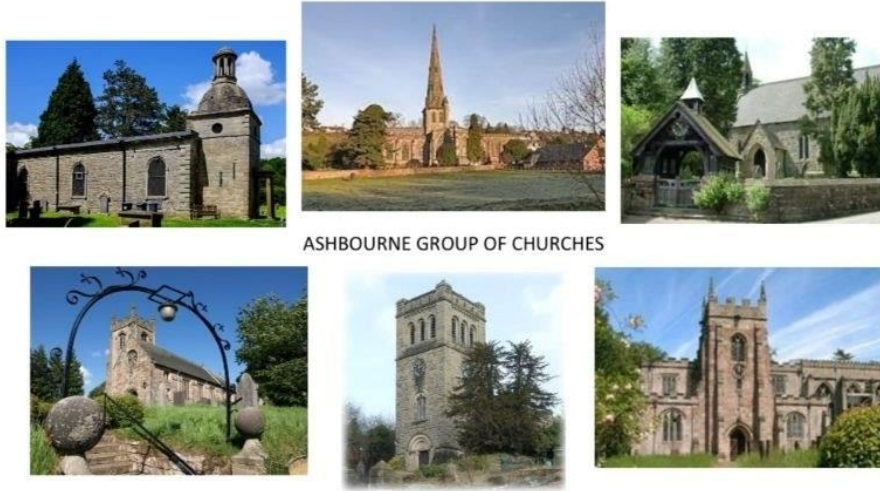


# Ashbourne Church News 23/01/2026

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## 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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## 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

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.

## Find Us on Instagram and Facebook

To keep up with the latest church news, please follow us on our [Facebook Page](#).

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

## Ministry Thought for the Week

Recently I have found myself having conversations with a number of people who are experiencing difficulties in buying a house. Moving house can be very stressful even when it goes smoothly, but when something goes wrong especially at the last stages of the process, it can become very difficult to manage.

For most people their home is precious and represents their character, values and taste. It is a place of safety and comfort. Many people enjoy inviting others to their home and the atmosphere of welcome can be palpable. The faith of the inhabitants may also be seen within the house itself. Many Christian families have a crucifix or religious picture in their home.

Jewish homes have a mezuzah scroll on the doorpost of the front door and on the doorposts of all the rooms inside the house apart from the bathroom. Each small parchment mezuzah scroll is inscribed by hand with two sacred Hebrew verses Deuteronomy 6:4-9 and 11:13-21. The scroll is placed in a container, which is often very beautifully made and decorated, and it is fastened to the righthand doorpost. Everyone who passes through the door touches it with their right hand and then kisses their hand.

All Christian Denominations have a place to meet which usually reflects their particular approach to worship and Christian life. We often refer to the places as our spiritual homes; we rejoice in their appearance and atmosphere. We welcome people to come in and to join us in our activities. Like the places where we live, we sometimes have situations with our meeting places which give us anxiety and concern.

In the New Testament we find many references to homes. Once Jesus had begun his ministry, he was dependent on the hospitality of people with whom he stayed. We do not hear many details, but he clearly found and enjoyed the welcome and comfort in the home of Mary and Martha in particular.

We are approaching the weeks of Lent and Easter and it is a season full of references to suffering, anxiety and loss, from Jesus' time in the desert through his entry into Jerusalem, his

arrest, trials and crucifixion until the glory of Easter Sunday. As the days go on, Jesus is seen increasingly as isolated and lonely. He has no place he can call home where his family can gather to give him support. His friends can no longer offer him hospitality.

Hospitality is at the core of the Christian faith. Every time we meet for Holy Communion we are receiving that hospitality. Everyone we invite into our home is receiving hospitality from us as Christians.

For those who are struggling with problems to do with their home in any way, let us remember them in our thoughts and prayers. May their difficulties be overcome and may they be blessed with a home full of comfort, peace and hospitality.

Blessings to you all.

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Read [Ministry Thought for the Week](#) on the website.

