

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 15th November

Finding Your Feet (PG)

A middle class, judgmental snob discovers her husband has been having an affair and is forced into exile with her bohemian sister who lives on an impoverished council estate.
Starring: Joanna Lumley, Timothy Spall, Celia Imrie
Director: Richard Loncraine

FOREIGN FILMTIME

Thursday 1st November

Jean de Florette (French, PG)

An older classic - Jean moves his family from the city to the Provence countryside to forge a new life as a farmer but meets local opposition from his scheming neighbours.
Starring: Yves Montand, Gerard Depardieu and Daniel Auteuil. Director: Claude Berri. (With English sub-titles.)

THANKS FOR OUR HARVEST

Thanks for fruit and pumpkins, thanks for vegetables.



Thanks to the flower arrangers, thanks to the jam makers, thanks to the knitters, thanks to the farmers & thanks to all who produce our food.

Sat 10th November

Ashover Churchyard Leaf Clearing from 9.30 am
Bring a rake - **Everyone Welcome** - cake/coffee

And coming soon ...

2nd Dec - Ashover Christmas Tree Light-Up, 5 pm
8th Dec - Wessington Christmas Coffee 10 am
10-12th Jan - Ashover Pantomime, tickets from 10 Dec

Uppertown Social Centre



Saturday 3rd November - 6 pm

Bonfire & Fireworks display

Admission £5 all ages (under 5's free)

Saturday 1st December - 7pm for 8pm

Pat Jordan & Finian's Rainbow - Irish & Pop

£13 inc. supper

Call Eddie for tickets: **01246 590502 or 07966 154798**

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For the amber churches of
Ashover, Brackenfield, Handley and Wessington
working and playing together, with God, for people
November 2018

Church Services in November

Sunday 4th November

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

Sunday 11th November

9.15 am	Brackenfield 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 18th November

9.15 am	Wessington Church	Holy Communion
10.45 am	Ashover Church	Holy Communion + children's activities
3.00 pm	Handley Church	Thanksgiving Service for Loved Ones

Sunday 25th November

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	Holy Communion

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Ashover Parish Hall
Sunday 25th Nov, 2 - 5 pm

A community event in support of
Malaria No More UK

Brass Band, Santa's Grotto, Stalls, Raffle,
Children's Area, Refugee Drop-off Point

St Mark's Church, Handley

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Saturday 24th November
10.30 am - 4.30 pm

Cakes, Jewellery & Crafts
Raffle & Name the Teddy Bear
Refreshments served all day



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The Rector Writes ...

Dear Friends,

Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God".

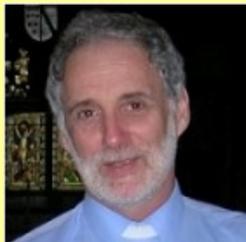
The twenty-first century as in the previous one has seen several occasions for the peacemakers to go to work, and I believe that while life on earth continues their services will always be needed. And here lies an important point. Let's be honest, peace, real peace is not easy. There are many things to be achieved before there can be reconciliation. First, hatred needs to be extinguished because it can be like a fire. It may be trivial to bother with it when it is smouldering but it can be terrifying when it flares out of control. Jesus praised the work of peacemakers who try to put out the fire of hatred before it gets out of control. But how are we to achieve this?

It is often said that the first step towards peace is accepting ourselves – being at peace with who we are. When we hate we often blame and hurt others. When what is often needed is to accept ourselves as we are, as scripture tells us God does – upon our best he will build something better. But that is not as easy as it sounds. Real peace, and that includes peace with ourselves, is often achieved the hard way. We can see this idea in action when troops and aid workers stand in the gap between warring factions risking their lives in order to deliver vital relief supplies. And then by those who patiently negotiate a ceasefire.

This idea is not without precedent. We are taught that when Jesus came to reconcile humankind to God it led him to being crucified – he hung in the gap between people and God. For us standing in the gap may mean refusing to take sides when people have fallen out. But lasting peace cannot be imposed it must be longed for. There must be vision and a desire for a better way.

On the 11th November at 9.15am at Brackenfield & Wessington and 10.45am at Ashover & Handley we shall remember those who have been broken and lost by war and together we will agree to carry forward their vision of a better world. A better world will not be created apart from us, but when we become part of the peace process. Blessed are the peacemakers for they belong to God. Do we have what it takes to build peace - to be recognised as children of God?

Yours sincerely, Ralph



Super Supper Sing-a-long

On Friday 19th October, St. Mark's congregation and members of the local community joined together in a light-hearted Pie & Pea supper. It was a great success and very well attended with a quiz, raffle and an impromptu old-time sing-a-long by a few of the guests attending. The atmosphere was friendly and warm and was enjoyed by all.

St Mark's Service of Thanksgiving

On Sunday 18th November, we will be holding a service of thanksgiving in memory of loved ones. It will be held at 3pm and led by Celia Kelly.

There will be an opportunity to light a candle and there will also be a small cross displayed with individual names. There are slips available from Bev or Fran to fill in and give back to us, to make sure names are included in the roll call.

School Choir Entertains

On Monday 15th October members of the Ashover School Choir came along to sing to the Lunch Club in the Bassett Rooms - their performance was much enjoyed. Lunch Club meets roughly fortnightly on a Monday and is open to anyone who is retired. Coffee, quizzes, a hot meal and a lot of chatter are on offer. Call Ann if you would like to join in: 01246 590263.



Bells on Remembrance Day



This year marks 100 years since the signing of the Armistice which brought the Great War to an end.

As always, we shall ring the bells half-muffled for the Remembrance service at Ashover (we hope to have enough resources to ring at Brackenfield, too).

On this special anniversary there are two further initiatives, and we will participate in both. The first, *Ringing Remembers*, has been a very successful nationwide campaign to recruit 1400 ringers to 'replace' those lost during the conflict. The campaign culminates in *Ringing for Peace* at 12.30 pm, which aims to include as many of these new ringers as possible.

The second, *Battle's Over*, begins at 6.00 am with 1000 pipers across the land playing the traditional lament *Battle's O'er*. To bring this solemn day of remembrance to a fitting conclusion the *Last Post* will be played in more than 1000 locations at 6.55 pm; this will be followed by a message of hope for the future, through the lighting of beacons at 7.00 pm and bells *Ringing out for Peace* from 7.05 pm. For more information go to www.brunopeek.co.uk.

Ashover Memorial Service

At 3 pm on Sunday 11th November there will be a short Memorial Service in Ashover Church followed by tea in the Bassett Rooms.

Everyone is welcome and anyone who has lost a loved one over the last year is especially invited to come and give thanks for their lives and share memories together.

From the Registers

ASHOVER

Funerals:

Robin Oates. Aged 85. Service held 17th October

BRACKENFIELD

Baptism:

Dougie Heath Handbury. Service held 14th October



ALL WHO SERVED, SACRIFICED,
AND CHANGED OUR WORLD
1918-2018