

# Ashbourne Church News 20/12/2025

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ASHBOURNE GROUP OF CHURCHES



Welcome to this week's newsletter



Included in this newsletter is all the news, music and readings for this week together with articles from some of our regular church groups.

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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**St Oswald's Church is OPEN daily from 10am to 5pm**

- Bell Ringing Practice: Wednesday evenings from 19.30 to 21.00
- Choir Practice: Friday evenings from 19.00 to 20.00

The Parish Office is open:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 10:00 to 12:00

Telephone: 01335 343052

If you need a priest urgently, please call 01335 664159.

#### [Pastoral Contact](#)

If you would like to contact a member of the clergy team to discuss any pastoral matter please telephone 01335 664159

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

#### [Keep up to date with the Latest News](#)

We now have a [News](#) section on the website. Items from the newsletter will be available here as well as updates about church events and activities.

### [Ministry Thought for the Week](#)

It has been three months this week of journeying and serving with you all in our Ashbourne Group of Parishes. It has been a steep learning curve and a whirlwind! Thank you all for your warm welcome. Both Catrin (my brilliant wife) and I love living here in Ashbourne and are gradually becoming part of the community.

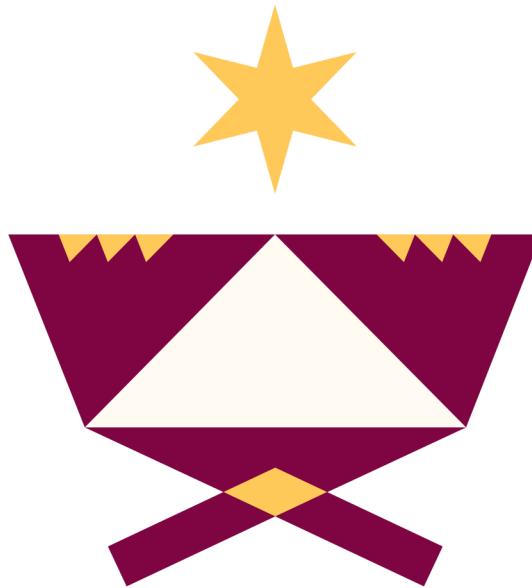
Thank you to all who attend our services and are part of the worshipping communities. Thank you also to our wonderful retired clergy and everyone who serves in a ministry — whether that involves welcoming, music, serving tea, or Ossie's Kitchen (among many other ministries — these are busy churches!) A special thank you to our church wardens, all who serve on PCCs, and those who lead various ministries. A huge thank you to them for prioritising the safeguarding of our most vulnerable.

As this will be the last message before Christmas, I am delighted to wish you a peaceful, joy-filled Christmas and a blessed 2026! I'm excited about all the brilliant things already happening in our churches (and the fact that while we care deeply about the buildings, we all know we are not museums, but a living faith serving our villages and town). I'm also excited about some of the new things happening in the upcoming year, including a Visioning Awayday scheduled for Saturday, 7 March, from 10am to 3pm. It's open to everyone to help decide how our six churches work together and where we are heading — more details will be available in the new year. Please allow me a prayer to finish:

*We commit ourselves to serving all our churches. Give us the faith to see the possibilities before us and the courage to explore the avenues of service waiting to be explored. Take what we are and direct what we would be as we move into the new year, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Happy Christmas to you and your loved ones!

Dwayne



## Services

### [Weekly Online Service](#)

Each week a recorded service is prepared which can be streamed from the Ashbourne Group website.

