

Ashbourne Church News 14/06/2026



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

Go, Grow, Glow

If there's one thing we can never quite predict in Britain, it's the weather! One minute we're enjoying warm sunshine, the next we're reaching for an umbrella, and before the day is out we're wondering if we should have also packed a scarf or sunglasses. Someone once said that the British weather gives us all four seasons before lunchtime!

In many ways, our prayer life can be a little like the British weather. There are times when prayer feels bright and uplifting. We sense God's presence, our words come easily, and our faith feels strong. At other times, prayer can feel cloudy and difficult. We may struggle to find the right words, feel distracted, or wonder if anyone is listening at all.

The good news is that God is present in every situation. Just as farmers trust that the crops are growing even when the skies are grey, we can trust that God is at work in our lives even when we cannot see it. Prayer is not about always feeling inspired; it is about faithfully turning towards God, day by day, in sunshine and in rain.

As a rural church community, we understand something about seasons, growth, and waiting. We know that seeds do not sprout overnight, that crops need tending, and that growth often happens quietly beneath the surface before it becomes visible. The same is true of our spiritual lives. God is often working in hidden ways, nurturing faith, hope and love within us.

Recently, I came across a simple prayer activity called "**Go, Grow, Glow**". It uses ordinary items that can easily be found in a garden, a field, or around the home. Why not create a small prayer station in a quiet corner of your home using a **stick, a pot of soil, some seeds, and a candle**?

Take your time with each part of the activity. There is no rush. Allow each action to become a prayer.

Go

Take a stick and snap it.

As you hear the crack of the wood, think about something in your life where you need God's help. Perhaps there is a worry weighing on your heart, a difficult decision to make, a relationship that needs healing, or a challenge that seems too large to face alone.

The snapped stick can remind us that we do not always have to be strong. God invites us to bring our weaknesses, fears, and concerns to Him. Nothing is too small to matter to God, and nothing is too great for His care.

Offer your concern to God and ask for His guidance, strength, and peace.

Grow

Take a seed and plant it in the soil.

As you gently cover it with earth, think about something you would like to see flourish. It may be your faith, your family, a friendship, our church community, a ministry, or a hope you have been carrying for some time.

Seeds require patience. They need nourishment, care, and time. Growth is often hidden before it becomes visible. In the same way, God works within us in ways we cannot always see. Small acts of kindness, regular prayer, faithful worship, and simple acts of service can all become part of God's work of growth in our lives.

Ask God to bless whatever you have planted in your heart and help it grow according to His will.

Glow

Light a candle.

Watch the flame for a moment and remember that Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." His light shines in the darkness, bringing hope, comfort, and direction.

The candle reminds us that Christ is present with us whatever situation we are experiencing. His light shines on our path when we feel uncertain. It warms us when life feels cold and difficult. It also reminds us that we are called to reflect His light to others through our words, actions, generosity, and love.

As you look at the candle, give thanks for God's faithfulness. Pray that Christ's light will shine in your life and through your life, bringing hope to those around you.

As another week begins, we may not know what the weather will bring. There will probably be sunshine, showers, and perhaps a few surprises along the way. The same may be true of life itself. Yet through every changing situation, God remains constant.

May we be people who **Go** to God with our burdens, **Grow** in faith and discipleship, and **Glow** with the light of Christ in our homes and communities.

And the next time the weather changes three times before lunch, perhaps let it remind us to pause for a moment and pray.

Blessings for the week ahead.

Ash

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning." (Lamentations 3:22–23)



What's New

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*) for a Welcome Tea at St Oswald's. She will be ordained at Derby Cathedral that morning at their 10.45am service. Please keep her in your prayers.

If you could help with cakes, please add your name to the sign up sheet this Sunday or speak to Maggie. Cakes can be dropped off in church on Sunday morning, 21st June.



Get to Know Rachel, our new Curate - Part 3

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. Today we share the final part of Rachel's responses to the Proust Questionnaire.

