

Ashbourne Church News 19/04/2026



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.

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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 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)

Reflecting on Who We Are

A considerable number of years after I left my secondary school, a reunion was organised. I had kept in touch with very few of my fellow students, so when I arrived, I felt as if I were in a large room full of strangers.

I gazed around, desperately trying to recognise someone. Then, as I looked at groups of men and women chatting to each other, I began to notice the way they were standing, or the expressions on their faces, or the way they gestured or laughed. Those aspects of them were still the same as I remembered and they could be identified by them, whereas their overall appearances had changed tremendously.

Suddenly, it dawned on me who many of them were and the evening became a reunion.

In the accounts of Jesus after the Resurrection, some of his disciples did not recognise him when they saw him alive again. For some it was his voice that revealed his identity. For others, like the travellers on the road to Emmaus, it was recognising specific actions such as the blessing of the bread.

Of course, we meet many people whom we have not met before and sometimes we may draw conclusions about them, positive or negative, even on early encounters.

In the account of the coming of the Holy Spirit in the book of Acts, we see the gathering together of a huge number of people who would be noticeable to others because of their race, religion or attitudes. Or, like Peter and other disciples, who had suddenly gained confidence in their futures as leaders, preachers and healers, they felt themselves empowered to move forward in their lives.

We will all change in many ways in the course of our lives and, consequently, other people will regard us in different ways at various times just as we regard them. They will notice the sort of people we strive to be and they will observe our spirituality and Christian faith if those aspects of ourselves can be seen as part of the whole person.

May we all feel confidence in Christ's presence in our lives and may other people draw conclusions about us which reflect the people we try to be.

Blessings to you all.

Pip

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



Logo and Branding

With the guidance of the Standing Committee and the PCC, we have been exploring a new logo and branding for St Oswald's Church over the past months. We are delighted to be close to a final version with Thomas Pashley Design that will include colour and font choices, as well as branding guidelines. More info coming soon!

Rachel Knight, our new curate

All are invited to come and welcome the new curate, Rachel Knight, at 15.00 for a Welcome Tea at St Oswald's. (We will also need help with cakes, please)! She will be ordained at Derby Cathedral that morning at their 10.45am service. Please keep her in your prayers.

Christian Aid Week

It's coming up to **Christian Aid week 2026** and the cake stall at **Tissington Well Dressings**, both in the same week!

This is our shared moment to come together with friends from other Ashbourne churches to stand alongside people living in poverty around the world.

Would you be able to help again this year? Or for the first time if you've not been involved before? There are lots of ways to help.

Please can you let **Catherine Green** (catherine@birchlodge.uk) know if:

1. You are available for a few hours between **10th and 16th May** to **deliver Christian Aid envelopes** to houses in Ashbourne?
2. You would be willing for **your letterbox to be used as a drop-off point** for people to bring their filled envelopes to? (The last few years we have not knocked on doors to collect envelopes, but have instead offered a network of local letterboxes that people who want to give can drop their donation off at. We have found that we can raise the same amount of money this way, as

long as we cover enough of the town. You'll be given a poster to display near your letterbox to reassure people they have the right house)

1. You would be willing to also **knock on doors to collect envelopes**? We know that we get a lot more money from certain streets this way, but it does take longer and some people don't like it
1. You could **bake a tray-bake or cake** to sell at Tissington Well Dressings from 14th to 17th May?
1. You could **staff the cake stall** for a 2-hour slot between **14th to 17th May**? A great opportunity to see the Well Dressings too.

You could also **sponsor Janet Wright**, who will walk '**70K in May**' (Sponsor Form in Church).



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

There was no recorded service this week.

