

Ashbourne Church News 06/03/2026



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

If you have not already subscribed to receive an email reminder when a new update to the newsletter is available, you can [subscribe here](#).

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 and 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.

Electoral Roll Revision 2026

The Electoral Roll is the list of all those who want to be considered part of a church and allows you to take part in the Annual Meeting or stand for election to the Parochial Church Council of that church. This year we are just revising our Rolls so if you are already on an Electoral Roll, you need take no further action.

If you would like to join the Roll you need:

- to be baptised
- to be at least 16 years old, and
- either live in the (Church) Parish, or
- have attended worship in the Parish during the 6 months prior to enrolment.

Forms to fill in are available from Church, on [the website](#), or from the Parish Office (email: parishoffice@ashbournechurch.org.uk, phone: 01335 343052).

The Rolls for St Oswald and St Mary's (Mapleton) will be revised between **23rd and 27th March**. The completed forms should be returned to the Office by **23rd March**.

This revision also applies to St John's, Clifton, Norbury, and Snelston churches. Please ask the Electoral Roll Officer or Churchwarden of the respective church about their arrangements.

Treasured Memories

Can you remember an occasion when you went somewhere or read something to which you felt an immediate positive reaction which you have never forgotten?

Many years ago I went into a small building with white washed walls and thatched roof, surrounded by a flower-bordered graveyard, in a small Cornish village called Come to Good. It is one of the oldest Quaker Meeting Houses in the United Kingdom, built in 1710 when Quakers were being persecuted for their faith.

Inside there are plain backless wooden benches under a beamed roof. It is a place of silence, where those who attend meetings share silent worship with inner reflection and communal stillness, occasionally broken by a participant feeling inspired to speak.

The silence of the place and its simplicity gave me a strong sense of its power to calm me and enable me to feel God's presence. Because of the nature of the worship, it was as if anything spoken in that place was directly inspired by God.

Significant places are not necessarily churches or other specifically holy sites.

My first journey abroad was a school trip to Switzerland in 1953 when I was twelve. Last minute travel problems in France had caused us to have to travel by sea to Holland and then to Switzerland by train.

We arrived in Bern in the early hours of the morning feeling tired, achy and irritable. To our delighted amazement we were shown to a terrace on the station overlooking the sun rising over the Jungfrau. Small tables with red and white checked cloths were topped with freshly baked warm rolls, Swiss butter, black cherry jam and coffee. I felt restored, refreshed and joyful and I can still be uplifted by that memory.

Of course we read of many holy places in the Bible, some of which you may have visited. We are especially aware of the significance of particular places at this season of Lent, leading to Holy Week. For those who are experiencing the Retreat at Home, there may have been some reflections on Bible passages you have considered.

Places, whether in reality or on the page, don't always inspire us with their beauty or their calming influence. The story of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, with his closest disciples, is one of my most cherished Bible passages. It is because Jesus' desperate pleading to be released from the dreadful events that he knows are coming is so human. We can identify with him; surely we have prayed similarly to God when we have been faced with really difficult times in our own lives. I find it so encouraging that on occasion I have felt, to a much smaller extent, something like Jesus felt.

The challenge for me then is to say as Jesus said, 'God's will be done' and then to pray for the strength to bear it.

When we consider places and events in our lives which have produced a lifelong memory, we may reflect on the effect of those memories on our growth and development as individuals and Christians. The experiences may be seen as 'God Moments' when we recognise God's gifts to us and his abiding presence in our lives.

This week you might look back on a memory you have treasured for many years. Or you might even experience some place or event which you feel for you will be a special lifelong memory.