1. What is your most marked characteristic? I don't do small talk, I like to go for the deep and meaningful, also I'm a chronic over-sharer and need to work on my boundaries.
2. What do you most value in your friends? The effort to stay in touch but also understanding when life gets busy. Nonjudgmentally allowing the relationship to pick up where it left off.
3. Who are your favourite writers? I don't really have favourite writers but I do have favourite genres, I love historical fiction, especially set in medieval times, I love

fantasy/fairytales, I love murder mystery/detectives. I read extensively and voraciously, I've always got at least one book on the go.

4. Who is your hero of fiction? The underdog, the one who is overlooked but you want to overcome challenges. I've a soft spot for the naughty kid as well, the one you secretly hope will come good.
5. Which historical figure do you most identify with? History isn't my strong suit, despite reading historical fiction, but you don't say it has to be a famous historical person, so I'm going to say my Grandma. She had a tough life at times but she was always positive and smiling, she taught me a lot about quietly getting on with life and avoiding the drama of others.
6. Who are your heroes in real life? The people that I've met that carry on, day in and day out, in sometimes impossible situations. The people who find it all too much but reach out in hope anyway. The people who know they're broken and imperfect but try their best anyway.
7. What are your favourite names? I've been blessed with two boys, Thomas and Mark, but if I'd had a girl I would have called her Kathryn so I guess I like that name. But I think my favourite names are names after nature like Sky, Willow, Daisy, Woody, River, I even knew a Blaze once which I thought was awesome.
8. What is your greatest regret? That I listened to the teachers that told me I was stupid and that I spent too long caring about what people thought of me
9. How would you like to die? Quickly and painlessly.
10. What is your motto? I have a few sayings and they change from time to time, I have my current ones at the bottom of my email signature. But the motto I live life by is: Be kind, you just don't know what's going on in someone's life or what it has taken them to carry on existing!

V&A at Wedgwood - last few places

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, or see Gill in church on Sunday if you would like more information.



V&A Wedgwood Collection Trentham

THURSDAY 25 JUNE
09:30 - 16:00

BOOK NOW!

COACH TRIP

SPEAK TO GILL ELLIOTT TO BOOK

Visit V&A at Wedgwood, Trentham Gardens, the Shopping Village and Garden Centre.
£25: includes the coach and admission to Trentham Gardens

Car Boot Sale - 4th July



£10 per car/table
Refreshments: bacon and sausage cobs
Sellers: To book a place: call Anne on 07807 413671
Inside Setup: Friday 18:00 - 20:00
Setup: Saturday 07:00 - 08:00

ST OSWALD'S
ASHBOURNE

**CAR
BOOT
SALE**

In St Oswald's Church Hall
and Car Park

**4TH JULY 2026
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
FROM 08:00 - 13:00**

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

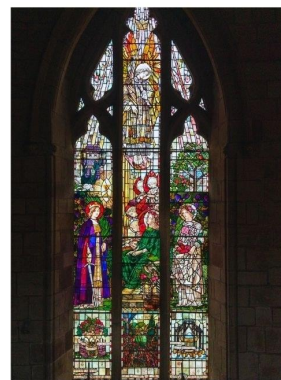
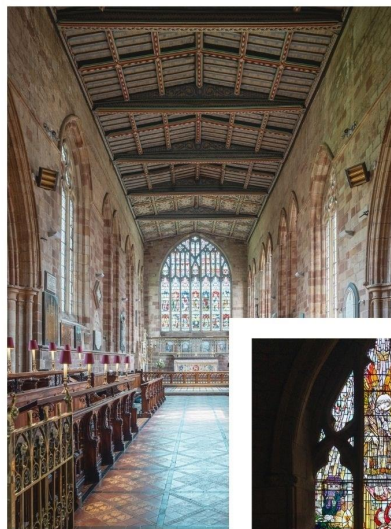




What a week! The weather was foul but even so both Henry and Josh were given great support this week. Amazing music from them gave us real insight into the multi-faceted aspects of music for us all. There is no substitute for live music and in St Oswald's, this is demonstrated to the full. Thank you!

