

Ashbourne Church News 28/06/2026



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

Effective Ministry

I had the privilege of attending two training events last week – one in Bakewell on Rural Ministry and the other in Oxford for the Major Churches Network.

At the Rural Ministry event, I learned a great deal about the joys and challenges our farming communities face, such as diversification and isolation. There were some excellent ideas that were shared that are working well in other villages and farming communities.

St Oswald's is considered a Major Church (one of 323 recognised nationally) because of the following characteristics:

- Physically very big (over 1000m² footprint)
- Grade I listed
- Exceptional significance and/or issues necessitating a conservation management plan
- Has a role beyond that of a typical parish church and makes a considerable civic, cultural, and economic contribution to its communities.

In many ways, it is not just a large parish church, but functions like a small cathedral (just without the resources).

One key ministry lesson that emerges from attending both events is the importance of understanding and responding to the unique contexts in which our churches serve.

Ultimately, whether ministering in a rural setting or in a Major Church, I think the lesson is to listen to the community's needs, embrace collaboration, and seek innovative ways to serve faithfully. It reminds me that effective ministry is not one-size-fits-all but is shaped by the joys, challenges, and opportunities unique to each of our churches and contexts. I look forward to continuing to serve with you all as we begin rolling out our vision for the Ashbourne Group of Churches!

Thank you for all that you do.

Dwayne



What's New

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**

A photograph of various items for sale, including a rack of clothes, a guitar, a record player, and other household goods, set against a green background.

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 June 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!



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



On Tuesday evening a really good mix of people enjoyed Music and Silence which took place in the crossing at church. It was reflective, thoughtful and inclusive in every way. St Oswald's has to be the coolest place in Ashbourne in this heat so everyone there was pleased they had discovered that!

On Wednesday afternoon, Dan Evans amazed us yet again with his versatility. Beautifully crafted Scarlatti, Bach and Schubert were followed by a Finzi song cycle sung with great sensitivity. Thank you, Dan.

Tonight is the Tim Kliphuis Trio. This will, in fact, start at 7.30 as that is what has been printed on the tickets. Please do support this event as they will delight and thrill you in equal measure. Tickets are £20 on the door or via Ashbourne Arts.

On Wednesday 1st at 2.00, it is a case of how to follow all the above! I will be endeavouring to give you a glimpse into the influence of music in my life. What more can I say!

Michael Halls



Teddy Parachuting gets the town off to a flying start

As the church bell rang ten o'clock, the Rev'd Dwayne Engh, together with our Ashbourne Mayor, Cllr Phil Chell, welcomed everyone to the event with a prayer. Our Mayor declared the Edward Bear parachuting event 'open'. We then saw Edward Bear fly from the church roof, safely attached to two parachutes (he is a rather large bear). Phil, our Mayor, confided with us all that this was the highlight of his year. Both their bears took flight and we were off. We recorded about two-hundred and fifty flights!

Over forty volunteers welcomed the increasing stream of visitors to the event who immersed themselves and their children in a time of daring for bears and, incidentally, other much-loved creatures, such as cloth rabbits, rag dolls, a worm(!) and yes, Buzz Light Year, to mention but a few of those landing safely. Bears and toys were then taken on a stretcher to the Bearamedic Tent for a thorough medical check, a plaster, if needed, and a certificate of flight.

We had organ music and a treasure hunt in the church, refreshments too and, outside, teddies for sale - a raffle for the specially knitted Oswald Bear - as well as ice cream from Coldeaton, plants, cakes, books, and craft, Tombola prizes, cards and, of course, bacon baps. The morning had wonderful sunshine together with a mild and refreshing breeze (very few bears got caught in the Yew tree). We believe we raised about £1,000 pounds for church/community projects.

This was a marvellous time for the community to come together. The church offers such a welcome space for all. Thank you all so much for joining in the fun.

The Edward Bear Team at St Oswald's church here in Ashbourne.

P.S. Chris, Peter and Lindsay are stepping down after many years of organising this event and we look forward to a new leadership team for this well-oiled event. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office.







A promotional poster for the Ashbourne Singers. The background is a scenic view of a village with a prominent church spire, seen from a distance across rolling green hills. In the foreground, a gravel path leads towards the village, flanked by lush green grass and white wildflowers. A wooden signpost on the left points towards the village and is labeled 'Ashbourne'. The sky is a clear, vibrant blue with a few wispy white clouds. The text 'Ashbourne Singers' is written in a large, white, stylized font at the top. Below it, the word 'Sing' is written in a cursive, white font with three stars trailing off to the right. At the bottom, the event details are listed in white text: 'SATURDAY 18th JULY 7.00pm', 'ST JOHN'S CHURCH, ASHBOURNE', 'Tickets at the door or from Natural Choice', and '£10 (u18s Free) Refreshments Available'. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner. At the very bottom, the website 'www.ashbournesingers.org.uk' and the charity number 'Registered charity 1140285' are printed in a small white font.

Ashbourne Singers

Sing

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[Trentham Gardens and V&A at Wedgwood Trip](#)

On a hot Thursday morning 23 of us boarded a Boydens bus for Trentham Gardens. The bus had amazing aircon, some even thinking about just hiding out in the bus for the day.

The gardens were stunningly beautiful, especially the David Austin rose bed and the array of beautiful wild flowers. The wire fairies never cease to be wonderful and are scattered round the

gardens, in the lake and fountains. There was a lovely breeze blowing up the lake which managed the temperature for us.

After lunch - some managed to overrun and be late for the bus! (It's amazing how long a toasted tea cake takes to arrive!). We then did the short bus trip to V&A Wedgwood. The museum explains the history of Wedgwood with many fascinating exhibits showing the changing fashions in pottery. Who knew that Wedgwood made some porcelain insert for the side of Silver Cross prams.

A cup of tea in a fine china cup finished a lovely day.

Gill Elliott





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 Presbyterian 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



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!

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:

[Holy Communion from St.Oswald's](#): a service from 2 years ago because of the hot weather!

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 - 28th June: SS.Peter & Paul (Trinity 4)

Acts 12.1-11

To please the Jews, Herod Antipas persecutes leaders of the Christians community. Peter is thrown into prison but has a miraculous rescue in the night.

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for 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, 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, Margaret Shenton and Pauline Smalley.

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

- 27 June, 09:30: St Oswald's Walking Group
- 30 June, 13:00: Ossie's Potters
- 1 July, 10:00: Carers Count
- 1 July, 14:00: Michael Halls (Recital)
- 4 July, 08:00: Car Boot
- 6 July, 19:00: Kadiatu Kanneh-Mason
- 7 July, 16:00: Ossie's Kitchen
- 7 July, 19:00: Mariatu Kanneh-Mason

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](#).

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