Happy Memories

Pip

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 of Churches 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 Lent 3 from St.Mary's, Mappleton](#)

The next recording will be a Holy Communion service and will be recorded on Thursday 12th March 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 8th March - Third Sunday of Lent

09:00 - Breakfast Church, St Oswald's

10:30 - Holy Communion, St Oswald's

18:30 - Choral Evensong, St Oswald's

Sunday 15th March - Mothering Sunday

09:15 - Family Service, St Peter's, Snelston

09:15 - Family Service, St Mary's, Mappleton

10:30 - Holy Communion, St Oswald's

11:00 - Family Service, St Mary and St Barlok, Norbury

18:30 - Evensong, St Oswald's

Sunday 22nd March

10:30 - Holy Communion, St Oswald's

16:00 - Songs of Praise, St Peter's Snelston

(There is no evening service at St Oswald's)

Sunday 29th March - Palm Sunday

10:30 - Holy Communion, St Oswald's

18:30 - Tenebrae, St Oswald's

Monday 30th March - Easter Monday

18:30 - Compline, St Oswald's

Tuesday 31st March

18:30 - Compline, St Oswald's

[Breakfast Church](#)



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

EVERY SECOND SUNDAY FROM 09:00 - 09:45

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

A warm welcome is awaiting you.

ashbournechurch.org.uk

[Messy Church - Save the Date](#)

Save the Date! We are very excited to announce the launch of Messy Church at St Oswald's on Sunday 26 April from 4-6pm. Messy Church is an all-age worshipping community that focuses on creativity, hospitality, and celebration. It offers a relaxed, hands-on way for families to explore Bible stories through crafts, games, and food, aiming to make faith accessible to everyone. All are welcome!



World Day of Prayer

The great wave of prayer which encircles the world for World Day of Prayer was prepared this year by Christian women of Nigeria. Copies of the order of service are available in church if you would like to take one. You can also [listen here](#).

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
A service for everyone!
Friday 6 March
I will give you rest, come

Nigeria 2026

Join the great wave of prayer which encircles the globe for

World Day of Prayer

Feel free to take an Order of Service prepared by Christian women of Nigeria.



INFORMED PRAYER PRAYERFUL ACTION
24-7 365 Days a year Prayer movement Ecumenical International Women-led
wwdp.org.uk Registered Charity Number 233242

Music at St Oswald's

Music	March	2026	Year A
SUNDAY	1st	Second Sunday of Lent	Purple
10.30	368 Psalm 524	All my hope on God is founded 121 My God I love thee I lift my eyes to the quiet hills	6.30
	383 606	Be still for the presence of the Lord Thy hand O God has guided (omit * verses)	497 Psalm 8 116 495
			Turn thy face from our sins/Attwood Let all the world Mag and ND E O dearest Lord O Saviour of the world/Goss Lead kindly light
SUNDAY	8th	Third Sunday of Lent	Purple
10.30	467 Psalm 469	How sweet the name of Jesus sounds 95 I heard the voice of Jesus say My song is love unknown/Archer	6.30
	524 557	My God I love thee Prasie to the holiest in the height	424 Psalm 42 vs1-7 16
			Choral Evensong Stanford in Bb Stewart responses Through the day/Morley Fill thou my life What a friend we have in Jesus (sheet) Like as the hart/Howells Hail gladdening light
SUNDAY	15th	Fourth Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday	Purple
10.30	253 362 377	For the beauty of the earth Tell out my soul Angel voices ever singing Ave Maria/S.Lindley	6.30
	598 Psalm 516	There's a wideness in God's mercy 23 Love divine	618 Psalm 23 238 18
			Christ be with me/Rawsthorne When in our music God is glorified Mag and ND F For Mary mother of our Lord (omit *) Purest and highest/Stanford O strength and stay
SUNDAY	22nd	Fifth Sunday of Lent	Purple
10.30	411 Psalm 571	Dear Lord and Father of mankind 130 Soldiers of Christ arise * omit vs 3 Ave verum corpus/Mozart Pie Jesu/Faure (solo) Clare Benediction/Rutter	4.00
	468	Lord of the dance	
			Songs of Praise at Snelston (No evening service at St Oswald's church)
SUNDAY	29th	Palm Sunday	Purple
10.30	128 129 433	All glory laud and honour Ride on ride on Give me joy in my heart Palm Sunday antiphon/Morgan	6.30
	127 499	When I survey Lift high the cross. (omit * verses)	
			Tenebrae Taize chants, hymns, readings and candles

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 Application forms will be sent to you after the initial contact. I shall look forward to hearing from you soon.

Readings

March Readings

March readings 2026

March 1st Lent 2
Romans 4:1-5,13-17 Paul writes to the Christians in Rome before he visits them. He reminds them that Abraham, the great hero of faith in the Hebrew Scriptures, was chosen by God, not because of his deeds but his faith.

