

ASHOVER VILLAGE FILMTIME

Doors open at 7pm for tea/coffee: Film starts 7:30pm
No need to book Suggested donation £3

Thursday 15th February 2018

Viceroy's House (12A)

(To be shown in Ashover Bassett Rooms)

In 1947 Lord Mountbatten, great grandson of Queen Victoria, assumed the post of the last Viceroy charged with handing India back to its people. Starring: Hugh Bonneville, Gillian Anderson, Michael Gambon. Director: Gurinda Chadha

FOREIGN FILMTIME

Thursday 1st February 2018

O'Horten (15)

(To be shown in Ashover Church)

A Norwegian comedy; after 40 years of driving trains, the sudden switch to retirement for Odd Horten is not without incident. In Norwegian with English sub-titles.

Thursday 1st March 2018 (PG)

Le Havre (PG)

(To be shown in Ashover Bassett Rooms)

A warm-hearted portrait of this city is the background to the adventures of a young African refugee avoiding deportation officials with the unwavering support of the community. In French with English subtitles.



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

February 2018

Church Services in February

Sunday 4th February

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

Sunday 11th February

9.15 am	Brackenfield Church	Morning Prayer
9.15 am	Wessington Church	Holy Communion
10.45 am	Ashover Church	Family Service
10.45 am	Handley Church	Morning Worship

Ash Wednesday 14th February

10.00 am	Ashover Church	Ash Wednesday Service
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Sunday 18th February

9.15 am	Wessington Church	Holy Communion
10.45 am	Ashover Church	Holy Communion and Baptism
10.45 am	Handley Church	Holy Communion

Sunday 25th February

9.15 am	Brackenfield 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

Lent "Soup and Roll" Lunches

**Sundays 18th & 25th Feb
and every Sunday in March**

From 12.15 in Ashover Bassett Rooms

The Village Coffee Shop

1st and 3rd Tuesdays

10 am - noon

In Ashover Bassett Rooms

With books and DVDs to borrow.



History & Appreciation of Art

A guide to the understanding and appreciation of art including paintings, sculptures and contemporary art media.

Presentations by local artist and teacher, Sue Lewis-Blake

22nd February, Ashover Bassett Rooms, 5.30 - 6.30 pm

Artists and Influences 2: Goya

This artist has had an on-going significance, including influencing artists today. Why?

£5 per session, no booking, pay at the door

Contact Mike Steel on 01246 591371

ASHOVER



KNIT & NATTER

Mondays, 10am-12

January - Ashover Church

February - Bassett Rooms

No Experience Necessary
Wool and Needles Provided

Knit your own thing or make blanket squares to sew together.

Uppertown Social Centre

Saturday 3rd February - £ 8 inc. supper

John Pickering (50's & 60's)

Saturday 24th February - £10 inc. supper

Kick-N-Rush Comedy Skiffle Band

Call Eddie for tickets: 01246 590502 or 07966 154798



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Acorns

Acorns has been taking a break while the Bassett Rooms have been made ready and the cold weather blows over. They will start again on Thursday 22nd February, 10 - 11 am in the Bassett Rooms and then run fortnightly. All pre-school children are welcome with their parents or carers to join in stories, songs and crafts (older brothers and sisters are also welcome during the school holidays).

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The Rector Writes ...

Dear Friends,

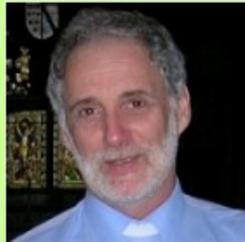
If you own a car you will appreciate that it needs regular servicing. If you have a computer you have to keep an eye on it to make sure it is still working properly. If you have to monitor your health you will realise that regular checks with the GP can be invaluable, sometimes life saving. We know that if we want to travel from A to B safely we need to keep the car in good working order. If we don't want to find all our hard work has been lost or corrupted because of a faulty hard drive we need to check the computer's reliability. If we want to keep in good shape we need to make lifestyle choices that enhance health rather than impair it. But what about our spiritual health, are we as mindful of this side of our nature as we are about other aspects of our lives? We all need an MOT, not just for our cars, but for ourselves. Lent arrives each year to provide us with such an opportunity. There are times in our lives when we are aware of God more than at other times. Some experience the nearness of God at a special occasion, maybe at the birth of a child, or during a church service, maybe a wedding, a funeral, or at an ordinary communion service which happens to be made special, because our awareness of God has been made more obvious than at other times.

