

MOSCOW DRUG CLUB Brackenfield Church
 1st November - 8 pm
 For One Night Only
 with a sound inspired by the cabaret bars of 1930's Berlin
 Tickets £12 from Linda Walker 07826 741810
 Drinks will be served - Bring a cushion as the pews are hard!
 (With thanks to Live and Local and The Arts Council)



amber news

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

August 2019

Appreciation of Art

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

Ashover Bassett Rooms, 5.30 - 6.30 pm

Thursday 26th September

Damien Hirst

"The Impossibility of Death in the Mind of Someone Living"

Damien Hirst's "Shark" has come under attack for many reasons. What have Hirst's key motivations been in creating such pieces for display? Is he an artist, an entrepreneur or just someone with an eye for celebrity?

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

Contact Mike Steel on 01246 591371

ASHOVER VILLAGE FILMTIME

at The Bassett Rooms, Ashover
 No need to book - Suggested donation £3

AFTERNOON FILMTIME

Friday 13th September : 2.15 pm

Bohemian Rhapsody (12A)

The story of the legendary rock band Queen and lead singer Freddie Mercury, leading up to their famous performance at Live Aid in 1985. Starring Rami Malek.

VILLAGE FILMTIME

Thursday 19th September : 7pm for 7.30 pm film start

Green Book (12A)

A working-class Italian-American bouncer becomes the driver of an African-American classical pianist on a tour of venues through the 1960s American South. Starring: Viggo Mortensen, Mahershala Ali. Director: Peter Farrelly

FOREIGN FILMTIME

Thursday 3rd October : 7pm for 7.30 pm film start

Goodbye Lenin (12)

A mother who is a loyal party member in East Berlin, falls into a coma just before the fall of the Berlin Wall, and wakes up again just as reunification takes place. Her son decides to pretend nothing has changed and it is still the old East Berlin (In German with English subtitles). Director: Stefan Arndt; Starring: Chulpan Khamatova, Katrin Sass

Uppertown Social Centre



Saturday 14th September, 7pm for 8 pm

Arthur Doherty Band - Irish and Folk

£12 including supper

Saturday 12th October, 7pm for 8 pm

ZEPHYR - 4 - 60's band

£11 including supper

Call Eddie for tickets on 07966 154798

www.uppertown.org

You can view this **amber news** on the **amber churches** website and there are free printed copies in churches and local shops. If you would like a copy delivered, please let us know and we will try to oblige. Send news for inclusion in next month's issue to info@amberchurches.org.

Church Services in September

Sunday 1st September

9.15 am Brackenfield Church Holy Communion
 10.45 am Ashover Church Holy Communion

Sunday 8th September

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 Holy Communion
 6.00 pm Bassett Rooms Sunday at 6

Sunday 15th September

9.15 am Wessington Church Holy Communion
 10.45 am Ashover Church Holy Communion
 + children's activities
 4.30 pm Handley Church Songs of Praise

Sunday 22nd September

9.15 am Brackenfield Church Holy Communion
 9.15 am Wessington Church Family Service
 10.45 am Handley Church Morning Worship
 3.00 pm Ashover Church Confirmation Service
 with Holy Communion

Sunday 29th September

5.00 pm Ashover Church Holy Communion
 + children's activities

Day Trip to York 26th September



Pick-up points in Littlemoor,
 Ashover and Kelstedge from 9.30 am.
 For info & booking call Barbara on 01246 590441

Special Services

A **Confirmation Service** is a cause for celebration for the church when young people and adults decide to make their own personal declaration of faith.

This service will be held at Ashover Church at 3 pm on 22nd September, led by Bishop Jack Nicholls.

Everyone is welcome to come along to this service.

Handley Church will be holding their **Songs of Praise** at 4.30 pm on Sunday 15th September - All Welcome.

Contact Information

Rector: The Revd Ralph Lawrence 01246 590246
 The Rectory, Narrowleys Lane, Ashover S45 0AU
 All Saints Church Ashover Warden: Nev Stanley 01246 826980
 Holy Trinity Brackenfield Warden: Nigel Rogers 01773 836137
 St Mark's Church Handley Warden: Kath Mosley 01246 590720
 Christ Church Wessington Warden: Rita Buckley 01773 835 633

www.amberchurches.org

The Rector Writes ...

Dear Friends,

If you are like me you can see, but rarely take the time to look. What an odd start I hear you say.

