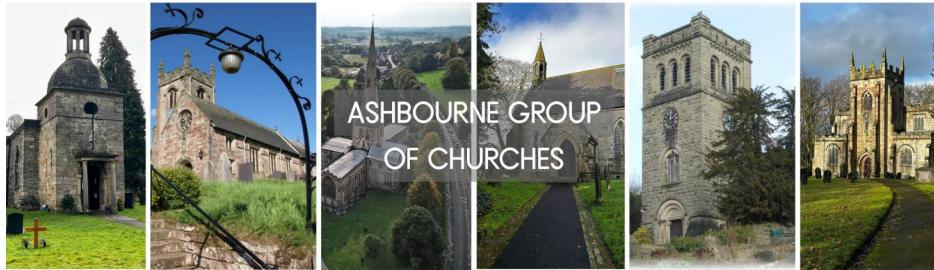


# Ashbourne Church News 31/05/2026



## Welcome to this Week's Newsletter

### Church and Parish Office Opening Times

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*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.*

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## **Ministry Thought for the Week**

### **Words for Prayer**

Over the years I have often found myself talking with individuals who tell me that they don't go to church, but 'I always say my prayers when I go to bed.'

Of course, people may pray at any time. Some people, though, struggle with personal prayer, wondering what words they should say, how they should address God or whether there are limits to what they should pray about.

One young woman said to me that she had been very ill and felt so desperate that eventually she had prayed to God for help, something that she would not normally do. She was very grateful when her health was restored and firmly believed that God had answered her prayer.

Unfortunately, she had become ill again and was very anxious. I suggested that, because she had prayed and God had responded positively, she might pray again.

She looked at me in horror and said emphatically,

'I can't do that.'

I was puzzled and asked her,

'Why ever not?'

'Oh no!' she replied, 'I can't ask him again yet; there must be lots of people whose turn it is before me.'

I tried hard to persuade her that God doesn't have waiting lists, but I don't think I managed to succeed.

A colleague of mine was visiting another patient who told him that she felt so ill and exhausted, that she couldn't find the words to pray. Very slowly and gently my colleague helped her to tell him what basically she wanted to say to God. After some time this simple and moving prayer had been written.

*'Dear God,*

*Here I am,*

*Just as I am,*

*Be with me*

*And all those I love.*

*Amen*

The patient used the prayer several times a day while she was in hospital. Later, it was printed on small cards and given to others who were struggling to find words for prayer.

Among the very many books of prayers and orders of service available for Christians all over the world, those from the Celtic tradition are often very helpful for personal private prayer.

***Early Morning Prayer*** - *From A Celtic Litany by Pat Robson*

*My Father, I come to you at the beginning of this day*

*To ask you to guide me and help me.*

*Give me courage to face the problems that lie ahead*

*and give me a heart wide open to the joys you have prepared for me.*

*Forgive my many sins, that I may start this day anew.*

*And as you forgive me, may I learn to be forgiving and compassionate to others in return.*

*My Father, I long to serve you aright.*

*May all that I do and all that I say be pleasing in your sight.*

*Amen*

***Night Prayer***

*The love of the God who made me,*

*The love of the Son who died for me,*

*The love of the Spirit who dwells within me,*

*Bless me and keep me.*

*Amen*

Similar short, contemporary prayers are to be found for those who prefer printed words for their private devotions, such as,

*Heavenly Father, we lift up our hearts to you in this time of anxiety,*

*We thank you that we can bring all our troubles and problems and lay them at your feet.*

*Deepen our faith, and draw us nearer to yourself, that we may find your grace, your guidance and your peace, for Jesus' sake,*

*Amen*

*Written by Frank Colquhoun*

However we choose to offer our personal prayers to God, let us remember that it is a communication in which we can use words comfortable to us and in which there are times of silence for God to reply.

May you be blessed in your prayers.

