

Wessington Pop Up Shop

The Christmas raffle will take place at a coffee morning on the 3rd December. 10am- 12pm. Buy your tickets in advance from Church members, or on the day. Lots of lovely prizes. Always a popular event. Come along and support it.

The Pop Up Shop will also be open on Saturday 28th January 2023 from 10am-12 pm.

Ashover Village Filmtime

The Bassett Rooms, Ashover.

20th January 2023: Phantom of the Open (PG)

The heart-warming true story of Maurice Flitcroft, who entered the 1976 Open despite never playing a round of golf before. The extraordinary story of an ordinary man, THE PHANTOM OF THE OPEN is an uplifting and moving comedy drama about pursuing your dreams and shooting for the stars, no matter what hand you're dealt.

For more information: Jane & Mike Steel, 01246 591371, Keith & Mary Mellor 01246 591181 or Sarah Hillard 01246 590369

Christmas Events in Ashover



Sunday 4th December 5pm

Christmas Lights Switch on in Church Street

Saturday 10th December 5pm

Christingle Service in All Saints Church

Saturday 10th December 7:30pm

Ashover Band Concert in the Parish Hall– Tickets on the door or from Trevor at secretary@ashoverband.com or phone 01246 237767

Sunday 11th December 12-3pm

Christmas Market in the Bassett Rooms

Children's activities



Ashover Flower Arrangers came and helped the Kindness Crew make some beautiful decorations.



It has been another fun-packed month at Allsorts on Sunday mornings, learning about the lost sheep, and Jesus the light of the world.



All welcome at 3:30 on Fridays and 10:30 on Sundays during term time in the Bassett Rooms.



Ashover Church Services in the Bassett Rooms during January.

Given the high costs and carbon footprint of heating Ashover church, in January our Sunday services will be in the Bassett rooms – it will be warmer and more comfortable, and will play a small part in helping our country through the energy crisis.

Alternative Coffee Shop

At Ashover Parish Hall
2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month
10 – 12

Uppertown Social Centre

Sat 3rd December 7 for 8pm

Pat Jordan and Finians Rainbow– Irish, 60s, 70s & 80s Dance Music
£15 incl Supper.

Contact Eddie Marriott for Tickets
07966 154798 www.uppertown.org



amber news

For the amber churches of
Ashover, Brackenfield, Handley and Wessington
working and playing together, with God, for people
December 2022 and January 2023

Church Services in December and January

Sunday 4th December

9.15 am	Brackenfield Church	Holy Communion
10.45 am	Ashover Church	Holy Communion
5:00pm	Ashover Christmas Lights Switch on (outside)	

Saturday 10th December

5:00pm	Ashover Church	Christingle Service
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Sunday 11th December

9.15 am	Wessington Church	Holy Communion
10.45 am	Ashover Church	Holy Communion

Sunday 18th December

3:00 pm	Brackenfield Church	Carol Service
4:30 pm	Handley Church	Carol Service
6:00 pm	Ashover Church	Carol Service

Saturday 24th December

5:00 pm	Ashover Church	Christmas Eve Service
6:30pm	Wessington Church	Christmas Eve Service
11:00pm	Ashover Church	Midnight Communion

Sunday 25th December

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

Sunday 1st January

10.45 am	The Bassett Rooms	Morning Worship
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Sunday 8th January

9.15 am	Brackenfield Church	Holy Communion
10.45 am	The Bassett Rooms	Holy Communion

Sunday 15th January

9.15 am	Brackenfield Church	Holy Communion
10:45 am	Wessington Church	Holy Communion
10.45 am	The Bassett Rooms	Holy Communion

Sunday 22nd January

9.15 am	Brackenfield Church	Holy Communion
10.45 am	The Bassett Rooms	All-age Service

Sunday 29th January

9.15 am	Brackenfield Church	Holy Communion
10:45 am	Handley Church	Holy Communion
10.45 am	Ashover Church	Holy Communion

Allsorts children's group meets on Sundays 4th, and 11th December and 8th, 15th and 22nd January from 10 am to 12 noon in the Bassett Rooms.

