

Ashbourne Church News 12/04/2026



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 and Annual Meetings

The new Electoral Roll for St Oswald's and St Mary's (names only) will be displayed on the noticeboard in the Churches from Sunday 29th March. Errors or omissions can be corrected but no further names can be added until after the Annual Meeting. Please check the list is accurate.

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners (to elect churchwardens) and Annual Parochial Church Meeting are on Sunday 19th April, 12:15 and 12:25 respectively (after the 10:00 a.m. service), in St Oswald's Church Hall. Do join us!

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The Annual Report is available on the [church website](#). If you do not have internet access, there are a few paper copies in church. In whatever form you see it, please do have a read before the meetings to get a glimpse of all that goes on in our churches – and see if you have any questions.

At the second meeting we will be electing representatives to our Parochial Church Council and to the Deanery Synod

Nomination forms for Churchwarden, PCC member or Deanery Synod representative are available in church or from the Parish Office (parishoffice@ashbournechurch.org.uk). Please do consider standing for one of these roles! (Please note that nominations for Churchwarden must be received before the start of the first meeting)

Holy Week Thought

Andrew Motion, who was appointed Poet Laureate in 1999, wrote a very moving article in *The Times* some years ago. He described himself as being in the middle between religion and atheism “where faith flickers off-on like a badly wired lamp”. A wonderful metaphor, which only

a poet could think up. He suggests that millions of people live in the middle ground, and he is probably right.

After various life events Andrew described his position as faith, not in a God who gives orders and people scurry around trying to obey them, but “a Universe in which the primitive hunger to imagine beyond ourselves is manifested in a number of overlapping stories that give us the possibility and permission to do so. They shape our ambition to think bigger and to live better, and they help define our place in the scheme of things.” He admits that he does not keep a strong grip on this faith every day, but each time he returns to faith, his sense of what it means grows deeper. The headline that *The Times* gave to this article was “I’ve seen the light, and it flickers on and off.”

In that, Andrew Motion is like St Thomas who clutched his doubts to himself and refused to believe the other apostles who had been in the Upper Room when they saw the risen Christ. A week later, he grudgingly joined them, and saw Jesus himself. Then doubting Thomas changed to ‘believing Thomas’, becoming the first to hail him as “my Lord and my God.”

After that, did Thomas’s faith flicker on and off like a badly wired lamp? We don’t really know, but doubt is the friend of faith, because times of uncertainty lead us to a more well thought out faith.

Blessed are you if you have been given a firm, unwavering faith. Millions pick our way doggedly through the dark night of the soul, Jesus stays with us, and sees us out of the other end of the tunnel, into the glorious light of heaven.

With blessings

Nigel

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



Anna Chaplaincy

We are glad that Lindsay Walker will train as an Anna Chaplain, based at St Oswald's, supporting our aim to reduce loneliness and to show appreciation for mature members. As she starts training in April, please keep her in your prayers. You may wish to use this prayer as a starting point:

Faithful God, you have promised in Christ to be with us to the end of time. Come close to those who have lived long and experienced much. Help them to continue to be faithful and, within the all-age kingdom of God, to find ways to go on giving and receiving your grace, day by day. For your glory and your kingdom. Amen.

Dwayne



Services

Weekly Online Service

Each week a recorded service is prepared which can be streamed from the church [YouTube channel](#).

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 the second Sunday of Easter, from St Oswald's Chapel](#)

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.

April Services

ASHBOURNE GROUP OF CHURCHES

Everyone is WELCOME at any of the Services in our Churches

Day	APRIL	Time	Church	Service
Low Sunday	12th	9.00	St Oswald's, Ashbourne	Breakfast Church
		10.30	St Oswald's, Ashbourne	Holy Communion
Sunday Easter 3	19th	9.15	St John's, Ashbourne	Morning Worship with Taizé chants
		10.30	St Oswald's, Ashbourne	Holy Communion
		18.30	St Oswald's, Ashbourne	Evensong
Sunday Easter 4	26th	10.30	St Oswald's, Ashbourne	Holy Communion
		10.45	Holy Trinity, Clifton	Holy Communion
		16.00	St Oswald's, Ashbourne	Messy Church
		18.30	St Oswald's, Ashbourne	Evensong

ON LINE SERVICES

Daily Morning & Evening Prayer and Sunday Morning Service available on :

ashbournechurch.org.uk

WEDDING and BAPTISM ENQUIRIES

Please call Parish Office 0303 300 0498

PASTORAL CONTACT

To speak to a member of the Clergy call 01335 664159

Lent and Easter Gallery

Photographs showing St Oswald's throughout Lent and Easter, with Easter flowers created by St Oswald's Flower Arrangers, and Easter Garden by Michael Halls.





