This Wednesday we have our very own vicar, the Rev Dwayne Engh at 2.00 p.m. with a starring part for the Marimba. Clearly, you need to come and find out more!

On Thursday evening at 7.00pm, Students from QEGS will be here demonstrating yet again what a breadth of musical talent we have in our community so lovingly nurtured by family and school. Come along and see for yourselves what the future holds.



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REV'D DWAYNE ENGH - MARIMBA

17th June, 2:00 p.m.

St Oswald's Church
RECITAL

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>



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Derby Cathedral

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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

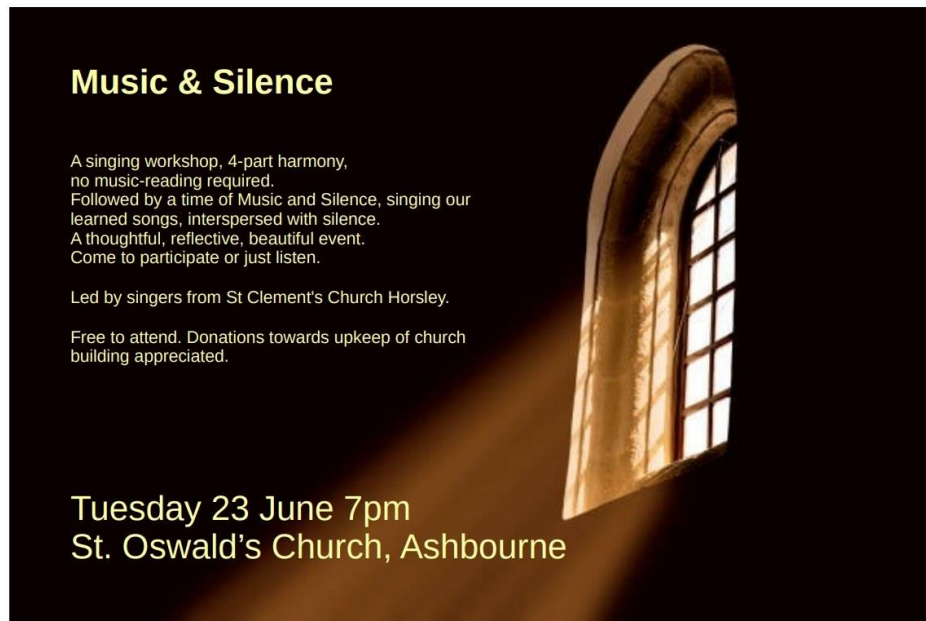
We would appreciate donations of
CAKES/PLANTS//KNITTED TEDDIES (we have a knitting
pattern) and PRIZES FOR THE TOMBOLA
If you have anything you wish to donate please give it to
Chris Haycock, Peter or Lindsay Walker or leave in the
Edward Bear area on the children's altar.
Plants and cakes can be brought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



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!

St Oswald's Book Club

Our book club met last Monday in the library. Seven of us sat and discussed our last read 'The Running Grave' by Robert Gilbraith (the pseudonym for J.K.Rowling). A bestselling crime fiction novel set around a sinister cult operating in the remote Norfolk. There were mixed feelings about the book within the group, leading to colourful discussion.