While preparing this letter I have been reading the story of Jesus' baptism and how through it he became intensely aware of his Father's presence. Unlike us Jesus didn't require a washing away of sin. He had nothing to repent of. But his baptism shows us his support of John's call to the people of his time to repent and return to God. By sharing the demand that John the Baptist made on ordinary people, Jesus demonstrates his total solidarity with all who know their need for God.

But how he showed his total understanding of our human circumstances is in stark contrast to how we expect people with power to act. Jesus did not compel people to follow him. Neither did he dazzle them in an ostentatious way with spectacular demonstrations of supernatural power. Instead he entered the world of ordinary mortals, and struggled as we struggle with life. The season of Lent gives us time to try and make some extra effort in our Christian life. We may do ordinary things like giving up alcohol or limit our intake of carbohydrates. We may look for the healthier option. But do such lifestyle changes do much for our spiritual health? Instead maybe the key is in giving rather than in giving up!

Lent is usually seen as a penitential season, a time to reflect, pause and where necessary change. But Lent is also about finding ourselves with God again. Rediscovering our vision of God and taking the opportunity that the time provides to encourage others to make the most of it.

Yours sincerely, Ralph



Lent Courses

As usual there will be an opportunity during Lent to come together in groups to share, to reflect and to learn more about our faith. These courses are open to everyone, you can just listen or you can join in discussion. All viewpoints welcome and there is no need to book your place!

Wednesday afternoons, 2pm

Rector Ralph Lawrence will lead a daytime course to be held on Wednesday afternoons in the Ashover Bassett Rooms. The first of five sessions will be on 21st February and the material used will be the York Course for 2018 *"On the Third Day"*.

"The resurrection is the Big Story that turned a little Jewish protest movement into a world-transforming religion. And yet by Easter Monday we've almost forgotten about it and are planning our summer holidays! How can 'there and then' become 'here and now'?"

Each week we will hear contributions from different Christian perspectives and then discuss our views together. Call Ralph for details on 01246 590246.

Thursday evenings, 7.45 pm

There will also be a Thursday evening group, coordinated by David Russell, which will have a pre-course meeting on 1st February then meet weekly in various homes from 15th February over 6 weeks.

Call David for details on 01246 590047.

Oat Pancakes

If you would like to ring the changes on Shrove Tuesday, have a go at these simple oat pancakes. If you do not have oatmeal you can grind ordinary porridge oats in a food processor. The following makes 20 pancakes - halve the recipe for lesser appetites.

13 oz (375 g) oatmeal
1 tsp salt
1 pt (600 ml) milk
2 eggs
1 tsp bicarbonate of soda

Mix together the oatmeal, salt and milk and leave overnight (or at least 3 hours) in the 'fridge. When ready to cook the pancakes stir in the beaten egg and bicarbonate of soda then fry in a lightly buttered pan in large spoonfuls (about crumpet-sized) turning carefully when bubbles start appearing. You could cook 3 or 4 together in a large frying pan.

From the Registers

ASHOVER

Wedding:

Joanna Franco & Patrick Wheeler.
Service held 3rd February 2018

HANDLEY

Funeral

Pauline Riley Aged 81
Service held 16th January 2018

WESSINGTON

Funerals

Sarah Hawkins Aged 56
Service held 30th January 2018
Valerie Osbourne Aged 78
Service held 30th January 2018



Blow away winter and come for

A Walk in the Peak

Saturday 17th February

Meet Ashover Church 10 am
for car sharing - bring picnic

Info from David: 01246 590047