## 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.

### Recorded Services

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

[Holy Communion for Epiphany 3 from St Oswald's](#)

**The next recording will be a Holy Communion service and will be recorded on Thursday 29th January at St Oswald's, Ashbourne starting at 10:30am prompt.**

Everyone is welcome to join the recording.

### Ashbourne Group of Churches - 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.

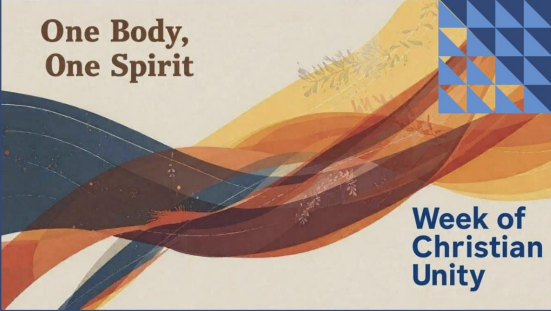
**Sunday 25th January**

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

10:45 - Holy Communion, Holy Trinity, Clifton

18:30 - United Service, St Oswald's, Ashbourne

Join us for a Service in the Style of Taizé to celebrate




**One Body,  
One Spirit**

**Week of  
Christian  
Unity**

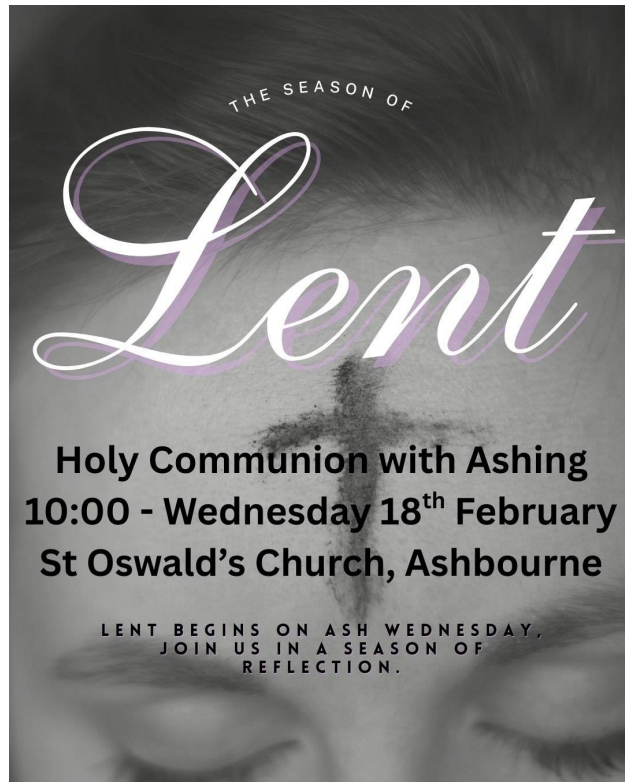
**Week of  
Christian Unity**

**January 25, 2026 at 6.30 PM**  
St Oswald's Church, Ashbourne

**Come and participate**



*Joint Service Open for all Denominations*



### **Sunday 1st February - Candlemas**

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

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

11:00 - Holy Communion, St Mary and St Barlok, Norbury

18:30 - Evensong, St Oswald's, Ashbourne

### **Sunday 8th February - Second Sunday before Lent**

09:00 - Breakfast Church, St Oswald's, Ashbourne

09:15 - Holy Communion, St Mary's, Mappleton

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

14:30 - Retreat in Daily Life

18:30 - Choral Evensong, St Oswald's, Ashbourne

Sunday 15th February - Sunday Next before Lent

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

18:30 - Evensong, St Oswald's, Ashbourne

## Wednesday 18th February - Ash Wednesday

10:00 - Holy Communion with Ashing, St Oswald's, Ashbourne

## Sunday 22nd February - First Sunday of Lent

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

10:45 - Holy Communion, Holy Trinity, Clifton

18:30 - Evensong, St Oswald's, Ashbourne

## Music at St Oswald's

### Music at St Oswald's for January

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

##### 10.30 Parish Communion

84 Brightest and best...  
85 Earth has many a noble city...  
83 As with gladness men of old ...  
**From the rising of the sun/Ouseley**  
**282 Be known to us in breaking bread**  
90 Songs of thankfulness and praise...

