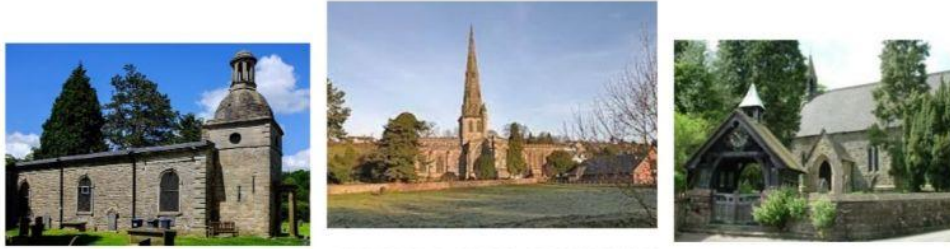


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ASHBOURNE GROUP OF CHURCHES



Church Services in the Ashbourne Group

Sunday 3rd March 2024

10.30 - St Oswald's, Ashbourne – Holy Communion

18.30 - St Oswald's, Ashbourne – Evensong

Sunday 10th March 2024 – Mothering Sunday

9.00 - Breakfast Church at Cornerstone Café

9.15 - St Peter's, Snelston – Family Service

9.15 - St Mary's, Mappleton – Family Service

9.15 - St John's, Buxton Hill – Family Service

10.30 - St Oswald's, Ashbourne – Holy Communion

10.45 - Holy Trinity, Clifton – Family Service

11.00 - St Mary & St Barlok, Norbury – Family Service

18.30 - St Oswald's, Ashbourne – Choral Evensong

Sunday 17th March 2024 – Passion Sunday

9.15 - St John's, Buxton Hill – Congregation led

10.30 - St Oswald's, Ashbourne – Holy Communion

18.30 - St Oswald's, Ashbourne – Evensong

Sunday 24th March 2024 – Palm Sunday

10.30 - St Oswald's, Ashbourne - Holy Communion

18.30 - St Oswald's, Ashbourne – Tenebrae

Monday 25th March 2024 - 18.30 – St Oswald's, Ashbourne - Compline

Tuesday 26th March 2024 - 18.30 – St Oswald's, Ashbourne - Compline

Wednesday 27th March 2024 - 18.30 – St Oswald's, Ashbourne - Compline

Maundy Thursday 28th March – 19.00 - St Oswald's, Ashbourne – Holy Communion & Strip Altar

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Good Friday 29th March 2024

14.00 - St Oswald's, Ashbourne – Last Hour at the Cross

19.00 - St Oswald's, Ashbourne – Mystery of the Cross

Easter Sunday 31st March 2024

6.00 - St Oswald's, Ashbourne – Sunrise

8.00 - St Oswald's, Ashbourne – Holy Communion

9.15 - St Peter's, Snelston – Holy Communion

9.15 - St Mary's, Mappleton – Holy Communion

10.30 - St Oswald's, Ashbourne – Holy Communion

18.30 - St Oswald's, Ashbourne – Choral Evensong

MUSIC for MARCH

2024 Year B: St Mark

<p>Sunday 3rd</p> <p>10.30 Holy Communion</p> <p>368 All my hope on God is founded</p> <p>426 Firmly I believe and truly</p> <p>448 God of grace</p> <p>When Israel was in Egypt's land</p> <p>I gotta robe</p> <p>499 Lift high the cross (OMIT * verses)</p>	<p>The third Sunday of Lent</p> <p>18.30. Evensong</p> <p>Teach me O Lord/Attwood</p> <p>582 Take up thy cross</p> <p>Psalm 19 vs 1-10</p> <p>600 Thou art the way</p> <p>Ave Verum Corpus/Byrd</p> <p>125 We sing the praise</p>
<p>Sunday 10th</p> <p>10.30 Holy Communion</p> <p>253 For the beauty of the earth</p> <p>433 Give me joy in my heart</p> <p>505 Lord Jesus Christ</p> <p>Love divine/Willcocks</p> <p>Irish Blessing/Chilcott</p> <p>557 Praise to the holiest</p> <p>362 Tell out my soul</p>	<p>The fourth Sunday of Lent; Mothering Sunday</p> <p>18.30. Choral Evensong</p> <p>Walmisley in D minor; Stewart responses</p> <p>Make me a clean heart O God/Ley</p> <p>604 Through all the changing scenes of life</p> <p>Psalm 127</p> <p>478 In heavenly love abiding</p> <p>O Saviour of the world/Goss</p> <p>598 There's a wideness in God's mercy</p>
<p>Sunday 17th</p> <p>10.30 Holy Communion</p> <p>496 Lead us heavenly Father lead us</p> <p>599 Thine for ever</p> <p>578 Stand up stand up for Jesus</p> <p>Crown of Roses/Tchaikovsky</p> <p>Gaelic Blessing/Rutter</p> <p>430 Forth in thy name O Lord I go</p>	<p>Passion Sunday</p> <p>18.30. Evensong</p> <p>Christ be with me/Rawsthorne</p> <p>101 All ye who seek for sure relief</p> <p>Psalm 34 vs 1-18</p> <p>99 My spirit longs for thee</p> <p>God so loved the world/Stainer</p> <p>106 Drop drop slow tears</p>

