

ASHOVER VILLAGE FILMTIME

Showing in Ashover Church for this month

Doors open at 7pm for tea/coffee: Film starts 7:30pm

No need to book Suggested donation £3

Thursday 16th November 2017

Lion (PG)

Based on true events, a five-year-old Indian boy gets lost on the streets of Calcutta, thousands of miles from home. 25 years later he sets out from Australia to find his lost family.

Starring: Alicia Vikander, Kit Harington, Taron Egerton

Director: James Kent

FOREIGN FILMTIME

Thursday 2nd November 2017

Bombòn - el Perro(15)

In Patagonia, an out-of work mechanic finds his life takes a new twist after he is given a dog. A film in Spanish with English subtitles.

Coffee Shop

1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 10 am - noon

Now being held in Ashover Church due to renovation work in the Bassett Rooms



On 17th October £270 was raised for the Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Rutland Air Ambulance - **THANK YOU**

Advance Notice

Ashover Village Pantomime 2018

ALADDIN & HIS WONDERFUL LAMP

Ashover Parish Hall

Pantomime: Thur 11th & Fri 12th January at 7.15 pm

Family Night of Parish Party and Pantomime:

Sat 13th January at 5.30 pm

Entry by ticket only - free tickets will be available from Ashover Post Office from 11th December

Laughter Guaranteed at Uppertown Social Centre

Les Barker, a master of comedy – poems, monologues and comic songs, is appearing at Uppertown Social Centre on Saturday 18th November.

Les writes strange poems and comes originally from Manchester, but he's now Welsh. He was an accountant before he became a 'professional idiot' (that's his description).

He has published 77 books to date and has released (either as a solo performer or with his band) 20 albums. On the poetry front his most famous works include The Shipping Forecast, Jason and the Arguments, Cosmo the Fairly Accurate Knife Thrower, Captain Indecisive, Spot of the Antarctic, etc.

It is sure to be another great night of laughter at Uppertown, so if you'd like to be there, then contact:

**Eddie for tickets on 01246 590502 or 07966 154798.
£12 including supper**

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For the amber churches of
Ashover, Brackfield, Handley and Wessington
working and playing together, with God, for people

November 2017

Church Services in November

Sunday 5th November

9.15 am	Brackfield Church	Holy Communion
10.45 am	Ashover Church	Holy Communion (+ children's activities)
10.45 am	Handley Church	Morning Worship

Sunday 12th November

9.15 am	Brackfield Church	Remembrance Service
9.15 am	Wessington Church	Remembrance Service
10.45 am	Ashover Church	Remembrance Service
10.45 am	Handley Church	Remembrance Service
3.00 pm	Ashover Church	Memorial Service followed by tea

Sunday 19th November

9.15 am	Wessington Church	Holy Communion
10.45 am	Ashover Church	Holy Communion (+ children's activities)
10.45 am	Handley Church	Holy Communion

Sunday 26th November

9.15 am	Brackfield Church	Holy Communion
9.15 am	Wessington Church	Family Service
10.45 am	Ashover Church	Holy Communion (+ children's activities)
10.45 am	Handley Church	Morning Worship

Autumn Leaf Clean-up

Everyone is welcome (and needed!) to join in the big leaf tidy in Ashover Churchyard
Saturday 11th November from 9.30 am
Bring rakes, etc and old clothes,
hot drinks and cake provided.

Pop goes the Greenhouse

The reception teacher at Ashover Primary School is building a greenhouse for the school garden.

It uses 2 litre pop bottles and he needs 1200! If you can save them and cut the bottom off and bring them along to school, he would really appreciate it.



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The Rector Writes ...

Dear Friends,

A few weeks ago I turned into Narrowleys Lane, nothing exceptional about that since I was making my way home. It was a bright sunny afternoon and the leaves on the tree at the top of the road were turning all shades of yellow and brown.