Pip



## What's New

[Get to Know Rachel, our new Curate](#)

We asked Rachel, who joins us from 21 June, to complete the Proust Questionnaire, a set of questions answered by the French Writer, Marcel Proust, and often used in interviews. We'll be sharing her answers in the next few editions of the newsletter.

1. What is your idea of perfect happiness? A good detective/murder mystery book, time to read it, either on the beach in good weather or tucked up by the fire with snow falling outside!
2. What is your greatest fear? I'm not fearful of much, I get scared quite a bit, I don't like the dark and I'm very anxious about travelling a long way from home, but I'm not a fearful person. It would probably have to be the death of someone I love or my dog.
3. What is the trait you most deplore in yourself? That it's really hard for me to be consistently organised.

4. What is the trait you most deplore in others? Lying.
5. Which living person do you most admire? I try to see the best in most people I meet but specifically I think I'd have to admire most one of my friends who is currently transitioning gender. They've been on such a journey of discovery and it's wonderful seeing them start to fully embrace the person they've always meant to be but were too in denial to recognise.
6. What is your greatest extravagance? I once bought a painting for over £1000 but I had to sell it because I don't have the room for it. My current greatest extravagance is buying myself the odd bunch of flowers because money is really tight at the moment.
7. What is your current state of mind? Mostly calm and optimistic, occasional panic and overwhelm veering to emotional becoming calm and optimistic again.
8. What do you consider the most overrated virtue? Being overly polite and avoiding deep and meaningful conversations.
9. On what occasion do you lie? Hardly ever because I really abhor lying and I can't do it very well, I tend to lie by omission rather than outright and only to save someone's feelings. I even struggle to keep a surprise, which is sort of like lying!
10. What do you most dislike about your appearance? My double chin!
11. What is the quality you most like in a man? Honesty
12. What is the quality you most like in a woman? Honesty

### **Summer Recitals at St Oswald's**

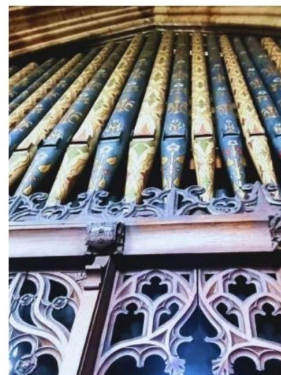
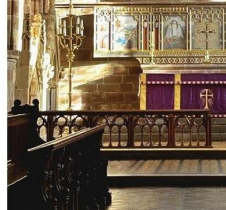
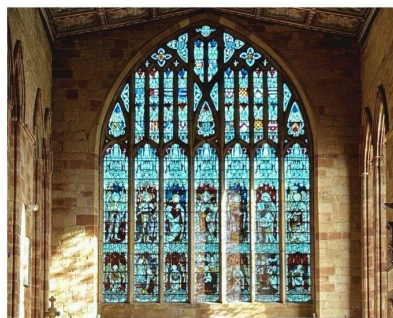
It does not seem long since our remarkable recitals last year! If you would like to see the recital programme for this year, there are plenty of leaflets in St Oswald's Church, as well as in the Library and the Town Hall.

Michael Halls

What a wonderful start to our recital season Michelle and Ben gave us on Wednesday afternoon. The music was truly uplifting. This week on Wednesday at 2.00pm, Roger will be giving us an amazing organ recital. This church has one of the very best and well-maintained organs in the whole of the diocese. Roger will be demonstrating its variety and complexity. The organ is not called the King of instruments for nothing!

See you there!





ROGER HARRISON - ORGAN

3rd June, 2:00 p.m.

*St Oswald's Church*  
RECITAL



On Sunday morning, the choir will be singing *The Little Organ Mass* by Joseph Haydn. This is, in one sense, our contribution to this very special artistic weekend of art in all its forms.