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<p>Sunday 24th</p> <p>10.3. Holy Communion</p> <p>128 All glory laud and honour</p> <p>129 Ride on ride on</p> <p>433 Give me joy in my heart</p> <p>Ave verum/Elgar</p> <p>122 The royal banners forward go</p> <p>112 My song is love unknown</p>	<p>Palm Sunday</p> <p>18.30. TENEBRAE</p> <p>Taize chants, hymns, readings and candles</p> <p>My song is love unknown/Archer</p>
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<p>MAUNDY THURSDAY 28th</p> <p>19.00 Maundy Thursday Communion</p> <p>130 An upper room</p> <p>282 Be known to us in breaking bread</p> <p>324 Sweet sacrament divine</p> <p>294 Dearest Jesu we are here</p> <p>318 O thou who at thy Eucharist didst pray</p>	<p>GOOD FRIDAY 29th</p> <p>19.00 THE MYSTERY OF THE CROSS</p> <p>GOOD FRIDAY IN WORDS AND MUSIC</p>
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<p>Sunday 31st</p> <p>8.00. Holy Communion (BCP)</p> <p>147 Jesus Christ is risen today</p> <p>145 Good Christians all</p> <p>10.30 Easter Communion</p> <p>162 Ye choirs of new Jerusalem</p> <p>147 Jesus Christ is risen today</p> <p>137 Alleluia, Alleluia, hearts to heaven...</p> <p>The strife is o'er/Ley</p> <p>Jesus is risen/arr Bell</p> <p>Gloria/Vivaldi</p> <p>160 Thine be the glory</p>	<p>EASTER</p> <p>18.30. Festal Choral Evensong</p> <p>Brewer in D; Stewart responses</p> <p>This joyful Eastertide (161)</p> <p>147 Jesus Christ is risen today</p> <p>Psalm Easter Anthems</p> <p>148 Jesus lives</p> <p>Achieved is the glorious work/Haydn</p> <p>152 Now is eternal life</p>
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Music in St Oswald's

"Music is to the soul what words are to the mind."

Some dates for your diary....

Good Friday 29th March The Mystery of the Cross

This is a meditation in words and music that will give more meaning to the events of Good Friday. Included will be music that is new to our choir as well as familiar anthems that touch the soul.

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Sunday 5 th May	18.30 A CONCERT in church with SOUTHERN SPIRIT SINGERS
Sunday 9 th June	18.30 Come and Sing Choral Evensong (all music by C V Stanford)
Saturday 29 th June	The Kings Men Ashbourne Arts - more information to follow

Hymns.....

As you can see from the music list for March hymns we sing in Lent very much reflect the season of the church. With the exception of Mothering Sunday, they tend to use a lot of minor (sad) keys. Suddenly on Easter Day and beyond, the hymns are of a very different nature. The notes seem to be higher than in the previous weeks; in fact they are! From the beginning of June you will realise that the hymns settle down. The hymns at St Oswald's are almost always closely aligned with the readings and other significant things about that day. Perhaps you have a favourite hymn, then that can be in the mix. Last Easter, we sang a hymn that had been written by Michael Smith's father. There are many other examples. If you have a favourite hymn or anthem, have a word with me so that it can be added to the programme.

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!



Egg-citing News from the Bookstall!



Buy your Easter cards and chocolate from St Oswald's Bookstall this year and you'll be supporting the church and the Leprosy Mission charity!



Find catalogues to get your orders in on the bookstall table.



Readings at St Oswald's Services in March 2024

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Date	Service	1 st Lesson	Gospel
3 rd March	10:30	Exodus 20:1-17	John 2:13-22
3 rd March	18:30	Exodus 5:1-6:1	Matthew 10:16-22
10 th March	10:30	Exodus 2:1-10	Luke 2:33-35
10 th March	18:30	Exodus 2:1-10	Romans 5: 1-11
17 th March	10:30	Jeremiah 31:31-34	John 12:20-33 (abridged)
17 th March	18:30	Exodus 7:8-24	Matthew 19: 15-21
24 th March	10:30	Mark 11:1-11	Mark 14:32 - 15:39 (dramatised)
24 th March	18:30	Tenebrae	
28 th March	19:00	Exodus 12:1-4,[5-10],11-14	John 13:1-17, 31b-35
31 st March	06:15	Genesis 1:1-5,26-31	2 Corinthians 5:14-6:2
31 st March	08:00	Genesis 1:1-5,26-31	2 Corinthians 5:14-6:2
31 st March	10:30	Acts 10:34-43	Mark 16:1-8
31 st March	18:30	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Luke 24:13-35

Ossies Potters



At our last meeting our members met for a 'site visit' to have a look and explore all those ideas that we had discussed at our previous meeting. We considered what we felt we needed to do first, also when tending to the borders which flowers would encourage bees and butterflies to visit us and colours we would like to see in the borders. We also looked at where our bird boxes would be positioned. Our next meetings are on 27th February and 12th March, 1pm in the Churchyard area. If you would like to pop along or any further information please have a chat with Anne or telephone 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 10th March (Mothering Sunday).

You can expect a warm welcome and a lovely breakfast (a choice of cereals, toast, tea, coffee or fruit juice, bacon or sausage butties). 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. As places are limited booking is essential, so if you would like to come please contact Andy Wright (07973558150)

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



Teams4U, which Ashbourne Rotary use to send out the Christmas Shoeboxes, are having an Easter Egg campaign this year & Kevin, my husband, is organising the Derbyshire side.

They are trying to match the huge success of the Easter egg campaign last year, where 10,000 eggs were sent to Ukraine. It would be great if anyone could donate any size Easter Eggs to the campaign by the 14th March. Donations of eggs are accepted at David Neils or I'm happy to take them.

Thanks

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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**