the earth/Rutter
			To Thee O Lord our hearts we raise
October			
SUNDAY 4th	18th Sunday after Trinity/St Francis	Green	
10.30		6.30	
250	All creatures of our God and King		To Thee O Lord/Rachmaninoff
386	Be thou my vision	618	When in our music God is glorified
449	God of mercy God of grace	252	As water to the thirsty
	Gaelic Blessing/Rutter	Psalm	23
519	Make me a channel of your peace		Ave Verum Corpus/Byrd
468	Lord of the dance	11	As now the sun's declining rays
SUNDAY 11th	19th Sunday after Trinity	Green	
10.30 400	City of God	6.30	Choral Evensong
313	My God and is thy table spread	Brewer in D	Sanders responses
418	Father Lord of all creation		Now to God sing praises/ Somerset
	Non Nobis Domini/Quilter	415	Eternal light shine in my heart
383	Be still for the presence of the Lord	391	Blest are the pure in heart
482	Jerusalem the golden	Psalm	139 vs 1-11
			Psalm 23/Goodall
		12	At even ere the sun was set (omit 2 and 6)

Choral Scholarships at St Oswald's

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 developing our choral scholarships here, building on the success of the scheme so far.

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 Catherine Pettingale (Director of Music as from September 1st) at music@ashbournechurch.org.uk. Application forms will be sent to you after the initial contact. I shall look forward to hearing from you soon.

Thank you.

Catherine Pettingale - email: music@ashbournechurch.org.uk

St Oswald's Choir

This is a good time of year for new choristers to join us. Given that no-one in the choir is able to be present for all choral services, it is very helpful when we have more choristers on the books than we need at any one time. Children aged 7 or more will always be made very welcome. Basses, tenors, altos and sopranos will also be welcome. An ability to sing in tune is at least desirable but a sense of humour, a wish to enjoy good music and an enthusiasm to learn new pieces is really helpful. Currently, choir practice is on Fridays for an hour at 7.30. Anthems are sung at both main services on Sunday. Choral Evensong, once a month, requires more

complicated music from the choir. Decide on what you think you could offer in terms of time or skills and then have a word with one of us. Don't forget our Choral Scholarship scheme too: you may well know someone who could benefit from this.

September Readings Notes

Sunday 13 September – (15th Sunday after Trinity - Continuous)

Exodus 14.19-31

As the Hebrews escape from Egypt, they reach the 'Sea of Reeds' where, when Moses raises his hand, the waters are driven back, but the pursuing Egyptian soldiers are drowned.

Romans 14:1-12

Paul reminds the Christians that they must not pass judgement on others, but welcome them in love.

Matthew 18.21-35

Continuing his teaching on forgiveness, Jesus told his disciples a story - a good Rabbinic tradition - of a king and his treatment of two of his servants. They would have recognised the scenario, though it may sound strange to modern ears!

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

Readings - 13th September: Trinity 15

Exodus 14.19-31

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The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged[a] their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.'

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.

Those who are ill.

The recently bereaved.

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

Our local churches.

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

Pop in for Prayer with Anna Chaplain, Lindsay Walker

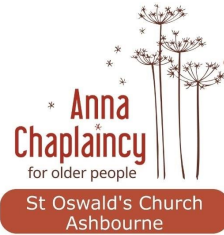
Pop in for Prayer:

Cornerstone Café, Ashbourne on Thursdays from 10.00 am - 12.00 noon

Turnbull Room, St Oswald's Church Hall on Fridays 11.00am - 12.00 noon

Find out what God is doing and join in - Rowan Williams

Pop in for Prayer



Join Lindsay on Thursdays from
10:00 am - 12:00 noon at the
Cornerstone Café



Join Lindsay on Fridays from
11:00 am - 12:00 noon in St
Oswald's Chapel



What's New

Confirmation Explained

This News Letter features an Invitation to prepare for Confirmation.

If you are not Confirmed, you may well be wondering why Confirmation is necessary at all, for nowhere is it mentioned in the Bible and the Early Church didn't practise it in the way that we do. Baptism, by contrast, is spoken of frequently in the New Testament.

In the Early Church one was baptised by a Bishop and would receive the Holy Spirit by his laying on of hands. Over the years, Bishops were taking responsibility for much larger areas and rarely could they be present at a Baptism to lay their hands on the person concerned.

After the Reformation, the Church of England in effect turned Confirmation into a rite for teenagers to enable them to ratify the faith their parents and godparents had professed on their behalf at Baptism and led them to receiving their first Eucharist, or Holy Communion.