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 Holy Communion Evensong
		10.30	St Oswald's, Ashbourne	
		18.30	St Oswald's, Ashbourne	
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

Breakfast Church and Messy 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



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/Sunsion Here O my Lord/Whitlock God so loved the world/Stainer Agnus Dei/Harwood Were you there?/Duckworth
SUNDAY 8.00	5th	Easter Sunday	White		
10.30		147 Jesus Christ is risen today 159 The strife is o'er 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 10.30	12th	2nd Sunday of Easter	White no choir		
		140 Christ is alive 145 Good Christians all 468 Lord of the dance 156 Sing choirs of heaven (Woodlands)			
SUNDAY 10.30	19th	3rd Sunday of Easter	White	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)
		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			
SUNDAY 10.30	26th	4th Sunday of Easter	White	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
		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			

Readings

19th April: Easter 3

Zephaniah 3.14-20

Zephaniah, a contemporary of Jeremiah, declares to the Jews that they will no more be threatened by disaster. God will be with them and they must rejoice.

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he

will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

Acts 2.14a, 36-41

Peter continues his address to the crowds of pilgrims at the Temple, calling on them to repent and be baptised.

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.

Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.' Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So those who welcomed his message were baptised, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Luke 24.13-35

Luke alone records the walk of two disciples, Cleopas and his wife Mary, with a stranger. They talked about the recent events in Jerusalem and the stranger explained how it had been foretold by the prophets. At the meal, as Jesus broke bread and blessed wine as he had at the Last Supper, they recognised him. John, In his gospel, mentions this Mary among the women who stood at the foot of Jesus's cross. (John 19:25)

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognising him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death

and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognised him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Collect

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:

strengthen us also to proclaim your risen life

and fill us with your peace,

to the glory of God the Father.

Post Communion

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples

in the breaking of bread:

open the eyes of our faith,

that we may see him in all his redeeming work;

who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Evensong

Haggai 1.13 - 2.9

Then Haggai, the messenger of the LORD, spoke to the people with the LORD's message, saying, I am with you, says the LORD. And the LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and worked on the house of the LORD of hosts, their God, on the twenty-fourth day of the month, in the sixth month.

In the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the LORD came by the prophet Haggai, saying: Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say, Who is left among you that saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the LORD; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the LORD; work, for I am with you, says the LORD of hosts, according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. For thus says the LORD of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with splendour, says the LORD of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the LORD of hosts. The latter splendour of this house shall be greater than the former, says the LORD of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the LORD of hosts.

1 Corinthians 3.10-17

According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw — the work of each builder will become visible, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each has done. If what has been built on the foundation survives, the builder will receive a reward. If the work is burned, the builder will suffer loss; the builder will be saved, but only as through fire.

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

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 Cedric Stevenson and Helen Smith.

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 21st April @ 13:00 - Ossie's Potters
- Tuesday 28th April @ 16:00 - Ossie's Kitchen
- 1st May - 8th May - St Aelred's Pilgrim Trail
- Wednesday 6th May @ 10:00 - Carers Count

Get Involved

- Saturday 1st August - Young Adults Pilgrimage to Taizé

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

Bellringers Outing

On 21 March 2026 the bellringers had their annual outing. This year, we headed for the Clay Cross and Bolsover area, with 13 ringers and one non-ringing guest visiting a total of five towers.

We set off from Ashbourne around 9 a.m., to arrive at our first tower of St Bartholomew's, Clay Cross in good time to start ringing at 10 a.m. The mist was still lying low early in the morning, but later the sun came out and we had a beautiful day. After 40 minutes' good ringing on a nice ring of 6, we set off for Tibshelf and our second tower. The entrance to the tower was hard to find, involving going past the scaffolding and through the Parish Room, but most of us made it and were glad to find a ground floor ringing chamber for this second ring of 6.

St John the Baptist in Ault Hucknall meant navigating a trap door to reach our first ring of 8, but we managed it! This was a beautiful old church with a very early tympanum set into the wall, where a door used to be. After that we were glad to have a break for lunch, which was taken at an excellent pub nearby.

