

Ashbourne Church News 26/07/2026



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.

Ministry Thought for the Week

A Tool & Inclusion – Sharing God's Love

In a meeting this week, someone said to me, in a discussion about mission, that the church building was a tool. They followed that with, 'Don't get me wrong, it's the most beautiful shovel I've ever seen, but it's still a tool.' I have to say that it stuck with me. Allow me to slightly stretch their metaphor...

It connects to what I preached about last week. How do we include everyone? How do we welcome people? Whether we are talking about visitors and tourists viewing our beautiful historic building or people attending a worship service, it matters. If we make people feel unwelcome, the building stops being a tool and becomes an obstacle.

For example, how can we make the buildings fully accessible? Right now, it is not possible for everyone to get to all parts of our buildings with dignity. Another example: if you can't hear what's going on (or if the vicar with a different accent talks too quickly during the service), are we really doing all we can to fully include everyone? Or, what if you can't see what is going on? Scripture demands that we move beyond our comfort zones to embrace the marginalised, the most vulnerable in our society, ultimately destroying the walls that divide the human family. I'd suggest that if everyone is not made to feel welcome, our beautiful building is no longer a useful tool. It becomes a mallet covered in splinters that you can't hold because it hurts.

Someone else gently challenged me on the language I used of 'us' and 'them' after my sermon last week. It was a valid point that I've taken to heart. Please know my intention was not to use language to divide, but to encourage us, in our positions of power and privilege, to do everything we can to include others. This is not about acting patronisingly toward someone to do something 'to' or 'for' but about standing alongside and journeying with them to ensure they are no longer marginalised, thereby broadening the centre to include everyone.

May I invite us all to do our part by participating in the radical intentional act of welcoming all people as equals, mirroring the boundary-breaking love of Christ.

Dwayne



What's New

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!

Ashbourne Repair Café

This Saturday, 25th July, sees the first Ashbourne Repair Cafe taking place in [The Brass Button](#) from 10-12 noon. If you have any small household items that need a bit of TLC why don't you bring them down and see if they can be fixed by our fixers? No charge, donations welcome.

If you'd like to get involved as a fixer, or you'd like more information you can check out the [website](#) or [email us](#).

What is a Repair Cafe?

At a Repair Cafe, everything centres on making repairs. During the session, various volunteer repair experts will be available to help make all possible repairs free of charge. Tools and materials will also be on hand! We can also sharpen tools, darn clothing, fix toys ... bring your broken items along and see what we can do!



Scan for
more
details!

FAQ's

How do I get something repaired?

Just bring your broken item along! Our volunteer repairer will do their utmost to try and get it repaired.

Do I need to book?

No, there is no booking system. You are encouraged to get a coffee and have a chat with other people who are having their items repaired also!

Do you need more volunteers?

We are always looking for volunteers- if you have experience in a certain type of repair, could run the registration desk or could help with admin, please get in touch!

REPAIR CAFE
ASHBOURNE



**OUR FIRST CAFE IS JULY 25TH 2026
THEN...**

WHEN? THE LAST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH

WHERE? THE BRASS BUTTON, 9-11 MARKET PLACE,

ASHBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE, DE6 1EU

WHAT TIME? 10AM - 12 NOON (LAST REPAIRS ACCEPTED 11.30AM)

ASHBOURNEREPAIRCAFE@GMAIL.COM

New Roles

The Rev'd Anne Barker has received Permission to Officiate (PTO) from the bishop and will be included in the clergy rota. On 26 July, Lindsay Walker starts her ministry as Anna Chaplain.

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.



Summer Recitals at St Oswald's

Our recital this week was absolutely beautiful. Folk music from all around the globe in so many styles put everyone at ease. The seven instrumentalists demonstrated a real sense of attention

to detail which led to an excellent performance in a special setting. Thank you to the Green Road Folk.



Wednesday 29th July at 2.00 pm: Sophie Henderson, Soprano

A former pupil of QEGS, Sophie Henderson has recently graduated from the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire. Her accompanist, Ashley Wagner, is currently Assistant Head of Music at Birmingham Cathedral and, next year, will be embarking on postgraduate study as a répétiteur at the RBC.

