

ASHOVER VILLAGE FILMTIME

No need to book Suggested donation £3

FOREIGN FILMTIME

Thursday 6th June 2019 : 7 pm for 7.30 pm film start
Il Postino (U)

Feel the warmth of the Mediterranean sun in this Italian classic. When an exiled Chilean poet arrives at a small Italian island it causes such an increase in mail that a new postman has to be employed; he learns to love poetry and use poetry for love.

AFTERNOON FILMTIME

Friday 7th June 2019 : 2 pm for 2.15 pm film start
Finding Your Feet (12)

On the eve of retirement a middle class, judgmental snob discovers her husband has been having an affair with her best friend. She is forced into exile with her bohemian sister who lives on an impoverished inner-city council estate.

Starring: Joanna Lumley, Timothy Spall, Celia Imrie

Director: Richard Loncraine

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 27th June

Matisse - "Still Life with Goldfish"

What drew Matisse to this subject and how does it relate to the evolution of his ideas on art?

£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.

20th June : Full day out to Scarborough

25th July : Afternoon trip to Renishaw Hall & Gardens

26th Sept: Full day out to York

For info & booking call Barbara on 01246 590441

Uppertown Social Centre



Saturday 15th June, 7pm for 8 pm

ABBA Fever - Tribute band

£16 including supper *payable in advance*

Saturday 16th July, 6 pm start

BBQ Night + music from The Generations

£ 5 entry, food extra

Call Eddie for tickets on 07966 154798

www.uptertown.org

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

June 2019

Church Services in June

Sunday 2nd June

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

Sunday 9th June - Pentecost

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
6.00 pm Bassett Rooms Sunday at 6

Sunday 16th June - Trinity Sunday

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 23rd June - Fathers' Day

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

Sunday 30th June

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

Flower Festivals & Well Dressings

Well Dressings in Derbyshire traditionally started with Tissington on Ascension Day but several villages jump the gun now, including our own church of Holy Trinity at Brackenfield with its Flower Festival and Well Dressings at the church on 25th - 27th May.

Tissington Well Dressings are from 30th May, which is Ascension Day, to 5th June and then others come thick and fast in June including Wardlow, Cressbrook, Ashford-in-the-Water, Riddings, Old Whittington, Tideswell, Heage and Millers Dale.

Christ Church at Wessington and the village green are decorated for 6th - 8th July (see inside) and you can find full details of all these events at:

www.derbyshirechurches.org

Contact Information

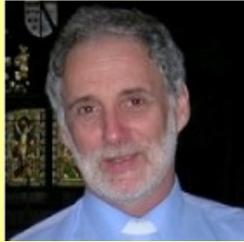
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The Rector Writes ...

Dear Friends,

It is to the credit of those responsible for the National Health Service that the need for spiritual care is recognised. Such public acknowledgement of the spiritual dimension of life is an encouragement to all who believe that coping with suffering and pain demands inner resources. It is therefore a part of modern care to nourish the spirit, and so help people to cope with the trauma and tragedy that life brings, especially when terrible things happen to children.



One of the strongest statements Jesus made was on that very theme. "If anyone causes the downfall of one of these little ones who believe, it would be better for him to be thrown into the sea with a millstone round his neck." If only those that load the gun, prime the bomb or contemplate sexual abuse would 'hear' these words. Probably then, human lives, human hearts, human hopes and human faith would not be shattered by moments of evil madness.

Has there ever been such evil in the world as there is today? The answer must be 'No' in terms of quantity, but 'Yes' in terms of degree. Human beings have always harmed and hurt other human beings. So far as children are concerned, nothing more monstrous was ever ordained than that royal decree whereby every infant boy under the age of two should be slain. The massacre of innocent children by King Herod following the birth of Jesus is an enormity too awful to contemplate, yet its taking place makes a crucial point for all who despair over human evil. It was into a world which could perpetrate such an event that Jesus came - to preach, to heal, to love. Moreover, when he went about doing good he became the victim of an outrageous act of wickedness on Calvary, which left his disciples in no doubt as to their duty.

"Go to every part of the world, and proclaim the good news to all creation." Here is the divine paradox that gives us hope today. It is when the world, in its freedom, does such evil that there is the need to proclaim the way of love. The deeper the divisions, the greater is the need for reconciliation; the more serious the illness, the greater the need for healing.

The ability to survive in the world in which we live and move today depends on personal conviction, inner resources and true serenity. We are all obliged to do all we can to create such strengths in one another.

Yours sincerely, Ralph

Christine

It is with great sadness that we say farewell to Christine Glossop.

Christine died peacefully at home on Wednesday 15th May.

Her funeral will be on Friday 21st June at Ashover Church.



From the Registers

ASHOVER

Funerals:

Pauline Harvey. Service held 1st May

Bright and Beautiful

The children of Stretton Handley Primary School have been looking at the hymn *All Things Bright and Beautiful* and have completed art works and writing based on the lyrics.

This has been developed into a display for St. Mark's Church, to be shared with the community as part of the Church/School link.



Getting Together

The motto of our four churches is *Working and Playing Together, with God, for People*. In line with this the churches help organise coffee mornings, Christmas Fairs, Flower Festivals, film shows, children's activities and Ashover's Pantomime, May Day Carnival and much more - as well as church services of course!

However, sometimes we all need a quieter, smaller place to come together to share fellowship. For many years there have been Fellowship Groups running in our parishes, also known as House Groups because they meet in people's homes. These are an opportunity to explore Christian faith, share thoughts, pray for concerns and make deeper friendships.

Over the summer there is a programme of evening walks and social get-togethers, as well as regular House Group sessions.

If anyone in the four parishes would be interested in learning more or joining a House Group, whether you come to church or not, please contact David Russell on 01246 590047.



Come and join us at
St Mark's Church, Handley
on our very first

FIRSTY THURSDAY COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 6th June from 10 am onwards.

There will be refreshments served and a friendly atmosphere to share them in.

This is to be a monthly event so please come and help to make the first FIRSTY special.