The *Missa brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo*, Hob. XXII:7, Novello 8, is a mass in the *missa brevis* (short mass) and was written around 1775 for the order of the Barmherzige Brüder (Brothers Hospitallers) in Eisenstadt, whose patron saint was John of God. It is known as the *Kleine Orgelmesse* (Little Organ Mass) due to an extended organ solo in the *Benedictus* movement which also includes the only featured solo voice - a soprano. Ellie-May will be singing this for us.

We shall be using the green service book as usual for this service but some of the music will be sung during the communion which will keep the length of the service about the same as usual. You have the added advantage, this week, of having so much beautiful artwork to admire.

Do come along and experience sublime music, amazing art and a real depth of worship at 10.30.

**Please remember there is no evening service at St Oswald's on Sunday as we shall all be at Clifton for their Patronal Festival at 4.00 p.m.**

Thank you.

Michael Halls

Teddy Bear Parachuting - Saturday 20th June, 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 on 20th June for our annual Teddy Bear Parachuting event!

We would love your help to make the day a success - we would welcome **Tombola prizes, plants,** and **homemade cakes** for the stall. All contributions can be left in church in advance, or handed to Lindsay or Chris Haycock on Sundays. Thank you so much for your generosity and support!

Lindsay Walker

### Anna Chaplaincy

I am very pleased to share with you all that I completed my Anna Chaplaincy Training on Wednesday of this week. The training involved 15 people, 13 ladies and 2 men from all over the UK coming together 'on zoom' for 6 x 2-hour sessions. It was so convenient that I could continue my training whilst on holiday in Yorkshire with the walking group, and from my camper van when down in Cambridge with our family.

Meeting up weekly 'on-line' with our trainer Katherine Froggatt became very special and the chance of sharing my spiritual journey for Chaplaincy with other likeminded people has been so very helpful and encouraging.

The main aim of the course has been to listen to God's voice, perceive his calling for me and his leading in my life at present. This then enabled me to explore whether this calling might include being an Anna Chaplain.

We have explored the challenges and joys of 'living the second half of life'. We have discussed the spirituality of ageing and the spiritual care for people living with dementia. We have looked closely at Chaplaincy skills when working with older people.

Chaplaincy is a 'ministry of presence', of being alongside a person, attentive to their thoughts and feelings, allowing them to tell their story. Working as an Anna Chaplain offers the chance to see how the spiritual needs of older people are met in our Church, our community, and in what ways might Anna Chaplaincy allow gaps to be spotted so that better spiritual care may be provided.

Anna Chaplaincy offers a tried and tested way of journeying with people in older age, whether they would describe themselves as people of faith or not. It is about nurturing spirituality in its broadest sense. It is non-judgmental, person-centred spiritual care for people of strong, little or of no faith at all.

Now that my training is complete, I wait to become 'licensed' which will be done here in St Oswald's Church. Whilst I wait for that to happen it gives me time, with support from Rev'd Dwayne Eng, to decide where using my skills and personality can be put to best use.

Thank you all for sharing my journey.

Lindsay

### **Blessing of your Work - John O'Donohue**

May the light of your soul guide you.

May the light of your soul bless the work

You do with the secret love and warmth of your heart.

May you see in what you do the beauty of your own soul.

May the sacredness of your work bring healing, light and renewal to those

Who work with you and to those who see and receive your work.

May your work never weary you.

May it release within you wellsprings of refreshment, inspiration and excitement.

May you be present in what you do.

May you never become lost in the bland absences.

May the day never burden you.

