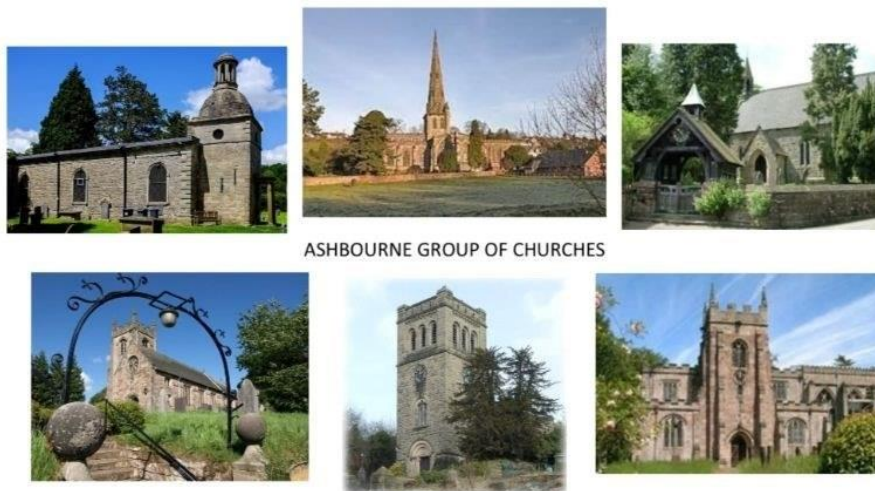


# Ashbourne Church News 28/11/2025

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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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## Welcome



### **Welcome to our new Parish Administrator**

This week we welcome our new Parish Administrator Nicola Fisher to our team. Nicola will be based in the St Oswald's Parish Office and will be supporting the clergy and the lay teams for all the CofE Churches in the Ashbourne Group.

One of her first objectives is to improve our social media and communications for our churches and the community and will be producing the weekly and monthly newsletters.

Please support Nicola as she starts her new role and gets to know the members of the team and how we work together.

Originally from Manchester, Nicola moved to Ashbourne in 2020 and wholeheartedly embraced life in a small village, supporting her local church website and becoming part of the farming community. When she's not organising parish life, you'll find her tending to her flock of hens on a nearby smallholding, and helping around the farm with the sheep and Lincoln Red cattle.

She has extensive experience in business administration, communications and marketing, with a particular interest in digital technology, social media and websites.

Nicola feels privileged to be a part of the rich history of our churches while exploring new ways to connect with our community. She looks forward to meeting the church team and parishioners in the coming weeks.

## Ministry Thought for the Week

Like me, you probably saw a good deal about Children in Need recently on television. I was interested in the way young people described how they had been helped by Children in Need.

Among them were those who were carers for their parents who suffered serious illness. As well as explaining clearly what they needed to do for their parents, they told how they looked after their siblings, ran the home, shopped, cleaned, did the laundry and many other tasks, as well as trying to get their homework done and get to school.

It is so good to hear what Children in Need have been able to do and the gratitude expressed by the young people, but what impressed me most was the way in which they spoke, with no complaints, just a calm acceptance of the responsibility they had taken on.

It reminded me of when I was a tutor for a Year 9 group at a Comprehensive School, a group of boys and girls, many with particular difficulties, with whom I had worked, on a one to one basis.

I was concerned, therefore, when one of the girls who appeared not to be troubled by serious problems and whose academic work, attendance and punctuality were excellent, came to apologise for not having done her homework on time and to ask me if she could hand it in after the weekend. I assured her that she could certainly do that, but also asked her if there was a problem, because it was such an unusual request from her.

She explained to me that it had been a difficult week because her mother was having a bad spell with her Multiple Sclerosis; she had severe pain, her mobility was very limited and she suffered loss of vision and coordination. Jane (I'll call her) needed to spend extra time nursing her mother and looking after her younger siblings including shopping, cleaning, cooking, laundry and getting them off to school. Her Dad did as much as he could, but his working hours made that difficult.

I had no idea that Jane's mother had MS and that Jane had accepted the responsibility of maintaining the life of her family calmly and willingly. All families are different, but all the young people I heard on TV talking about their care of family members seemed to have the same acceptance of the responsibility, not as a burden, but as part of their relationship with their family.