John 3.1-17
John, alone of the Gospel writers, recorded the visit of Nicodemus, a Pharisee, who asked Jesus a question. The conversation that followed relied heavily on their knowledge and use of the Hebrew language. The word for 'again' sounded very similar to the one for 'from above'. The 'lifting up' of Jesus on the cross was a parallel to Moses lifting up the serpent in the wilderness to save the people from a plague of serpents.

March 8th Lent 3
Exodus 17.1-7 When the people complain that their life in the wilderness is very difficult, Moses strikes a great rock and water gushes out.

John 4.5-42 (shortened)
Contact with women and with Samaritans was forbidden to devout Jews, therefore the Samaritan woman was astonished at Jesus's request for water. Their conversation, only recorded in John's gospel, became a 'theological discussion' on the nature of belief and of God's life-giving Spirit. As a result, she became an early evangelist, witnessing to Jesus.

March 15th Lent 4
 Mothering Sunday
Colossians 1:3-7
Paul writes to the Christians in Colossae commending them for the strength of their faith.

John 19:25b-27
In his account of the crucifixion, John alone of the four Gospel writers recorded Jesus's words to his mother and to his 'beloved disciple'.

March 22nd Lent 5
Ezekiel 37:1-14 In his vision, Ezekiel finds himself in a valley of dry bones. God's Spirit, his breath which gave life to creation, will now give new life to the Jews in exile.

John 11.1-45 (shortened)
Jesus's act of raising Lazarus (like his meeting with the Samaritan woman) is only recorded by John. Jesus had known the family so it was natural that they turned to him when Lazarus fell ill. Jesus's surprising delay ensured that he could reassure the family of what was to come, and of how God's life-giving power was at work in all that would take place.

March 29th Palm Sunday
(reading for the Blessing of the Palms)
Luke 19.28-40 Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a donkey, the crowds greet him excitedly, hoping he is the hoped-for Messiah.

OTHER PARISHES:
Philippians 2:5-11 Paul writes to the Christians at Philippi in words they may have known as a hymn as he describes the humility and obedience of Jesus to his father's will.

Matthew 26:47 - 27:54
This gospel reading, especially when read dramatically, needs no additional comments

8th March: Lent 3



Exodus 17.1-7

When the people complain that their life in the wilderness is very difficult, Moses strikes a great rock and water gushes out.

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

John 4.5-42 (shortened)

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. True worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that

Messiah is coming. When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman. The woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' They left the city and were on their way to him.

When the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. Many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

Something to think about

Contact with women and with Samaritans was forbidden to devout Jews, therefore the Samaritan woman was astonished at Jesus's request for water. Their conversation, only recorded in John's gospel, became a 'theological discussion' on the nature of belief and of God's life-giving Spirit. As a result, she became an early evangelist, witnessing to Jesus.

Collect

Eternal God,

give us insight to discern your will for us,

to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised

in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace

to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil,

and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Evensong

Joshua 1.1-9

After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying, 'My servant Moses is dead. Now proceed to cross the Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the Israelites. Every place that the sole of your

foot will tread upon I have given to you, as I promised to Moses. From the wilderness and the Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, to the Great Sea in the west shall be your territory. No one shall be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you. Be strong and courageous; for you shall put this people in possession of the land that I swore to their ancestors to give them. Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to act in accordance with all the law that my servant Moses commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, so that you may be successful wherever you go. This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to act in accordance with all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall be successful. I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.'

Ephesians 6.10-20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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, the Reverend Joe and Mrs. Gillie Lister..

Those who are ill, especially Graham Price, Pam Phillips, Reina Hammond and Neil Burns.

The recently bereaved, especially the relatives and friends of Jennie Mitchell, Dorothy Tougher, Christine Broughton, Alan Wibberley and Thomas Limer.

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

Our local churches.

Our Ministry Team: Dwayne, Maggie, Nigel & Lynda.

Activities at St Oswald's



There are many men and women in our community who are caring for a loved one and it is very seldom realised just how little recognition they get for fulfilling such an important but lonely role. If you, or someone you know, is caring for a loved one, for whatever reason, and would like the chance just to have somewhere you can have an hour or so respite with coffee and chat with people who understand the challenges you face daily, then come along to 'Carers Count'.