The Common Worship Initiation Services that we use today return us to something like the practice of the Early Church by providing a Service which includes Baptism, Confirmation and a

Eucharist, presided over by a Bishop. Those who come to faith in adulthood are baptised and confirmed at the same time and immediately become full members of the Church and receive the bread and wine.

As I said earlier, nowhere in the Bible does it say that one should be confirmed before receiving the bread and wine, which is why we, in our Services, invite all who wish to receive to come to God's table and receive.

However, the essence of Confirmation is not just the bread and wine, it is the receiving of the Holy Spirit by the laying on of hands by a Bishop. It sets the seal on all that God has done for each individual up to that point and, as they are confirmed with the Holy Spirit, the Bishop prays for one's *understanding* how our faith contributes to our everyday lives, for *Strength* as we need God's help day-by-day and for *Spirituality* as we grow more and more to be like Jesus as we seek God's will and try to serve him.

If you are not yet Confirmed then, with the support of our prayers, please do take another step in your faith journey and take up our invitation to prepare for Confirmation this October at St Oswald's. We look forward to journeying with you.

With blessings

Nigel

On behalf of the Ministry Team

Invitation to join our upcoming Confirmation Course

We are delighted to invite you to join our upcoming Confirmation Course to be confirmed in late October when Bishop Jackie comes to St Oswald's Church for a Deanery Confirmation Service! Confirmation is a wonderful opportunity to explore your faith, ask deep questions about God, and publicly affirm your baptismal promises as part of our church family. During the course, we will gather to learn, pray, and discuss the foundations of the Christian faith in a relaxed and welcoming environment.

Please RSVP to Nicola at parishoffice@ashbournechurch.org.uk or direct any questions to any of the clergy by late August.

We look forward to taking this next step in your spiritual journey with you!

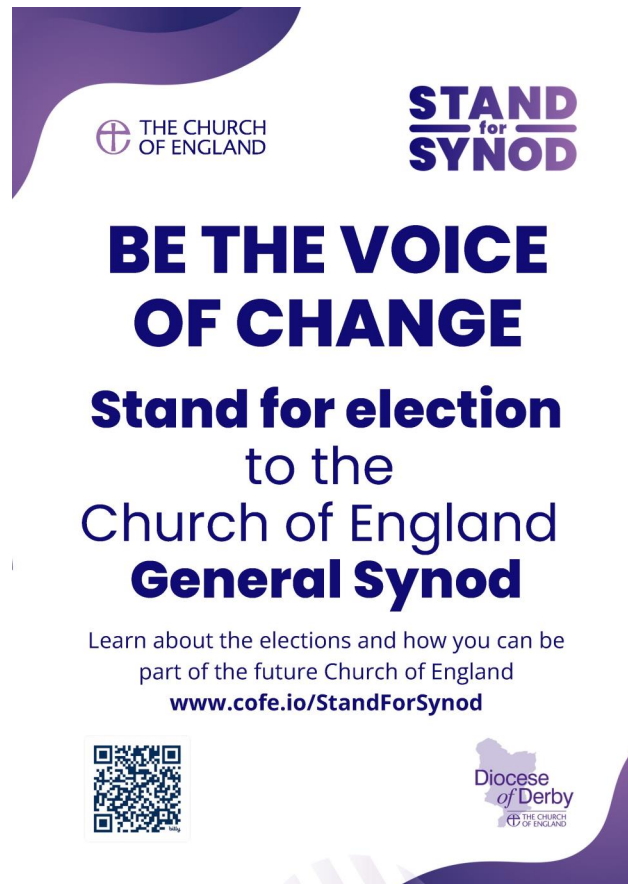
General Synod Elections 2026

General Synod is the national decision-making body of the Church of England. It brings together people from across the country to discuss important issues, shape policy, and make decisions about the future life and mission of the Church

This year, elections are taking place for new members. Clergy and Laity who are passionate about the Church and would like to help represent the views of local churches at a national level are encouraged to stand.

Whilst candidates do not need to be a member of Deanery Synod to stand, there are eligibility requirements that apply. The Church of England website has more information about what General Synod does, an eligibility checker and details of what is involved in standing for election.

The closing date for nominations is Monday 7th September 2026.

A poster for the Church of England's 'Stand for Synod' campaign. It features a purple and white color scheme. At the top left is the Church of England logo. To its right is the 'STAND for SYNOD' logo. The central text reads 'BE THE VOICE OF CHANGE' in large, bold, blue letters, followed by 'Stand for election to the Church of England General Synod' in a mix of bold and regular blue font. Below this, it says 'Learn about the elections and how you can be part of the future Church of England' and provides the website 'www.cofe.io/StandForSynod'. A QR code is located on the left side of the bottom half. On the right side of the bottom half is the 'Diocese of Derby' logo, which includes a map of the diocese and the Church of England logo.

