

## ASHOVER VILLAGE FILMTIME

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

No need to book Suggested donation £3

Thursday 17th January 2019

### Darkest Hour (PG)

In May 1940, the fate of Western Europe depends on Winston Churchill, who must decide whether to negotiate with Adolf Hitler, or fight on knowing that it could mean a humiliating defeat for Britain and its Empire.

Starring: Gary Oldman, Lily James, Kristin Scott Thomas

Director: Joe Wright

### FOREIGN FILMTIME

Thursday 3rd January 2019

### Manon des Sources (PG)

A sequel to Jean de Florette shown last November in which Jean's daughter Manon has now grown up and learns the truth about her father's death. In French with English subtitles. Starring: Yves Montand, Emmanuelle Beart and Daniel Auteuil. Director: Claude Berri.

Thursday 7th February 2019

### Where do we go now? (12)

The women in a Lebanese village find inventive ways to stop the men in their Muslim/Christian community from bickering and to keep everyone together - a tonic to counteract division in our world with humour.

In Arabic, Russian and English with English sub-titles.

Director: Nadine Labaki.

### Ashover WEA Spring 2019 Courses

#### Exploring Opera

Weds 10am to 12 noon in The Bassett Rooms

Viewing operas on DVDs, students will be able to discuss their musical and dramatic features and learn how Opera has evolved over 400 hundred years.

#### The Sceptred Isle

Weds 7.30 to 9.30pm in Ashover Parish Hall

This course will look at how our islands dealt with the 11th century reign of King Cnut the Great and the next 40 years.

#### Courses run for 11 weeks from 2nd January

£84.70 per course or free to anyone receiving means-tested benefits or their un-waged dependents.

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### Uppertown Social Centre



Saturday 2nd February, 7pm for 8 pm

**John Pickering** - 50's and 60's

£8 including supper

Saturday 23rd February, 7 pm for 8 pm

**Kick N Rush** - Comedy Skiffle Band

£11 including supper

Saturday 16th March, 7 pm for 8 pm

**Honey Don't** - Rock-n-Roll Band

£11 including supper

Call Eddie for tickets on 07966 154798

[www.uppertown.org](http://www.uppertown.org)

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## amber news

For the amber churches of  
**Ashover, Brackenfield, Handley and Wessington**

*working and playing together, with God, for people*

January 2019

### Church Services in January

#### Sunday 6th January

9.15 am Brackenfield Church Holy Communion

10.45 am Ashover Church Holy Communion

#### Sunday 13th January

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 20th January

9.15 am Wessington Church Holy Communion

10.45 am Ashover Church Holy Communion

(+ children's activities)

10.45 am Handley Church Holy Communion

#### Sunday 27th January

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

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

### Contact Information

Rector: The Revd Ralph Lawrence 01246 590246

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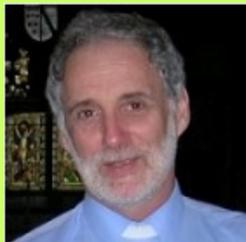
Christ Church Wessington Warden: Rita Buckley 01773 835 633

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## The Rector Writes ...

Dear Friends,

I am not the only one who felt that the year 2018 came and went at such a speed that it appeared more like a blur than a full twelve months – long awaited, eagerly anticipated, but gone in a flash.



I don't know what you expected from last year, but at the start of a new year there is always a degree of optimism in the air – that things might be different. But it is only people that change things for the better or worse and not the turning of a calendar page.

When I reflect on the events of last year I am saddened by the departure of so many friends and mindful that life is a journey. It has a definite beginning and an apparent end. Although I believe by faith that our earthly lives actually end with fulfilment – “Eye has not seen nor ear heard nor the heart of man conceived what God has prepared for those who love him”.

We live by faith and not by sight. But faith is not a solution to life but a way of living it. It does not free us from the perplexity of life, rather it affirms the meaning of our lives and through the struggle gives us some assurance that God is with us, in the middle of it all.

When Jesus taught his disciples about himself he gave them a very firm assurance that part of his ministry was to give life its full meaning. But abundant life as he put it does not mean trouble free, painless, anodyne life. It means life lived to the full, sharing its mysteries, its pain and beauty with faith.

At the beginning of a new year our prayer should not be to avoid life, but one that asks for the courage and love necessary to face the future. Confident that we are not alone, but have a companion who not only knows the way but who is also our friend.

Sincerely,  
Ralph

## St Mark's Church Christmas Fayre

On Saturday 24th November, St. Mark's Church, Handley held their first Christmas Fayre in quite a few years. There was a variety of stalls, raffle, Name the Teddy Bear and of course, refreshments. All of the children from Stretton Handley Primary School made lovely decorations for three small Christmas trees, placed on each windowsill. A very good and steady number of people dropped in and there was a very pleasant atmosphere around the hall throughout the day. It was a resounding success with a final total of £800 being raised. Well done everyone.



## From the Registers

### ASHOVER

Funerals:

Mavis Crofts. Aged 89. Service held 12th December  
Fred Jackson. Aged 88. Service held 13th December

## Coffee Shop

1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 10 am - noon

Bassett Rooms, Ashover

On 4th December £340 was raised  
for the Crisis at Christmas charity - **THANK YOU**



## Church Electoral Rolls

Each Church of England Church has to draw up a completely new Electoral Roll every 6 years: 2019 is one of those years.

A new application form is required from every person who wishes to be on the Roll, whether or not they are on the present Roll. The new Roll has to be completed a few weeks before the church's Annual Church Meeting which has to be held before the end of April. So over the coming months application forms will be available in all churches.

Those on the Electoral Roll have the right to vote at the Annual Meeting and may stand for posts on the Church Council. Anyone over 16 and living in the parish may apply to be on the Electoral Roll.

## Just When You Think It Is All Over ...

Twelfth Night, or 6th January, used to be known as Old Christmas Eve, which it actually was before the calendars were changed in 1752 as the Gregorian calendar was adopted all over Europe and we lost 11 days out of 1752.

The festival marks the visit of the Magi to the Christ Child and was celebrated as much as Christmas Day in times gone by. It is still an important family festival in some countries with children dressed as kings knocking on doors and singing special songs. But most of us no longer wassail the apple trees by dipping their buds in the wassail punch bowl at midnight or by banging pots and pans let alone loosing off shotguns through the branches! And we certainly do not bake a Twelfth Night



Pie and introduce a flock of live birds or frogs under the crust to amaze the company when it is cut open. Perhaps some old customs are best left to die out but we can still bake a cake with a hidden bean so that the lucky person who gets this can be declared king for the night.

## New Year - New Keep Fit Plan?

Those good intentions will slide away unless we act on them. Why not try out:

### Chair-Based Exercises

Every Monday starting 7th January  
Ashover Bassett Rooms, 9 - 10 am

### Walk and Natter

Every Tuesday, local 2 hour walk  
Meet 9.30 am outside the Ashover Post Office - Stamp

As well as the above there are regular sessions in the Ashover Parish Hall for:

**Badminton, Boxercise, Dance,  
Karate, Pilates and Yoga**

More information and contact details  
for these can be found on

[www.ashoverparishhall.com/regulargroups](http://www.ashoverparishhall.com/regulargroups)