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

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

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

Notices

Dates for your Diary

- Tuesday 10th March @ 13:00 - Ossie's Potters
- Tuesday 17th March @ 16:00 - Ossie's Kitchen
- Sunday 22nd March @ 14:00 - closing session for Retreat in Daily Life
- Tuesday 24th March @ 13:00 - Ossie's Potters
- Tuesday 31st March @ 16:00 - Ossie's Kitchen
- Wednesday 1st April @ 10:00 - Carers Count

Get Involved

- 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.

[Palm Sunday Dramatised Reading](#)

On Sunday, 29th March we will be following our Palm Sunday tradition of a dramatised setting of the Gospel read by members of the congregation as part of our morning service. This year, it is based on the Gospel according to St Matthew. Anyone is welcome to take part and a sign-up sheet will be available in the South transept on Sunday, 1st March for those interested.

I plan to hand out the scripts on Sunday, 15th March after Morning Service and also arrange a brief practice before coffee on 22nd March. If you have any questions in the meantime, do please speak to me at church or contact me on 07969 989818.

Look forward to seeing you!

Debbie Ashton-Cleary

[Lent Lunches - Dates](#)

Thursday 12 March - Elim

Thursday 19 March - Elim

Thursday 26 March - All Saints



JOIN ASHBOURNE CHURCHES TOGETHER FOR ...

LENT LUNCHES

Venue:
All Saints Hall
Time: 12:00 - 13:00

Hosted by:
THURSDAY 12 MARCH - ELIM
THURSDAY 19 MARCH - ELIM
THURSDAY 26 MARCH - ALL SAINTS



2026

Ozzie Bears

Just look at these amazing bears that have been knitted and a big 'thank you' to everyone who is currently knitting Ozzie Bears. Just look at these 'beauties'

We give every child an Ozzie Bear at their Baptism and of course they are the stars of Teddy Parachuting in June.

Patterns in the Edward Bear area in Church.



1 - Rosemary Warner



2 - Nancy Mackman



3 - Nancy Bell



We are in need of more knitted Ozzie Bears!

Ozzie bears are given to every baby that is Baptised here at St Oswalds. Ozzie Bears are also the best flyers in town!

We sell them at Teddy Parachuting for £2.50 and they 'fill the skies' with their aeronautical expertise.

If you have time to knit, patterns for these beautiful bears are in the Edward Bear Area on the children's altar. You can also find the pattern on [the Church website](#).

Thank you

Lindsay

Date for your Diaries

Teddy Parachuting: Saturday June 20th between 10.00 - 12.00 noon.

Bring teddies, Octonauts and Dinosaurs!

[Candlelight Experience at St John's](#)

Following the recent Lumos concert, a Hans Zimmer Candlelight Experience is planned at St John's Church on Saturday 18th April with two performances - 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Tickets are available [online](#).





[Ashbourne Rotary Easter Egg Appeal](#)

Easter is a time of hope and celebration, and you can help make it special for children in Ukraine by donating a medium sized chocolate egg. For many, this may be their only Easter treat.

With your support, we can make sure as many children as possible experience a little bit of joy and normality this season.

If you could drop them off at David Neill Mica on Compton or Cornerstone Coffee Shop by 10 March 2026 we can then get them to Ukraine by Easter.

Ashbourne



Easter Egg Appeal



Easter is a time of hope and celebration, and you can help make it special for children in Eastern Europe by donating a medium sized (minimum 90g) chocolate egg.