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

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Pew News

We only have two months left of our trial piloting the usefulness/need/want/desire for Pew News - the A5 news sheet that has been available in Church on Sundays.

We would love your feedback. You can [share your feedback online here](#).



This Week's Readings

Morning Service: Exodus 14.19-31, Romans 14:1-12,
Matthew 18.21-35

Evensong: Ezekiel 20:1-8, 33-44, Acts 20:17-38

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Friday 25th September, 10:30 - 12:30, St Oswald's Church



We are holding a Macmillan coffee Morning here at St Oswald's Church on Friday 25th September 10.30 am – 12.30 pm.

This is a wonderful opportunity for members of our community to come together 'however we do it, whether we raise a little or a lot, let's do something amazing and raise money to help people living with cancer'. (Macmillan)

Do please come and join us, share a coffee and a piece of cake.

We are looking for small gifts for our tombola and shall welcome cakes and biscuits nearer the time

If you feel you would like to offer help on the day, please contact Chris 07798561312/ Lindsay 7971802671.

Ashbourne Gospel

We are excited to launch the Ashbourne Gospel as a creative visitor project throughout the Summer.

We're creating the Ashbourne Gospel, a church and community project in Ashbourne.

Here's how you can get involved:

Call into St Oswald's Church. We have set up a table and chair under the Crossing, complete with pen and paper.

Press the on button of the light box. You will then see the guidelines underneath the paper.

Choose the next verse from the printed sheet and write that in your best handwriting. Once complete, cross through the verse on the printed sheet and add your name to the list of contributors, if you would like to be listed in the back of the bound book.

[Find out more.](#)



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 14th September 2026 - meeting in the stable yard at Ilam Hall near the loos, for a 10.00am start. Parking is available free for National Trust members, or at the roadside in the village.

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

- Saturday 26th September 2026

Gill

Email : paulgillelliott@outlook.com

Dates for your Diary

- 13 September, 09:00 and 10:30 - Blessing of the Backpacks/Breakfast Church
- 13 September, 14:00 - 16:00 - Bright Minds, Bold Pride
- 15 September, 16:00 - Ossie's Kitchen
- 22 September, 13:00 - Ossie's Potters
- 27 September, 09:00 - Messy Church
- 29 September, 16:00 - Ossie's Kitchen

Get Involved

- Saturday 12 September - Diocese of Derby Lay Conference

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

Generous faith.

Diocese of Derby Lay Conference 2026

Saturday 12 September 9.30am-4.30pm
at Cliff College



Speakers and Workshops include:

Rt Rev Sophie Jelley - Bishop of Coventry and national episcopal lead for lay ministries

John Allister - Neurodiverse Church

Carrie Myers - National Lead for Lay Ministry

Bob Goody - Rural Missions

with more to be announced

A day of worship, speakers, workshops, prayer, networking and fellowship for those involved in lay ministry across the Diocese of Derby.

Hot drinks, light breakfast, and lunch provided.

Free but need to book.

This conference is aimed at: Licensed Lay Ministers (Readers), Churchwardens, Parish Safeguarding Officers, and all lay volunteers and teams.

All are truly welcome!



Book now at bit.ly/layministryconference26

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Bright Minds, Bold Pride: A Celebration of Back to School and Pride'



I wanted to share some exciting news with you personally. I'm really pleased to be involved in planning what we believe is Ashbourne's very first Education and Pride event, 'Bright Minds, Bold Pride: A Celebration of Back to School and Pride'. It will be happening in the Market Place on Sunday 13 September, from 2–6pm, and I'm really looking forward to being part of it. I invite you to come and support it.

I am aware that St Oswald's is being represented simply by my presence.

Although I am a strong supporter of our LGBTQ+ siblings in the Queer Community, my presence at Pride is not intended to suggest that everyone at St Oswald's holds the same views or understands questions around sexuality in exactly the same way. We won't all agree, and I'm not suggesting that we have to. Rather, I am there as a representative of our church community, making a visible commitment to being present, listening, building relationships, and offering a welcome to people who may not always have felt welcomed by the church.

I know that, historically, the church hasn't always been a safe or welcoming place for people whose lives and loves look different from what might be considered the 2.4 'norm'. That is something we need to recognise and be honest about. But at the heart of our Christian faith is

the inclusive love of God — a love we see so clearly in Jesus, who welcomed people, crossed boundaries, and made space for those who were often pushed to the edges.

