

Ashbourne Church News 21/06/2026



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*
-

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

On Justice and Responsibility

This weekend we congratulate Rachel Knight on completing her time at Ripon Theological College, fondly known as 'Cuddesdon', and Ordination as Deacon, as we welcome her to the Ashbourne Group of Parishes as she takes up her Curacy with us.

It so happens that Maggie and I also trained at 'Cuddesdon'. That was a long time ago, but we have good memories of our time there and still well remember the studies, some more than others! Although we did not get any training on how to administer church hall furniture, or get a hearse out of a ditch, or the risks of having a donkey in Church on Palm Sunday, we were given good sound advice about the preparation of Sermons.

"Start planning the Sermon at least a week before, make copious notes of thoughts, add to them during the course of the week, draft the Sermon, read it to one self, check it, edit it, repeat process etc until satisfactorily polished!"

I am fairly certain that Rachel's training will have been much the same but, no doubt, she will soon find out that, with the best will in the world, real Ministry doesn't afford one quite that luxury!

Probably the biggest challenges are in working with Schools. Typically, as happened to me recently, on a busy Monday, I received a request to speak theologically the next morning, for less than ten minutes to 200 children aged 5 to 11 years on the topics of 'Justice' and 'Responsibility'.

Well, with some evening study and prayer, by the Grace of God I delivered the task with the children having an understanding of the importance of fairness and equality, accountability for one's action, both negative and positive, all framed in Jesus' instruction to "love your neighbour as yourself" and to treat others as you would be done by.

There must be a wider Sermon in there somewhere! Meantime, hopefully, this will serve as a reminder to us all of Jesus' saying and the need for Justice and Responsibility.

With blessings

Nigel



What's New

Rachel Knight, our new curate

All are invited to come and welcome the new curate, Rachel Knight, this 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.



**AFTERNOON
WELCOME TEA**

Please join us as we welcome
our new curate, Rachel Knight.

Sunday 21st June
5:00 p.m.
please note amended time

Everyone is invited.
Come and meet Rachel!

ST OSWALD'S
ASHBOURNE

St Oswald's Serving Team

This is an appeal for anyone who feels they could give some of their time to help the church by being a server, mainly at the 10:30 Sunday service.

Becoming involved with this important activity (which includes assisting the clergy and ensuring the smooth running of the Sunday morning service), is very rewarding.

Full explanation, training and support will be provided, so no-one need feel anxious or overwhelmed by it all. A booklet will also be provided for future reference.

The team is looking for anyone of any age who would like to come and help. It goes without saying that the more volunteers we have the less of a commitment it will be on any one individual.

Please think and pray to see if this is something you would like to help with.

For anyone who feels they might be interested or would like to know more, then please contact **Michael Smith** on **07768 807981** or come to see him after the 10:30 service on a Sunday or you can email him at **kamares506@gmail.com**.

Dwayne is away on annual leave

Dwayne is away on annual leave in Canada for his father's 80th birthday from Monday 22 July to Sunday 5 July. He'll then go straight into the British and Irish Association of Practical Theologians Conference for a week. His first day back at work will be Saturday, 11 July.

New Chairs for the Chapel

As part of the efforts of the Tourism Working Group, we are planning to purchase between 8-10 new chairs for the St Oswald's Chapel (2 with arms and 8 without arms). We invite you to consider purchasing a chair for the chapel, either in your name or in memory of someone special. The cost is about £150 per chair, depending on the model. This is a thoughtful way to support our community and honour those you care about. If you wish to participate, please contact Anne Ford, Andrew Burns, Paul Elliott or the Rev'd Dwayne Engh to reserve your chair. Thank you!



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& 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

St Oswald's Prayer Group

The St Oswald's prayer group met on Thursday afternoon, the first time for a while.

Over the past few months, we have been exploring the Nicene Creed and this month we discussed 'He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father'.

Philippians 2. 8 – 11: Christ humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him a name that is above every name, so that as the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth.

Scars, physical and emotional – are all part of the human experience of growing up, of being human. For many people, scars are part of who they are and of what they have survived and grown through. Whenever Jesus is portrayed in images/statues after his Ascension, reigning in glory, we see the flesh wounds of the nails that were hammered into his hands and feet. The

risen and ascended Christ Jesus now reigns in glory, but he brings the scars of his human life and suffering, transformed and transfigured. Jesus offers hope to those whose lives are intertwined with his. Our own personal experiences are seen and known by God and can be transformed and transfigured also.

Members of our group slowly and carefully examined our own hands, front and back. We noted any imperfections, wrinkles, scars. We can bring to God the experiences (good and bad) that have made us who we are today.

We enjoyed tea and a birthday cake to celebrate Maggie's special Birthday.

A precious time was had by all.



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

This last week, we clearly saw the breadth of talent in our community. Our vicar demonstrated so beautifully the depth and range of music for the marimba. You could have heard a pin drop in

church: the subtle sounds of the marimba resonated so wonderfully in the vast spaces of our church. Then we were treated to thoroughly talented students and staff from QEGS. We had such an expansive variety of music delivered with joy, style and confidence. There is great hope for the future. Well done.







This week ...

On Tuesday evening, from 19:00 till 21:00 there is Music and Silence. You will find full details below.

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

On Wednesday, our own Dan Evans will be singing and playing for his recital at 14:00.

Thursday evening sees the return of [the Kings Men](#) at 19:00 and, on Friday, we have the [Tim Kliphuis Trio](#).

