

Welcome!



The **Methodist Church**
Ashbourne Circuit



Sunday 23rd March 2025

Lent 3

Worship in Ashbourne

10.30am Church with Choices
at Hilltop School & at home  
led by Tim Dutton & Gareth Rutledge,
Catherine Green & Clare Sales

Today, we are following the Lent 3 theme of Soul Rest, when we will be thinking about nourishing our souls through patience and slowness. In the main hall, Tim will be preaching on Luke 13: 1 - 9, the parable of the fig tree. We will be exploring the role of God as a gardener and how we can take actions to nurture and encourage spiritual growth. In Seek & Share, Catherine and Clare will be planting and exercising prayerfully.

Worship around the Circuit

11.00am Worship at Kniveton
led by Cathy Stubbs (not Communion)
3.00pm Brailsford All Saints *
6.30pm Worship at Kirk Ireton
led by Ruth Barratt

Private Prayer

Tissington & Milldale Chapels are open daily for private prayer

Worship at Home

The service from Ashbourne is live streamed on Facebook & YouTube

The week ahead...

Mothering Sunday 30 March Lent 4

Monday 24 March

2-4pm Craft & Chat in Cornerstone
7.30pm Housegroup at Helen & Tony's

Tuesday 25 March

9.30 - 11am Welly Club at Ashbourne Town Hall
9.30-11.30am Brailsford Coffee Shop in the Chapel
10.00am Housegroup - Coffee at Fairways

Wednesday 26 March

10.00am Talking Jesus at Crispin's house *
12.00 noon Lent Lunch at & hosted by Elim Church *
7.30pm Circuit Meeting at Brailsford

Thursday 27 March

9.30am Time for Prayer
in St Oswald's small meeting room
7- 8.00pm Kirk Ireton Lent Course *
7.30pm Housegroup at Sue & Jeff's
7.30pm Housegroup at Jo & Paul's

Friday 28 March

7.30pm Housegroup at Jen's



Saturday 29 March

2-4.00pm 80 Candles Quilt at Brailsford *

Tuesday to Saturday

8.30am-4pm Cornerstone Coffee House open

* see reverse for more details

10.30am All Age Worship
at Hilltop School & at home  
led by Allan Shaw & Stuart Green
10.45am United Service, Brailsford Benefice &
Brailsford Methodist
at Wyaston Village Hall
led by Revd Bex Allpress
& Revd David Leese
6.30pm Mustard

Everyone is Welcome!

Are you new to this Church or just visiting?
We are very pleased to see you.
Please make yourself known to a Steward & take this sheet home with you to learn more about our activities. To receive this notice sheet electronically, please contact us at noticesamc@gmail.com

Prayer for the week

Circuit Meeting. "Bind Us Together Lord." We pray for our Circuit Meeting as each Church brings their ministry & outreach in their areas to share & discuss ways of moving forward in our Circuit Witness in our villages, town & communities.

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Please pray for those who are unwell including Roy A, Chris D, Margaret H, Kay O, Yvonne R and Rev Nicola.

Thank you +Thank you for the lovely flowers you sent me last week, they are very much appreciated. Gwen F.

+A big Thank You for all the flowers, cards, calls and good wishes I have received following the death of my sister. It has all been very much appreciated. It is wonderful to be part of such a caring fellowship. *Alma*

+Thanks for all the prayers & messages of support following my fall last November. My back is still troublesome, but much improved. Margaret & myself both value everyone's prayers & the offers of support that we have had. David H."

+Thank you all for your support and donations in memory of Joyce. Stephen W

Congratulations We send birthday greetings to Fiona G, who will be 60 on 23 March.

Family News Congratulations to Rachel Sales who passed her PhD viva this week & is now Dr Sales. A big thank you to everyone who has encouraged & supported Rachel over the years.

Open the Book Team will be visiting schools this week with the story of Paul and Silas visiting Philippi entitled the Philippian Jailer.

Foodbank It is a difficult time for everyone at the moment, but we do thank all those who manage to support the Foodbank. At the moment we are desperately short of tinned main meals, tinned rice pudding and custard, biscuits, tea and coffee. Please leave donations at the foodbank bins in Sainsbury's, any of the Co ops, and Aldi's in Ashbourne. Also you can leave any bags for life in the bins, as we often need them to give out food and we are running short. As always, thank you. *Anne Payne*

Next week, in the all-age service for Mothering Sunday, we will celebrate the love of mothers and all those who care for us as we grow up within the all-embracing love & forgiveness of our Mother God.

