

## ASHOVER VILLAGE FILMTIME

The Bassett Rooms, Ashover  
Doors open at 7pm for tea/coffee - Film starts 7:30pm  
No need to book - Suggested donation £3

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October

### Goodbye Christopher Robin (PG)

A behind-the-scenes look at the life of author A.A. Milne and the creation of the Winnie the Pooh stories inspired by his son C.R. Milne.

Starring: Domhall Gleeson. Director: Margot Robbie

### FOREIGN FILMTIME

(with English sub-titles)

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October

### Departures (12) Japanese

A newly unemployed cellist answers a job ad for *Departures* and learns how to prepare people for onward travel.

Starring: Masahiro Motoki, Ryôko Hirosue, Tsutomu Yamazaki. Director: Yôjirô Takita.

## The Village Coffee Shop

1st and 3rd Tuesdays  
10 am - noon  
Ashover Bassett Rooms



## History & Appreciation of Art

Presentations by Sue Lewis-Blake, a local artist and teacher  
Ashover Bassett Rooms, 5.30 - 6.30 pm

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October

### Narrative Art

*How do artists manage to tell a story? Timed to coincide with an exhibition of works by Mantegna and Bellini at the National Gallery, London, this talk will offer insights into these and other artists' narrative works.*

£5 per session, no booking, pay at the door  
Contact Mike Steel on 01246 591371

## Saturday 20th October

Bell Ringers from Derby will be ringing a peal starting at 3 pm on the bells at Ashover Church



## The Cadillacs are Rocking and Rolling into Uppertown



The Cadillacs, who hail from Manchester, will be performing at Uppertown Social Centre, near Ashover, on Saturday 13th October.

A great live band playing mainly 50's and 60's rock and roll - plus some classics from the 70's, 80's and 90's.

Tickets (£13 including supper) from Eddie on 01246 590502 or 07966 154798.

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## amber news

For the amber churches of  
**Ashover, Brackfield, Handley and Wessington**  
*working and playing together, with God, for people*  
October 2018

## Church Services in October

### Sunday 7th October

9.15 am	Wessington Church	<b>HARVEST FESTIVAL</b>
10.45 am	Ashover Church	Holy Communion + children's activities

### Sunday 14th October

9.15 am	Brackfield Church	Morning Prayer
9.15 am	Wessington Church	Holy Communion
10.45 am	Ashover Church	<b>HARVEST FESTIVAL</b> Family Service
10.45 am	Handley Church	Holy Communion

### Sunday 21st October

10.45 am	Ashover Church	Holy Communion + children's activities
10.45 am	Handley Church	<b>HARVEST FESTIVAL</b>
3.00 pm	Brackfield Church	<b>HARVEST FESTIVAL</b>

### Sunday 28th October

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



## Pumpkin Time Saturday 13th Oct 2.30 - 5.00 pm

*The Bassett Rooms*  
Come and carve a pumpkin then take it over to Ashover Church for Family Harvest Festival the next day.

## Harvest Suppers

### ASHOVER

The Bassett Rooms  
Saturday 27th October  
7.00 pm  
Sign up in church

### HANDLEY

St Mark's Church  
Friday 19th October  
6.30 pm  
By ticket only

## Contact Information

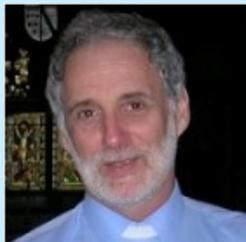
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## The Rector Writes ...

Dear Friends,

Where has this year gone? The nights are already drawing in and soon the warmth of the summer will be replaced by the cool of autumn. In the country we are more aware of the seasons.



Gradually the leaves turn yellow and begin to fall. The damp musty smell of autumn rises, with the morning mists, and there are often beautiful days of mellow sunshine and still blue skies.

It's a natural time to look back and be thankful for the sense of richness life brings. In nature, and in our inner experience, many things have grown. Life has been fruitful. And it is natural to be grateful and thankful to God.

But autumn comes with a touch of sadness:

'God sets the time for birth and a time for death, the time for planting and a time for pulling up'.  
(Ecclesiastes 3:2)

It is a haunting reminder that life is short and we do not live forever in our present bodies on this earth. So it raises questions about our future and how sure we are of the Christian gospel. How real is the hope of heaven in our hearts, and what can we do to cultivate it?

Jesus took the picture of the harvest and used it to teach about the end of the world and meeting with God. Both these things are as certain as the coming of autumn will be this year. For the Christian this is not a pessimistic thought. God has his time for each of us individually, and for this world as a whole. Spring will come again but not necessarily for all in this world.

So let's take the opportunity of autumn and harvest-time to reflect on our lives, to be thankful for God's goodness and to prepare for our future whether on earth or in heaven.

Yours sincerely, Ralph

## From the Registers

### ASHOVER

Funerals:

Fred Piper. Aged 94. Service held 7th September  
David Moss. Aged 75. Service held 29th August

### HANDLEY

Funeral:

Alfred Parsons. Aged 89 Service held 4th September

## MATLOCK AND ASHOVER PRACTICE

Milken Lane, Ashover

### This Year's Flu Clinic

will be on

**Wednesday 24th October**

**9 am – 6 pm**

**in The Ashover Parish Hall**

*Come and have your flu jab and help  
Ashgate Hospice by enjoying a cup of tea/coffee  
with a slice of cake for a small donation.*

Open to all eligible Ashover Medical Centre patients  
(for eligibility criteria, please check with the surgery)

## Memories of Local Life

On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> August, St Mark's Church, Handley, was alive with people visiting our exhibition of local memories.

Many things were talked about, including when the Church building was also used as the village School. Our thanks go out to Mrs Mavis Walker who allowed people to see her splendid plan of the village, since flooded by Ogston Reservoir, helping them to visualise the past. The exhibition covered village life from the 1930's to the present day and people were able to chat and enjoy lunch together. Donations throughout the day raised £171 for the Church and upkeep of the building.



## Sparkly Walk

On the 12<sup>th</sup> July, all the wonderful children at Stretton Handley Church of England Primary School, dressed up in pink, sparkly clothes and took part in a sponsored **SPARKLE WALK** to raise funds for Ashgate Hospice to celebrate their 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year.

A momentous £800 was raised to support this splendid cause. Well done everyone.



## Harvest Appeal

The Bishop of Derby's Harvest Appeal this year is for a hospital in Northern India. Any money raised at the Harvest Festival service at Ashover on Sunday 14th October will be split between this appeal and the Friends of Marsabit, a charity raising funds for the Diocese of Marsabit in Northern Kenya.

## Happy Birthday, George

We all enjoyed chocolate cake after the service in Ashover Church on Sunday 23rd September to celebrate the 100th birthday of regular attendee, George Jewell. George's birthday was earlier in



September but his busy schedule meant that church members had to wait a few weeks to celebrate with him. As he said, if the celebrations continued much longer he would be 101 years old.

## Prayers for All

If you would like prayer for yourself or for a situation, phone through your request in confidence to our Rector, Ralph Lawrence, on 01246 591181. A small group of church members come together to pray regularly for all requests and for the local community.