

ASHOVER VILLAGE FILMTIME

No need to book Suggested donation £3

FOREIGN FILMTIME

Thursday 2nd May 2019 : 7 pm for 7.30 pm film start

Title to be confirmed

Details will be emailed when available.

AFTERNOON FILMTIME

Friday 10th May 2019 : 2 pm for 2.15 pm film start

What We Did On Our Holiday (12)

In this warm and witty comedy, children take matters into their own hands. Starring David Tennant, Rosamunde Pike, Billy Connolly and, especially, the children.

VILLAGE FILMTIME

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Mamma Mia : Here We Go Again (PG)

Five years after the events of Mamma Mia , Sophie prepares for the grand reopening of the Hotel Donna as she learns more about her mother's past.....

Starring: Lily James, Amanda Seyfried, Meryl Streep, Colin Firth, Pierce Brosnan, Cher, etc etc. Director: Ol Parker

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 23rd May
Manet - "Olympia"

What was Manet hoping to achieve with this work?

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

Contact Mike Steel on 01246 591371

Get Out and About

From May to September the Ashover Seniors run coach outings which anyone is welcome to join.



There are pick-up points in Littlemoor, Ashover and Kelstedge starting at 2pm for afternoon outings and 9.30 am for whole days.

23rd May : Afternoon outing to Carsington Water followed by Fish & Chip meal at Ripley

20th June : Full day out to Scarborough

For info & booking call Wendy Taylor on 01246 590705

Uppertown Social Centre

Saturday 11th May 7 pm for 8 pm

The Haleys - Country & 50's
£13 including supper

Saturday 15th June, 7pm for 8 pm

ABBA Fever - Tribute band
£16 including supper payable in advance

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
May 2019

Church Services in May

Sunday 5th May

9.15 am Brackenfield Church Holy Communion
10.45 am Ashover Church May Day Celebration
Praise + Ashover Band

Sunday 12th May

9.15 am Brackenfield Church Morning Prayer
9.15 am Wessington Church Holy Communion
10.45 am Ashover Church Holy Communion
(+ children's activities)
10.45 am Handley Church Morning Worship
6.00 pm Bassett Rooms Sunday at 6

Sunday 19th May

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 26th May

9.15 am Brackenfield Church Flower Festival
Holy Communion
9.15 am Wessington Church Family Service
10.45 am Ashover Church Holy Communion
10.45 am Handley Church Morning Worship

Brackenfield Festival

Sat 25, Sun 26 & Mon 27 May 2019
10 am to 6 pm

Holy Trinity Church

(near Ogston Reservoir)

Flower Festival and two Well Dressings

Light Refreshments 12 noon to 4 pm

Church Hall

(On Brackenfield Green)

10 am to 4 pm

Ashover Art Group - Pictures for Sale

Take Three Embroidery Display

All proceeds to support the Church Hall

Please come and enjoy a day out with us, and if the weather is fine bring and enjoy a picnic on the Green

Contact Information

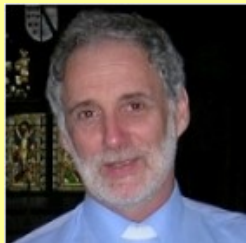
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The Rector Writes ...

Dear Friends,

It may come as a surprise to some of you, as it did to some of Jesus' disciples who witnessed the event, that Jesus commended sheer extravagance.



It began as an act of love, graciously accepted and highly approved. The story is well known because Jesus said that wherever the Gospel was preached it would be told. It is described with differing details in several gospels, but the essence of the occasion is agreed by all. Jesus was dining when suddenly a woman anointed his feet with a very costly and precious ointment and wiped them with her hair. The scene was sensual, but it was the sincerity of the act that moved Jesus to say, in answer to indignant comments from his disciples about waste, that this story of extravagance would not be forgotten. The word extravagance denotes that normal limits have been exceeded; things have gone beyond what is expected. It implies excess and lavishness, and in the case of this story, why waste the ointment when it would have been better sold and the money given to the poor.