Breakfast Church and Messy Church



 Ashbourne Group
of Churches

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



Launch of Messy Church at St Oswald's

We are really excited about the launch of our new Messy Church service for the whole family on Sunday 26 April at 4.00pm in the Church Hall.

Messy Church is fundamentally about people just coming in all their messiness with all their messy lives! A fun and vibrant new community with crafts, games, stories, and a free meal for all ages. No experience of crafts (or church) necessary, just bring your curiosity!

Music at St Oswald's

Music for April

MUSIC	FOR	April	2026	Year A	
Maundy Thursday 7.00	2nd	313 My God and is thy table spread 130 An upper room 284 Bread of heaven I give you a new commandment/Aston 329 Thee we adore		Good Friday 3rd 7.00	Lift High the Cross Benedictus/Sumsion Here O my Lord/Whitlock God so loved the world/Stainer Agnus Dei/Harwood Were you there?/Duckworth
SUNDAY	5th	Easter Sunday	White		
8.00		147 Jesus Christ is risen today 159 The strife is o'er			
10.30		147 Jesus Christ is risen today 148 Jesus lives! 162 Ye choirs of new Jerusalem Blessed be God the Father/Wesley Gloria/Vivaldi Jesus is risen/Tanzanian arr Bell 160 Thine be the glory		6.30	Choral Evensong Canticles; Brewer This joyful Eastertide 143 Come ye faithful Easter Anthem 147 Jesus Christ is risen today Ye choirs of new Jerusalem/Stanford 137 Alleluia, Alleluia, hearts to heaven... Responses: Smith
SUNDAY	12th	2nd Sunday of Easter	White no choir		
10.30		140 Christ is alive 145 Good Christians all 468 Lord of the dance 156 Sing choirs of heaven (Woodlands)			
SUNDAY	19th	3rd Sunday of Easter	White		
10.30		333 You living Christ our eyes behold... 282 Be known to us in breaking bread 301 God is here as we his people... The strife is o'er/Ley 284 Bread of heaven on thee we feed 278 Alleluia sing to Jesus		6.30	Now the green blade riseth 158 The Lord is risen indeed Psalm 48 Mag and ND E 150 Love's redeeming work is done Lord I trust thee and adore thee/Handel 149 That Eastertide with joy was bright (vs 9-13)
SUNDAY	26th	4th Sunday of Easter	White		
10.30		424 Fill thou my life 599 Thine for ever 478 In heavenly love abiding Brother James Air/arr Jacob 484 The King of love 453 Great is thy faithfulness		6.30	I give to you/Nardone 515 Lord thy word abideth Psalm 23 Mag and ND F 517 Loving shepherd of thy sheep The Lord is my shepherd/Schubert 426 Firmly I believe and truly

Readings

12th April: Easter 2

Acts 2.14a, 22-32

On the day of Pentecost after the gift of the Holy Spirit, in symbols of wind and fire, Peter addresses the the crowds of pilgrims, quoting words familiar to them from the book of Joel

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. 'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you

crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

“I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.”

‘Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David[e] spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

“He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.”

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

1 Peter 1.3-9

Peter writes to the faithful members of the congregation he was addressing, of the hopes and joys of their new life in the risen Jesus.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

John 20.19-31

The four gospel writers all record the resurrection of Jesus but each describes different aspects of the event. John alone recorded the meeting of Jesus with Thomas who had been missing the previous week. Jesus's words offered reassurance to those who might doubt the truth of that great saving event.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Collect

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no heart is closed:

open the doors of our compassion,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father.