Sophie and Ashley are delighted to present a programme of richly-coloured late-Romantic art song by lesser known English female composers: Liza Lehmann, Rebecca Clarke and Amy-Woodforde Finden.

Enjoy “An Enchanted Garden”.

Sunday 2nd August

10.30 St Oswald’s Day Festival Communion

Psalm 150/Stanford

How lovely are thy dwellings fair/Brahms

How lovely are the messengers/Mendelssohn

6.30 Festival Choral Evensong

Stanford in A canticles Smith responses

Glory love and praise and honour/Harris

We praise thee O God/Stanford

A Clare Benediction/Rutter



ST OSWALD'S

patronal festival

Sunday 2 August 2026

10:30 Patronal Festival

O praise God in his holiness/Stanford
How lovely are thy dwellings fair/Brahms
How lovely are the
messengers/Mendelssohn
God is here as we his people

**REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE IN THE
CHURCH HALL FOLLOWING THE SERVICE**

18:30 Patronal Choral Evensong

Canticles/Stanford in A
Glory love and praise and
honour/ Harris
We praise thee O God/Stanford
A Clare Benediction/Rutter

**REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE IN
CHURCH FOLLOWING EVENSONG**



Wednesday 5th August at 2.00 pm : Ben Barrs, Piano and Organ

Ben Barrs, another alumnus of the choir of St Oswald's Church, is back to provide a rich tapestry of beautiful music for piano and organ. Ben has a wealth of happy memories here, worshipping here when his work permits. Let's finish the series with a full house!



Summer Fun Day - 1st August - a gift to the community. Please help if you can!

The day is a fantastic opportunity for us as churches across Ashbourne, to serve our community together, build relationships and demonstrate the love of Jesus in a practical way.

Help is needed from noon - 6pm (event 1-5pm) on Saturday 1st August 2026 at Ashbourne Recreation ground. You will be allocated a time slot. There are lots of roles (e.g. supervise a Bouncy Castle, host a game, steward, face painting, set up or take down).

If you can help, please contact Janet Wright (je96wright@btinternet.com), who will take some details and record the times you are available.

Do join our great team of volunteers!



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, or express an interest on the website by [completing the online form](#). Thank you!

SPONSOR A CHAIR

at St Oswald's



St Oswald's is asking individuals, local businesses and community groups to support the church by sponsoring a chair in St Oswald's Chapel.

This is also an opportunity to remember a loved one, a special occasion or ensure your own legacy.

Each sponsored chair will bear a plaque with the sponsor's chosen name.

If you would like to sponsor one or more chairs, please ask a Churchwarden for more details and a form or visit our website: ashbournechurch.org.uk



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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:

[Holy Communion for Trinity 8 from St.Oswald's](#)

Our Recorded Services Online

Back in 2020, at the height of Covid when the church was closed (remember it?), Duncan (our priest-in-charge at the time) decided to provide some sort of worship for our congregation. He set up his and Ellie's kitchen table as an altar and conducted a communion service in front of his smartphone. It worked, but he was not happy with the result. When it came to Easter, with additional footage of the Easter Fire outside the church, he asked me to help with editing. I had

software which he didn't. From that grew the idea of recording a service in church, using my video equipment and experience.

So it is that every Thursday for six years, with occasional hiccups, we have recorded a service, most often Morning Prayer with Holy Communion once a month.

We? Yes, I have a loyal band of lesson readers and intercessors who turn out to help, very reliably. Not always in St.Oswald's by any means. We now operate in St.Mary's, Mappleton; Holy Trinity, Clifton and St.Peter's, Snelston as well, on rotation. This puts an extra burden on our clergy, of course, and I am most grateful to them for what they do. We've managed to lighten the load for them a bit by pressganging the churchwardens, who now conduct a hefty proportion of the Morning Prayer services.