May dawn find you awake and alert, approaching your new day with dreams,

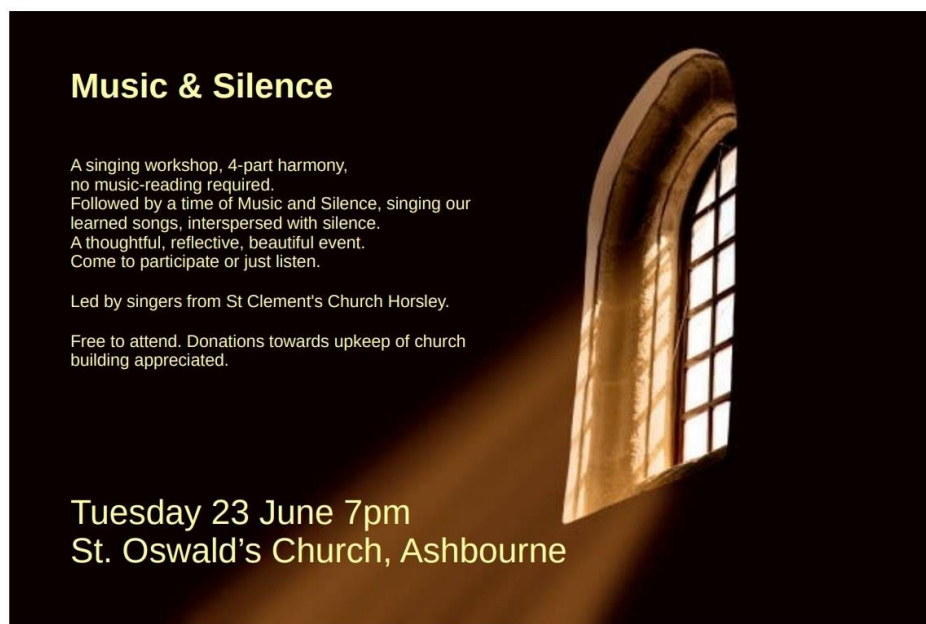
Possibilities and promises.

May evening find you gracious and fulfilled.

May you go into the night blessed, sheltered and protected.

May your soul calm, console and renew you.

## Music and Silence



## Help support the work of St Francis Malawi Trust

The St Francis Malawi Trust is a registered charity (Charity No. 1148399), and 100% of all funds raised go directly to purchasing items on the ground — there are no administration fees.

Supporters of this initiative are excited to be returning to Malawi again in July 2026, and are now fundraising and collecting supplies for this next trip. We're incredibly grateful for any financial donations, and we're also collecting:

- Baby clothes
- Baby hats, blankets, and cardigans

*Please leave any donations in the box located in the Edward Bear area in church.*

Every contribution, big or small, makes a real difference. Thank you so much for helping us support these children and communities.



**Help Support Children  
in Malawi**

**SUPPORTING SCHOOLS, CLINICS, AND FAMILIES  
IN LILONGWE**

We are returning in July 2026 and need your help.  
100% of donations go directly to Malawi  
(Registered Charity No. 1148399)

We are collecting:

- Sports equipment
- Baby clothes & nappies
- Children's clothing
- Footwear
- Medical supplies (no needles)
- Sanitary products
- Seeds
- Blankets & baby items