Some months later I met Jane's mother at a Parents' Evening. She was having a better period with her MS and she was keen to speak with me about Jane's contribution to their family life and her success in school. It was good to hear how much she respected her daughter and was grateful to Jane for relieving her of so much, even when her MS was a little better.

One of my concerns about young people today is that many adults talk at them constantly and do not listen to what they have to say, and many of them are not given any respect or

responsibility. I am not suggesting that children should all have the amount of responsibility that Jane had, but to be given the duty to do something helpful on a regular basis, and to be thanked and appreciated for it, can be a very valuable part of their development.

In Matthew's Gospel Chapter 19 v 14 we have the extremely well known words,

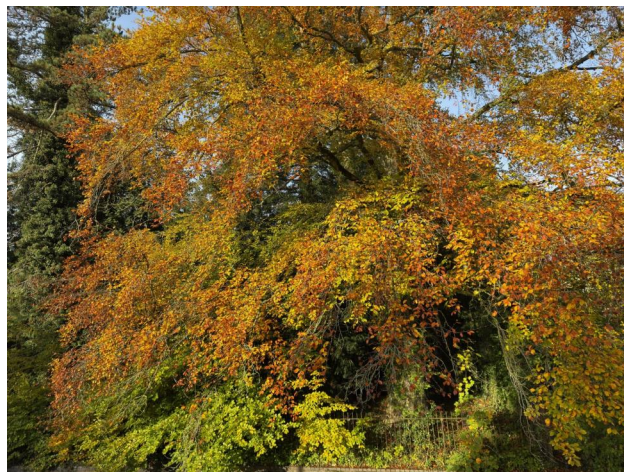
Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.'

Unfortunately, particularly in the last two centuries, there have been many paintings and other depictions of these words which show Jesus looking rather like Santa Claus with a little crowd of rather soppy looking children.

In fact Jesus is saying very strongly that the characteristics of children, such as clear thought, honesty, openness and willingness to take action are exactly those needed by the inhabitants of the Kingdom of Heaven. It is a huge responsibility and worthy of the greatest respect.

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## An Entangled Church





When Dwayne joined us, he asked us to pray for a future we could imagine, knowing that there are difficult times ahead.

Dwayne preached on Sunday about chinks of light appearing, chinks that can shine a new light on our thinking. It became apparent to me during a different service that the 'job' of a priest is very much about the here and now - bringing the breath of Christ into the lives we are living today. It helped me see a different way of thinking about church and its connectedness.

Bear with me, because my thought started a long way off; it started with the concept of entanglement, which has two meanings that I know of, so far. First it is a founding principle in quantum computers. Entanglement provides incredible security for this computing and communication platform. Secondly, it describes how fungi entangles itself with the roots of plants to deliver nutrient to them, without which they could not live.

In my visits to local churches as Lay Chair of the Deanery, I started to realise there is another dimension to embrace. I call it a kind of 'entanglement' because of the deep rooted relationship the church has with its local people which goes back to time immemorial. Records of births,



marriages, and deaths demonstrate the entangled network of relationships that form a rich cultural carpet deeply interwoven across our nation, all founded within our local churches.

In a recent poll carried out for the Church of England, there is some support for this. It shows that two in five people, or 43 per cent of all adults, report having had contact with their local church, the majority of these, or 53 per cent, for services and worship but also 23 per cent – nearly seven million people in the UK – for community support. More than three quarters of the population – 77 per cent – said historic cathedrals and churches are local and national treasures. And two in five – 41% – said they had visited a church or cathedral simply to find a quiet space for reflection or prayer, with this figure rising to 50 per cent amongst young adults in the 18 to 34 age range. Increasingly families live apart. And yet is human nature for us to want to belong; to have an identity, amongst other things. This research illustrates the value people put on having a church near them.

So, the past informs the future, as our beloved Queen Elizabeth II used to remind us. Subconsciously, perhaps the nation understands the stability that church provides, even though there is much 'noise' to distract us all from Christ's message. The Chancellor of my university always reminded us during every graduation speech he gave, not to be afraid of introducing new ideas but to be very careful about discarding old ones.

I propose we pray for ways to honour this rich legacy - by protecting our local churches - they are, after all, spaces that also unite us with Christ.

Peter Walker

### **Weekly On-line 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 for Advent 1](#)

The next recording will be a Morning Prayer service and will be recorded on Thursday 4th December at St Oswald's Ashbourne starting at 10:30am prompt.