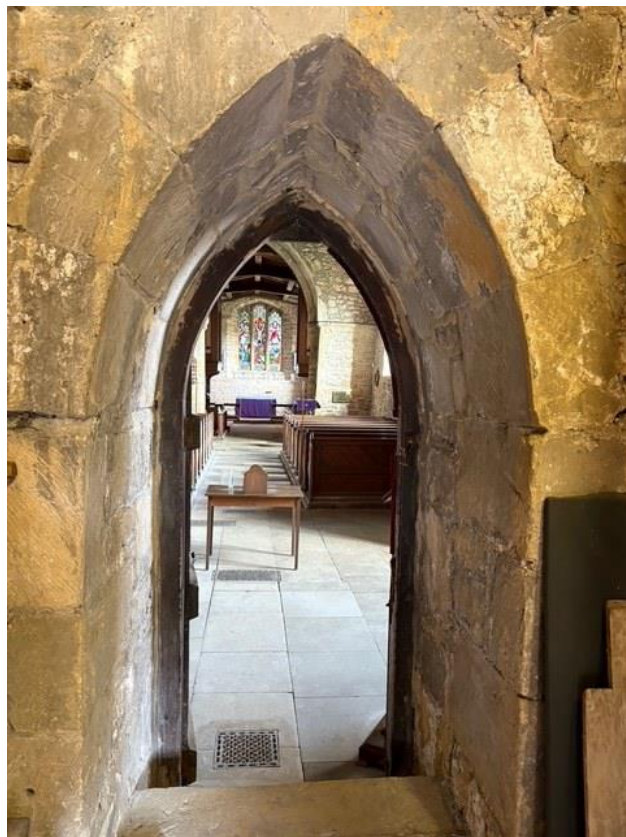
Refreshed and revived, we headed to St Leonard's Scarcliffe for our second 8 bell tower of the day. Finally, we finished with the 8 bell ring at St Mary & St Laurence Bolsover, and headed home, tired but happy.

Many thanks to Jonathan Baker who did much of the organising, and to all those who took charge of ringing at each tower.

Next year, we will probably go to the Hope Valley in late March or April – non-ringing guests are very welcome to come with us if you'd like to visit a number of interesting churches in our company.

Heather Self





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

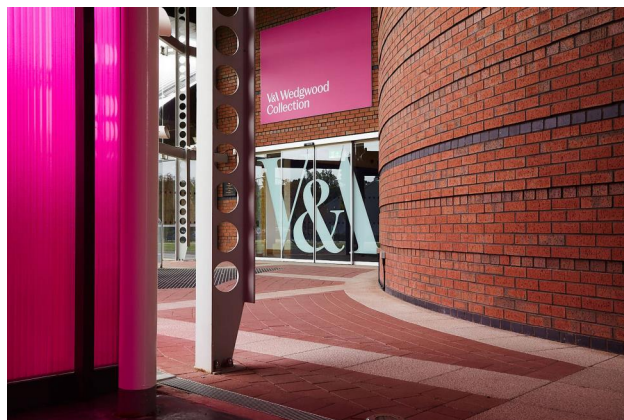
Thursday 25th June.

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.



**Thursday 25th June
Coach Outing to
V&A at Wedgewood**



**Continuing to
Trentham Gardens**



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Car Boot and Table Top Sale

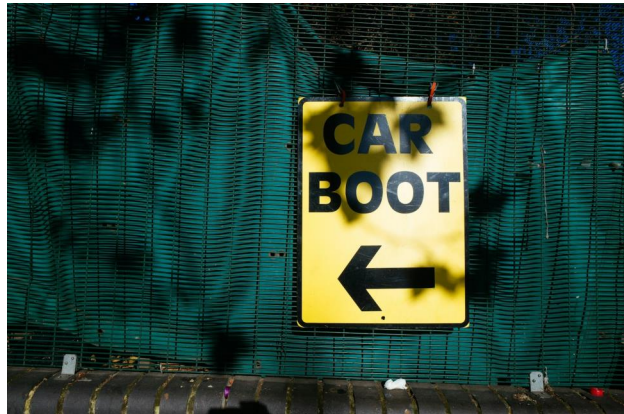
Saturday 4th July.