There is something for everyone there. Please do come to as many as you can and tell your friends to come, too. What we have seen and heard so far has been exceptional. Come and see for yourselves.





Teddy Bear Parachuting - tomorrow, 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 tomorrow for our annual Teddy Bear Parachuting event!

We would love you to join us to make the day a success - there will be **Tombola prizes, plants, and homemade cakes** as well as teddy bears to purchase. Get your raffle tickets for a chance to win Oswald Bear.

Thank you so much for your generosity and support!

Lindsay Walker

Christian Aid Week – thank you!

Thank you for your support this Christian Aid Week. As a town, we raised a grand total of £2,081.01. A total of 47 people volunteered as part of Christian Aid Week in Ashbourne, meaning it was a real team effort. It's not too late to make an online donation if you would like www.tinyurl.com/AshbourneCAW26

Janet Wright adds ' More than £100 of that total came from sponsorship of my '70K in May' walks. Thank You'.

Summer Garden Party - 27th June

We will be hosting our annual Summer Garden Party at The Old Vicarage in Horsley Woodhouse.

Summer Garden Tea party on Saturday 27th June from 12 noon onwards at the Old Vicarage in Horsley Woodhouse.

There will be refreshments, a raffle, books and DVDs for sale and the chance to meet friends old and new.

Neil Broadbent

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

The Ashbourne Churches Together (ACT) have an ecumenical partnership with the Diocese of Patna. Bishop Francis, their bishop, is joining us in July for two weeks. He'll be with us on Sunday 12 July and with Ashbourne Methodists on Sunday 19 July. The Church of North India (CNI) is a United Church formed when the Anglican, Methodist Baptist and Presbyterian Churches in North India joined together. CNI calls on a mixture of traditions from the joining Churches for its governance and its worship. More info to come soon as we look to actively relaunch St Oswald's involvement supporting the ACT – Patna partnership!

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

Some of you may remember Bishop Francis visiting Ashbourne a few years ago when he was a Presbyter in the Diocese of Patna. He will be coming to Ashbourne from Friday 10th July to Monday 20th July. We are planning the programme for his visit.

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

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

Liz and John Hurfurt

Let's Picnic Together - 12th July



Ashbourne Churches Together

Joining together at Ashbourne Festival Picnic in the park.

LET'S PICNIC TOGETHER!

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

SUNDAY, 12TH JULY

The picnic will be held from 1pm

Location:
Ashbourne Memorial Gardens

Festival of Hymns - 23rd July



The Hymn Society
of Great Britain and Ireland
2026 Conference

A Festival of Hymns
in
St Oswald's Parish Church,
Ashbourne

Thursday, 23rd July 2026, at 7.45 pm

The Hymns introduced by
Dr Noël Tredinnick

Organist: Hugh Morris

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Volunteering in Ashbourne

JOIN THE TEAM

JOIN YOUR LOCAL FRIENDLY SHOP TEAM

PURPOSE

VOLUNTEER HERE

"YOU'VE GOT NOTHING TO LOSE AND EVERYTHING TO GAIN"
ANDREW SHOP VOLUNTEERS

REAL IMPACT

VOLUNTEERING ACTIVITIES

Kim & the team at **Oxfam Ashbourne** invite you to volunteer with them in our shop at 1 Dig Street, Ashbourne, DE6 1GF

Activities:

- Sorting through donations
- Customer service
- Helping at the till
- Visual Merchandising & window dressing
- Listing donations online

Interested? Contact the Shop!
Tel: 01335 344 614
Email: oxfamshopf1401@oxfam.org.uk

OXFAM

© 2015. Oxfam is a registered charity in England and Wales (no 202918) and Scotland (SC039042). Oxfam GB is a member of Oxfam International.

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 Holy 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



Time: 4 - 6 p.m.
Place: St Oswald's
Church Hall

MESSY CHURCH 28TH JUNE

Lots of fun activities,
crafts, stories, songs,
and refreshments.

Please join us – bring the whole family!

(All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult).



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 - 21st June: Trinity 3

Genesis 21.8-21

When Isaac, Abraham's son, grows up, his wife becomes jealous of the child her slave, Hagar, has born and orders her husband to send them away. God has pity them on as they flee and saves them.

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, 'Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac.' The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, 'Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named after you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring.' So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

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

Please remember in your prayers this week

Those who are unable to be with us in church, including Diana & Edmund Urquhart, Linda Torr, Arthur and Barbara Williams.

Those who are ill, especially Graham Price, Pam Phillips, Reina Hammond and Neil Burns.

The recently bereaved, especially the relatives and friends of Trevor Taylor, Gary Baker, Andrew Millward, Richard Fitzherbert-Yudin and Margaret Shenton.

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 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
- Wednesday 24th June @ 14:00 - Dan Evans, Tenor
- Thursday 25th June @ 09:30 - V&A at Wedgwood
- Thursday 25th June @ 19:00 - The King's Men
- Friday 26th June @ 19:00 - Tim Kliphuis Trio
- Saturday 27th June @ 09:30 - St Oswald's Walking Group

Get Involved

- Saturday 1st August - Young Adults Pilgrimage to Taizé

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

Church Groups

Walking and Rambling with St Oswalds

St Oswald's has a choice of two walking groups.

The Ramblers group meets on the 2nd Monday of the month, starts walking at 10.00am and covers approximately 5 miles.

The Walking group meets on the last Saturday of the month, starts walking at 9.30am and covers approximately 10 miles.

Ramblers Group Dates (All rambles start at 10 a.m.)

- Monday 13th July 2026

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

- Saturday 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 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.