As a church, we believe all lives and all loves matter. Every single person is created in the image of God and is worthy of dignity, love, and belonging. For me, being involved in Pride is one way of living out Jesus' call to love our neighbours and showing our wider community that they are welcome among us.

If you have questions, thoughts, or concerns, please come and find me. Let's grab a cuppa and have a chat. I'd genuinely love to listen, talk, and journey together.

I'm really excited about what this first Pride might mean for Ashbourne, and I hope it will be a joyful celebration of who we are as a community. I hope my presence will communicate something of the welcome of St Oswald's — that you don't have to have everything figured out, or believe exactly what we believe, to be met with kindness, respect, hospitality, and love.

Dwayne

Derbyshire Community Male Voice Choir - St John's Church

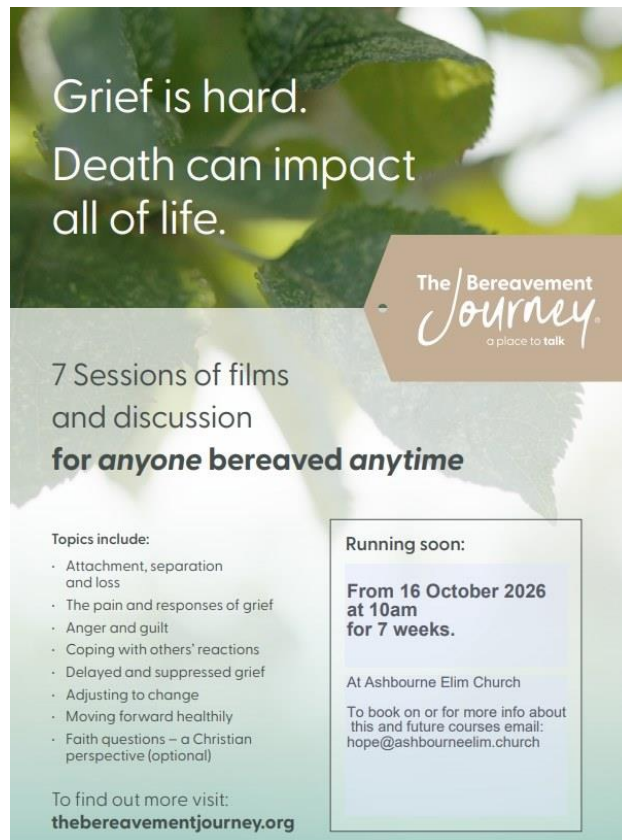


**DERBYSHIRE
COMMUNITY MALE
VOICE CHOIR**

Saturday October 10th
7.30pm - St John's Church
Tickets £10 adults, under 18s £5
Tickets available in advance from Natural
Choice or on the door (cash only).
Licensed bar available.

Bereavement Journey Course - 16th October

A daytime Bereavement Journey course starts on 16 October at 10 am at Ashbourne Elim Church. For further details, email hope@ashbourneelim.church.

A poster for 'The Bereavement Journey' course. The top half features a close-up of green leaves with the text 'Grief is hard. Death can impact all of life.' in white. Below this, a brown banner contains the logo 'The Bereavement Journey' with the tagline 'a place to talk'. The middle section, on a light green background, states '7 Sessions of films and discussion for anyone bereaved anytime'. The bottom left lists topics including attachment, grief responses, anger, coping, and faith questions. The bottom right, in a white box, provides the start date (16 October 2026), time (10am), duration (7 weeks), location (Ashbourne Elim Church), and booking email (hope@ashbourneelim.church). The website thebereavementjourney.org is at the bottom left.

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The Bereavement
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7 Sessions of films
and discussion
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Topics include:

- Attachment, separation and loss
- The pain and responses of grief
- Anger and guilt
- Coping with others' reactions
- Delayed and suppressed grief
- Adjusting to change
- Moving forward healthily
- Faith questions – a Christian perspective (optional)

To find out more visit:
thebereavementjourney.org

Running soon:

**From 16 October 2026
at 10am
for 7 weeks.**

At Ashbourne Elim Church

To book on or for more info about
this and future courses email:
hope@ashbourneelim.church

1960s Singalong - 18th September

A poster for a '1960's Singalong' event. The left side has a red curved background with white text. The right side shows a close-up of many vinyl records. The text on the red background includes the event title, date and time (3pm Friday 18th September at Century Hall), a description of the event, and the church's name and logo.

**1960's
Singalong**

3pm Friday 18th September
Century Hall at The Link Centre
DE6 1AA

Join us for a fun singalong to the
sounds of the 1960s

Free, with refreshments served from
2.30pm

Everyone welcome!

 **ASHBOURNE
METHODIST
CHURCH**

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 £500, and that is with only 29 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

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