Contact Information

Church Wardens

All Saints Church Ashover: John Phillips 07702 641777
Holy Trinity Brackenfield: Nigel Rogers 01773 836137
St Mark's Church Handley: Fran Roberts 01246 865389
Christ Church Wessington: Rita Buckley 01773 835 633

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Sarah Evans 07810656541 or email:
ashoverallsaints@gmail.com

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 the December and January issue to ashoverallsaints@gmail.com. by Sunday 20th November

The Rector Writes ... Come and join the celebration...

One of my favourite modern Christmas carols has the chorus:

Come and join the celebration,

It's a very special day;

Come and share our jubilation,

There's a new King born today!



I like it partly because it draws me into the celebration, but also because it contains such a vital message—the reason for all our celebrations, our jubilation, is the birth of Jesus our king.

Sadly it is not always easy to celebrate, with the stress of the preparations—presents, food, cards, decorations and more — and this year we have the football World Cup! We might feel like the inns of Bethlehem with no space left....

Perhaps that is why Silent Night often comes top of votes for our Christmas carols:

Silent night! Holy night!

All is calm, all is bright,

Round yon virgin and her child,

Holy infant, so tender and mild,

Sleep in heavenly peace,

Sleep in heavenly peace.

In all the busyness of Christmas I love the moments of calm and peace. Time to pause and marvel at the wonderful events of the past. Time to appreciate all the good things we have now.

I imagine Mary, content but exhausted, looking back in amazement at all the events of the previous nine months—looking forward with excitement and concern as to what lies ahead. I imagine Mary, content for that moment to relax, trusting in God and in Joseph to do their parts, looking in awe at the baby in her arms, remembering the angel's words, amazed that they have come true.

Mary's circumstances were of course uncomfortable. She was far from home and there was no room in the inn. In the months that followed they would have to flee for their lives to Egypt, and it would be years before she could again have a settled life in Nazareth.

But perhaps Mary was able to cope because she knew how to stop, how to look back and marvel, and how to look forward from the solid foundation of God's words, and face whatever might come next.

We hope and pray that you have a wonderful, peaceful and joyful Christmas, and that God will bless us all in the years ahead;

with love,

Ashover Coffee Shop

The Coffee Shop is open 10-12 in the Bassett Rooms on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays each month.

VILLAGE "PANTOMIME"

CINDERELLA ASHOVER PARISH HALL



Thursday 5 January 2023 7.15PM

Friday 6 January 2023 7.15PM

Saturday 7 January 2023

Parish Party 5.30PM (please bring a plate of food to share—no nuts please)

Pantomime 7.15PM

FREE ENTRY TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM POST OFFICE FROM MONDAY 12 DECEMBER 2022

Christmas Crafts for Adults

*Do you like simple crafts?

*Would you like to enjoy fellowship?

*Are you preparing for Christmas?

If you answered YES to any of the above, then we have the ideal event for you.

Come along to St. Mark's Church, Handley on Saturday 10th December 2022 from 2 until 4pm. Cost is £6 including tea/ coffee & biscuits.

Suitable for all abilities.
Hope to see you there!

Operation Christmas Child



46 shoeboxes were filled to bring joy to a child at Christmas!

The boxes included sock bunnies made by the Kindness Crew Craft Club. Thank you to everyone who took part.



Repairs to Ashover Church

Following our "quinquennial inspection" we need to do a number of repairs to

Ashover church to keep it in good condition:

- Replacing and resetting some of the stones around the roof parapet.
- Renewing the bird guards in the bell tower to keep the birds and their mess out.
- Renewing the "bushes" in the bells.
- Adding a rope bannister to the tower spiral stairs for health and safety reasons.
- Updating our electricity supply (though the electricity company pay for most of this).
- Providing a new external notice board to replace the old one which was rotten.

The total cost will be about £16,000. All donations gratefully received.

From the Registers

Ashover

Funerals:

10th November Tim Searcy

14th November Joan Marrison

18th November Peter Lord

28th November Judy Tomlinson

Wessington

Funeral

9th November Keith Wragg