Post Communion

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of eternal life

and in baptism have made us one with him:

deliver us from the death of sin

and raise us to new life in your love,

in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,

by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Evensong

Daniel 6. 1-23

It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom one hundred and twenty satraps, stationed throughout the whole kingdom, and over them three presidents, including Daniel; to these the satraps gave account, so that the king might suffer no loss. Soon Daniel distinguished himself above all the other presidents and satraps because an excellent spirit was in him, and the king planned to appoint him over the whole kingdom. So the presidents and the satraps tried to find grounds for complaint against Daniel in connection with the kingdom. But they could find no grounds for complaint or any corruption, because he was faithful, and no negligence or corruption could be found in him. The men said, 'We shall not find any ground for complaint against this Daniel unless we find it in connection with the law of his God.'

So the presidents and satraps conspired and came to the king and said to him, 'O King Darius, live for ever! All the presidents of the kingdom, the prefects and the satraps, the counsellors and the governors, are agreed that the king should establish an ordinance and enforce an interdict, that whoever prays to anyone, divine or human, for thirty days, except to you, O king, shall be thrown into a den of lions. Now, O king, establish the interdict and sign the document, so that it cannot be changed, according to the law of the Medes and the Persians, which cannot be revoked.' Therefore King Darius signed the document and interdict.

Although Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he continued to go to his house, which had windows in its upper room open towards Jerusalem, and to get down on his knees three times a day to pray to his God and praise him, just as he had done previously. The conspirators came and found Daniel praying and seeking mercy before his God. Then they approached the king and said concerning the interdict, 'O king! Did you not sign an interdict, that anyone who prays to anyone, divine or human, within thirty days except to you, O king, shall be thrown into a den of lions?' The king answered, 'The thing stands fast, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be revoked. Then they responded to the king, 'Daniel, one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, O king, or to the interdict you have signed, but he is saying his prayers three times a day.'

When the king heard the charge, he was very much distressed. He was determined to save Daniel, and until the sun went down he made every effort to rescue him. Then the conspirators came to the king and said to him, 'Know, O king, that it is a law of the Medes and Persians that no interdict or ordinance that the king establishes can be changed.'

Then the king gave the command, and Daniel was brought and thrown into the den of lions. The king said to Daniel, 'May your God, whom you faithfully serve, deliver you!' A stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet and with the signet of his lords, so that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel. Then the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; no food was brought to him, and sleep fled from him.

Then, at break of day, the king got up and hurried to the den of lions. When he came near the den where Daniel was, he cried out anxiously to Daniel, 'O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God whom you faithfully serve been able to deliver you from the lions?' Daniel then said to the king, 'O king, live for ever! My God sent his angel and shut the lions' mouths so that they would not hurt me, because I was found blameless before him; and also before you, O king, I have done no wrong.' Then the king was exceedingly glad and commanded that Daniel be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no kind of harm was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

Mark 15.46 - 16.8

Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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 Cynthia Shipley.

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

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

March 31st, and 14th, 28th April

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

Suggested donations of

£5 per adult and £2 per child

For enquiries and to request transport

call Ossie's Kitchen on 01335 664159



**St Oswald's Church
Derbyshire CC
Fare Share**



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
7th and 21st April
From 1pm until 3pm.



Notices

Dates for your Diary

- Tuesday 14th April @ 16:00 - Ossie's Kitchen
- Tuesday 21st April @ 13:00 - Ossie's Potters
- Tuesday 28th April @ 16:00 - Ossie's Kitchen

Get Involved

- Saturday 1st August - Young Adults Pilgrimage to Taizé

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

We are on a journey and need some help

You might remember that I wrote recently about Michael Rennie and his wife, Ann, and about Michael giving up his workshop so that the tools might be taken by TWAM for valuable re-use in Africa. Earlier this week we had a visit from a member of the TWAM team, who we hoped would magically take away all the equipment that Michael is releasing from his workshop. When

John, the volunteer from TWAM, saw the amount of equipment in Michael's workshop it became obvious that a specialist was going to be needed.

We need some help

This note to the newsletter is to ask for some help on this journey. Some of the equipment undoubtedly needs an engineering mind, to decommission the basic equipment in the workshop, and pack it up into boxes before TWAM can come to collect it. This journey needs a Good Samaritan - an engineer who is familiar with the type of equipment set up for woodworking/carpentry.