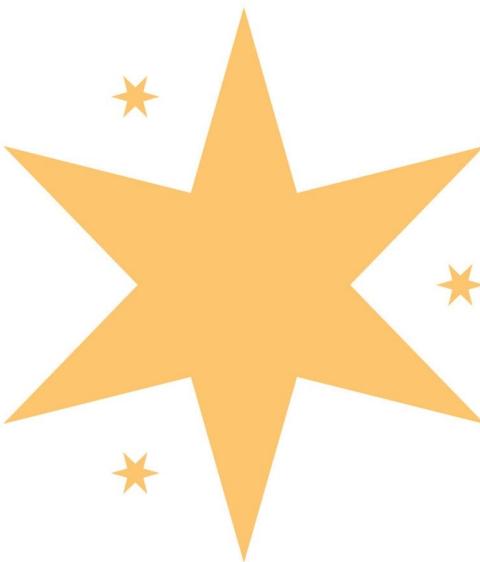
The service is normally recorded in one of the churches in the Ashbourne Group on the Thursday prior to the Sunday.

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

[Holy Communion from St Oswald's](#)

**The next recording will be a Morning Prayer service and will be recorded on Wednesday 31st December at St Oswald's, Ashbourne starting at 10:30am prompt.**

Everyone is welcome to join the recording.



Ashbourne Group of Services

**Saturday 20th December**

18:00 St Mary's, Mapleton - Carol Service

**Sunday 21st December**

09:15 St John's Buxton Hill - Carol Service

09:15 St Peter's, Snelston - Holy Communion

10:30 St Oswald's, Ashbourne - Holy Communion

11:00 St Mary & St Barlok, Norbury - Lessons & Carols

16:00 Holy Trinity, Clifton - Carol Service

18:30 St Oswald's, Ashbourne - Nine Lessons & Carols

**Wednesday 24th December (Christmas Eve)**

16:30 St Oswald's, Ashbourne - Crib Service

23:30 St Oswald's, Ashbourne - Midnight Mass

**Thursday 25th December (Christmas Day)**

08:00 St Oswald's, Ashbourne - Holy Communion (BCP)

09:15 St Mary's, Mapleton - Family Holy Communion

10:30 St Oswald's, Ashbourne - Family Holy Communion

**Sunday 28th December**

10:30 St Oswald's, Ashbourne - Holy Communion

**ASHBOURNE GROUP OF CHURCHES**

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

Day	JAN 2026	Time	Church	Service
Sunday <b>Epiphany</b>	4th	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	Epiphany Carols
Sunday	11th	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 <b>Week of Christian Unity</b>	18th	10.30	St Oswald's, Ashbourne	Holy Communion
		18.30	St Oswald's, Ashbourne	Evensong
Sunday	25th	10.30	St Oswald's, Ashbourne	Holy Communion
		10.45	Holy Trinity, Clifton	Holy Communion
		18.30	St Oswald's, Ashbourne	United Service

**ON LINE SERVICES**

Daily Morning & Evening Prayer and Sunday Service available on our website

**PARISH OFFICE : phone 01335 343052**

**CLERGY PASTORAL CONTACT : phone 01335 664159**

**Music at St Oswald's**

Given that this will be my 28th (and last) Christmas in charge of the music at St Oswald's, I do hope that as many as are able will come on Christmas Day to sing the Hallelujah Chorus/Handel and more at the 10.30 service. Anyone that can sing is included in this. Let's make it memorable. Enjoy the moment and make your Christmas a very special celebration.

Michael Halls

## Music at St Oswald's for December

### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Fourth Sunday of Advent

**10.30 Parish Communion**  
362 Tell out my soul ...  
244 Virgin born we bow before thee...  
231 Ye who own the faith of Jesus...  
**The Angel Gabriel/traditional**  
**24 Come thou long expected Jesus ...**  
31 Lo he comes...

**6.30 The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols**  
**Torches/Joubert**  
**Susanni**  
**The Sycamore Tree/Warlock**  
**Christmas Lullaby/Rutter**  
**We wait for thy loving kindness/McKie**  
**Tomorrow shall be my dancing day/Gardner**  
**Shepherds' Cradle Song/MacPherson**  
**Sing the birth/Praetorius**

### Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve

**11.30 Midnight Mass (Carol sheets)**  
3 O little town of Bethlehem ...  
18 Ding dong merrily...  
22 In the bleak midwinter...  
13 O come all ye faithful...

### Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day

**8.00 BCP Communion**  
4 Once in royal David's city ...  
13 O come all ye faithful ...  
  
**10.30 Christmas Day Family Communion**  
13 O come all ye faithful...  
16 Joy to the world...  
3 O little town of Bethlehem...  
**In the bleak mid winter/Darke**  
**Hallelujah Chorus/Handel**  
12 Hark the herald angels sing...

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> First Sunday of Christmas

**10.30 Parish Communion (no choir)**  
44 Angels from the realms of glory... (vs 1,2+3)  
75 Where is this stupendous stranger?...  
69 Silent night... (version 1)  
66 Once in royal David's city...

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January Epiphany

**6.30 Epiphany Carol Service**

## Choral Scholarships

Music is an important part of the life of St Oswald's church in Ashbourne, especially through the musical ministry of the choir. We are proposing a **new set of choral scholarships**.

Ideally, **4 students** ('scholars') will have mentored places in the choir, alongside more experienced singers. This will optimally be one per voice part (soprano/alto/ tenor/bass); the expectation is that you will be Y10 and upwards (i.e. age 15-18).

**Scholars will be expected to regularly attend choir practice**, and at least one of the two services on Sunday. You will **gain experience** of a vast range of repertoire, improved choral singing skills, teamwork with adults, regular gold standard music in services and excellent sight-reading skills. This gives you experience to enable you potentially to apply for a choral scholarship at university, and to add to UCAS forms when applying for university/college. In return, we will offer scholars 30 minutes of **tuition**, at the end of choir practice. This will cover sight reading, aural skills, and general music perception. A basis for this will be the RSCM *Voice for Life Singing Awards* – St Oswald's has had a good track record of young singers gaining Bronze, Silver and Gold awards (NB the Awards are about to be submitted for OFQUAL accreditation giving them value on a UCAS form).

You will receive an honorarium of **£100** for the year plus **£1 for each practice and service** attended. St Oswald's church choir has an excellent reputation for good music sung in our church as well as for weddings elsewhere, services in cathedrals (including York Minster, Salisbury and Hereford) and concerts too. Please find out more by contacting Michael Halls (Director of Music) on 07976708449 or [mvaehalls@gmail.com](mailto:mvaehalls@gmail.com) Application forms will be sent to you after the initial contact. I shall look forward to hearing from you soon.

## Angels and Angelic Voices





## Readings

### December Readings

#### Readings at Ashbourne Group of Churches

##### Holy Communion Services

Date	1 <sup>st</sup> Lesson	Gospel
30 <sup>th</sup> November @10:30	Isaiah 2:1-5	Matthew 24:36-44
7 <sup>th</sup> December @10:30	Isaiah 11:1-10	Matthew 3:1-12
14 <sup>th</sup> December @10:30	Isaiah 35:1-10	Matthew 11:2-11
21 <sup>st</sup> December @10:30	Isaiah 7:10-16	Matthew 1:18-25
24 <sup>th</sup> December @23:30	Isaiah 52:7-10	John 1:1-14
25 <sup>th</sup> December @08:00	Isaiah 52:7-10	John 1:1-14
25 <sup>th</sup> December @10:30	Isaiah 9:2-7	Luke 2:1-14

##### Evensong Services

Date	1 <sup>st</sup> Lesson	Gospel
7 <sup>th</sup> December	1 Kings 18.17-39	John 1.19-28
14 <sup>th</sup> December	Isaiah 5.8-30	Acts 13.13-41

21st December: Advent 4

#### Isaiah 7. 10-16

*Early in the reign of King Ahaz of Judah, Isaiah promises that a young woman, possibly the king's wife, will have a son. His name would be 'Immanuel', 'God is with us.'*

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, "Ask the LORD your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask; I will not put the LORD to the test." Then Isaiah said, "Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of humans? Will you try the patience of my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. He will be eating curds and honey when he knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right, for before the boy knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right, the land of the two kings you dread will be laid waste.

