

News from Ashbourne Group of Churches

February 2024



ASHBOURNE GROUP OF CHURCHES



Church Services in the Ashbourne Group

Sunday 4th February 2024

- 9.15 - St John's, Buxton Hill – Holy Communion
- 9.15 - St Peter's, Snelston – Holy Communion
- 10.30 - St Oswald's, Ashbourne – Holy Communion
- 11.00 - St Mary & St Barlok, Norbury – Holy Communion
- 18.30 - St Oswald's, Ashbourne – Evensong

Sunday 11th February 2024

- 9.00 - Breakfast Church at Cornerstone Café
- 9.15 - St Mary, Mappleton – Holy Communion
- 10.30 - St Oswald's, Ashbourne – Holy Communion
- 18.30 - St Oswald's, Ashbourne – Choral Evensong

Wednesday 14th February 2024 – Ash Wednesday

- 10.00 - St Oswald's, Ashbourne – Holy Communion

Sunday 18th February 2024

- 9.15 – St John's, Buxton Hill – Congregation Service
- 10.30 - St Oswald's, Ashbourne - Holy Communion
- 10.30 - St Peter's, Snelston – Family Service
- 18.30 - St Oswald's, Ashbourne – Evensong

Sunday 25th February 2024

- 10.30 - St Oswald's, Ashbourne - Holy Communion
- 10.45 - Holy Trinity, Clifton – Holy Communion
- 18.30 – St Oswald's, Ashbourne - Evensong

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Sunday 3rd March 2024

- 9.15 - St John's, Buxton Hill – Holy Communion
 9.15 - St Peter's, Snelston – Holy Communion
 10.30 - St Oswald's, Ashbourne – Holy Communion
 11.00 - St Mary & St Barlok, Norbury – Holy Communion
 18.30 - St Oswald's, Ashbourne – Evensong

Music in St Oswald's

Sunday 4th February

10:30 Holy Communion

- 546 O worship the King
 474 Immortal invisible
 418 Father Lord of all creation
Panis Angelicus/Franck
We are walking in the light of God
 437 Go forth and tell! (Woodlands)

18:30 Epiphany Carol Service

- Fairest Lord Jesus/How**
 185 Like the murmur of the dove's song
 Psalm 65
 386 Be thou my vision
Hymn to the Cherubim/Lvovsky
 21 Sun of my soul

Sunday 11th February

10:30 Holy Communion

- 555 Praise my soul
 415 Eternal light shine in my heart
 414 Eternal Light! (Repton)
Gaelic Blessing/Rutter
325 The church of God a kingdom is
 591 The kingdom of God is justice and joy

18:30 Choral Evensong

- O gladsome light /Bourgeois**
 37 The Lord will come and not be slow
 Psalm 150
 376 And can it be omit vs 2 and 4
O Thou the central orb/Wood
 22 The day thou gavest

Sunday 18th February

10:30 Holy Communion

- 496 Lead us heavenly Father
 95 Forty days and forty nights
 109 It is a thing most wonderful
View me Lord/Lloyd
329 Thee we adore (Ellers)
 557 Praise to the holiest

18:30 Evensong

- Lead me Lord/Wesley**
 385 Be thou my guardian and my guide
 Psalm 25 vs 1-9
 97 Lord Jesus think on me
O bone Jesu/Palestrina
 428 Forgive us our sins as we forgive

Sunday 25th February

10:30 Holy Communion

- 6 New every morning
 386 Be thou my vision
 468 Lord of the Dance
Lord for thy tender mercies' sake/Tye
106 Drop drop slow tears
 586 The God of Abraham praise

18:30 Evensong

- Come my way/Cooper**
 622 Will you come and follow me
 Psalm 135 vs 1-14
 480 In the cross of Christ I glory
Insannae et Curae Vanae/Haydn
 522 My faith looks up to thee

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“Music is the language of the spirit. It opens the secret of life bringing peace, abolishing strife.” Kahlil Gibran

February is markedly different to January in the church calendar. January has the glow of post-Christmas working through all the emotions of Epiphany and Christian unity and concluding with Candlemas.

*Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace:
according to thy word.*

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation;

Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles:

and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Luke 2.29–32

These words are sung every time we sing Evensong which is almost every Sunday evening at 6.30p.m. They are very special: when it is Choral Evensong, it is astonishing how many ways different composers can interpret these words in music, taking us all to a better understanding. On February 11th, we shall be singing Stanford's setting in Bb major. It is a very significant anniversary for Stanford this year. In June we shall be hosting a COME and SING CHORAL EVENSONG which will feature Stanford music. Look out for more information on that.

Back to February as we transition Sundays after Epiphany to the season of Lent with a complete change of musical interpretation. The music becomes much more reflective, almost like Pilgrim's Progress, leading us to Easter itself. Be a part of the journey.

Michael Halls

“Update from the St Oswald's Bookstall!”

Take advantage of coffee in church to come and peruse our lovely card and bookstall.

Stock clearance - so come and grab a bargain book or some reduced cards!

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Readings at St Oswald's Services in February 2024

| Date | Service | 1 st Lesson | Gospel |
|---------------------------|---------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| 4 th February | 10:30 | Proverbs 8:1, 22-31 | John 1:1-14 |
| 4 th February | 18:30 | Genesis 2:4b-25 | Luke 8:22-35 |
| 11 th February | 10:30 | 2 Kings 2:1-12 | Mark 9:2-9 |
| 11 th February | 18:30 | 1 Kings 19:1-16 | 2 Peter 1:16-end |
| 14 th February | 10:00 | 2 Corinthians 5.20b-6.10 | Matthew 6.1-6,16-21 |
| 18 th February | 10:30 | Genesis 9:8-17 | Mark 1:9-15 |
| 18 th February | 18:30 | Genesis 2:15-17,3:1-7 | Romans 5:12-19 |
| 25 th February | 10:30 | Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 | Mark 8:31-38 |
| 25 th February | 18:30 | Genesis 12:1-9 | Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16 |

Ossies Potters



With the appearance of the beautiful dancing heads of snowdrops in the Churchyard shows a new season is just around the corner. It is with that in mind that eight members of The Potters met for the first time this year in The Little Shed Cafe. We welcomed a new member Chris Haycock, who has an amazing knowledge and experience of horticulture! We discussed doing those little jobs around the church that really make a difference. If you would like to pop along to the group, you would be very welcome. Our next meeting is on 6th February at 2pm, or have a chat with Anne - 07807413671

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Breakfast Church

at Cornerstone Café



St Oswald's Breakfast Church normally meets in St Oswald's Church Hall, but due to the church hall renovations the next Breakfast Church will be at Cornerstone Café at **9.00am on Sunday 11th February**. You can expect a warm welcome and a lovely breakfast (which includes cereals, toast, tea, coffee and fruit juice, bacon or sausage butties and pancakes).

There is no charge, but donations welcome. Breakfast is served at 9.00am and followed by family-friendly worship from 9.20am to 9.45am.

Our worship includes songs, activities, and prayers.

We would be delighted to welcome you.

Love in a Bag, Derbyshire

If you have a bag of any description that you no longer use and would like to donate, fill it with toiletries such as deodorant, shower gel, shampoo, toothpaste and brush and bring it along to the collection point. Toiletries without bags and bags without toiletries are very welcome too.

These bags are then given to people fleeing domestic violence, both men and women, and homeless people across Derbyshire. We collect all year round and even one item can make a difference. Below are some heartwarming words from a grateful recipient who received a bag in December:

"I'm writing to personally thank you for your donation. The last year has been so tough emotionally and physically for myself and many others, and thanks to people like you I actually smiled with a heart that filled a little.

Christmas is such a hard time of year and people like yourself, people in hardship have a feeling of hope and happiness.

It's so nice to receive your gifts and not to feel like you had to or I felt bad for not returning the favour so to speak.

