

ASHOVER FOREIGN FILMTIME

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

Thursday 6th December

Babette's Feast (Danish, PG)

During the late 19th century, a puritanical Danish community takes in a French refugee who conforms to their strict ways – until she offers them a feast to remember. (English subtitles)

And to begin 2019 ...

Thursday 3rd January 2019

Manon des Sources (French, PG)

Thursday 17th January 2019

Darkest Hour (PG)



amber news

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

December 2018

Sing Your Heart Out



There is plenty of opportunity to exercise your singing voice leading up to Christmas.

All the churches have Carol Services; traditional services by candlelight (and with mince pies afterwards!) are on:

★16th December at 4.30 pm at Handley Church

★16th December at 6.00 pm at Ashover Church

★23rd December at 3.00 pm at Brackenfield.

On Christmas Eve there is the

★Family Carol Service at Ashover at 5.00 pm and

★Carol and Crib Service at Wessington at 6.30 pm

The Ashover Band has an especially busy season and below are just some of their engagements at which you can join them to sing carols.

Sunday 2nd December - 5.00 pm

Ashover Church Street

Christmas Tree Light Up

Carols with Ashover Band and Refreshments

Saturday 15th December - 7.30 pm

Ashover Parish Hall

Ashover Band Christmas Concert

Wednesday 19th December

7.00 pm Alton and 7.45 pm Littlemoor

Carols with the Ashover Band

Monday 24th December

Around Ashover Village

Christmas Eve Carols with the Ashover Band



Church Services in December



Advent Sunday 2nd December

9.15 am Brackenfield Church Holy Communion

10.45 am Ashover Church Holy Communion
+ children's activities

Sunday 9th December

9.15 am Brackenfield Church Morning Prayer

9.15 am Wessington Church Holy Communion

10.45 am Ashover Church Christingle Service

10.45 am Handley Church Holy Communion

6.00 pm Bassett Rooms Sunday at 6

Sunday 16th December

9.15 am Wessington Church Holy Communion

10.45 am Ashover Church Holy Communion

+ Allsorts Party!

4.30 pm Handley Church Carols by Candlelight

6.00 pm Ashover Church Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 23rd December

10.45 am Ashover Church Holy Communion
with Bishop Jan

3.00 pm Brackenfield Church Carols by Candlelight

Christmas Eve 24th December

5.00 pm Ashover Church Family Carol Service

6.30 pm Wessington Church Carol & Crib Service

11.00 pm Ashover Church Midnight Communion

Christmas Day 25th December

9.15 am Brackenfield Church Holy Communion

10.45 am Ashover Church Christmas Day Family Service

Service

Sunday 30th December

10.45 am Ashover Church Holy Communion

A Happy and Peaceful Christmas to All

Uppertown Social Centre

Saturday 1st December - 7pm for 8pm

Pat Jordan & Finian's Rainbow

Irish & Pop from all decades

£13 including supper

Saturday 22nd December - 6 pm onwards

Christmas Family Night

Santa and Disco - £5 all ages

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



Wessington Church

Christmas Coffee Morning

And Grand Prize Draw

Free coffee and mince pies

Saturday December 8th, 10am till 12 noon

Contact Information

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Looking for Adventure?

Dear Friends,

December sees the arrival of the Advent season when we look forward to Christmas by looking back to Bethlehem where God entered our world in human flesh. Advent is not just about preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus, but also looking forward to his coming again and focussing on getting ready for 'the day of the Lord'.



We are using ADVENT as the start of a new ADVENTURE as we look forward to the future of the church. Would you like to join us in this fresh ADVENTURE in PRAYER? Maybe you have never thought of prayer as an adventure, but it can be!

Beginning on Sunday 9th December from 6pm – 6.45pm in the Bassett Rooms, we shall meet for prayer with a short reflection. This will happen every 2nd Sunday of the month and will be called SUNDAY AT 6.

Somebody once said 'Prayer is the engine room that drives the church.' So we need to ensure that this engine is well oiled and maintained to empower the church in the vision of God for us and the vitality of the Holy Spirit in us.

Prayer is communicating with our Creator, so we want to engage with Him on behalf of those in need locally and the wider world and for the way ahead as a community of faith. We want to be ready to face changes that we have no control over, but we also want to be open to change if there are more effective ways that God wants us to do and be church. Through prayer we are investing in the future.

Coming together to pray is important in the life of a church as well as individual prayers. We are grateful that a few have maintained a corporate prayer time over the years. We now sense the time is right to give this fresh impetus in a different place and at a different time and encourage more to join us. Hence – SUNDAY AT 6.

If you would like to experience this, but have never prayed in public before, the good news is you don't have to! Praying quietly is just as important as praying out loud. Coming to pray is what matters. Come for part or all of the time.

Remember 'more things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of' (Alfred Lord Tennyson). May we enjoy the God of surprises as we pray!

Happy Advent and Christmas, David Russell

From the Registers

ASHOVER

Baptism:

Charles William Peter Vincent.

Service held 18th November

Funerals:

Michael Dent. Aged 75. Service held 9th November

Betty Cupitt. Aged 85. Service held 21st November

BRACKENFIELD

Funeral:

Paul Bacon. Aged 56. Service held 26th October

Baptism:

Jill Johnson. Service held 25th November

Leaf Clearing at Ashover

A small group of volunteers, children, men and women came with brushes, barrows and rakes to clear the leaves on 10th November. Everyone enjoyed a lovely morning and were treated after their hard work with a cuppa, cake and biscuits served by Christine. All left feeling refreshed and happy to have worked together.



Remembering

The bells rang out and all four of our churches held Remembrance Day Services which were particularly well attended as they commemorated the 100th anniversary of the end of "The Great War".



St Mark's Church, Handley - Lest We Forget

All Saints Church Ashover Village Pantomime



DICK WHITTINGTON AND HIS "CAT"

Ashover Parish Hall

Thursday 10 January 2019 at 7.15 pm

Friday 11th January 2019 at 7.15 pm

Saturday 12th January 2019 at 5.30 pm
(Parish Party/Family Night followed by Pantomime)

Entry by **FREE TICKET**

Obtainable from Ashover Post Office

From Monday 10th December 2018