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.

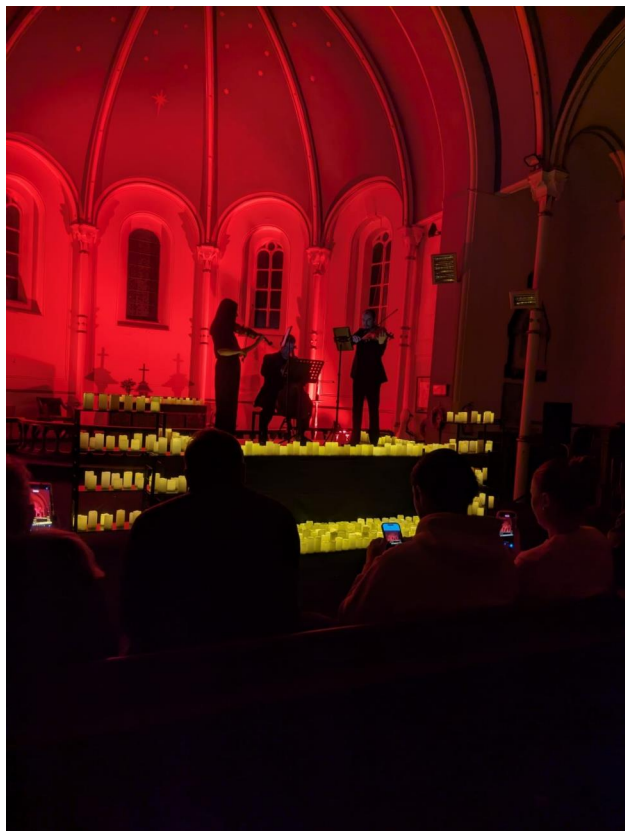


Candlelight Experience at St John's

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](#).

A limited number of 15% discounts are available on Gold tickets. Code: WELCOME15 (use on checkout).





LUMOS

A Hans Zimmer candlelight experience

an unforgettable evening of music in an enchanting
indoor setting

St John's Church, Buxton Rd,
Ashbourne DE6 1EX
Saturday 18th April
2 Sittings: 7-8pm | 9-10pm

SCAN ME

Book tickets now!
www.lumos-experiences.com

The poster features a photograph of a string quartet performing on a stage. The stage is illuminated by a large number of lit candles, creating a warm, atmospheric glow. The background is dark, making the musicians and the candlelight stand out.

St Oswald's Book Club

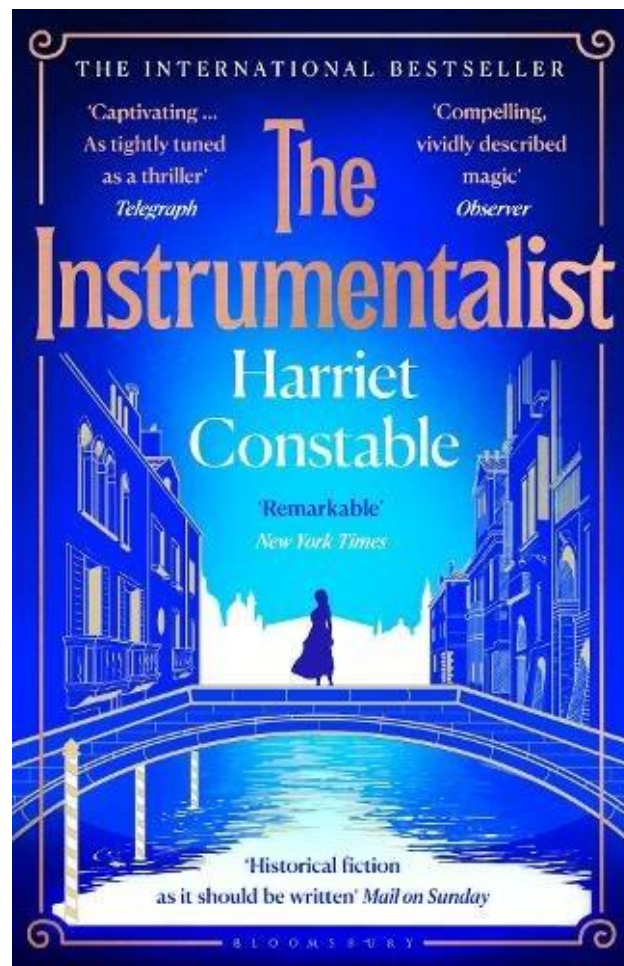
St Oswald's Book Club met on Monday 13th April in our usual venue of Ashbourne Library. We are made very comfortable, it's very convenient and a great way to start the week. We met to discuss our last book 'The Marriage Portrait' by Maggie O'Farrell.