I don't doubt it, but this thought

came to me one morning as I stood in Ashover church. The

early morning sunshine was streaming through the East Window which prompted me to look afresh at the figures depicted in the glass. The central pane has a picture of the dying Christ pinned to a cross. To the left is a pictorial presentation of a woman touching the hem of Jesus' garment, in the hope of being cured her of her uterine haemorrhage, a condition she had suffered from for twelve years.

I stared at the figures in the window which Luke meticulously records in his gospel for some time, grateful to look again at what I had seen many times before.

I can't be sure but maybe I was more receptive to the story recorded in the window because there was a lot of illness around at the time of writing this letter. But as I stood looking at the window this thought occurred to me. The woman clearly believed that any contact with Jesus, be it only the tassel of his cloak, constituted a possible cure.

Luke records that on the day Jesus became aware that someone had touched his clothes. He was hemmed in by a crowd on every side. Yet, despite the claustrophobic conditions he knew 'in himself' that power had gone out from him.

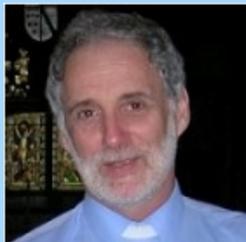
The description Luke gives in his gospel is a clear indication that Jesus believed that power was in some way transmitted in an act of healing where faith was present. "Your faith has made you whole" he said, when he discovered the woman in the crowd.

At other times Jesus used different methods to bring about the transmission of power to those that needed it. On occasions people were healed who were not present at all.

I believe there is a place for absent healing. It occurs when someone comes to mind and we feel 'nudged' to pray for them. Intercession is the word that describes this particular focus for support, and it is often supported by a group of praying people. At such times what matters is not technique; nor is it essential for the focus of prayer to be present. It is about what God does with our prayers that changes lives.

The gifts of medicine, psychotherapy, music and some complimentary therapies, but probably not all, do contribute to the wellbeing and healing of others, and ourselves. But the transmission of power in response to prayer, pleading and faith can also in my humble opinion contribute to the healing process. Those in need are made whole.

Yours sincerely, Ralph



From the Registers

ASHOVER

Wedding:

Katherine Houldsworth & Joshua Newman.

Service held 29th August 2019

Funeral:

Betty Vaughan Aged 86.

Service held 3rd September 2019

MATLOCK AND ASHOVER PRACTICE

Milken Lane, Ashover

This Year's Flu Clinic

Wednesday 9th October, 9 am – 6 pm
in The Ashover Parish Hall

Come and have your flu jab and help Ashgate Hospice by enjoying a cup of tea/coffee with a slice of cake for a small donation.

Open to all eligible Ashover Surgery patients
(for eligibility criteria, please check with the surgery)

News from Wessington

July was a busy month which started with three days of Well Dressings. The weather was kind and all sorts of goodies were sold as well as many beautiful plants. There must be some very attractive gardens around this part of Derbyshire.

At the end of summer term the children, teachers and parents held their usual service in the church and those who were leaving made speeches on what Wessington School has meant to them.

On the last Sunday in July, our service was entitled "Favourite things". We had some fun in sharing what some of our favourite things were. However, with the story of Zacchaeus and Peter's visit to Cornelius, Ralph showed us that we are all important to God. He has no favourites.

Our Harvest Festival Service will be held on **Sunday 6th October** at 9.15am. You are welcome to join us.

Ashover Harvest Supper

Sat 19th October at 7pm in The Bassett Rooms

Pie and pea supper, home made puddings ,
wine and good company.

All profits to go towards the Harvest charities.

Sign up in church or email andrewlovell61@btinternet.com



St Mark's Church, Handley for

FIRSTY THURSDAY COFFEE MORNING

Thurs 5th September from 10 am onwards.

Calling All Children

Acorns - for pre-school children accompanied by their parents or carers - starts meeting again after the Summer holidays on Thursday 5th September from 10 to 11.30 am in the Bassett Rooms, Ashover.

Allsorts - activities for children during the Sunday service at Ashover - starts again on Sunday 15th September. Come along to church at 10.45 am.

Just turn up or call **Janet Bonsall on 01246 590330** for more information on any of these activities.

Ashover WEA Courses Autumn 2019

Exploring Opera

Weds 10am to 12 noon in The Bassett Rooms, Ashover
11 weeks from 18th Sept - Lecturer: Nicholas Redihough

A History of India

Weds 7.30pm to 9.30pm in Ashover Parish Hall
11 weeks from 18th Sept - Lecturer: Gary Slator

More information from Sarah Hillard 01246 590369
and sarah_hillard48@hotmail.com