Could this be something you might be willing and able to do?

If you could support Michael and Ann in this way then the 'New Life' we talked about in a previous newsletter could be given a push in the right direction

If you are able to help, please contact me in the first instance - Peter.c.walker@btinternet.com.

So many thanks.

Peter, Ann and Michael Rennie

[Wanted – fabric/lightweight curtains/patterned duvet covers](#)

Gillie Lister, as some of you already know, makes bags out of material to send to Africa, but Gillie is running out of fabric!

These bags are used for a multitude of things, one of which is to use as 'school bags' for children to carry their books. They are so useful.

If you have any spare fabric/light curtains/duvet covers, please can you put them in the blue Aquabox that is in the Edward Bear Children's Area in Church.

Thank you.

Peter Walker



One duck said to the other 'Have you read the posters in the Walk of Words?'

You should. They're brilliant!

Social Activities

Beetle Drive

Saturday 18th April.

St Oswald's church hall.

Beetle drive with fish and chip supper.

£15 per person.

Bring your own drink.

Sign up sheet will be in church.



V&A at Wedgwood

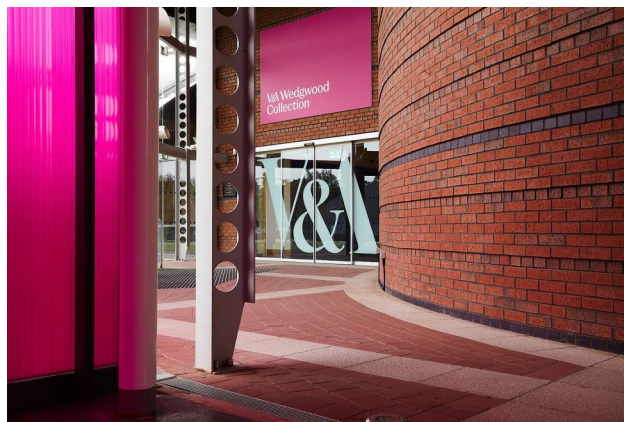
Thursday 25th June.

Coach outing to V&A at Wedgwood and then onto Trentham gardens for lunch. Stroll round the gardens, explore the lake and wire Fairies, take a trip down the lake on the boat or just sit and watch the world go by. Don't forget you can also look around the shopping village and explore the garden centre.

Coach will leave Ashbourne at 9.30 and return approx. 4.00.

Cost - £25 to include the coach and admission to Trentham gardens.

Please email gillianelliott@live.co.uk for a place.



Car Boot and Table Top Sale

Saturday 4th July.

St Oswald's church hall and car park.

Car boot and table top sale.

More information to follow.

Please check the newsletter for further details.



Annual Edward Bear Teddy Parachuting Event - 20 June 2026

St. Oswald's Church Teddy Bear Parachuting



20th June 10.00 - 12.00

One Jump £2.00

Three Jumps £5.00

We would appreciate donations of
CAKES/PLANTS//KNITTED TEDDIES (we have a knitting
pattern) and PRIZES FOR THE TOMBOLA
If you have anything you wish to donate please give it to
Chris Haycock, Peter or Lindsay Walker or leave in the
Edward Bear area on the children's altar.
Plants and cakes can be brought along
on the morning of the event.

This annual event will take place at the start the Ashbourne Arts festival on Saturday 20 June from 10.00-12.00.

The event has always been very successful, lots of fun, and only possible because so many people have always volunteered. Monies raised always goes to support church activities.

Chris and Lindsay will be putting out an email to all those who have contributed on previous occasions, but would be delighted to hear from anybody who feels they would like to come and

help. There will be a variety of stalls - craft, plants, cakes, knitted teddies, bacon roles and refreshments and a treasure hunt in the church not to mention the Bearer Medic tent. Inside the church we will have a book stall and live organ music (featuring the tune Teddy Bear's Picnic of course).

Nearer the time we shall be looking for plants and cakes. Chris reminds us for example that if you wish to bring along items for the plant stall do remember that cuttings can be taken and are very useful items.

This event has been running for fifteen years, and has been led by Chris Haycock and Lindsay Walker who will standing down. We look forward to hearing from anybody you feels able to take this forward.