##### 6.30 Epiphany Carol Service

**From the rising of the sun/Ouseley**  
**The stars watch high**  
**The Three Kings/Cornelius**  
**Whence is that goodly fragrance/arr Baker**  
**Shepherds' Farewell/Berlioz**  
**New Year Carol/Britten**

#### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> First Sunday of Epiphany

##### 10.30 Parish Communion

87 Hail to the Lords's anointed ... (omit vs 2+4)  
443 God is our strength and refuge ...  
278 Alleluya sing to Jesus...  
**Ave Verum Corpus/Elgar**  
**284 Bread of heaven on thee we feed...**  
585 The Church's one foundation...

##### 6.30 Choral Evensong

**Noble in B minor; Smith responses**  
**Ave Verum Corpus/Elgar**  
401 Come let us join our cheerful songs...  
Psalm 46  
85 Earth has many a noble city...  
**Come down O Love divine/Harris**  
166 Crown him with many crowns...

#### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Second Sunday of Epiphany

##### 10.30 Parish Communion

89 O worship the Lord ...  
383 Be still for the presence of the Lord...  
411 Dear Lord and Father of mankind...  
**Make me a light/Wilby**  
**470 I the Lord of sea and sky ...**  
93 When Jesus came to Jordan...

##### 6.30 Evensong

**Kindle a light/Fleming**  
84 Brightest and best  
Psalm 96  
476 In a world where people walk in darkness...  
**Ave Verum Corpus/Byrd**  
191 O Thou who camest from above...

#### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Conversion of St Paul

##### 10.30 Parish Communion

202 Holy holy holy...  
233 Jesus calls us...  
375 Amazing grace...  
**Lord give me faith/Robson**  
**426 Firmly I believe and truly...**  
612 We have a gospel to proclaim...

##### 6.30 United Service for Ashbourne Churches Together at St Oswald's



## 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.

# Readings

## January Readings

### January readings notes

January 4th Epiphany

Isaiah 60.1-6 The prophet reassures the Jews, recently returned from Exile, that God's light will shine on them and on the other nations who will come to them. Kings will bring gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Matthew 2.1-12

King Herod the Great (father of Herod Antipas who ruled in Jesus's life time) was visited by wise men, astrologers probably from the east. In those days, the village of Bethlehem was revered as the birthplace of the great king David who was regarded as the ancestor of the Messiah, the Anointed of God, whom God would send to rescue his people. In later Christian legends, the three kings were believed to be the descendants of the three sons of Noah: Shem, Ham and Japheth, who brought gifts as foretold by Isaiah. (Isaiah 60:6).

January 11th Baptism of Christ

Acts 10.34-43 Peter visited the home of the Roman centurion Cornelius and spoke to the household about the life and ministry of Jesus, and how he had been raised by God after his death.

Matthew 3.13-17

The account of the baptism of Jesus is full of Old Testament symbolism. The clothing of John was like that of Elijah, the prophet (2 Kgs: 1:7-8), the phrase 'The heavens were opened' is used in Ezekiel 1:1, God's Spirit, his Breath, in Hebrew his Ruach, was active in creation. God's Voice declared the sonship of Jesus.

January 18th Epiphany 2

Corinthians 1.1-9 Paul opens his letter to the Christians in Corinth with his usual greeting to those whom he had converted. He commends them for their faithfulness and assures them that God's blessing will continue to strengthen them.

John 1.29-42

John the Evangelist's record of Jesus's baptism by John the Baptist, differs from that in the Synoptic Gospels. John himself spoke and testified to what he had seen and two of his disciples went to follow Jesus. Andrew told Simon and took him to Jesus, who prophetically gave him the new name 'Cephas', the Greek word for a rock.