'Lucrezia de' Medici in 1550's Florence as she marries Duke Alfonso of Ferrara and must navigate court politics while trying to produce an heir. The Marriage Portrait is historical fiction

based on a real person'. Maggie O'Farrell has said that it was based on a poem by Robert Browning, 'My Last Duchess', which in turn is about the tragic end of 16-year-old Lucrezia de' Medici, a member of the influential Medici family. This was a riveting read.

Our next read is Harriet Constable's first novel, 'The Instrumentalist'. Venice, 1704. Anna Maria may have no name, no fortune, no family. But she has ambition and has talent. Her best hope lies in her teacher, Antonio Vivaldi. Soon she is his star pupil. But, as Maria's gift grows, her shining light begins to eclipse that of her mentor. The prodigy becomes the rival.

Our next meeting is on Monday 11th May 10.00am – 11.00am. For more information, please contact the Parish Office.



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

Rogation Sunday is May 10th. With this in mind Saturday 25th April will be the nearest walking group. The walk will start at Norbury church and visit all churches in the Ashbourne Group of Churches visiting Norbury, Snelston, Clifton, Mappleton, St Johns and finishing at St Oswalds. There is the option to drive to Norbury and leave some cars in St Oswald's car park or use the Swift bus from Ashbourne (8.40) to Ellastone (Dove street 8.52) and walk to Norbury church.

Gill

Email : paulgillelliott@outlook.com

April Ramblers Report

The ramblers group had a good turn out of 12 plus Jet for the April walk starting from Snelston church. There was blue sky from the start which gave everyone a spring in their step.

We passed through the village before crossing the river Dove at Toadhole footbridge. With wonderful views ahead we followed the river through Calwich park into Lower Ellastone. Crossing back into Derbyshire at Norbury, we dropped down to the river and headed upstream passing the Archimedes' screw in the river and on through the woods and up to Norbury church where we enjoyed a coffee break in the sunshine.

We then returned to the river where the route became a little muddy before emerging onto the road. A lovely wide grassy lane, Old Slade lane, then took us to Cackle hill before crossing the fields to Virgins Alley and back to the cars. A beautiful walk with many lambs to see, an abundance of bluebells and primroses and the sound of woodpeckers.







St Aelred's Pilgrim Trail

The walking group have decided on their challenge for 2026. We are going to walk the St Aelred's Pilgrim Trail from 1st to 8th May 2026. This is a 41 mile pilgrimage linking the 9 churches of Upper Ryedale and Helmsley with Rievaulx Abbey.

Aelred of Hexham was a Cistercian monk and from 1147 – 1167 he was Abbot of Rievaulx. He wrote on Christian friendship and was gifted with wisdom to lead.



Giving and Donations

Donate to St Oswald's

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

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



Give a Little

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



Easyfundraising

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

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



Safeguarding

Keeping People Safe

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

Report a Safeguarding Concern: Protecting children, young people and vulnerable adults is the responsibility of us all, whether they are in the communities in which we live or part of our Christian family. If you have a concern about a child, young person or adult who may be at risk of harm please speak to the parish safeguarding coordinator.

The contact details are:

Celia Dickinson, Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO)

Mobile: 07754 883935

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