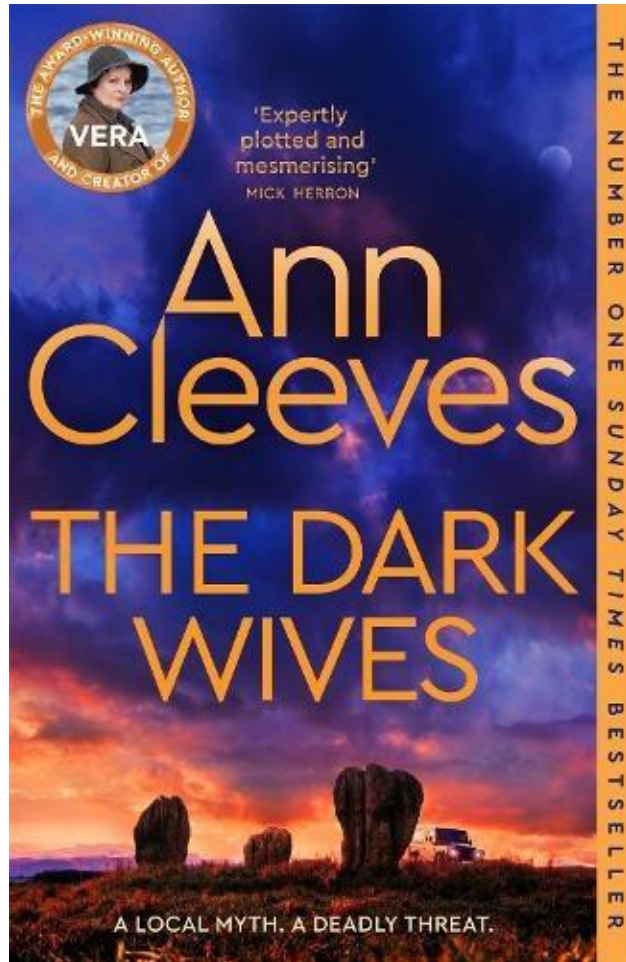
July's read is Percival Everett's book 'James'. This book is widely celebrated as a masterful and subversive companion piece to Mark Twain's 'The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn'. Reimagining the classic story entirely through Jim's perspective. The novel balances harrowing historical truth with biting wit - says The Guardian.

August's read is to be Ann Cleeves 'The Dark Wives'. This story follows Vera and her team as they investigate the murder of a care home worker and search for a missing teenager, with clues leading to the eerie local folklore of ancient standing stones.

We really have to thank Ruth at Ashbourne Library for sourcing our variety of books. Its good to take you out of your 'comfort zone' sometimes and read something completely different. Is a

friendly way to start a week, meeting as we generally do on the first Monday of every month between 10.00am and 11.00am with a hot drink.

If you would like to come along and meet us do please call into the library and make yourself known, or make contact with St Oswald's Church Office.