January 25th Epiphany 3  
Conversion of St. Paul

Acts 9.1-22 On his way to Damascus, the Jew, Saul, an enemy of the Christians (who were known as 'followers of The Way'), has a vision which leaves him blind. Ananias, a follower of Jesus in Damascus visits Paul and restores his sight. Paul then begins to preach about Jesus.

Matthew 19.27-30

In the last week of his life, Jesus was asked by Peter what reward Jesus's followers would receive for their loyalty. Jesus quoted the promise made to Jews facing persecution 300 years earlier in the book of Daniel, that the 'Son of Man' - a title Jesus used of himself, would come and his disciples would be rewarded, but not perhaps as they expected!

## 25th January: Epiphany 3 - Conversion of St Paul

### Acts 9.1-22

*On his way to Damascus, the Jew, Saul, an enemy of the Christians (who were known as 'followers of The Way'), has a vision which leaves him blind. Ananias, a follower of Jesus in Damascus visits Paul and restores his sight. Paul then begins to preach about Jesus.*

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.



He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptised, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.' All who heard him were amazed and said, 'Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?' Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.

### **Matthew 19.27-30**

Then Peter said in reply, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

### **Something to think about**

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### **Collect**

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,  
release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed:  
anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free  
to praise you in Christ our Lord.

### **Post Communion**

Almighty Father,  
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world:  
may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments,  
shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known,  
worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

### **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 Martin Likeman, John Oakes, Janice Winfield, Julian Galvin, Georgina Nicholson and David Startin.

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

Our local churches.

Our Ministry Team: Dwayne, Maggie, Nigel & Lynda

See [Readings and Prayers](#) on the website.

## 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**

**27th January**

**From 1pm until 3.00pm**



## Notices

### Dates for your Diary

- Friday 23rd January @ 19:00 - St Oswald's Church - Choir Practice
- Tuesday 27th January @ 13:00 - St Oswald's Church Hall - Ossie's Potters
- Wednesday 28th January @ 19:30 - St Oswald's Church - Bell Ringing Practice
- Friday 30th January @ 19:00 - St Oswald's Church - Choir Practice
- Wednesday 4th February @ 10:00 - St Oswald's Church Hall - Carers Count

### Get Involved

- Sunday 8th February @ 14:00 - St Oswald's Church - Retreat in Daily Life opens
- Saturday 7th March @ 10:00 - Hulland Ward Millennium Hall - Visioning Awayday
- Sunday 22nd March @ 14:00 - St Oswald's Church - Retreat in Daily Life closes

- Saturday 1st August - Young Adults Pilgrimage to Taizé

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

## Retreat in Daily Life

### What's it all about?

Yes, exactly. That's just the sort of thing we talk about.

### No, I mean, what's a Retreat in Daily Life?

It's a chance to talk about important things with a spiritual guide. This retreat offers a framework for focused prayer and discernment over approximately 40 days, while continuing our routines and home life.

Many of us don't have the luxury of spending time away at a secluded and peaceful retreat house. Instead, we contract time to retreat, not away from our normal life but in it – taking time to attend, to align, to wait, and then to act.

### How does it work?

We gather a group from various communities who commit to the retreat starting at the beginning of Lent. Then, over six weeks, we meet all together twice to open and close the retreat. The flow is as follows:

#### Sunday 8 February at 2pm at St Oswald's Church

The opening session of the retreat, where retreatants and retreat guides meet. We share, dream a little, pray, and keep silence.

- We go back to our everyday households, neighbourhoods, and communities - committed to a simple daily practice of prayer, reading, and contemplation.
- Individually, we meet with a retreat guide for about 40 minutes each week to reflect on what is happening in our prayer.
- We continue our daily practices and reflections, and our weekly meeting with a guide.

#### Sunday 22 March at 2pm at St Oswald's Church

- We gather at the end of six weeks to listen to each other, to listen to God together, to encourage, to share - and draw our 'retreat' to a close.

### And a retreat guide?

You are accompanied during this retreat by an experienced spiritual accompanier who will listen to you and listen with you as you reflect on what you are discerning and hearing each day, in

your prayer and in your faith community. They support your discernment and accompany you through the weeks - praying, reflecting, underlining, and exploring with you.