**DONATE TODAY OR GET IN TOUCH**  
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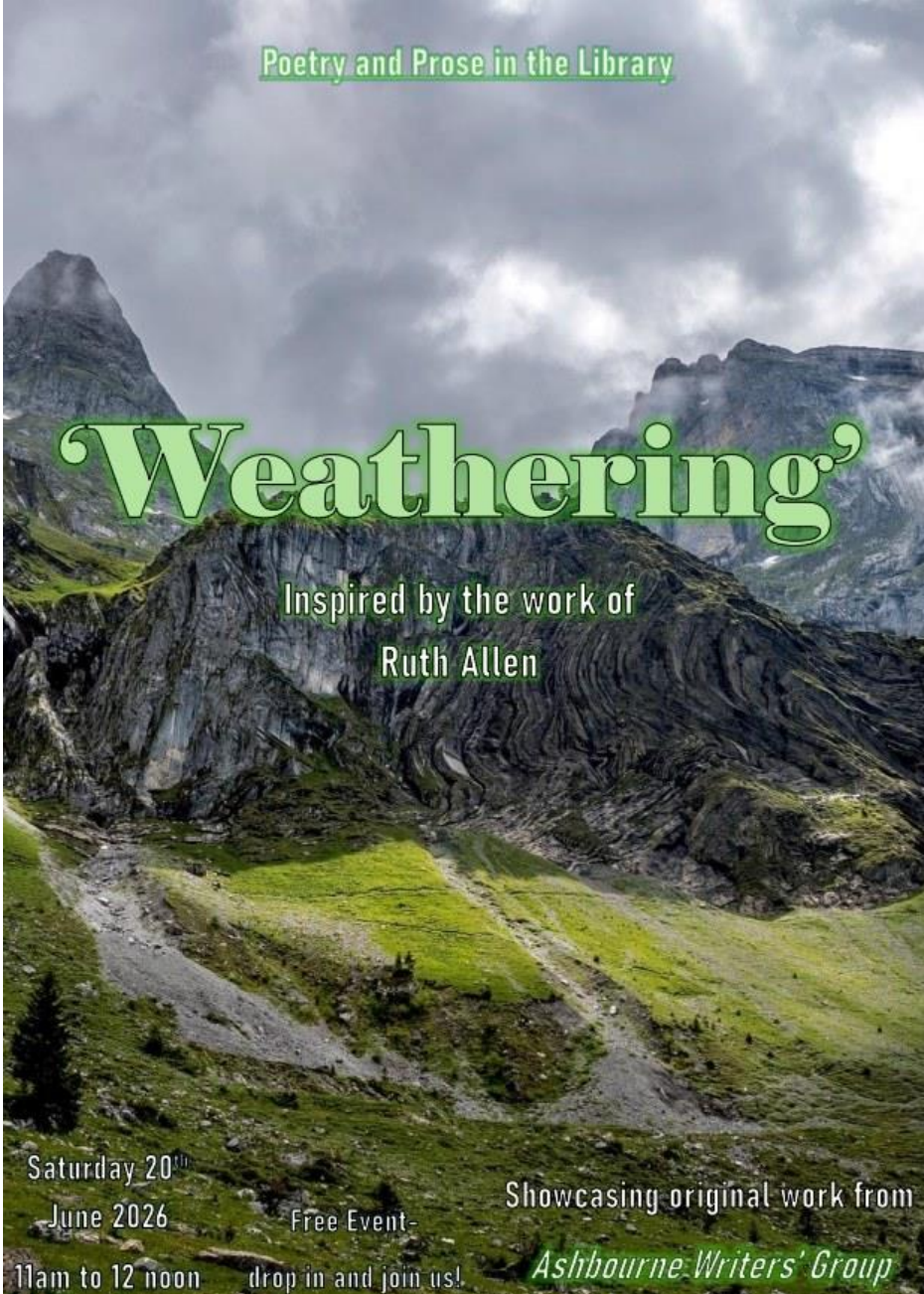
### Could you Volunteer for Messy Church?

Would you like to volunteer to support Messy Church? Taking place once a month on the fourth Sunday from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., you could help with the activities or cooking and service food. No preparation required beforehand. Please speak to Ash Toombs or Dwayne if you would like to find out more.



**St Oswald's  
Church**

Ashbourne Writers Group - 20th June



Poetry and Prose in the Library

# 'Weathering'

Inspired by the work of  
Ruth Allen

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>  
June 2026

Free Event -  
11am to 12 noon drop in and join us!

Showcasing original work from  
*Ashbourne Writers' Group*

## 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

### **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!

### **Hosting Diocesan Choral Festival**

Plan to join us at Evensong on Sunday 14 June for the Diocesan Choral Festival with choirs from across the diocese, including the Derby Cathedral choirs, will be with us!



# Diocesan Choral Festival

Sunday 14 June 3.00pm - 7.30pm  
**St Oswald's Church, Ashbourne**

Join the Cathedral Choir and church choirs from across the Diocese of Derby for a feast of music in the beautiful church of St Oswald's, Ashbourne.

