

# Ashbourne Church News 30/01/2026



## 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.

## Blessed are the Peacemakers

I've been thinking about the phrase, 'Blessed are the peacemakers.' I find it hard to read those words without thinking of the divisions in our country and the world. Minnesota, in particular, has been on my mind and in my prayers over the past few days.

The phrase reminds me how easy it is to let scripture remain abstract when real people are suffering around us. The word peacemaker is often misunderstood. It doesn't mean passivity, silence, or letting people walk all over you. Peacemaking starts internally, attempting to make peace with ourselves, then moves to our loved ones, and beyond that to the wider world. It is about seeing something wrong and refusing to look away.

Peacemakers stand with the grieving, listen to the wounded, ask hard questions about harmful systems, and care about accountability.

Let's be honest—none of this is easy, and fear is always present. So, this week's invitation is to keep choosing love, showing up for those in pain, praying for peace, and working for justice. May you have the courage to be a peacemaker in your life, home, work, and community.

Blessings

Dwayne

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:

[Morning Prayer for Candlemas \(Presentation of Christ in the Temple\)](#)

**The next recording will be a Morning Prayer service and will be recorded on Thursday 5th February 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.

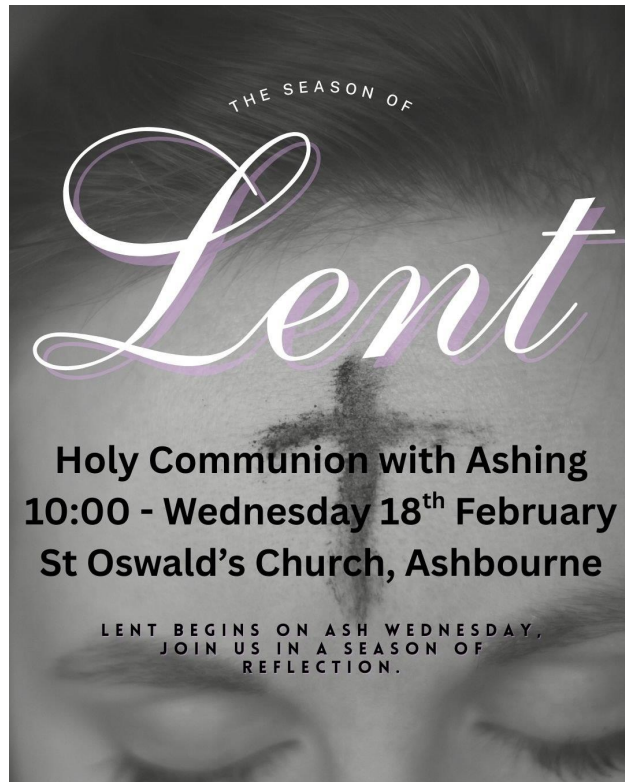
**BREAKFAST CHURCH**  
St. Oswald's Church Centre  
Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February  
9.00am.



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)



### **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

### February

#### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Candlemas; The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

##### 10.30 Parish Communion

80 When candles are lighted... Omit \*  
 360 Faithful vigil ended...  
 44 Angels from the realms of glory ...  
**A maiden most gentle/Carter**  
**Light of the world/Harrison**  
 516 Love divine all loves excelling...

##### 6.30

**Like a candle flame/Kendrick**  
 360 Faithful vigil ended...  
 Psalm 122  
 496 Lead us heavenly Father lead us...  
**And the glory /Handel**  
 80 When candles are lighted... Omit \*

#### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Second Sunday before Lent

##### 10.30 Parish Communion

555 Praise my soul...  
 599 Thine for ever...  
 251 All things bright and beautiful...  
**Brother James'Air/Jacob**  
**Alleluia sing to Jesus...**  
 267 Thou whose almighty word...

##### 6.30 Choral Evensong

**Sumsion in A; Sanders responses**  
**Gaelic Blessing/Rutter**  
 447 God of freedom, God of justice...  
 Psalm 148  
 489 Jesus Lord we look to Thee...  
**For the beauty of the earth/Rutter**  
 13 Before the ending of the day...

#### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday next before Lent

##### 10.30 Parish Communion

1 Awake my soul... part one and doxology  
 248 'Tis good Lord to be here...  
 380 At the name of Jesus...  
**Love divine/Willcocks**  
**505 Lord Jesus Christ ...**  
 435 Glorious things of thee are spoken...

##### 6.30 Evensong

**Cantate Domino/Pitoni**  
 2 Christ whose glory fills the skies...  
 Psalm 84  
 474 Immortal invisible God only wise...  
**Flocks in pastures green/Bach**  
 14 Glory to Thee my God this night...

#### Ash Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>

##### 10.00 Parish Communion

385 Be thou my guardian and my guide ...  
 95 Forty days and forty nights...  
 97 Lord Jesus think on me...  
**View me Lord/Lloyd**  
 96 Jesu lover of my soul...

#### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> First Sunday of Lent

##### 10.30 Parish Communion

95 Forty days and forty nights...  
 Psalm 32 vs 1-6  
 496 Lead us heavenly Father lead us...  
**Panis angelicus/Franck**  
**324 Sweet sacrament divine ...**  
 578 Stand up stand up for Jesus...

##### 6.30 Evensong

**Make me a clean heart O God/Ley**  
 416 Father hear the prayer we offer  
 Psalm 50 vs 1-7  
 95 Forty days and forty nights...  
**Lord for thy tender mercies' sake/Tye**  
 376 And can it be that I should gain...

## 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

## February Readings

### February reading notes

February 1st Presentation

Malachi 3.1-5 The prophet, whose name means 'my messenger', warns his listeners that God will shortly come to judge the nation which has broken his Laws. They must repent.

Luke 2.22-4

After the birth of a child, the parents had to visit the Temple to present the baby to God and make an offering, dependent on their wealth (Levit. 12:8). On this occasion, the devout old man, Simeon and the prophetess Anna, recognised the significance of the baby. Simeon praised God, but warned Mary of the sorrows that lay ahead.

February 8th 2 before Lent

Romans 8.18-25 Paul warns his readers that though they suffer for their faith now, they must wait patiently for what is to come.

Matthew 6.25-34 *Jesus taught his disciples*

In his great 'Sermon on the Mount' Jesus told his disciples that worry about the future was unnecessary. He pointed to the natural world and to the splendours of King Solomon, renowned for his wealth. Worry was only the response of Gentiles!

February 15th Next before Lent

Exodus 24.12-18 The account of how Moses receives the Law and the covenant is made with God is full of symbolism. The shedding of blood signifies a binding agreement, fire represents the presence of God, and the shared meal seals the promises.

Matthew 17.1-9

Matthew's account of the Transfiguration drew closely on Jewish traditions as recorded in Exodus 24 when Moses met God on Mount Sinai - God spoke to his people, the covenant was made, and the Law was given.

\*February 18th Ash Wednesday

2 Corinthians 5. 20b - 6:10 Paul assures the Christians in Corinth that despite the suffering that he himself has also endured, they must also remain faithful.

Matthew 6:16-21 *Jesus said to his disciples*

Fasting was a religious practised by many devout Jews, but some made sure that others were made aware of their piety by putting ash on their heads. God would reward the truly faithful.

February 22nd Lent 1

Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7 In this older account of creation, the writer describes how, after creating the world, God created human beings, setting them in his garden to be its stewards. They were warned they must not eat the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil

Matthew 4.1-11

After his baptism Jesus retired to the wilderness, a place of solitude and potential danger. There, he struggled with the temptations set by 'the Satan', the prosecuting adversary of Job 2:1-8. Jesus answered with quotations from the Hebrew scriptures and Satan left, defeated.

1st February: Candlemas - Presentation of Christ in the Temple

**Malachi 3.1-5**

*The prophet, whose name means 'my messenger', warns his listeners that God will shortly come to judge the nation which has broken his Laws. They must repent.*

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

#### **Luke 2.22-40**

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything

required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

### **Something to think about**

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### **Collect**

Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel:  
make your home among us, and present us pure and holy  
to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God.