#### Matthew 1.18-25

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and

you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

### **Collect**

Eternal God,  
as we wait with Mary for the coming of your Son,  
bring us through the birth-pangs of our present age  
to see, with her, our great salvation  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Post Communion**

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to be the mother of the promised saviour:  
fill us your servants with your grace,  
that in all things we may embrace your holy will  
and with her rejoice in your salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **December 25th Christmas Day**

#### **Isaiah 9 :2-7**

*After the darkness of defeat in battle, a new ruler would be born who would rule the nation as if he were God himself.*

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be

endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

#### **Luke 2:1-14**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered.

This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!"

#### **Something to think about**

The account of the birth of Jesus in Luke's gospel is full of easily missed clues as to who Jesus was. Bethlehem - little more than a village - was, about 1 thousand years earlier, the birthplace of the great King David. When Joseph and Mary arrived, they would have stayed with Joseph's family in a little house with the stable attached, so that the warmth from the animals was then shared by all. This was where Jesus was born.

Out in the fields, shepherds who were looked down on by the villagers, were visited by an angel - a messenger from God, with news of the birth. Then, the whole glory of the Lord surrounded them.

#### **Collect**

Lord Jesus Christ,

your birth at Bethlehem

draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven here on earth:

accept our heartfelt praise,

as we worship you,  
our Saviour and our eternal God.

**Post Communion**

God our Father,  
whose Word has come among us  
in the Holy Child of Bethlehem:  
may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds;  
through him who is Christ the Lord.

**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 and Reina Hammond.

The recently bereaved, especially the relatives and friends of Enid Laban, Alan Woods, Maureen Austin and Peter Fearn.

Areas of conflict: the Ukraine, the Middle East and too many others.

Our local churches.

Our Ministry Team: Dwayne, Maggie, Nigel & Lynda



## Activities at St Oswald's



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



## Ossie's Potters



A group of people who enjoy being in the fresh air with other people, have been **pottering** around the Church and Church Hall.

They meet on alternate Tuesdays to tidy flower beds, plant up new areas and make the surroundings of the Church look more colourful, loved and cared for.

They always finish with a cup of tea.

**Would you like to be a Potter too?  
Why not come and see where  
they're pottering?  
You would be very welcome.  
They will be meeting on  
13th January 2026  
From 1pm until 3.00pm**



## Notices

### Dates for your Diary

- Thursday 25th December @12:30 - St Oswald's Church Hall - Christmas Party
- Monday 5th January @ 10:00 - Ashbourne Library - St Oswald's Bookclub
- Tuesday 6th January @ 16:00 - St Oswald's Church Hall - Ossie's Kitchen
- Tuesday 13th January @ 13:00 - St Oswald's Church Hall - Ossie's Potters
- Tuesday 20th January @ 16:00 - St Oswald's Church Hall - Ossie's Kitchen

### St Oswald's Bookclub

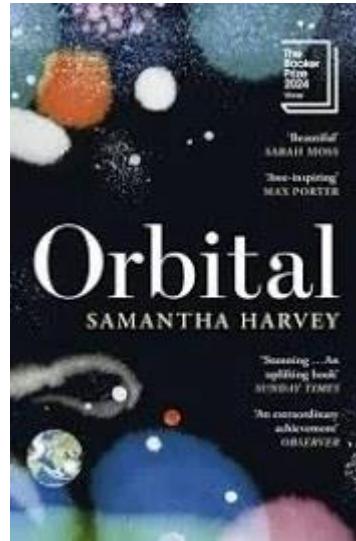
We held our monthly meeting on Monday 1/12 @ 10:00 a.m. It's a great way to start the week and nine of us met to catch up with one another and to talk over last month's read 'At the Captain's Table' by Gervase Phinn. A very light read, mixed reactions all round from the group - as the book comically reflects life aboard a cruise ship.

We are made very welcome at the library, we chat with a warm drink as we look out of the window at the town.