Everyone is welcome to join the recording.

### **Ashbourne Group Services**

**Sunday 30th November**

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

18:30 St Oswald's, Ashbourne - Advent Carol Service

**Thursday 4th December**

10:30 St Oswald's, Ashbourne - Morning Prayer (Recording)

**Sunday 7th December**

09:15 St John's Buxton Hill - Holy Communion

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

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

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

14:00 St Oswald's, Ashbourne - Pet Service

18:30 St Oswald's, Ashbourne - Evensong

**Thursday 11th December**

10:30 St Oswald's, Ashbourne - Morning Prayer (Recording)

**Sunday 14th December**

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

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

15:00 St Oswald's, Ashbourne - Civic Carol Service

16:00 St Peter's, Snelston - Carol Service

18:30 St Oswald's, Ashbourne - Compline

**Thursday 18th December**

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

**Saturday 20th December**

18:00 St Mary's, Mappleton - 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, Mappleton - Family Holy Communion

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

**Sunday 28th December**

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



## BREAKFAST CHURCH

St Oswald's Church Centre  
Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December  
9.00am



Start your Sunday with  
Breakfast Church!  
Join us for a delicious  
breakfast of cereal, toast,  
coffee and your choice of  
bacon or sausage butty.  
Enjoy a warm and welcoming  
atmosphere as we gather  
for worship and fellowship



Please come and give it a try.  
To help with catering, please  
book your place in advance by  
contacting Andy Wright,  
Email [admandjewright@gmail.com](mailto:admandjewright@gmail.com)

## Music at St Oswald's

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> Advent Sunday

10.30 Parish Communion

87 Hail to the Lord's anointed...

24 Come thou long expected Jesus...

32 O come O come Emmanuel...

**People look east/Stainer**

308 Just as I am...

31 Lo he comes...

Purple

6.30 The Advent Carol Service: From darkness into light

A tender shoot/Goldschmidt

How lovely are the messengers/Mendelssohn

In darkness held/Shepherd

O radiant dawn/Macmillan

Sleepers awake/Mendelssohn

There is no rose/Joubert

This is the truth/arr. Vaughan Williams

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Second Sunday of Advent**

**10.30 Parish Communion**

26 Hark a thrilling voice is sounding...  
58 Long ago prophets knew...  
29 Hills of the north rejoice...  
**At thy feet O Christ we lay/Bach**  
**33 O day of God draw near...**  
444 God is working his purpose out...

**6.30 Evensong**

32 O come O come Emmanuel...  
Psalm Benedictus  
34 On Jordan's bank ...  
**At thy feet/Bach**  
28 Hark what a sound...

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Third Sunday of Advent**

**10.30 Parish Communion**

38 The people that in darkness sat ... (omit \*)  
34 On Jordan's bank ...  
607 Thy kingdom come O God...  
**As Joseph was a walking/traditional**  
**27 Hark the glad sound ...**  
32 O come O come Emmanuel...

**3.00 The Mayor's Carol Service**

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**6.30 Compline**

24 Come thou long expected Jesus...  
25 Creator of the starry height...

**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**

St Oswald's Church, Ashbourne

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## 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

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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

### 30th November: Advent 1.

#### Isaiah 2.1-5

*Isaiah warns his listeners that God has seen the ways they live and must return to him. They must expect punishment.*

This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem: In the last days the mountain of the Lord's temple will be established as the highest of the mountains; it will be exalted above the hills, and all nations will stream to it. Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths." The law will go out from Zion, the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore. Come, descendants of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

#### Matthew 24.36-44

"But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken

and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

### **Something to think about**

The Jews of Jesus's day were concerned about 'The Day of the Lord', the time when God would bring human history to an end and bring in his kingly rule. Jesus told them they must be prepared for it at all times.

### **Collect**

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns,  
turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness,  
that we may be ready to meet you  
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

### **Post Communion**

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful  
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;  
that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin  
but active in his service and joyful in his praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Please remember in your prayers this week:**

Those who are unable to be with us in church, including Diana & Edmund Urquhart, Linda Torr and Arthur 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 and Maureen Austin.