From the beginning the intention has been that it should be possible for viewers to feel that they are taking part in the service. So we don't do a "live stream", where the camera just watches what goes on like an onlooker would. Instead I put the words of the liturgy on the screen: white for the leader's words, green for the congregation to join in. That way we hope that the people viewing at home have a real chance to participate.

The results have been slightly surprising. The actual viewing figures are quite small: between 10 and 20, usually. The surprise is in where the viewers come from. We have had "subscribers" (no money involved) from Singapore, Birmingham . . . and Ashbourne, of course. It's impossible to know who's watching at any one time, but we do know that some elderly folk feel it's their service, and total outsiders watch too. Evangelism? Maybe.

My only concern is that getting to our service does demand a certain amount of technical expertise. You have to be able to use a smartphone or iPad or computer to click on the link that will take you to the service on YouTube. That link appears in the weekly newsletter (which some people don't get), and also on the parish website, where there's a heading 'Online service', an instruction 'Click below to watch this week's Online Service' and a button labelled 'Watch the Service'. It should say "Join us in the service"!

Tony Wilmore

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.

July Services

ASHBOURNE GROUP OF CHURCHES

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

Day	JULY	Time	Church	Service
Sunday	5	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	12	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	19	9.15	St John's, Buxton Hill	Taizé
		10.30	St Oswald's, Ashbourne	Holy Communion
		18.30	St Oswald's, Ashbourne	Evensong
Sunday	26	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

Music in July

Sunday 26th	Eighth Sunday after Trinity	Green
424	Fill thou my life... omit * vs	6.30
392	Bright the vision that delighted...	400
356	Judge eternal...	City of God
	Litany to the Holy Spirit/Hurford	Psalm 126
116	O dearest Lord...	Mag and ND F
429	Forth in the peace of Christ we go...	415
		Eternal light shine in my heart...
		View me Lord /Lloyd
		18
		O strength and stay...
Sunday 2nd	St Oswald PATRONAL FESTIVAL	Red
230	Ye watchers and ye holy ones	Patronal
Ps 150	O praise God in his holiness/Stanford (choir)	Choral Evensong
226	Palms of glory raiment bright	Canticles/Stanford in A
546	O worship the Lord	Responses/ Smith
	How lovely are thy dwellings fair/Brahms	6.30
	How lovely are the messengers/Mendelssohn	Glory love and praise and honour/ Harris
301	God is here as we his people	221
232	For all the saints	How bright these glorious spirits shine
		Psalm 121
		217
		Glory to thee O God
		We praise thee O God/Stanford
		A Clare Benediction/Rutter
		626
		Ye holy angels bright

July Readings Notes

Sunday 26 July - (8th Sunday after Trinity - Continuous)

Genesis 29.15-28

Jacob falls in love with Rachel, the younger daughter of his uncle Laban, but it is the custom for an elder sister to marry first, so Jacob has to work for another seven years.

Romans 8.26-39

Paul reassures the Christians in Rome that God's Spirit will intercede on their behalf. nothing will separate them from the love of Christ.

Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52

Jesus continued his farming based parables, and concluded with more comments on the end of times, when God will reveal what will take place at the end of time. Scribes were well versed in the writings of the Hebrew Scriptures, so will be well prepared for this end.

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

Readings - 26th July: Trinity 8

Genesis 29.15-28

Jacob falls in love with Rachel, the younger daughter of his uncle Laban, but it is the custom for an elder sister to marry first, so Jacob has to work for another seven years.

Then Laban said to Jacob, 'Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?' Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, 'I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.' Laban said, 'It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.' So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

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



- 28 July, 13:00 - Ossie's Potters
- 29 July, 14:00 - Sophie Henderson Soprano
- 1 August, 13:00 - Summer Fun Day
- 2 August - St Oswald's Patronal Festival
- 4 August, 16:00 - Ossie's Kitchen
- 5 August, 14:00 - Ben Barrs, Piano and Organ

Get Involved

- Saturday 1st August - Young Adults Pilgrimage to Taizé
- 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 10th August 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 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](#).

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