



ST OSWALD'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

June 2026



MINISTRY THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

I had the privilege of visiting Rachel Knight this week at Ripon Cuddesdon, Oxford, where she trained. She moves to Clifton this week with her husband Alan, and will then return to finish the term in college. She will be ordained on Sunday 21 June at 10.45am at Derby Cathedral and will serve with us in the Ashbourne Group of Churches.

Welcoming a new curate into the parish is an important and joyful occasion. She will bring a wealth of previous life experience, fresh energy, new ideas, and a willingness to serve God and the local community. At the same time, moving into a new parish can be challenging. She is leaving family, friends, and support networks built up over years in Warwickshire to move to join us in the Ashbourne Group of Churches. A warm welcome (offering friendship, encouragement, and prayer) will help Rachel feel supported and valued as she begins her ministry.

It serves as a reminder of the vocation we all share. I'm very grateful to the large team of people leading and serving in different capacities in the Ashbourne Group of Churches. Please know you are all deeply valued. Please also know her arrival does not imply that everything you do should stop. She is another caring and loving person being added into the mix of already gifted and dedicated people serving in our churches.

But take a moment to ask: could this be a time to explore if there is something in you suggesting you are called to serve in different and new ways? Within our churches? Within the wider community? Might you be called to be a Lay Licensed Minister (Reader) or perhaps to ordained ministry?

Allow me to end with a short prayer from St Teresa of Avila:

Christ has no body now on earth but yours,
no hands but yours,
no feet but yours;
yours are the eyes through which to look at Christ's compassion to the world,
yours are the feet with which God is to go about doing good,
and yours are the hands, with which God is to bless us now.
Amen.

Blessings, Dwayne



Breakfast CHURCH

14TH JUNE FROM 09:00 - 09:45

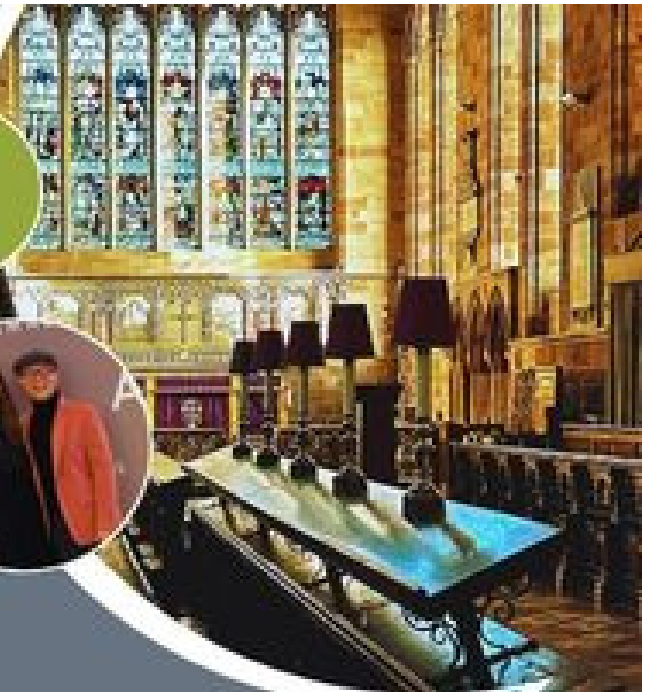
**Bacon butties, cereal, toast and
a short all age service**



St Oswald's Church

SUMMER RECITALS

Run in collaboration with Ashbourne Arts Festival, concerts start on 27th May with soprano, Michelle Holder



MESSY CHURCH

Join us in St Oswald's Church Hall for Messy Church on Sunday 28th June from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.



St Oswald's Church

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!



St Oswald's Church



**Time: 4 - 6 p.m.
Place: St Oswald's Church Hall**

MESSY CHURCH 28TH JUNE

Lots of fun activities, stories and songs, and refreshments.

Please join us – bring the whole family!

(All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult).



HEALING ROOM IN ASHBOURNE

A few of us from the Ashbourne Churches are planning to start a Healing Room in the renewed Methodist Church. A Healing Room is a place and a time when Christian prayer ministry is available to anyone. e.g. Thursdays 4.30 to 6 at Costa, Chellaston.

Ashbourne Churches Together Committee has given the idea an enthusiastic welcome. Healing Rooms UK is a long-established umbrella organisation which has helped start up Healing Rooms in many towns, and which gives Guidelines and Training.

We will be overseen by them and by a local Board of Reference. We will have a banner inviting people to come in to pray with someone for a friend or for themselves. In my experience as a Vicar and Prison Chaplain, not everyone receives healing but most are grateful for a touch of something, usually of peace. Three of us are from St Oswald's, with three from other churches. We would love a few more people to join us. We will always have two people praying; one more comfortable with praying out loud, one more comfortable praying quietly. We will receive training from the National Healing Rooms and locally. Might you like to make yourself available to join us praying for others for their peace?