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



**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: 0303 300 0498**

**If you need a priest urgently call 01335 664159**

Community Café in Ashbourne

# OSSIE'S KITCHEN



**Why eat alone ?**

**Come and join us for a three course meal**

**In the company of others**

**Family friendly**

**Open to All**

**between 4pm and 6pm**

**on Tuesdays**

**7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> October, 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> November,**

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> December**

**St Oswald's Church Centre, School Lane, DE6 1AN**



Suggested donations of

£4 per adult and £2 per child

For enquiries & to request transport

call Ossie's Kitchen on 07437 377345

St Oswald's Church, Derbyshire CC & FareShare





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  
9<sup>th</sup> December**

**From 1pm until 3.00pm**



## Connect Group

### **Do Join us for Advent!**

Connect Group could welcome 2 more people if you would like to join us for Advent.

We meet in one of two houses at 7.30pm on a Thursday evening.

We will be using 'Do Nothing: Christmas is coming' (available on the bookstall) as a prompt for discussion

Contact Janet Wright ([je96wright@btinternet.com](mailto:je96wright@btinternet.com) 07484198936)

## Pastoral Contact

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

## Future Events

### Dates for Your Diary

- Monday 1st December @10:00 - Ashbourne Library - St Oswald's Book Club
- Tuesday 2nd December @ 16:00 - St Oswald's Church Hall - Ossie's Kitchen
- Friday 5th December @ 18:30 - Ashbourne Lantern Parade
- Saturday 8th December - St Oswald's Church Ashbourne - Christmas Tree Festival
- Tuesday 9th December @ 13:00- St Oswald's Church - Ossie's Potters
- Tuesday 16th December @ 16:00 - St Oswald's Church Hall - Ossie's Kitchen
- Thursday 25th December @12:30 - St Oswald's Church Hall - Christmas Party

## Christmas 2025



### Christmas Tree Festival 2025

St Oswald's Christmas Tree Festival in 2025 will take place from Saturday 6th December.

This year there will be 25 Christmas Trees and will be decorated by a variety of schools and local organisations.

Rumour is that there is going to be a reindeer trail this year.



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!



### **Ashbourne Rotary Shoebox Appeal**

On behalf of Ashbourne Rotary, I would like to thank all the members of the church who supported our Shoebox Appeal this year.

With your help we have managed to collect **465 shoeboxes** from Ashbourne and the surrounding villages, which are on their way to Eastern Europe.

An amazing effort which will bring a smile to the faces of many children who might otherwise not receive a present this Christmas.

### **ST OSWALD'S CHURCH ASHBOURNE CAROL SINGING IN THE COMMUNITY**

**Thursday 11th December** – St Oswalds Hospital @ 6.00pm

**Tuesday 16th December** – Dove House @ 11.00am

**Thursday 18th December** - Ashbourne Lodge @ 2.30pm

**Friday 19th December** – The Leys @ 2.00pm

Everyone welcome to come and sing. We are always made so very welcome.

Please sign up on signing up sheet in Church at the west door in Church

For more details see Lindsay Walker

[lindsay.walker@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lindsay.walker@hotmail.co.uk)





**Charity Christmas Cards**  
**Out now!**  
**St.Oswald's Book stall**



St Oswald's Church, Ashbourne

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*Please Join  
Ashbourne Churches Together  
For A*

# Christmas Party

Celebrate joy, laughter and holiday cheer  
with friends and family in a festive  
Christmas Party, filled with love and magic

**25 DECEMBER 2025**

DOORS OPEN 12PM

LUNCH SERVED 12.30PM

**St. Oswald's Church Hall**

Suggested Donation

£10 Adults £5.00 Children

(Welcome, but not required)

To book or for more information,  
call 01335 664159

Or book on Eventbrite:

<https://AshbourneChristmasParty.Eventbrite.com>



**FREE PARKING  
FROM 2PM**  
in all council  
car parks this  
December

## Lantern Spectacular

Friday 5th December | from 5pm

**FREE EVENT** in Ashbourne Town Centre

HUNDREDS OF CANDLE-LIT LANTERNS WILL  
BE CARRIED THROUGH ASHBOURNE'S STREETS

- Shops open until late
- Street entertainment
- Craft fair & food stalls
- Lantern Parade sets off at 6:30pm  
from St Oswald's Church to  
the Market Place



SCAN QR CODE  
for more details



**careline** 

# Christmas Fair

 SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER, 11AM-1PM  
ST OSWALD'S CHURCH HALL,  
ASHBOURNE

Come and join us for some festive fun. Relax with a cup of tea/coffee and a delicious mince pie.