In December we are reading Orbital by Samantha Harvey and/or Isolation Island by Louise Minchin. Two very different reads. For January we have 'Murder before Evensong' a Canon Clement mystery by Richard Coles. Should be fun!

Our next meeting will be on Monday January 5th 10.00am – 11.00am in the library.

For more information contact Lindsay Walker.



Christmas 2025



Carol Singing in the Community





This week has seen us Carol Singing in more of our Care Homes: Dove House, Ashbourne Lodge and The Leys. Members from St Oswald's Church told the Christmas story to the residents and staff through Carols and Readings, being made so welcome with excellent mince pies, cake and tea.

Merry Christmas everyone and a Happy New Year to you all.

Christmas Party at St Oswald's on Christmas Day



Come for lunch on Christmas Day! Celebrate joy, laughter and holiday cheer with friends and family in a festive Christmas party filled with love and magic. If you haven't made other plans, do join us in St Oswald's Hall on 25th December. Doors open at 12:00 noon. Lunch is served at 12:30 p.m. [Click here](#) to book tickets or phone 01335 664159.

#### [The Blessing of the \(Knitted\) Angels](#)

All 900 angels were blessed this Friday in St Oswald's Church. Knitted by local people and groups, they're all unique and a lot of love has gone into the making of them since October. They will be released into Ashbourne at an unspecified date and time. Please look out for them.



### Christ is alive and remains completely relevant today

Some weeks ago I wrote a piece for the newsletter titled: an entangled church. It was my response, if you like, as a prayer to share my new understanding with you. I was trying to recognise something important for us to embrace in our journey towards a future plan we might conceive of and grow together under the leadership of our now, newish priest, Dwayne, who when he joined us, asked us to pray for a future we could imagine, knowing that there are difficult times ahead.

In this note I showed how crucially our churches provide a nationwide network of relationships, grounded in our living lives, relationships that include many people who are outside out Christian faith but who nevertheless value our churches and want them to stay as part of our legacy.

Let me develop a second idea that takes us into the very centre of our faith. I have been fortunate to have worked in the private, public and 'third' sectors; the latter presented as the one that is more sharing in its nature. I became an academic, and for over fifteen years I worked closely with the Congolese to support them through the asylum experience. In capturing this project, I was confronted by the tribal nature of academia, and experienced first-hand the need to locate myself within one of its fields of study; a painful process. Adding to this my twenty years working in manufacturing, where I had witnessed the creation of 'chimneys of excellence' namely, columns of protected expertise, where new knowledge was accessible if you knew the right people. It was obvious from my broad experience that we are a defensive lot, and significantly territorially protective of our gains.

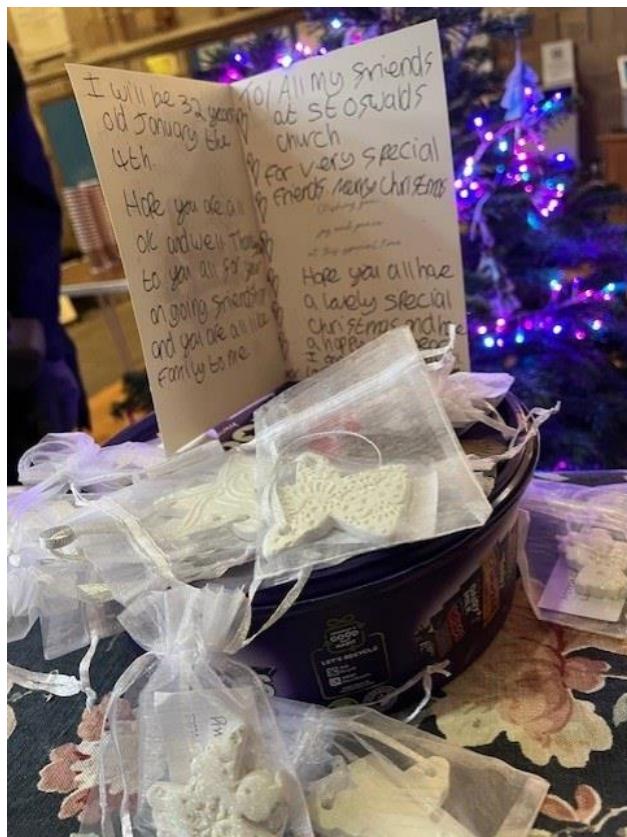
Rutger Bergman identifies in his writing and in presenting the Reith lectures that the idea of protecting knowledge and property can be traced back to formation of civilisation, perhaps first through the growth of agrarian society, and it was Rutger Bergman who identified for me that the roots of owning land, property or knowledge almost invariably led to having to protect it, the extreme of this is war. During this part of our 'evolution' our neighbours became our enemies. Rutger describes this as a catastrophic failing in the growth of homo sapiens because it introduces a world where neighbours are seen as a threat to each other. It seems that until this time, our growth prospered through people pooling their knowledge by working collaboratively together. Bertrand Russel, a towering thinker and philosopher of the last century, summed up his three passions for living: namely of yearning for love, his search for knowledge and his unbearable pity for the suffering of mankind.