A *STRIKE* NOVEL

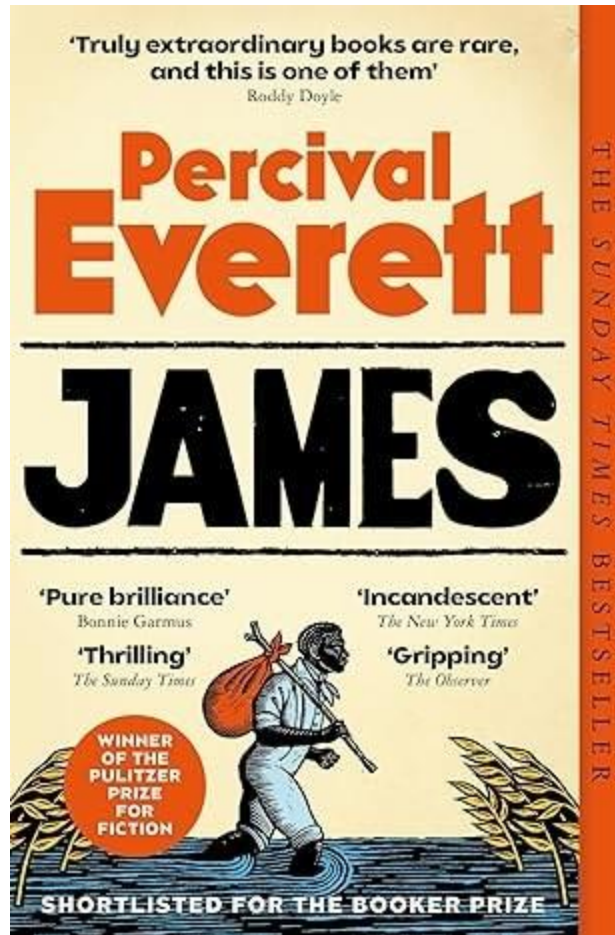
ROBERT
GALBRAITH

The Number One Bestseller

THE
**RUNNING
GRAVE**



'The work of a master storyteller'
Daily Telegraph



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



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 from St.Peter's, Snelston](#)

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



Music in June

SUNDAY	14th	2nd Sunday after Trinity	Green	Music Sunday
10.30	449	God of mercy God of grace	6.30	Diocesan Festival
	475	Immortal Love		Stanford in Bb Ayleward Responses
	516	Love divine...		With prayer and supplication - Amy Beach
		Comfort O Lord/Croft	626	Ye holy angels bright
	625	Word of God come down on earth		Psalm 42
	601	Thou didst leave thy throne	455	Guide me O thou great Redeemer
				Evening Hymn - Balfour Gardiner
			22	The day thou gavest.
SUNDAY	21st	Third Sunday after Trinity	Green	
10.30	604	Through all the changing scenes of life	6.30	Cantate Domino/ Pitoni
	313	My God and is thy table spread	456	Christ triumphant Mag and ND B
	287	Broken for me		Psalm 46
		With prayer and supplication / Beach	183	Holy Spirit come confirm us
	303	Hands that have been handling		Achieved is the glorious work/Haydn
	558	Praise to the Lord the Almighty	14	Glory to thee
SUNDAY	28th	St Peter and St Paul	Red	
10.30	372	All praise to thee	6.30	Lead me Lord/Wesley
	321	Rise and hear the Lord is speaking	434	Give to our God Mag and ND C
	230	Ye watchers and ye holy ones...		Psalm 34 vs 1-8
		An Irish Blessing/Chilcott	421	Father of heaven
	324	Sweet sacrament divine		Lift up your heads O ye gates/Mathias
	606	Thy hand O God has guided	444	God is working his purpose out

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.

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 Jillian Cooper, Trevor Taylor and Gary Baker.

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

Our local churches.

Our Ministry Team: Dwayne, Maggie, Nigel & Lynda

June Reading Notes

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

Dates for your Diary

- Saturday 13th June @ 14:00 - Tea in the Garden, Norbury Hall
- Tuesday 16th June @ 13:00 - Ossie's Potters
- Wednesday 17th June @ 14:00 - Dwayne Engh, Marimba (Summer Recital)
- Thursday 18th June @ 19:00 - Musicians from QEGS
- Saturday 20th June @ 10:00 - Teddy Bear Parachuting
- Sunday 21st June @ 17:00 - New Curate Welcome Tea (*please note amended time*)
- Tuesday 23rd June @ 16:00 - Ossie's Kitchen
- Tuesday 23rd June @ 19:00 - Music and Silence

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 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

Ramblers Group Report

After initially threatening to rain and decisions to make about over trousers or not, 7 ramblers and Jet set off on a dry Monday morning walk. Starting at Cromford Wharf, we crossed the River Derwent before taking a stepped path up a steep and long hill, eventually, after a couple of tough stiles, emerging at Coumbs Wood. With great views across the valley towards Dethick, we descended towards Lea, turning to pass Lea Gardens, where we had glimpses of the rhododendrons. After passing a deer farm, we descended on a long and wide path to Holloway, where we stopped for a short break. Refreshed, we continued through Lea Woods emerging at Aqueduct cottage. From there it was a flat walk along the canal back to the wharf.

Thanks to Michael for a lovely 5 1/2 mile walk and for ensuring that the rain stopped just in time for us to start.









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.

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