

Ashbourne Church News 16/08/2026



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: No Choir Practice in August*
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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.

Ministry Thought for the Week

For the last few weeks our Newsletter has featured the 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 returns 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* about 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



What's New

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.](#)



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.



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Keys Found

Three keys on a ring were found recently in the Church. If you think they might be yours, please contact the Parish Office or speak to one of the Churchwardens.



Join the Pilgrims at St Oswald's - 15/16 August

A group of Franciscan Pilgrims are staying at St Oswald's along their [pilgrimage route](#). You are invited to meet them for discussion on the theme of pilgrimage (Church Hall) or at Evening Prayer or Eucharist (Church).

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Evening Prayer: Saturday 15th August, 18:00

Eucharist: Sunday 16th August, 08:00

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SATURDAY
15 AUGUST 2026

Rest day **Ashbourne**

MEETING POINT

St Oswald's Church,
Ashbourne
Postcode: DE6 1AN

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*"Peace is always
beautiful."*

WALT WHITMAN

SUNDAY
16 AUGUST 2026

From Ashbourne to Somersal Herbert

distance: 9 mi
total ascent: 258 m
total descent: 266 m

MEETING POINT

St Oswald's Church,
Ashbourne
Time: 8:00 for 8:30
Departure
Postcode: DE6 1AN

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*"Peace is the only battle
worth waging."*

ALBERT CAMUS

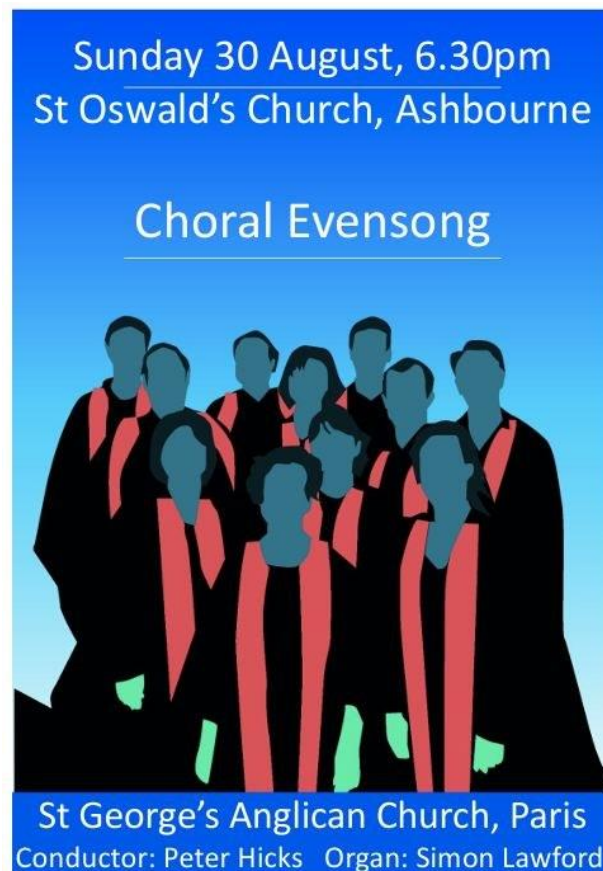
Choral Evensong

On Sunday 30th August, while the church choir is on a well-earned break, we have a visiting choir to sing choral evensong.

The Friends of St George's Anglican Church, Paris, will be singing choral evensong at St Oswald's, including settings by Purcell, Wood and Greene. Do come along!

If you can't make it to evensong (or if you would like a preview), the choir will be giving a concert at St Mary's Church, Cromford, at 4pm on Saturday 29th August. The 1-hour programme will include music from the French Renaissance and English Romantic periods (including Elgar and Sullivan) and folk songs. Free entry, donations towards the upkeep of the church.

Please do spread the word!



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!

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Macmillan Coffee Morning in St Oswald's Church on Friday 25th September from 10.30 - 12.30.

We are hosting our Macmillan Coffee Morning in the Church this year. There will be a cake stall, tombola, tea and coffee. We are looking for people to help, to make cakes and biscuits and provide some prizes for the tombola. If you would like to help, or would be able to make a contribution in some way, please give your name to Lindsay Walker/Chris Haycock/email into the Parish Office.

It's going to be a fun morning!



You're invited!

Join us for the cause, the chatter or the tasty treats.

Your generosity will help raise vital funds so that Macmillan can continue to support people with cancer, whoever and wherever they are.

When: Friday 25th September 10:30 - 12:30

Where: St Oswald's Church, Ashbourne



Macmillan Cancer Support, registered charity in England and Wales (261017), Scotland (SC039907) and the Isle of Man (606). Also operating in Northern Ireland. MAC20487_CH Invite Poster Photography

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 for Trinity 11 from St Oswald's](#)

Messy Church Returns in September



MESSY CHURCH RETURNS IN SEPTEMBER

**We will be back in September
after the school Summer holidays.**

There will be no Messy
Church in July or August.



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.