As a lay member of the church, I of course see the Christian faith through the ministry of Jesus Christ expressing precisely these passions consistently and unreservedly: Jesus tells us we must serve humbly, show love, kindness and forgiveness (Philippians 2:5-11, John 13:15 and 1 John 2:6). Jesus always meets and greets that stranger, especially if they are located on the edge of society. There is ample evidence he loved his neighbour. In summary, my thought is that we must not be afraid that Jesus speaks with the same power today as he always has. We might not as Christians, have the best branding today, but Jesus is at least as relevant today as he was when he visited us on earth. And in this belief is our salvation.

Peter Walker



**Happy Christmas to all my friends from Amy xxxx**



Christmas Tree Festival 2025

Have you visited St Oswald's Christmas Tree Festival? There are 25 Christmas Trees in church until 3rd January. Decorated by schools and local organisations, they are all stunning. Many decorations are handmade either by groups or pupils.

Please visit us over the Christmas period to see this wonderful display.









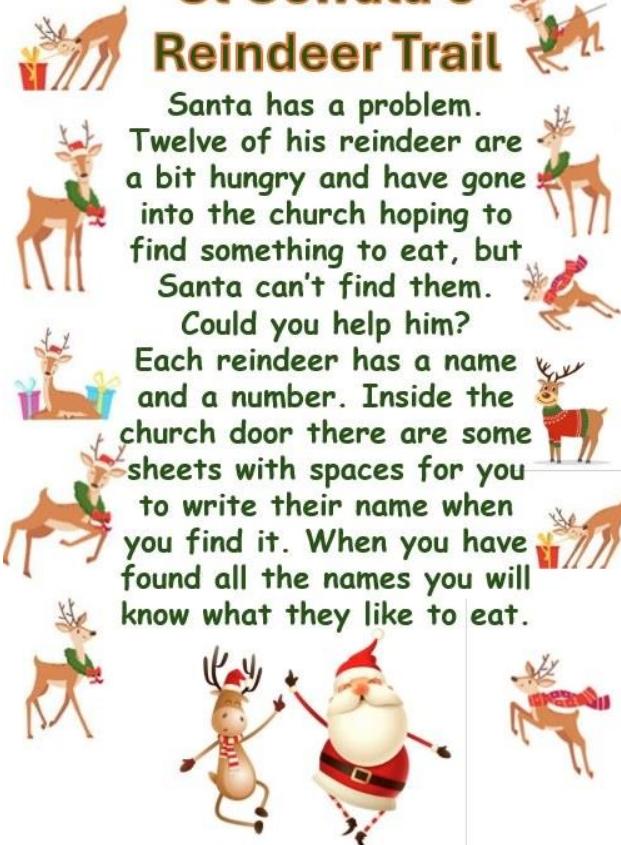
### [Reindeer Trail](#)

The Ossie's Potters have been very creative once again. Last year, if you remember, we were visited by Santa's little helpers - the Elves. Now this year and, following two very busy workshops, filled with lots of fun and laughter, a number of reindeers have been created. If you want to find all the reindeer, you will have to look really hard and explore all the areas of the Church. Each reindeer has got a name. Has your name been chosen to be a reindeer? Gather all the capital letters of their names and it will spell a special message. Our young visitors to St Oswald's will be especially good at this challenge; however, this puzzle is open to everyone. Happy reindeer hunting!