Contact Roger Harper-Allen for more details
harperrog@gmail.com

Pew News



Church Vacancies

Could you volunteer to take Minutes at PCC meetings? Or become our Parish Safeguarding Officer? Please get in touch with the Parish Office for more details about either role.

Summer Recitals

Join us at St Oswald's for a programme of recitals, in collaboration with the Arts Festival. Full details available in church.

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.

St Francis Malawi Trust

The Trust is returning to Malawi in July 2026. St Oswald's is collecting donations of baby clothes for this trip. If you can help, a box is located in the Edward Bear play area for donations.

Save the Dates

- Diocesan Choral Festival, Evensong, Sunday 14 June.
- Church of North India visit, Sunday 12 July.
- Ashbourne Churches Together, Picnic in the Park, Sunday 12 July
- Festival of Hymns, Hymn Society, Thursday 23 July

Ossie's Potters

A group of people who enjoy being in the fresh air with other people, and '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
2nd June, from 1pm until 3pm.



ST AELRED'S TRAIL

19 members of St Oswald's (and 2 dogs) travelled to Helmsley to take on the St Aelred's pilgrimage trail. We were based in 5 cottages in the area and travelled to the start daily. The weather was kind to us, with just one drizzly day; unfortunately, it chose the day we were on the Moor top.

On our journey we visited 9 churches in the area, all beautifully maintained in some very remote little villages. We started at All Saints Helmsley on day 1 heading for St Mary's East Moors, a remote church, only accessible, at one time, by horse - the Vicar would ride to the church on Saturday and sleep in a hammock in the south aisle, to be ready for Sunday service.

We also visited churches in Bilsdale, Hawnby, Old Byland, Scawston, Cold Kirby, Rievaulx and Sproxton. The route was varied and stunning, the flowers beautiful with many bluebells and primroses, wood anemones and cowslips, we saw many birds and were lucky to see hares on the moors. 6 walkers, together with Jet, completed the entire walk completing all the daily sections. We celebrated the week with a meal out together at the Black Swan. A great week, great company and good friendships.

Here's to the 2027 walk wherever it may take us!



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 - June 9th and 23rd at
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
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MAY WALKING GROUP REPORT

Starting from the village car park in Parwich, 6 ramblers set out along the Limestone Way heading towards Ballidon. We stopped to look inside the 13th century Ballidon church situated in a field on the hillside above the village.

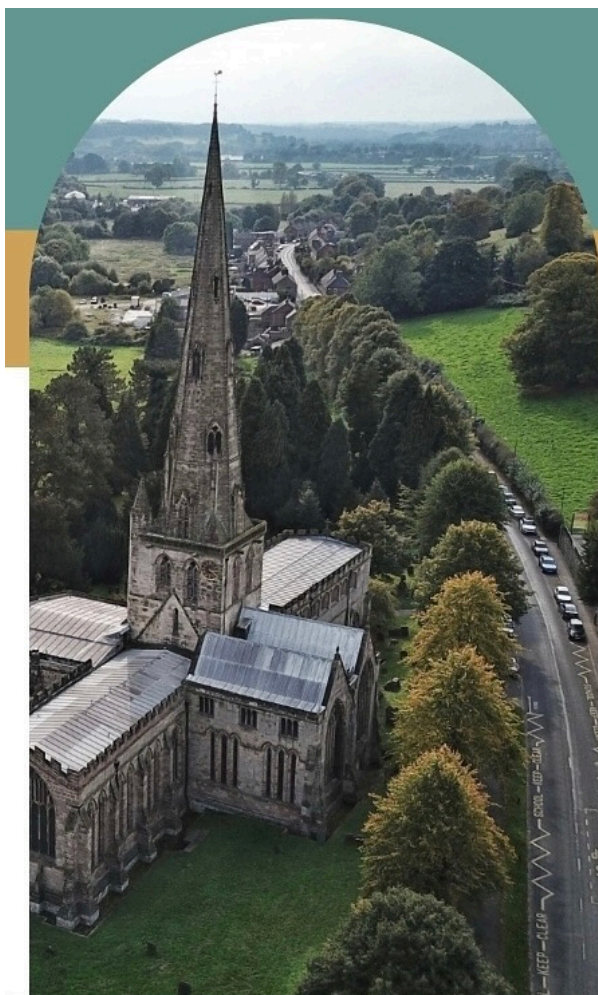
From Ballidon, we headed south to Bradbourne, the Thankful Village for a brief coffee stop. Continuing down towards Ballidon's Bradbourne Mill, we crossed the road and, after a short climb towards Tissington, we headed north back to Parwich.

A lovely walk using many paths that the group had not previously walked.