Because of you I had a feeling of purpose and belonging, your donation took my breath away and proved the world isn't as evil as it may seem.

What you're doing is amazing and I pray that God returns these blessing to you and your family.

Again, thank you so much and a very merry Christmas and an even better New Year. God bless."

There is a collection box in St. John's for Love in a Bag.

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USPG Stamps

Many thanks to those of you who brought stamps to church over the Christmas period in aid of U.S.P.G. We had a 'bumper crop' this year and I've sent them off to the dealers.

A reminder to those who already help and others who might be prepared to help in future - stamps need a border of about 1 centimetre of paper all round to make it easier for those who handle the stamps. Damaged stamps or those pre 2008 are seldom of value. Foreign stamps are welcome.

Don't worry if you're not sure, I always check through them and can weed out any that won't be acceptable. USPG are grateful for your help supporting the varied social work of the Church of North India.

If you would like more details please let me know, my email address is d.wilmore469@btinternet.com.

Deirdre Wilmore

Lent Course

Women of the Bible



Did you know there are several hundred women mentioned in the Bible? It is not our intention to study all of them, but to pick out five – two from the Old Testament and Three from the New Testament. Our Course will run for five weeks from week commencing 18th February.

There will be a sign up sheet in Church from Sunday. Could you indicate the days you are available and whether you would like to attend daytime or evening and if you would be able to host.

We look forward to you journeying with us.

For more information contact Maggie on 01335 664159

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Are you **passionate** about **people & planet** ?

Ashbourne's **One World Group** exists to raise awareness of world development issues by organising events and talks. We're part of Ashbourne Churches Together and, since we started in 1984, we've organised a huge number of events.

- We were part of the successful Jubilee 2000 campaign for the cancellation of third world debt, which ultimately led to rich countries promising to write off US\$110bn of debt.
- 2004 saw llamas in Ashbourne town centre as people had the chance to walk with the llamas as well as find out more about aspects of life in South America.
- In 1986, our "Talking World" helped explain living conditions for people around the world.
- In September 2016, around 700 people took part in our challenge to "Go a Mile for Burkina Faso" by walking, cycling, running and swimming a total of 5705 miles during the month! This was part of a partnership project which raised over £5,000 for Christian Aid in 18 months, with EU match-funding of £25,000.
- In 2019, we brought Phosphoros Theatre Company to Ashbourne to perform their hit play, "Pizza Shop Heroes", a show about the experiences of child refugees.
- In 2023, we held a Vigil for the Climate, as part of a national campaign to ensure the Global South receives money to pay for the loss & damage they are experiencing.

Our plans for 2024 include Ashbourne's first "One World Festival", an exciting new event which will celebrate our links with the wider world.

We'll also be celebrating our 40th Anniversary of raising funds for Christian Aid through our cake stall at the Tissington Well Dressings. We have raised over £60,000 for the charity since 1984. Our cake stall this year will be held from 9th – 12th May 2024.



We really need your help!

We are looking for people to get involved in the group – we're very friendly and we meet 3-4 times a year to plan our events.

We'll be having an open meeting from **7-8pm on Wednesday 6th March** at Ashbourne Elim Church, DE6 1DG – do come along to find out more or if you might like to get involved.

If you can't attend the meeting or for more information, please contact Stuart Green on 01335 300338 or stuart@greenofashbourne.plus.com or speak to Janet Wright

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St Oswald's and St Mary's churches are open every day of the week. If you would like to make a donation to the work of St Oswald's or St Mary's you can do so by scanning the following relevant QR Code below and making a donation:



St Oswald's Church



St Mary's Church



If you would like to set up a regular payment to St Oswald's or St Mary's Church then you can do so through the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS).

You can find out more information on the PGS website at:

<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/>

where you can also set up a regular payment.

Alternatively you can telephone the Parish Giving Scheme on **0333 002 1260**

The PGS code for St Oswald's Church is **120612186**