

## ASHOVER VILLAGE FILMTIME

Ashover Bassett Rooms

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

No need to book Suggested donation £3

### FOREIGN FILMTIME

Thursday 7th June 2018

Film Title to be confirmed

## 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

28th June, Ashover Bassett Rooms, 5.30 - 6.30 pm

### Sculpture 2; Antony Gormley

Most people are aware of the "Angel of the North" but what else has this artist produced and what key ideas are explored in his work?

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

Contact Mike Steel on 01246 591371

## The Village Coffee Shop

1st and 3rd Tuesdays

10 am - noon

Ashover Bassett Rooms

Tuesday 5th June

All donations will go to the work of the Orphanage in Marsabit, Kenya, in memory of Bishop Bob



## Just to let you know ...

The Derbyshire Young Ringers will be using the Ashover church bells from 2.30 to 4 pm on Sunday 10th June.

## The Amish People of Pennsylvania

A 6 week course running until 27th June on Wednesdays from 10 - 11 am in the Bassett Rooms, Ashover

Jan Jefferson, born and raised in Pennsylvania, will discuss the Amish family, their history, religion, education, and, of course, their stunning hand-sewn patchwork quilts

£5 per lecture payable on the door

Information from Sarah Hillard

01246 590369 sarah\_hillard48@hotmail.com

## Uppertown Social Centre



Saturday 16th June - 7pm for 8pm

Rattled - 50's and 60's - £13 inc. supper

Saturday 14th July - 7pm onwards

BAR-B-Q Night with music from Black Hands

£5, food extra

Call Eddie for tickets: 01246 590502 or 07966 154798

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## amber news

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

May 2018

## Church Services in June

### Sunday 3rd June

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

### Sunday 10th June

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

### Sunday 17th June

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

### Sunday 24th June

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

## !!! Making your Mark !!!

St Mark's in the Parish of Handley, also serving Woolley Moor and Stretton, is struggling to keep open due to the small number of people regularly supporting the Church. The building is primarily for holding services to worship God, but is also a useful building for the community to enjoy.

We are appealing to the local community of Handley to help us to keep open and are launching an appeal to **'Make our Mark'**.

We are inviting anyone who is interested in supporting us to join us for lunch on **Saturday 23 June** at 12.30pm. There is no charge for this, but any donations will be gratefully received. There will also be an opportunity to hear of events planned for the coming months and we hope that you will be interested in and able to support some of them.

If you are able to join us please contact Fran Roberts, Churchwarden, on 01246 865389.



## Contact Information

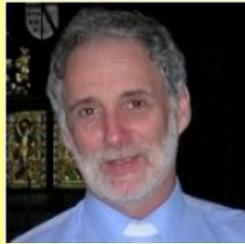
Rector: The Revd Ralph Lawrence 01246 590246  
The Rectory, Narrowleys Lane, Ashover S45 0AU  
All Saints Church Ashover Warden: Sylvia Dyson 01246 861811  
Holy Trinity Brackenfield Warden: Nigel Rogers 01773 836137  
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## The Rector Writes ...

Dear Friends,

I am struck on my travels around the parishes just how wonderful the villages are looking at this time of year and there are even glimpses of wonder too in the rectory garden with the apple blossom that heralds that the best is yet to come with its promise of a harvest to reap.



The best is yet to come is a familiar theme and one that is not confined to the world horticulture. The glimpses of the risen Christ by the followers of Jesus on the first Easter Day are a hint that not everything can be taken on face value; however helpful this approach to life is on a daily level. The sight of the finishing line for a weary marathon runner with the guarantee of rapturous applause, or safe arrival of a healthy child after an arduous labour are in their way examples that the best is yet to come - the victorious accolade for those who persevere when the going gets tough and the joy that replaces pain when a baby is born.

While a belief in the best is yet to come can inspire and encourage people to perform heroic feats like that of St. Paul who declared, that like an athlete he had engaged in the contest, finished the race, kept the faith and looked forward to God's crowning glory; it can also be true that the hope that the best is yet to come is nothing more than a delusion, wishful thinking.

Sigmund Freud, perhaps the most influential psychoanalyst of the modern time certainly seemed to think so. He taught that life is hard, and our unconscious spins a web of fantasy – that there is a good God and a life after death – to make the here and now bearable. And of course Freud had a point. The tendency to wishful thinking is in most of us pretty strong, and therefore it is right to be on our guard.

But frankly, I find Freud's assertion unconvincing for the simple reason that the view of life offered by the Christian faith is so wonderful. While accepting the need for honesty, because there is no point in deceiving oneself, although we probably do more of that than we probably admit, what could be more glorious and encouraging than the belief that the universe is created by loving wisdom; that this divine mind gives us freedom to build our own lives, but who shares all our struggles, pain and hopes; that he has taken the supreme step of self abandonment in uniting himself with human personality in Christ; that Christ's presence continues with us and that this life is not all there is, but a first stage of the journey towards a final consummation of unimaginable happiness – that the best is yet to come.

Some human imaginings are of course only fantasies. But others provide inspiration, incentive, and yes, consolation.

Yours sincerely,  
Ralph

## Prayer Time for All

A small group meets weekly to pray for our church, our community and any special requests that have been made known to them. They meet in the Upper Bassett Room, Ashover, on the first and third Tuesday mornings in the month. Anyone can request prayer by phoning our Rector, Ralph, on 01246 590246.

The congregation of St. Mark's would like to say a big **'Thank You' to Keith Hopkinson** who has stepped down as Church Warden. We all appreciate his hard work over many years in many guises. *Thanks, Keith.*



On Friday 4th May St Mark's Church, Handley, held a Spring afternoon tea for Ashgate Hospice Care and the ongoing work in the church.

A good number of people attended and £375 was raised in total. A very big thank-you from Sarah, Kath and Fran goes to all who got involved to help. A very good day.

## Wessington Well Dressing

7th - 9th July 2018

At this year's well dressing there will be four decorated wells on the village green and nature reserve and one at Wessington Church.

Wessington Church will be open from 10 am to 4 pm on Friday 7th and Saturday 8th June, and from 10 am to noon on Monday 9th June. Refreshments and light lunches will be available as well as the usual stalls with plants, cakes and an astonishing range of bric-a-brac.

In addition Saturday 7th July will be a Gala Fun Day and there will be a School Fair from 10 am - 2 pm.



## From the Registers

### Ashover

Funerals:

Jane Stephenson. Aged: 39. Service held 13th<sup>th</sup> April  
Christine Steeples. Aged: 98. Service held 2<sup>nd</sup> May

### Wessington

Baptism:

Heidi Francesca Barlow-Williams Service held 20<sup>th</sup> May

Funeral:

Arthur Simms. Aged 88. Service held 11<sup>th</sup> May