August Services

ASHBOURNE GROUP OF CHURCHES

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

Day	August	Time	Church	Service
Sunday <i>St Oswald's Day</i>	2	10.30	St Oswald's, Ashbourne	Holy Communion (United Service)
		18.30	St Oswald's, Ashbourne	Choral Evensong
Sunday	9	9.15	St Mary's, Mappleton	Holy Communion
		9.15	St Peter's, Snelston	Holy Communion
		10.30	St Oswald's, Ashbourne	Holy Communion
		11.00	St Mary + St Barlok, Norbury	Holy Communion
		18.30	St Oswald's, Ashbourne	Spoken Evening Prayer
Sunday	16	9.15	St John's, Buxton Hill	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.30	St Oswald's, Ashbourne	Holy Communion
		18.30	St Oswald's, Ashbourne	Spoken Evening Prayer
Sunday	23	10.30	St Oswald's, Ashbourne	Holy Communion
		18.30	St Oswald's, Ashbourne	Evensong
Sunday	30	10.30	St Oswald's, Ashbourne	Holy Communion
		10.45	Holy Trinity, Clifton	Holy Communion
		16.00	St Mary + St Barlok, Norbury	Songs of Praise
		18.30	St Oswald's, Ashbourne	Choral Evensong



- Note that Evensong at St Oswalds on 9th and 16th August will be a Sung Evensong.

Music in August

Recitals...

The **RSCM Youth Choir** has a richly deserved national reputation for excellence. Wow! Beautiful music from the last five centuries and in many differing styles was delivered with a depth of outstanding interpretation by these 24 young people far beyond their years. Lucy Joy Morris certainly knew how to help the choir grow. The whole was sublime. The accuracy, balance, diction and enjoyment were spot on. Well done and thank you for coming!



Friends of St George's Anglican Church, Paris

This choir will be visiting us on Sunday 30th August when they will be giving us Choral Evensong at 6.30. Please do come along.

Director of music: Dr Peter Hicks
Lawford

Organist: Simon

Introit: Oculi omnium/ Charles

Wood Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis: Purcell in G

minor Responses: Reading in A sharp

Psalms 147–150

inclusive

Anthem: Lord, let me know

mine end/ Maurice Greene

With best wishes,

Michael

SUNDAY	16th	The eleventh Sunday after Trinity	Green
10.30	362 Tell out my soul 188 O Holy Spirit Lord of grace 417 Father in whom we live 429 Forth in the name of Christ we go	6.30 489 Jesus Lord we look to Thee Ps 82 477 In Christ there is no east or west 456 Happy are they 617 When all thy mercies O my God	
SUNDAY	23rd	The twelfth Sunday after Trinity	Green
10.30	5 My Father, for another night 116 O dearest Lord 383 Be still for the presence of the Lord 443 God is our strength and refuge	277 All for Jesus Ps 114 What a friend we have in Jesus 426 Firmly I believe and truly 604 Through all the changing scenes of life	
SUNDAY	30th	The thirteenth Sunday after Trinity	Green
10.30	455 Guide me O thou great Redeemer 476 In a world where people walk in darkness 470 I the Lord of sea and sky 601 Thou didst leave thy throne	6.30 Choral Evensong with the Friends of St George's Anglican Church, Paris Director; Dr Peter Hicks Organist; Simon Lawford Canticles; Pucell in G minor Responses; Reading in A# Oculi Omnium/Wood 608 Thy kingdom come! On bended knee Ps 147-150 191 O thou who camest from above Lord let me know mine end/Greene 605 Through the night of doubt and sorrow	

August Readings Notes

Sunday 16 August – (11th Sunday after Trinity - Continuous)

Genesis 45.1-15

Towards the end of the Joseph saga, Joseph has reached a high position in Pharaoh's court. He welcomes his brothers who have come to buy corn in Egypt.

Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32

Paul writes of his pride in his own Jewish background to show that God in his mercy accepts all whom He calls to himself.

Matthew 15.21-28

Tyre and Sidon lay in Gentile territory. A Canaanite woman approached Jesus asking him to heal her daughter. She replied bravely and boldly to his response. Jesus recognised her faith and healed the child.

Sunday 23 August – (Feast Day of St Bartholomew the Apostle)

Isaiah 43.8-13

Writing to the Jews exiled in Babylon after the fall of Jerusalem, the prophet reassures them that God is still with them and will save them.

Acts 5.12-16

In the crowded walkway in the Temple area, crowds gathered round the apostles, bringing their sick to be healed.

Luke 22.24-30

During the Last Supper, the disciples argued amongst themselves. Jesus pointed out that the greatest person must be the one who served others as he did..

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

Readings - 16th August: Trinity 11

Genesis 45.1-15

Towards the end of the Joseph saga, Joseph has reached a high position in Pharaoh's court. He welcomes his brothers who have come to buy corn in Egypt.

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, 'Send everyone away from me.' So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?' But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come closer to me.' And they came closer. He said, 'I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made

me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.” And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.’ Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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.

Dates for your Diary

- 18 August, 16:00 - Ossie's Kitchen
- 29 August, 09:30 - Walking Group
- 1 September, 16:00 - Ossie's Kitchen
- 2 September, 10:00 - Carers Count

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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Church Groups

Walking and Rambling with St Oswalds

On Monday seven ramblers completed a 5 mile route from Warslow Church. The start paths were well marked across the sheep fields and began to rise gradually along the edge of the moors, skirting just below the trig point. The path turned into a pleasant track with far reaching views towards Longnor and Chrome Hill. The path then dropped onto the Longnor road before we turned to cross Swallow Moss. Swallow Moss was a beautiful rugged area that due to the weather was very firm underfoot, at other times this would be a boggy no go zone.

After a short break for refreshments we continued on a road stretch, where the spires of Butterton and Grindon could be seen poking skywards, before turning east and heading across farmland back to Warslow.

A beautiful walk with amazing views.





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

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

- Saturday 29th August 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 £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

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.