Suddenly, the contrast between the colours of dying foliage, back lit by the sun, set against a cloudless blue sky gave me a strange feeling which seemed out of the reach of ordinary words. Beautiful came to mind but I knew that didn't do justice to what I was feeling. It was as if something had moved me inside, distracting me from the thoughts that until that moment had occupied me. Then I realised that what I was experiencing was a sense of wonder, even joy and awe combined with a sense of glory. This experience is by no means unique. Many people will testify to being moved inside by the sight of a glorious sunset or the sight of a beautiful view. By this I mean those moments when we sense that what has moved us inside seems to come from beyond what it is that meets us in a moment of gladness and joy.

So bearing in mind how inexpressible such experiences are, I will simply say that glory seems to touch us – and when it does it seems to have two aspects to it. First, it evokes a sense of wonder, amazement and marvel. Something sublime opens up before us that evokes a mixture of delight and awe bordering on worship. Second, it also brings a tinge of sadness, almost a sense of pity or loss. What takes hold of us and takes us out of ourselves is somehow elusive, out of reach, yet something we want to pursue but almost feel paralysed to follow. This has resonance with John Milton's epic poem Paradise Lost during which Adam and Eve are cast out of Eden with the result that they have a more distant relationship with God, who is omnipresent but invisible, unlike their tangible Father in the Garden.

But before I get carried away by all of this I need to remind myself of the mix of good and bad that form the tapestry of ordinary life. Today some of you will be seeing people in hospitals; others will be visiting people whose physical state may reflect in some way an inner defeat. This can be very depressing. Some of you after a recent tragedy may be asking why after millions of years of evolution is the world on occasions so badly botched and confused. There is of course no answer. We don't know God's reasons for this or why he thought it worthwhile to create in the first place. We only know that we live with the tension and faith as our only guide. But this faith is based on something real – amongst other things on those hints of glory, those rare, often fleeting experiences that seem to come from beyond and move us inside to realise that there is more to this world than meets the eye.

Yours sincerely,
Ralph

From the Registers

ASHOVER

Funerals:

Ivy Juridch. Aged 79
Service held 12th October 2017

Patricia Whyatt. Aged 85
Service held 20th October 2017

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Ashover Parish Hall,
Sunday 26th November, 2-5 pm
by Ashover Children's Groups

**Maude & Brass Band
Children's Area
Santa's Grotto & Raffle
Christmas Shopping
Refugee Appeal Drop-off Point**

For more info & to book stalls
call Susie on 07942 871929

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malaria
NO MORE
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Winter Appeal

Donations desperately required

- Waterproof coats for men
- Men's Joggers/hooded tops
- Men's walking shoes
- Men's Jeans to size 34
- Men's underwear/socks
- Toiletries and toiletry packs
- Wind-up torches and lanterns
- Tents, Rucksacks, Blankets, Roll mats

DROP OFF POINT: Ashover Village Hall during
Christmas Fayre 2 - 5 pm, Sunday 26th November

Brackenfield's Harvest

The Church was decorated by Barbara Tuck and Gwen, the bells were rung and 35 people turned out to enjoy a service provided and taken by Ralph. At the end the gifts were auctioned and £300 was raised which will go to the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal. We do thank our congregation for joining in the fun and giving so generously.

Samaritan's Purse Shoobox Christmas Gift Appeal

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal for 2017 is underway. It is run by the Christian relief and development organisation Samaritan's Purse. Fill a shoe box size container with the following: TOYS (soft toys, puzzles, yo-yos etc), SCHOOL SUPPLIES (pens, pencils, solar calculators etc), HYGENIC ITEMS (toothbrush, etc) and OTHER ITEMS (hat, cap, gloves) and wrap the box in gift paper so that it can be opened for checking. Leaflets explaining what to do are available in the churches and in Ashover Post Office. Please bring the boxes to church - latest pick-up will be **Sunday 19th November.**

If you would like to bring fillers along and wrap up together - join the ALLSORTS group and leaders upstairs in the Black Swan, Ashover, on **Saturday 4th November from 3 - 5 pm.**