Reindeer Trail forms can be found at the West Door of the church. Please help yourself and join in the fun.



## St Oswald's Reindeer Trail



Santa has a problem.  
Twelve of his reindeer are  
a bit hungry and have gone  
into the church hoping to  
find something to eat, but  
Santa can't find them.

Could you help him?  
Each reindeer has a name  
and a number. Inside the  
church door there are some  
sheets with spaces for you  
to write their name when  
you find it. When you have  
found all the names you will  
know what they like to eat.



## Appeals

### Used Stamps

Thank you to those who regularly put used stamps in the labelled box in the South Transept of St.Oswald's. This year USPG has been supporting the Anglican Diocese of the Amazon as they work with local "Together for Creation" communities. They put on workshops to help local leaders speak out for the protection of the world's forests. They teach women how to earn a living through sustainable crafts and provide safe childcare for mothers while they work.

A reminder! USPG offer the following guidelines:

- (a) please leave about 1cm of paper round each stamp for ease of handling
- (b) damaged stamps and stamps pre-2008 are seldom of any value.

If you wish to send a donation directly, the address is: USPG 5 Trinity Street, London SE1 1DB.

A joyful Christmas time to you all.

Thank you. Deirdre Wilmore.

### [Love in a Bag](#)

Thank you to everyone who donated toiletries and bags to the Love in a Bag Christmas appeal.

They took the donated bags and toiletries along to Derbyshire Wish.

At Derbyshire Wish we never fail to be moved by our amazing community and the generosity of it..

Thank you Love in a Bag Derbyshire for your much appreciated toiletries, that will ensure women in our refuges have all they need. 

### [Walking with St Oswalds](#)

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

The Ramblers group meet on the 2nd Monday of the month, start walking at 10.00am and covering approximately 5 miles.

The Walking group meet on the last Saturday of the month, start walking at 9.30am and covering approximately 10 miles.

#### **Ramblers Group Dates (All rambles start at 10am)**

- Monday 12th January 2026 - Narlows Lane Car Park (GR SK 164 505)
- Monday 9th February 2026
- Monday 9th March 2026

#### **Walking Group Dates (All walks start at 9:30am)**

- Saturday 10th January 2026 - Chelmorton Church (GR SK 115 703)
- Saturday 31st January 2026
- Saturday 28th February 2026

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email : [paulgillelliott@outlook.com](mailto:paulgillelliott@outlook.com)

## St Aelred's Pilgrim Trail

The walking group have decided on their challenge for 2026. We are going to walk the St Aelred's Pilgrim Trail from 1st to 8th May 2026. This is a 41 mile pilgrimage linking the 9 churches of Upper Ryedale and Helmsley with Rievaulx Abbey.

Aelred of Hexham was a Cistercian monk and from 1147 – 1167 he was Abbot of Rievaulx. He wrote on Christian friendship and was gifted with wisdom to lead.



## Giving and Donations



### St. Oswald's Church Ashbourne



to fund the purchase of  
a defibrillator for the  
use of the community

### M&S Mission Giving

Giving so far in 2025 has helped



to donate £600 to the community project to  
create, with embroidery and appliquéd, artwork  
featuring Ashbourne's eminent landmarks.



to donate £1000 to  
QEGS for their  
student hardship fund

**Thank you for your continued generosity**

## 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 at:*

<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/>

*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 using the following link:*

<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/fe31ad06-1a7e-48cf-a239-871c41a4f052>



### 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.