

ASHOVER VILLAGE FILMTIME

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

No need to book Suggested donation £3

Thursday 21st February 2019

The Bookshop (PG)

England 1959. In a small East Anglian town, Florence Green decides, against polite but ruthless local opposition, to open a bookshop.

Starring: Emily Mortimer, Bill Nighy, Hunter Tremayne.

Director: Isobel Coixet

FOREIGN FILMTIME

Thursday 7th February 2019

Mostly Martha (PG)

Martha, the head chef at a swish Hamburg restaurant, is a perfectionist with no time for anything but cooking, until forced to reassess her priorities. This bittersweet romantic comedy is about acceptance and the pressures of modern life. Not to be watched on an empty stomach! In German with English subtitles. Starring: Martina Gedeck and Sergio Castellito

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KNIT&NATTER

Mondays, 10am-12

The Tuck Shop, Ashover

No Experience Necessary

Wool and Needles Provided

The Knit & Natter group have been making hats and blankets for premature babies born at Calow, as well as blankets and children's clothing for refugees around the world; drop in to see what is happening.

Appreciation of Art

Presentations by Sue Lewis-Blake, a local artist and teacher

Each session will look in detail at one famous work to understand why it is considered to be so significant in the history of art.

Ashover Bassett Rooms, 5.30 - 6.30 pm

Thursday 28th February

Joseph Wright of Derby

"Experiment with an Air Pump"

How does this work shed light on the era in which it was produced?

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

Contact Mike Steel on 01246 591371

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



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

February 2019

Church Services in February

Sunday 3rd February

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

Sunday 10th February

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 February

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 24th February

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

Church Electoral Rolls

Every C of E church has to draw up a new Electoral Roll every 6 years and 2019 is one of those years. A new application is required from everyone who wishes to be on the Roll, whether or not they are on the present Roll. Application forms are available in all churches until a date specified by each church and some weeks before the Annual Church Meeting. 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, or those living outside the parish who regularly attend church, may apply to be on the Electoral Roll.

Coffee Shop

1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 10 am - noon

Bassett Rooms, Ashover

Come and meet friends and make new ones

Books and DVDs to borrow



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The Rector Writes ...

Dear Friends,

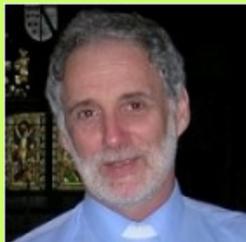
If someone says to us 'prove that you love me', our response may be to resent them. We may sniff emotional blackmail in the air and instinctively feel that their request is inappropriate between people who say they care for each other. You have to allow people to express love in their own time. You can't force someone to love you, you have to trust them. If this is true between friends, then it is especially true in our relationship with God. People are sometimes tempted to make God show his hand. 'If you are really there prove it.' Such a request is often the beginning of a bargaining process. A crisis in the family, say with someone falling ill, may present an opportunity for an encounter with God which in more settled times would normally be avoided.

People who imagine that their faith is mature enough not to be tempted by such suggestions may be forgiven for not remembering that such temptations usually only come to those who care desperately enough about God. Christ, for example was tempted in precisely this way.

At his baptism Jesus heard the words 'Thou are my beloved Son – with thee I am well pleased'. But soon after he heard them he experienced a crisis of confidence in the form of the three temptations. In his mind's eye he saw himself standing on the parapet surrounding the great temple in Jerusalem looking 450 feet below into the Kidron Valley. 'If you are the Son of God throw yourself down, for God will make sure that you do not come to any harm'. This, the first temptation was designed to cast doubt into the mind of Christ. And on closer inspection it is easy to see why. Who wouldn't doubt a conviction that he had been called to live as a divine Son? 'Is it really God calling me or am I just deluding myself?' So Jesus was tempted to get definitive proof that he was who he thought he was, not so much for others but for himself.

But Jesus recognised this voice for the insidious temptation that it is and remembered the words from Deuteronomy which state we are not to test the Lord our God. Trying to prove that God loves us is utterly inappropriate. We are not to test him but to trust him. And so it was that with much struggle and anguish that Christ pioneered for us the way of trust. Through rejection, betrayal, desertion, pain of body, mocking, humiliation and apparent failure, there was an underlying, absolute trust. And by so doing he opened up a route for us to follow: trust whatever our circumstances.

Yours sincerely, Ralph



From the Registers

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Funerals:

- Aileen Kenning. Aged 96.
Service held 11th January 2019
- Joan Graham. Aged 82.
Service held 11th January 2019
- John Spotswood. Aged 72.
Service held 23rd January 2019

Bassett Rooms Development

Having completed the fantastic transformation of the interior space, 2019 will see the focus of refurbishment move to the exterior of the building and the grounds. We have successfully secured grants totalling £30,010 to complete the refurbishment of the roof and alterations to strengthen the rear wall. This activity began in January and will be completed by Easter.

The Bassett Room masonry requires attention at an estimated cost of £15,000. There are grant applications in progress in attempt to secure some funding, but we are likely to be required to contribute towards this cost.

To the front of the Bassett Rooms, in accordance with planning permission granted, the temporary ramp will be replaced with a permanent structure, the access steps will be widened and the area will be resurfaced and outdoor lighting installed.

You will recall that the PCC purchased a small parcel of land immediately behind the Bassett Rooms back in 2013. We want to develop this area into a useable outdoor space with a mixture of areas for seating and planting. It would be great to commence this work early this summer, but is dependent on completing the masonry repairs and securing the appropriate funds. Any ideas for funding raising events would be gratefully received by the church treasurer, Andrew Lovell!

Oh Yes It Was ... a Big Success



The Ashover pantomime played to capacity audiences on all three nights - many thanks to the whole team.

Pancakes and Beyond

Easter Sunday is late this year - not until 21st April - which means that Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, falls on the 6th March.

In the past Christians would give up meat, eggs and all fat for Lent, hence the day before Lent became Shrove Tuesday, or Pancake Day, when all such things in the house had to be used up. People still choose to give up something at Lent - alcohol, chocolate etc, but it is becoming more a period of reflection on what Easter means to us.

David Russell will be leading a group this year taking a longer run up to Easter. He says "We are doing something different for our home group Lent studies this year, which we've entitled 'Lent Plus,' because it's for 10 weeks commencing on Thursday 7th February finishing on 11th April. We are doing a DIY study of Philippians." If you would like more information, you can contact David for details on 01246 590047.

Our Rector, Ralph Lawrence, will be leading a group meeting in the Bassett Rooms on the six Wednesdays of Lent beginning on 6th March. More details in the next Amber News or from Ralph, but it is likely to present the history of Christianity up to the present day to put our current beliefs in perspective.