3.00pm Rehearsal  
 6.30pm Service

Booking for singers and choirs is essential at <https://form.jotform.com/261132186309049>

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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

This week's recorded service can be downloaded using the following link:

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

### 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.

## May Services

### ASHBOURNE GROUP OF CHURCHES

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

| Day              |            | Time  | Church                        | Service              |
|------------------|------------|-------|-------------------------------|----------------------|
|                  | <b>MAY</b> |       |                               |                      |
| Sunday           | 3rd        | 9.15  | St John's Buxton Hill         | Holy Communion       |
| Easter 5         |            | 9.15  | St Peter's, Snelston          | Holy Communion       |
|                  |            | 10.30 | St Oswald's, Ashbourne        | Holy Communion       |
|                  |            | 11.00 | St Mary & St Barlock, Norbury | Holy Communion       |
|                  |            | 18.30 | St Oswald's, Ashbourne        | Evensong             |
| Sunday           | 10th       | 9.00  | St Oswald's, Ashbourne        | Breakfast Church     |
| Easter 6         |            | 9.15  | St Mary's, Mappleton          | Holy Communion       |
|                  |            | 10.30 | St Oswald's, Ashbourne        | Holy Communion       |
|                  |            | 18.30 | St Oswald's, Ashbourne        | Evensong             |
| Thursday         | 14th       | 19.00 | St Oswald's, Ashbourne        | Holy Communion       |
| <b>Ascension</b> |            |       |                               |                      |
| Sunday           | 17th       | 9.15  | St John's, Buxton Hill        | Congregation Prayers |
| Easter 7         |            | 10.30 | St Oswald's, Ashbourne        | Holy Communion       |
|                  |            | 18.30 | St Oswald's, Ashbourne        | Choral Evensong      |
| Sunday           | 24th       | 10.30 | St Oswald's, Ashbourne        | Holy Communion       |
| <b>Pentecost</b> |            | 16:00 | St Oswald's, Ashbourne        | Messy Church         |
|                  |            | 18.30 | St Oswald's, Ashbourne        | Evensong             |
| Sunday           | 31st       | 10.30 | St Oswald's, Ashbourne        | Holy Communion       |
| <b>Trinity</b>   |            | 16.00 | Holy Trinity, Clifton         | Family Patronal      |

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## June Services

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| 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         |

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## Readings - 31st May: Trinity Sunday

### Isaiah 40.12-17, 27-end

*At a time of uncertainty and fear in Jewish history, the prophet describes the great power of God, and promises that God will give strength to those who trust in him.*

Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand

and marked off the heavens with a span,

enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure,

and weighed the mountains in scales

and the hills in a balance?

Who has directed the spirit of the Lord,  
or as his counsellor has instructed him?