Shop Ashbourne! Now the Ashbourne Reborn project is underway you'll be aware that the work has been causing some traffic problems, although only at particular points in the day, which has seen a narrative developing about shopping elsewhere. There are undoubtedly fewer people in Ashbourne and the traders, like us, are seeing fewer customers in the shops and cafes. Please support all the local traders at this challenging time, otherwise the shops will be empty when the work is done.

Thanks! Paul

Lent lunches You are invited to join us for lunch at 12 noon on Wednesdays 26th March and 2nd April at Elim church. The lunch on 26th March will be hosted by Elim church and on 2nd April by Ashbourne Methodist Church. You will be offered home-made soup, a roll and butter, cheese and crackers, followed by tea or coffee. Donations to Derby City Mission.

Pennies for Lent We are continuing to do this annual collection, though it has developed into 'Small Change for Lent' as the use of cash has diminished! And some of us have developed the habit of saving some change throughout the year. The money goes to a variety of charities and however small the amount seems from an individual, together it usually comes to a very good amount. I will collect any donations after Easter. Thankyou so much for your help. *Pat Fielding*

District Gathering Saturday 5 April is fast approaching, please find attached a poster with the details. All are welcome !!!

If you have used Tissington Chapel and kindly took home blue and white tea towels to wash could you return them to the Chapel or to Joyce Odell. Thanks.

Songs of Praise at Dove House Residential Home will be on Sunday 30th March at 1. 45pm. We value prayer as we worship God together with residents.

The Musicals Singalong is now Friday 28th March at Elim Church. 10-12.00. Free refreshments

Wednesday mornings up to and including 16th April 10.00-11.30 at Brailsford Talking Jesus

Thursday evenings up to and including 10th April 7.00-8.00 at Kirk Ireton Lent Course on The I am sayings of Jesus in John's gospel

Looking forward to Easter Two things for you to put in your diary. On Maundy Thursday, 17th April at 4.30pm, people from all the churches in Ashbourne will meeting to carry a Cross from Thorpe Church to the top of Thorpe Cloud, with refreshments afterwards. On Good Friday, 18th April at 12 noon we will meet in the Market Place for the annual Walk of Witness, when we carry a cross through the town to Shrovetide Walk, with hot cross buns and coffee at the end. Please support both of these acts of witness if you are able – or just join us in Shrovetide Walk for the hot cross buns and coffee if you aren't!

Please join us for a fundraising walk from Ashbourne Methodist Church to Tissington Chapel on Saturday 29th March. Tickets include a drink at Thorpe (between 1000-1200) and a bacon or halloumi cob at Tissington (between 1100-1400). There is a group setting off at 1000 from the leisure centre car park if you'd like to join them. Tickets are £10 (£5 under 18s) from <https://www.ticketebo.co.uk/walk2tiss> or from Catherine Green (300338). Please get in touch if you don't want to walk but would still like to join us at Tissington and need help with transport.

Easter Eggs, Easter cards & gifts The Real Easter Egg is made with Fairtrade milk chocolate and includes an Easter activity book telling the Easter story. You can order now by signing the sheet at church. Eggs cost £6.20 each. Other eggs are available, including vegan/dairy-free, as well as a selection of Easter cards & gifts from The Leprosy Mission. Catalogues available at church or from me. *Stuart Green Tel 01335 300338*

The 80 Candles Quilt will be on display at Brailsford Methodist Church on Saturday 29 March, 2pm - 4pm. Drinks and cakes available. All welcome. (See poster)

Brailsford All Saints 4th Sunday services have changed to 3pm with tea and cakes.

Ashbourne Rotary Easter Egg Appeal

Easter is a time of hope and celebration, and you can help make it special for children in Ukraine by donating a medium sized chocolate egg.

For many, this may be their only Easter treat. With your support, we can make sure as many children as possible experience a little bit of joy and normality this season.

If you could drop them off at David Neill Mica on Compton by 26 March 2025 so we can then get them to Teams4U in time for delivery in Ukraine by Easter. Alternatively, you could give them to Tricia on a Sunday morning. Thank you *Kevin Barclay*

Notices for the next Notice Sheet:

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