Please drop off your eggs at:

David Neill Mica Home & DIY or Cornerstone Coffee House

Closing date: 10 March 2026*

*any eggs received after this date will be donated to local charities

Quiet Day



**‘Pilgrimage
The outer & inner journey’**
Led by the Rev’d Fr Alasdair Kay
Saturday 28th March 2026
St Oswald’s Church, Ashbourne

*Pilgrimage encourages us to go deeper into our relationships.
The pilgrim seeks to let go of everyday distractions and interior attachments, to be open to new insights into self and the Beloved and, allowing all this to integrate, draws ever closer in union. On my own journeys I realised I had not so much sought the Beloved, but that the Beloved has sought me’,*
(extract from *The Kentigern Way* by Stephen Wright, Wild Goose Publications, Glasgow, 2019 p.92)

The quiet day begins at 10.30am, refreshments will be available from 10am. The day begins with worship and will include three short talks and times of silence. The day ends with a time for questions and finally closing worship. Those attending are asked to bring a packed lunch. The speaker for the day is Rev’d Fr Alasdair Kay MA SCP (The Anglican Greyfriars) who will lead the day on the theme of the ‘Pilgrimage an inner and outward journey’. There is no charge for the day, those attending are invited to make a donation. Please book your place by emailing Cameron Butland – cameron.butland@derby.anglican.org

Programme

10-10.30am Arrive, (*refreshments available on arrival*)
10.30am Morning Prayer
11.00am **First talk**
followed by quiet time of reflection
12noon **Second talk**
followed by quiet time of reflection
1.00pm *Lunch, please bring own packed lunch, drinks provided*
2.00pm **Third talk**
followed by quiet time of reflection
3.00pm Closing Prayer

The venue is St Oswald’s Church Hall, 5 School Lane, Ashbourne DE6 1AN Ashbourne. There is a small car park and parking on the road outside the church.

Glendalough Pilgrim Prayer

I beg assistance, God of my journey, to accept that all of life is only on loan to me, to believe beyond this moment, to accept your courage when mine fails, to recognise the pilgrim of my heart, to hold all of life in open hands. Amen

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.

To book, [click here](#).

save the date!

Diocese of Derby
DIOCESE OF LINCOLN
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

Ashbourne Singers - 21st March



Look at the World . . .

Ashbourne Singers

SATURDAY 21st MARCH 7.00pm

ST OSWALD'S CHURCH, ASHBOURNE

**EASTER CONCERT
IN AID OF
Scouts** 
2nd Ashbourne

Tickets at the door
or from Natural Choice
£10 (u18s Free)
Refreshments Available

www.ashbournesingers.org.uk
Registered charity 1140285



Walking and Rambling with St Oswalds

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

The Ramblers group meets on the 2nd Monday of the month, starts walking at 10.00am and covers approximately 5 miles.

The Walking group meets on the last Saturday of the month, starts walking at 9.30am and covers approximately 10 miles.

Ramblers Group Dates (All rambles start at 10 a.m.)

- Monday 9th March 2026, starts in Millers Dale car park at 10:00

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

- Saturday 28th March 2026

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Walking Group Report

The St Oswald's Walkers group this month was a select group of three 'ladies' (St Oswald's Girlies as we have been known in the past!) We set off from Monyash along what is sometimes referred to as 'The Steeplechase Route' due to the very large number of stiles; at least 12 before we reached Hard Rake plantation. The consolation prize was the beautiful skylark singing above us. We proceeded down Deepdale, following a babbling brook, enjoying more birdsong and watching buds beginning to burst. Definitely the first signs of spring! As we left the nature reserve the brook had become a torrent, and one member of the group accidentally 'sat down' so having recovered her, we had to take a higher path which led us to White Park car park where we had a short break for elevenses.

After crossing the A6 we entered Monsal Dale, another natural delight with snowdrops still flourishing, crocuses, and daffodils in bud. We were lucky enough to see a dipper, and plenty of mud. We climbed to Monsal Head Viaduct from where we followed the trail, a few very muddy fields and a quiet lane to Ashford in the Water where we ate our picnic lunch under the Silver Jubilee shelter in the village.

The third section of the walk began with a steep and unrelenting climb to Sheldon, but as we got higher more and more far reaching and stunning views opened up around us towards the moors and the edges. Leaving Sheldon, we had views in the other direction towards Magpie Mine, which was our highest point of the day, and the White Peak. The last couple of miles were gently downhill all the way to Monyash, with a few more stiles thrown in for good measure.

In spite of the mud, the innumerable stiles and one short sharp shower, a thoroughly enjoyable walk was enjoyed by all. Total distance was almost 11 miles with 1750 feet of ascent.

Judy Harrison







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.



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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).



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The contact details are:

Celia Dickinson, Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO)

Mobile: 07754 883935

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