### **Post Communion**

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna,  
who lived to welcome the Messiah:  
may we, who have received these gifts beyond words,  
prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life;  
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,  
'potter'

around the Church and Church Hall  
on alternate Tuesdays.

They tidy flower beds, plant up new areas and  
make the surrounding 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 are pottering?

You would be very welcome.

They will be meeting on  
27<sup>th</sup> January & 17<sup>th</sup> February

From 1pm until 3pm.



*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**  
**February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**St Oswald's Church Centre, School Lane, DE6 1AN**  
**Suggested donations of**  
**£5per adult and £2 per child**  
**For enquiries & to request transport**  
**call Ossie's Kitchen on 07437 377345**



**St Oswald's Church, Derbyshire CC & FareShare**

## Notices

### Dates for your Diary

- Tuesday 3rd February @ 16:00 - St Oswald's Church Hall - Ossie's Kitchen
- Wednesday 4th February @ 10:00 - St Oswald's Church Hall - Carers Count
- Tuesday 10th February @ 16:00 - St Oswald's Church Hall - Ossie's Kitchen
- Tuesday 17th February @ 13:00 - St Oswald's Church Hall - Ossie's Potters

### Get Involved

- Sunday 8th February @ 14:00 - St Oswald's Church - Retreat in Daily Life opens
- Monday 9th February @ 19:30 - St Oswald's Church Hall - PCC Meeting
- 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.

## PCC Meeting

St Oswald's with St Mary's Church  
Parochial Church Council

# PCC MEETING

MONDAY  
9<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2026  
19h30  
ST OSWALD'S CHURCH HALL

ELECTORAL ROLL MEMBERS CAN REQUEST COPIES OF APPROVED MINUTES OF  
PREVIOUS MEETINGS FROM THE PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

[parishoffice@ashbournechurch.org.uk](mailto:parishoffice@ashbournechurch.org.uk) (01335 343052)

## 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!

**DRAW  
NEAR**  
LIFE-GIVING  
HABITS FOR **LENT**



# 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  
THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

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**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)*

## Stamps

### Stamps for USPG

Many thanks to all who saved postage stamps again this year to support the work of USPG. I have a large envelope to send off to the stamp dealers. Special thanks to those who carefully cut the stamps off the envelopes. If they are torn off, the stamps tend to get damaged, but don't worry, I can still deal with them.

Best wishes,  
Deirdre Wilmore.

#### USABLE



#### UNUSABLE



## Aquabox

This week we once again emptied the Aquabox which is situated in the Edward Bear area in Church, taking several used towels and duvet covers. Peter will be delivering these items to Aquabox in Wirksworth. A very big thank you to those people who have been sorting out their cupboards and whose unwanted items will make their way to the benefit of others inside humanitarian relief boxes.

We historically have collected used towels and patterned duvet covers. However, Aquabox are saying NO MORE TOWELS FOR THE MOMENT but please continue with fabrics/duvet covers which are lovingly made into discreet sanitary wear for women living in countries where they cannot access such items. The boxes are filled with many other items including groundsheets, pots and pans, utensils and tools. The boxes themselves are robust enough to transport these items anywhere in the world as well as be used as beds for newborn babies, reservoirs for clean drinking water and much more.

For more information please contact the [Church Office](#).

## St Oswald's Book Club

St Oswald's Book Club has been running for many years and gathers on the first Monday of every month at Ashbourne Library. We meet from 10.00 a.m. until 11.00 a.m. in the main library, overlooking Shrovetide Walk and encourage everyone to bring a mug and a tea bag, taking 'time-out' as we discuss our latest 'read'. We have 14 members as of January 2026.

The group is always looking for new authors to read, new titles to explore, old classics to re-visit. We liaise with our library representative Ruth to search for books that may be of interest to us, challenge us further, aware that getting numbers of copies may not always be possible. The group often shares copies, may download to a Kindle, resort to an audio book but we make it work for us.

Our January read has been 'Murder Before Evensong' by Rev Richard Coles, February's book is 'Homecoming' by Kate Morgan.

The group is flexible, encourages discourse and offers fellowship.

For information about St Oswald's Book Club, please contact the [Church Office](#).

## 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)

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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.