Chris Hancock and Lindsay Walker





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](#).



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 13th April 2026 starting from St Peter's church, Snelston

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

- Saturday 25th April 2026

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Email : paulgillelliott@outlook.com

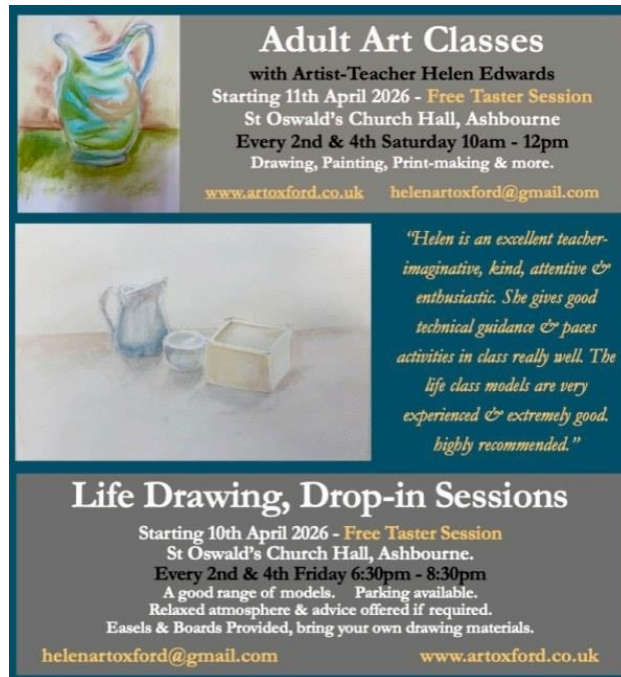
St Aelred's Pilgrim Trail

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.




In the Church Hall



Adult Art Classes
with Artist-Teacher Helen Edwards
Starting 11th April 2026 - **Free Taster Session**
St Oswald's Church Hall, Ashbourne
Every 2nd & 4th Saturday 10am - 12pm
Drawing, Painting, Print-making & more.
www.artoxford.co.uk helenartoxford@gmail.com



"Helen is an excellent teacher-imaginative, kind, attentive & enthusiastic. She gives good technical guidance & paces activities in class really well. The life class models are very experienced & extremely good. highly recommended."



Life Drawing, Drop-in Sessions
Starting 10th April 2026 - **Free Taster Session**
St Oswald's Church Hall, Ashbourne.
Every 2nd & 4th Friday 6:30pm - 8:30pm
A good range of models. Parking available.
Relaxed atmosphere & advice offered if required.
Easels & Boards Provided, bring your own drawing materials.
helenartoxford@gmail.com www.artoxford.co.uk

Giving and Donations

Donate to St Oswald's

If you would like to set up a regular payment to St Oswald's Church then you can do so through the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS).. You can find out more information on [the PGS website](#) where you can also set up a regular payment.

Alternatively you can telephone the Parish Giving Scheme on 0333 002 1260 to set up a payment. (The PGS code for St Oswald's Church is 120612186).



Give a Little

St Oswald's church is open every day of the week. If you would like to make a donation to the work of St Oswald's Church you can do so from the [Give a Little website](#).



Easyfundraising

St Oswald's Church is registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Since joining we have raised over £400, and that is with only 27 supporters.

Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment. You can find our easyfundraising page by [>> CLICKING HERE](#)



Safeguarding

Keeping People Safe

We are committed to ensuring that our church is a safe place for everyone and take the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults very seriously. We adhere to safeguarding rules laid down by the Church of England and the diocese of Derby.

Report a Safeguarding Concern: Protecting children, young people and vulnerable adults is the responsibility of us all, whether they are in the communities in which we live or part of our

Christian family. If you have a concern about a child, young person or adult who may be at risk of harm please speak to the parish safeguarding coordinator.

The contact details are:

Celia Dickinson, Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO)

Mobile: 07754 883935

If you have concerns about a member of the clergy or an employee of the church please contact the Diocesan Safeguarding. To confidentially report a safeguarding concern please complete the [Safeguarding Concern Form](#) or call 01332 388678. You can also report any concerns to the Police or Social Care. The important thing is that your concerns are shared with someone in a position to help.