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

## Music for May at St Oswald's

| MUSIC    | FOR  | May   | 2026     | Year A   |
|----------|------|---|----------|--|
| SUNDAY   | 3rd  | 5th Sunday of Easter  | White    |  |
| 10.30    |      | 449 God of mercy, God of grace<br>369 All people that on earth do dwell<br>538 O Jesus I have promised<br><b>Like a candle flame/Kendrick</b><br>474 Immortal invisible God only wise<br>590 The kingdom is upon you                    | (20th C) | 6.30<br>O come ye servants of the Lord/Tye<br>455 Guide me O thou great Redeemer<br>Psalm 147 Mag and ND G<br>343 O perfect love<br><b>Day by Day/How</b><br>11 As now the sun's declining rays  |
| SUNDAY   | 10th | 6th Sunday of Easter  | White    | Rogation Sunday  |
| 10.30    |      | 253 For the beauty of the earth<br>271 God whose farm is all creation<br>262 O Lord my God<br><b>The Heavens declare the Creator's glory/Beethoven</b><br><b>Seek ye first the kingdom of God</b><br>437 Go forth and tell! (Woodlands) |          | 6.30<br><b>Grant we beseech Thee/Shaw</b><br>401 Come let us join our cheerful songs<br>Psalm 36 vs 5-12 Mag and ND H<br>268 Timeless love! We sing the story<br><b>The mountains shall bring peace/J Forbes L'Estrange</b><br>22 The day thou gavest              |
| THURSDAY | 14th | Ascension Day   |          |  |
| 7.00     |      | 167 Hail the day<br>490 Jesus shall reign<br>163 All hail the power<br><b>Rejoice the Lord is King/Archer</b><br>166 Crown him with many crowns   |          |  |
| SUNDAY   | 17th |   | White    |  |
| 10.30    |      | 167 Hail the day<br>172 The head that once was crowned with thorns<br>163 All hail the power<br><b>God is gone up/Croft</b><br>612 We have a gospel to proclaim<br>166 Crown him with many crowns                                       |          | 6.30<br><b>Choral Evensong</b><br>Canticles; Murrill in E<br><b>Rejoice the Lord is King/Archer</b><br>398 Christ triumphant<br>Psalm 47<br>612 We have a gospel to proclaim<br><b>O thou the central orb/Wood</b><br>163 All hail the power<br>Responses; Sanders |
| SUNDAY   | 24th | PENTECOST/WHITSUN   | Red      |  |
| 10.30    |      | 192 On the day of Pentecost<br>383 Be still for the presence of the Lord...<br>176 Come gracious Spirit<br><b>Come down O Love Divine/Harris</b><br>174 Breathe on me breath of God...tune Trentham<br>175 Come down O Love divine      |          | 6.30<br><b>Come Holy Ghost/T.Attwood</b><br>182 Gracious Spirit Holy Ghost<br>Psalm 67 Mag and ND I<br>176 Come gracious Spirit<br><b>Come down O Love Divine/Harris</b><br>184 Holy Spirit truth divine   |
| SUNDAY   | 31st | TRINITY   | White    |  |
| 10.30    |      | <b>Little Organ Mass/Haydn</b><br>200 Affirm anew the threefold name<br>202 Holy Holy Holy<br>418 Father Lord of all creation<br><b>Sanctus/F.Schubert</b><br>426 Firmly I believe<br>267 Thou whose almighty word                      |          | 4.00 Clifton Patronal Festival Songs of Praise<br><br>No evening service at St Oswald's  |

## Dates for your Diary

- 30th/31st May - Artbourne Art Trail
- Tuesday 2nd June @ 13:00 - Ossie's Potters
- Wednesday 3rd June @ 10:00 - Carers Count

- Wednesday 3rd June @ 14:00 - Roger Harrison, Organ (Summer Recital)
- Tuesday 9th June @ 16:00 - Ossie's Kitchen
- Wednesday 10th June @ 14:00 - Henry Morton, Piano and Violin (Summer Recital)
- Saturday 20th June @ 10:00 - Teddy Bear Parachuting
- Sunday 21st June @ 17:00 - New Curate Welcome Tea (*please note amended time*)

### Get Involved

- Saturday 1st August - Young Adults Pilgrimage to Taizé

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

### Rachel Knight, our new curate

All are invited to come and welcome the new curate, Rachel Knight, Sunday 21st June at 17.00 (*please note amended time*) a Welcome Tea at St Oswald's. (We will also need help with cakes, please)! She will be ordained at Derby Cathedral that morning at their 10.45am service. Please keep her in your prayers.





There are many men and women in our community who are caring for a loved one and it is very seldom realised just how little recognition they get for fulfilling such an important but lonely role.

If you, or someone you know, is caring for a loved one, for whatever reason, and would like the chance just to have somewhere you can have an hour or so respite with coffee and chat with people who understand the challenges you face daily, then come along to 'Carers Count'.