BISHOP FRANCIS VISIT

The Ashbourne Churches Together (ACT) have an ecumenical partnership with the Diocese of Patna. Bishop Francis, their bishop, is joining us in July for two weeks. He'll be with us on Sunday 12 July and with Ashbourne Methodists on Sunday 19 July. The Church of North India (CNI) is a United Church formed when the Anglican, Methodist Baptist and Presbyterian Churches in North India joined together. CNI calls on a mixture of traditions from the joining Churches for its governance and its worship. More info to come soon as we look to actively relaunch St Oswald's involvement supporting the ACT – Patna partnership!



Diocesan Choral Festival

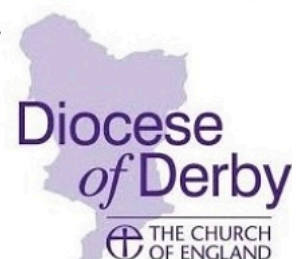
Sunday 14 June 3.00pm - 7.30pm

St Oswald's Church, Ashbourne

Join the Cathedral Choir and church choirs from across the Diocese of Derby for a feast of music in the beautiful church of St Oswald's, Ashbourne.

3.00pm Rehearsal

6.30pm Service



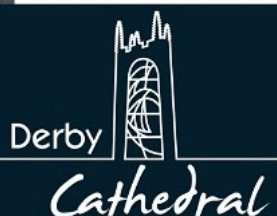
Booking for singers and choirs is essential at <https://form.jotform.com/261132186309049>



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ST FRANCIS MALAWI TRUST

Supporters of the St Francis Malawi Trust are excited to be returning to Malawi again in July 2026, and are now fundraising and collecting supplies for this next trip. We're incredibly grateful for any financial donations, and we're also collecting:

- Baby clothes
- Baby hats, blankets, and cardigans

Please leave any donations in the box located in the Edward Bear area in church.

Every contribution, big or small, makes a real difference. Thank you so much for helping us support these children and communities.

Music & Silence

A singing workshop, 4-part harmony, no music-reading required.
Followed by a time of Music and Silence, singing our learned songs, interspersed with silence.
A thoughtful, reflective, beautiful event.
Come to participate or just listen.

Led by singers from St Clement's Church Horsley.

Free to attend. Donations towards upkeep of church building appreciated.

Tuesday 23 June 7pm
St. Oswald's Church, Ashbourne



BELLS FOR BIRDS

St Oswald's took part in the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust initiative 'Bells for Birds', welcoming Swifts back to the UK after their migration from Africa.

The bells were rung at St Oswald's to mark this occasion on Sunday 3rd May.



Derby Diocesan Association

On Sunday, 3 May 2026

Ashbourne, Derbyshire

St Oswald

Tenor: 13-1-21 in F

300 Plain Bob Minor

Rung on the front 6 with a tenor cover.

- 1 Val Marston
- 2 Heather Self
- 3 Peter Dickinson (C)
- 4 Celia Dickinson
- 5 Rose Cheshire
- 6 Andrew Burns
- 8 Jonathan Baker

Rung as part of the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust 'Bells for Birds' initiative, welcoming the Swifts back to the UK after their long migration from Africa.

Please come for
Tea
in the garden

Saturday 13th June

2 - 5pm

At Norbury Hall, Norbury,
Ashbourne DE6 2EQ

In aid of St. Mary and St. Barlok's Church, Norbury

Please contact **Clare Clowes** | 07962 224633



Joining together at Ashbourne
Festival Picnic in the park.

LET'S PICNIC TOGETHER!



PACK YOUR
PICNIC AND JOIN
US FOR A
WONDERFUL
TIME TOGETHER!

**SUNDAY,
12TH JULY**

The picnic will be held
from 1pm

Location:
Ashbourne Memorial Gardens

V&A AT WEDGEWOOD

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 Wedgwood



Continuing to
Trentham Gardens



The coach will leave Ashbourne at 9.30am and return at approximately 4.00pm

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

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Dates for your Diary

27th May - Summer Recitals begin

2nd June, 13:00 - Ossie's Potters

9th June, 16:00 - Ossie's Kitchen, Church Hall

13th June, 14:00 - Tea in the Garden, Norbury Hall

14th June, 14:00 - Diocesan Choral Festival

16th June, 13:00 - Ossie's Potters

20th June, 10:00 - Teddy Bear Parachuting, Church

21st June, 15:00 - New Curate Welcome Tea, Church Hall

23rd June, 16:00 - Ossie's Kitchen, Church Hall

23rd June, 19:00 - Music and Silence, Church

30th June, 13:00 - Ossie's Potters

Bell Ringing Practice

Wednesday, 19:30 - 21:00

Choir Practice

Friday, 19:00 - 20:00

Ramblers Group

Next walk: 8th June

Walking Group

Next walk: 27th June

Sunday Services

10:30 a.m. Holy Communion, 6:30 p.m. Evensong



St Oswald's is open daily from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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

Phone: 01335 343052

The Parish Office is open Monday, Wednesday, Friday between 10:00 and 12:00. If you need a priest urgently, please call 01335 664159.



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