In response to such criticism Jesus did not question the need to minister to the poor; the gospel is concerned with the weak whatever the reasons for their weakness. But poverty he comments is a perennial problem – it will always be necessary to deal with it.

What the woman had done however was so special, so unique that it needed to be appreciated. Jesus understood it as a symbolic reference to his death. But, it was more likely, more human, an offering of affection; an offering of grateful love to someone she admired. There are times for love to be extravagant.

In John's gospel the evangelist says, God 'so' loved the world that he gave his only Son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. The word 'so' is a very small word but it tells us that God went beyond the bounds of expected behaviour to reveal his extravagant divine love, his forgiveness and compassion.

But some of you may feel that you have, in your personal relationships, loved too much and have been met with rejection, betrayal and pain. "Love hurts, love scars, Love wounds and mars, Any heart, not tough, Nor strong enough, To take a lot of pain, Take a lot of pain, Love is like a cloud, Holds a lot of rain Love hurts, Oh, oh, love hurts,..." is how the Everly Brothers sang about it.

But can we ever love too much? To love and not to count the cost can be a permissible and proper extravagance. Such love has its roots in the Incarnation. Jesus is God's expression of divine extravagance.

Yours sincerely, Ralph

From the Registers

ASHOVER

Baptism:

Skye Mila Spencer. Serviced held on 14th April

Funerals:

Derek Slinn Aged 72. Service held 11th April

Frank Fielding Aged 89. Service held 11th April

Edward Neville Aged 50. Service held 26th April

Striking the Winning Note

On 13 April Ashover and Brackenfield entered two teams in a District Striking Contest at Chapel en le Frith. Striking Contests are tests of the accuracy and 'artistic merit' of a team's performance.

Nine teams took part from the Peak District and ours came 3rd and 4th overall. Better than that, we came 1st and 2nd in our specific category, and will now go on to the final on 15th June at Horsley to compete against winning teams from the whole of Derbyshire.

We held a number of extra practices to build up to the contest, and as always, we thank those living near the church for accepting these. We are looking forward to the final, but expect to face stiff competition.

Cream Teas for a Good Cause

On Friday 12th April, St. Mark's Church in Handley held an afternoon tea party, in aid of Ashgate Hospice and St. Mark's. There were cream teas, a raffle and tombola, not forgetting the Easter chicks. A steady number of people came and £363 was raised - thank you to all who came to support.

News from Wessington

On Friday 12 April we were pleased to welcome again the staff and children from Wessington School. Tea, coffee and a happy service were enjoyed by all.

Good friends returned to Christ Church on Good Friday. It was lovely to meet up with Peter and Jennifer Boyden. Peter led a very meaningful Good Friday Service and friends from Handley and Brackenfield Churches were able to join with us.

Wessington Well Dressings will be held from 6-8 July. Dorella has a need for 5 inch plant pots. If you have any to spare please contact her on 01773 831307.

PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, ASHOVER
BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 6TH MAY

MAY DAY CARNIVAL

CHURCH STREET ASHOVER 10AM - 4PM

- MAY KING & QUEEN
- STALLS
- SIDESHOWS
- LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
- GAMES
- BARBEQUE
- MUSIC
- BOUNCY CASTLE
- RACES
- MAYPOLE DANCING
- FIRE EATER
- ESCAPOLOGY
- MORRIS DANCING
- ROUNDABOUTS
- CANDY FLOSS
- HEDGEHOG ROLLING
- MUMMERS PLAY
- FINALE

LET'S ALL DO THE CONGA

MAY DAY FUN RUN

RACE STARTS AT 1.30PM

BRING YOUR RUNNING GEAR AND ENTER ON THE DAY



Hee Haw in the Pews

Ashover were treated to double-donkey when Barney and Pumpkin were centre stage in the Good Friday and Easter Sunday services - they enjoyed the singing so much they even insisted in standing in the middle of the choir - maybe not as permanent members.