'Carers Count' meet on the first Wednesday of every month between 10am and 12 noon at St Oswald's Church Hall in School Lane, Ashbourne where you are assured of a warm welcome, a friendly face and a listening ear.

We work with Derbyshire Carers Association who give advice regarding practical support to which one might be entitled. They also support our meetings with the occasional special event.

For more information and to let us know that you would like to come along, then call Maggie or Nigel on 01335 664159

The advertisement features a top-down photograph of a white bowl filled with cereal and milk, a white mug of coffee, and a slice of toast on a light-colored wooden table. The text is overlaid on the bottom right of the image.

The logo for the Ashbourne Group of Churches, featuring a stylized cross with a tower at its base.

**JOIN US FOR**  
**BREAKFAST**  
**CHURCH**  
**AT ST OSWALD'S, ASHBOURNE**

EVERY SECOND SUNDAY FROM 09:00 - 09:45

Bacon butties, cereal, toast and  
a short all age service

A warm welcome is awaiting you.

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## V&A at Wedgwood

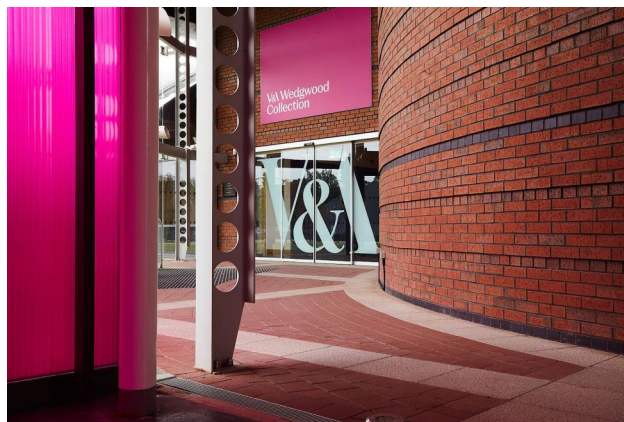
Thursday 25th June.

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](mailto:gillianelliott@live.co.uk) for a place.



**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June  
Coach Outing to  
V&A at Wedgewood**



**Continuing to  
Trentham Gardens**



**The coach will leave Ashbourne at 9.30am  
and return at approximately 4.00pm**

**Cost - £25 to include the coach and  
admission to Trentham gardens**

**Please email [gillianelliott@live.co.uk](mailto:gillianelliott@live.co.uk) for a  
place.**

**Car Boot and Table Top Sale**

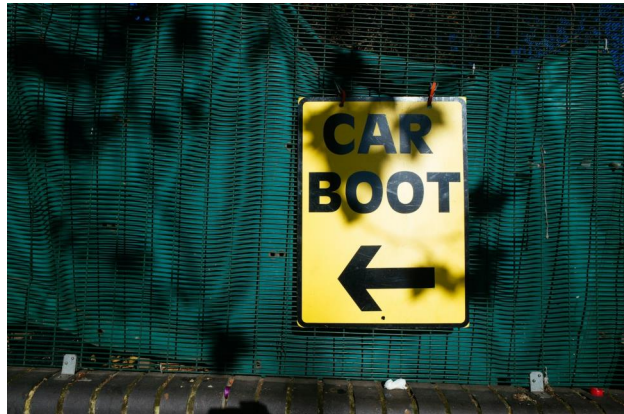
Saturday 4th July.

St Oswald's church hall and car park.

Car boot and table top sale.

More information to follow.

Please check the newsletter for further details.



## 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 8th June 2026

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

- Saturday 30th May 2026

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Email : [paulgillelliott@outlook.com](mailto: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.

The contact details are:

Celia Dickinson, Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO)

Mobile: 07754 883935

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

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*If you have any comments about this newsletter or wish to submit any material to be included, please email: [parishoffice@ashbournechurch.org.uk](mailto:parishoffice@ashbournechurch.org.uk).*

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

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