 *COME & MEET SANTA!*

-  RAFFLE
-  CRAFT STALLS
-  TOMBOLA
-  CAKE STALLS
-  MINCE PIES
-  REFRESHMENTS

For more information:  
Careline 01335 210353  
[info@carelinecalling.org.uk](mailto:info@carelinecalling.org.uk)



## St Oswald's Book Club

December's read is to be 'Orbital' by Samantha Harvey. A Booker Prize Winner and Sunday Times best seller. –

### **Life on our planet as you've never seen it before**

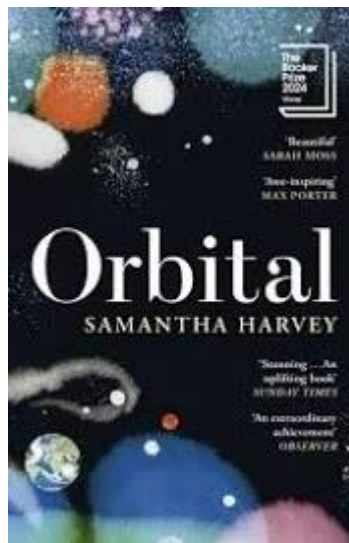
A team of astronauts in the International Space Station collect meteorological data, conduct scientific experiments and test the limits of the human body. But mostly they observe. Together they watch their silent blue planet, circling it sixteen times, spinning past continents and cycling through seasons, taking in glaciers and deserts, the peaks of mountains and the swells of oceans. Endless shows of spectacular beauty witnessed in a single day.

Yet although separated from the world they cannot escape its constant pull. News reaches them of the death of a mother, and with it comes thoughts of returning home. They look on as a typhoon gathers over an island and people they love, in awe of its magnificence and fearful of its destruction.

The fragility of human life fills their conversations, their fears, their dreams. So far from earth, they have never felt more part - or protective - of it. They begin to ask, what is life without earth? What is earth without humanity?

Next meeting Monday @ Ashbourne Library on 1st December 10.00am – 11.00am. Bring a mug and your books.

Lindsay x



## Appeals

**MACMILLAN  
CANCER SUPPORT**

**Macmillan Coffee Morning 2025**

This certificate is presented to  
St Oswald's Church Ashbourne  
and friends.

This year you fundraised £314.74

Congratulations on your fundraising.  
Your kind support is helping to change  
the lives of people affected by cancer.

Thank you,  
*Hannah*  
Hannah & the Coffee Morning Team

Your Coffee Morning  
could fund better  
cancer care for people  
in Ashbourne

Macmillan is here for everyone living  
with cancer in the UK. Our Macmillan  
Professionals have worked in wards  
and clinics right across the country.  
We've helped 450,000 people  
living with cancer with information  
and support about their diagnosis,  
treatment and care, via our Support  
Line, Information centres, Online  
Community, website, email support  
and telephone Buddies service.

£322 could provide  
emotional support to  
one person living with  
cancer for around eight  
weeks, through regular  
support sessions with  
one of our Macmillan  
Buddies.



*Angels are returning to Ashbourne this  
Christmas*



But they won't get there without your help! Knitters and crocheters needed. I have patterns for both. Please help the angels to visit us again this year. Maggie (01335 664159)

**Love in a Bag Derbyshire**

**Christmas Appeal**

**2025**

Please gift bags, toiletries, & vouchers for families escaping abuse and homelessness

Donations by **November 28th** please

There are collection points in each of the **Ashbourne Group of Churches**

**Make a difference this Christmas**

## Edward Bear Children's Area



This week a member of our congregation kindly donated these 'magnetic builds'. They go some way to replace the missing magnets. Thank you very much.

## Walking with St Oswalds

St Oswald's has a choice of 2 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 and Start Locations (All rambles start at 10am)**

- Monday 8th December - Denstone Church (GR SK 100 409)

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## 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.

## Mission Giving



### St. Oswald's Church Ashbourne

### M&S Mission Giving

Giving so far in 2025 has helped



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



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



to donate £1000 to  
QEGS for their  
student hardship fund

**Thank you for your continued generosity**

## Stewardship



*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>



*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*



*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 £385, 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.**