**Is there a cost?**

We ask for a small donation of £10 to cover the cost of materials. If you cannot afford that, no problem at all, we'd still love to have you join us! We'll collect that at the opening service.

**Okay, I'm interested... what do I need to do next?**

Yup. Fair question.

Contact the Rev'd Dwayne Engh if you want to get more details and see if it is right for you.

Or just book in with Nicola Fisher, our Parish Administrator, by email:  
[parishoffice@ashbournechurch.org.uk](mailto:parishoffice@ashbournechurch.org.uk).

When you do book in, please provide your name, email, mobile number, and your Christian tradition. Places are limited, so book in today!





A photograph of a window with sheer curtains, through which soft light is visible. On a wooden table in front of the window sits a white cup of coffee on a saucer with a spoon, an open book, and a small lit candle in a black holder.

# Retreat *in* Daily Life

Join us for this Lenten retreat offering a structured approach to prayer, discernment, and conversations with a spiritual guide over the 40 days of Lent facilitated by St Oswald's Church, Ashbourne.

Create a retreat within your everyday life—not away from it—dedicating time to listen, align, wait, and then act.



For more information & to register, email: [ParishOffice@ashbournechurch.org.uk](mailto:ParishOffice@ashbournechurch.org.uk)

**Ashbourne Group of Churches**

# Visioning Awayday

**Saturday 7 March | 10am - 3pm**  
Hulland Ward Village Hall

**Join us. Everyone is Welcome!**

We're excited to invite you to a special day when all our churches come together to share ideas and explore how we can work even better as one body in Christ. Your voice matters, and we'd love for you to be part of shaping the future of our shared mission.

To RSVP, please email:  
[ParishOffice@ashbournechurch.org.uk](mailto:ParishOffice@ashbournechurch.org.uk)



### East Midlands Young Adults Pilgrimage to Taizé

The Diocese of Derby, along with the Dioceses of Leicester and Lincoln, has come together to offer a Pilgrimage to Taizé for young adults aged 18-35, which will take place from August 1-9 this year.

[Taizé](#) is an ecumenical Christian community in Southern France which produces the beautiful contemplative worship music familiar to many. Its mission is to reach young people throughout the world.

If you are interested in spending a week camping with a global and monastic community, we will be making this pilgrimage together, travelling and camping as a group from across the East Midlands. The trip will cost approximately £350, and priority is given to young adults aged 18-35.

For more information, contact the Rev'd Dwayne Engh by email: [vicar@ashbournechurch.org.uk](mailto:vicar@ashbournechurch.org.uk). To book, [click here](#).

**save the date!**

Diocese of Derby  
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THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

**Join the East Midlands  
Young Adults Pilgrimage to  
TAIZÉ**

**August 1 - 9, 2026**

*For those aged 18-35, from across the East Midlands and beyond, with limited seats on the coach for those over 35! To find out more contact: [vicar@ashbournechurch.org.uk](mailto:vicar@ashbournechurch.org.uk)*

### [Sanctuary Flowers](#)

I am in the process of compiling the List for Sanctuary Flowers for 2026. During the last few years, several of our donors have sadly died and whereas once it was difficult to accommodate everyone, now there are several gaps and I am appealing for people to come forward - there may be a date that has particular significance, for example, marking the passing of a loved one. Everyone is welcome to arrange their own flowers but if you would prefer not to, then the weekly flower arrangers will be pleased to do so.

We continue to be grateful to all those who donate towards the flowers in Church, like so many things the cost has soared and we rely heavily on the flowers given by M & S for there to be flowers in the body of the Church.

I am in Church most Sundays so please have a word with me or I can be contacted on 07939 118969 or by email: [celiayates@btinternet.com](mailto:celiayates@btinternet.com)

## Walking 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 9th February 2026
- Monday 9th March 2026

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

- Saturday 31st January 2026: 9.30 a.m. at the Car park adjacent to the Garden Centre at Chatsworth House (not the main carpark by the house). Grid ref: 259685.
- 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

### 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.