

Ashbourne Church News 23/08/2026



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: There is no Choir Practice during 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

I just returned from a three-day retreat with my cell group at Launde Abbey. We're a small group who all trained for the priesthood at Westcott House at the same time and meet a couple of times a year for prayer, support, and fellowship. It reminded me how important silence and prayer are. It was such a valuable time for me to step away from the usual noise, busyness, and endless list of things that apparently need doing immediately. It's amazing how quickly you realise how noisy life is when you finally get a bit of quiet! And, of course, once you're given some silence, you discover just how many thoughts your brain has been saving up.

The retreat reminded me how much I need those moments to slow down, pray and simply be with God. Silence can feel a little uncomfortable at first, but once you settle into it, there is something really special about having the space to listen rather than always feeling the need to speak. (Sometimes I think God has been trying to get a word in for quite a while)!

This experience has also made me reflect on the importance of creating spaces where others can find that same sense of peace. That's one of the reasons I'm excited about our work to make our chapel at St Oswald's Church more of a place of stillness, welcome, and prayer. I'd love it to be somewhere people can come in, take a breath, escape the noise for a few minutes and simply be.

For me, silence and prayer aren't about escaping from real life. They help me return to it with a little more peace, perspective, and patience (and probably make me slightly more pleasant to be around, too). The retreat reminded me what a gift that time can be, and I hope the chapel can become a place where others discover that gift as well.

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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.

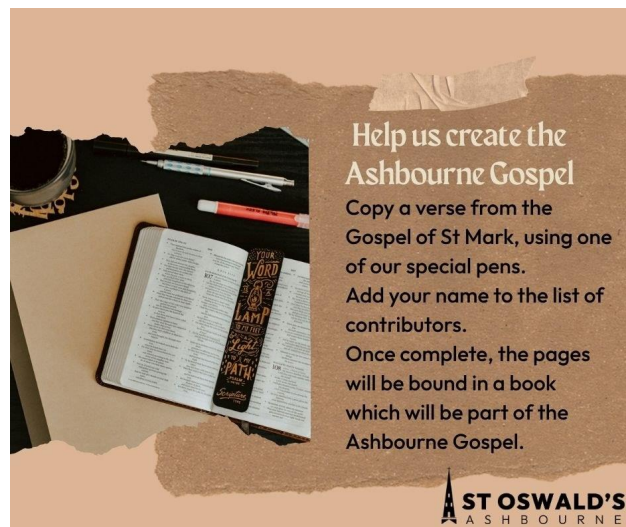
Here's how you can get involved:

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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for
SYNOD

BE THE VOICE OF CHANGE

Stand for election to the Church of England **General Synod**

Learn about the elections and how you can be
part of the future Church of England
www.cofe.io/StandForSynod



Future Events

Kirk Ireton's
INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL
featuring three masterpieces of Ukrainian cinema
in Holy Trinity Church, Kirk Ireton

Kirk Ireton joins countries all around the world to celebrate
35 years of Ukraine's independence
with three classic films and talks about Ukraine.

Monday 24 August
6.15pm - John Sinclair describes his experiences driving in an aid convoy to Ukraine this year,
and Zoë Sharp talks about her plans to drive in an aid convoy to the front line in October.
7.30pm - film *The Lost Letter* (1972, 70 mins)

Monday 31 August
6.30pm - Maria Falconer and Paul Hill show their short film 'How Do You Dance In A War Zone?',
and talk about filming dancers on the Ukraine front line.
7.30pm - film *Shadows of Forgotten Ancestors*. (1965, 98 minutes)

Monday 7 September
7.30pm - film *The White Bird Marked With Black* (1971, 98 mins)

Admission free - you don't need a ticket - but please make a donation to Zoë's aid convoy.
Come and help to fund Zoë Sharp's October aid convoy trip to the Ukraine front line.
<https://www.justgiving.com/page/zoe-sharp-author>



St Peter's Church, Snelston, cordially invite you
to a

PIMM's Evening

at 5 Elms Farm Barns,
by kind invitation of Sue Jarvis
on Saturday 29 August 2026 at 5.30pm
Entry £15

To include two glasses of PIMM's, Canapés and
Strawberries & Cream

Raffle

To book a place please contact:
James Hollingsworth on 07866 680925 or e-mail
james.hollingsworth@talk21.com
[Proceeds to St. Peter's Church, Snelston](#)

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.



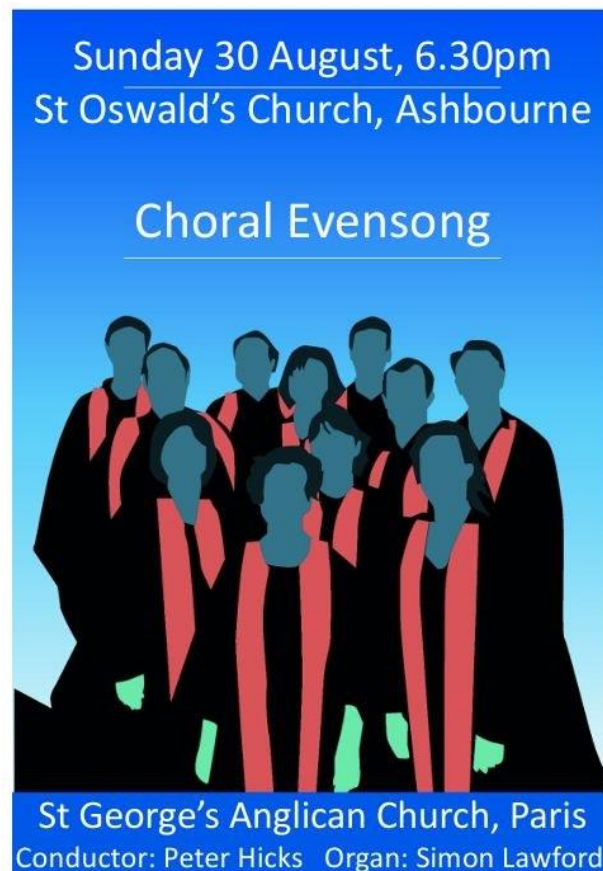
Choral Evensong

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!



Help make Coffee Morning special

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 (604). 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 12 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 St Oswald's Day	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

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

Organist: Simon

Lawford

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 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 - 23rd August: Trinity 12

Isaiah 43.8-13

Bring forth the people who are blind, yet have eyes, who are deaf, yet have ears! Let all the nations gather together, and let the peoples assemble. Who among them declared this, and foretold to us the former things? Let them bring their witnesses to justify them, and let them hear and say, 'It is true.' You are my witnesses, says the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me. I, I am the Lord, and besides me there is no saviour.

I declared and saved and proclaimed, when there was no strange god among you; and you are my witnesses, says the Lord. I am God, and also henceforth I am He; there is no one who can deliver from my hand; I work and who can hinder it?

Acts 5.12-16

Now many signs and wonders were done among the people through the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared to join them, but the people held them in high esteem. Yet more than ever believers were added to the Lord, great numbers of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on cots and mats, in order that Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he came by. A great number of people would also gather from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all cured.

Luke 22.24-30

A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

'You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

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.

[Anna Chaplaincy](#)

Anna Chaplain- Lindsay Walker-St Oswald's Church Ashbourne

Cornerstone Cafe Ashbourne Thursdays 10.00 am - 12.00 noon

Pop in for Prayer at St Oswald's Church (Lady Chapel) Fridays 11.00am - 12.00 noon '

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

Dates for your Diary

- 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

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.
