

Wessington Pop Up Shop

The Pop Up Shop will be open on Saturday 29th April 2023 from 10am-12 pm.

ASHOVER VILLAGE FILMTIME

The Bassett Rooms, Ashover. Doors open at 7pm for tea and coffee - films start at 7.30 pm

20th April 2023 **The Outfit (15)**

The Outfit is a gripping and masterful thriller in which an expert tailor (Mark Rylance) must outwit a dangerous group of mobsters in order to survive a fateful night.

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

Board Games in the afternoon

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Come and join us in the Bassett Rooms for fun and friendship. Play your favourite board games and learn new ones over a cup of tea!

Wednesday 12th and Wednesday 26th April from 2pm till 4pm.

Contact: Jane Steel (591371) or Elizabeth Brewer (590646)

Stamps for Valley CIDS

A big thank you to everyone who donates stamps to Christ Church, Wessington.

The stamps are sent to Valley CIDS who do such marvellous work with children and young people in Derbyshire and also with the Lighthouse Charity Shops.

There is one special request - please can you ensure that scissors are used to cut no less than 1/4 inch or 1/2 a centimetre around each stamp. Stamps are sold by weight to make money for the charity and it is important to do this. Please do not donate stamps that are torn off the envelopes, or with postal details - all that is required is - the stamp - correctly cut.

Stamps can be brought to the Pop-up Shop (last Saturday of the month), or given direct to Eileen Bratt, or posted in the container at Wessington Church. Many thanks for your kind co-operation.

News from Handley

At the end of half term in February, the children of Stretton Handley Primary School walked down to St. Mark's Church for a special service.

Once or twice a year, the children contribute drawings, prayers or pieces of writing to a bible themed display in church, designated to the school.

This time, we thought it would be nice for them not only to contribute, but to actually add their own piece of work to the board. The theme is 'The Fruit of the Spirit' so each child coloured in a fruit and stuck them on to big trees. We invited parents and other family members to join them and enable them to see what their children had been doing and to join in with the worship.

The service was very well supported with refreshments being served beforehand. It is hoped that this can be a regular occasion.

Alpha Course at Wessington

On Tuesday 7th March we started an Alpha course in Wessington Church. We have had lots of good discussions over the past weeks and look forward to resuming after Easter on Tuesday 18th April.

Uppertown Social Centre

Sat 22nd April 7 for 8pm

Dark Lightning- Soul and Roll
£12 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

April 2023

Church Services in March

Sunday 2nd April

9.15 am Brackenfield Church
10.45 am Ashover
6:00 pm Bassett Rooms

Palm Sunday

Holy Communion
All Age Service
Sunday at 6

Monday 3rd April

10:00 am Brackenfield Church Meditation

Tuesday 4th April

10:00 am Handley Church Meditation

Wednesday 5th April

10:00 am Wessington Church Meditation

Thursday 6th April

7:00pm The Bassett Rooms Holy Communion & Vigil

Friday 7th April

10:00 am Ashover Church

Good Friday

Outdoor Service- meet outside the Bassett Rooms Service

10:00 am Wessington Church

2:00 pm Ashover Church

Last Hour at the Cross

Sunday 9th April

6:15 am Ashover Rock

9.15 am Wessington Church

10:45 am Handley Church

10.45 am Ashover Church

Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service

Holy Communion

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Sunday 16th April

9.15 am Brackenfield Church

10.45 am Ashover Church

Holy Communion

Holy Communion

Sunday 23rd April

9.15 am Wessington

10:45 am Handley Church

10.45 am Ashover Church

Holy Communion

Morning Worship

Holy Communion

Sunday 30th April

10.45 am Ashover Church

May Day all age service

Allsorts children's group meets on 23rd April from 10:30 am to 12 noon in the Bassett Rooms.

Events at Ashover Parish Hall

Alternative Coffee Shop- 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month
10am - 12pm

Refreshments and Cakes. **WIFI & Dog Friendly**

Contact Information

Church Wardens

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Send news for inclusion in the May issue to ashoverallsaints@gmail.com. by Sunday 16th April

The Rector Writes ... Spring and Easter...



Dear Friends,
As many of you know, Candy and I are gardeners (though not experts!). And I love the season of Spring, when the plants in the garden "come back to life". One of many things that delights me are the raspberries I planted as rather feeble plants last year. Over winter they looked dead. But now they have started growing with wonderful vigour. And that vigour hopefully means lots of raspberries...

I was thinking about this while also thinking about various news headlines – so many of them are depressing! But just as spring always follows winter, so too we can look back on 2000 years of history and see that times of conflict and disaster have always come to an end. That doesn't diminish the pain that people went through, but it does give me hope.

As I am writing, I am also getting ready for Holy Week and Easter. That first Holy Week felt like the worst disaster for Jesus's close friends and family. His death was so unfair. All their hopes and dreams seemed to be irreparably damaged. But Easter Sunday followed Good Friday. Their grief was turned to joy. Jesus didn't physically stay with them for long, but Easter Day meant their view on life was changed for ever. Even death was not the end.

Happy Easter.

Peter

Ashover May Day Carnival 1st May 10am-4pm

This timetable is subject to alteration. In the event of bad weather it may be relocated or cancelled.

TIME:	UPPER CHURCH STREET	LOWER CHURCH STREET
10:00	Chesterfield Garland Dancers	Ashover Brass Band
10:20	MUMMERS play	
10:30	Sensible Shoes Harmony Group	Punch & Judy
10:45	Maypole Dancing/Ripley Morris	
11:00	Gathering of Parade	
11:15	Parade leaves Bassett Rooms	
11:30	WELCOME followed by National Anthem and Crowning	
11:45	Maypole Dancing/Ripley Morris	
12:00	Judging of BEST STALL	
12:15	Chesterfield Garland Dancers	RACES with "Hedgehog" rolling
12:30	Sensible Shoes	
12:30	IN CHURCH Ashover Celebration Choir and plus Ashover Brass Band	Friends "BIG SING" Training Band
12:45	Carlo the Clown's Magic Show	
1:15		Mummers play
1:30		FUN RUN (Carlo the Clown helping)
2:00	Return of Fun Run	
2:30	Mummers Play	Punch & Judy
3:00	Sensible Shoes	
3:15	LET'S DANCE IN THE STREET Led by Sensible Shoes	

Ashover Coffee Shop

The Coffee Shop is open 10-12 in the Bassett Rooms on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays each month. Books and DVDs are available to swap.



SUNDAY @ 6

You may have noticed SUNDAY @ 6 on our church calendar and wondered what happened at this in the Bassett Rooms!

It's a time set aside to pray informally for about 45 minutes for our church, our community, those in need locally and in the wider world and so much more! Usually on the 2nd Sunday of each month, for April this will be on 2nd April, rather than on Easter Sunday. Prayer has been described as 'the engine room of the church' which is why it's important to pray together as a church as well as individually.

Annual Church Meetings

All welcome to come to our churches' Annual Meetings, to look back at the last year, take stock of our financial situation, appoint Church Councils and Wardens, and to look forward to the future:

Brackenhfield Thursday 20 April, 10am in the Church Hall

Ashover, Sunday 23 April, after the morning service followed by a bring and share lunch.

Wessington, Tuesday 25 April, 7pm at Church

Handley, Saturday 29 April 3pm at Church.

High Ashes Community Garden



Why not join an established friendly voluntary group who meet up regularly in rural Ashover.

- Meets weekly (no obligation)
- No gardening experience required
- Free and open to all : no need to be local
- Good company, with cuppa & sticky bun (on a good week!)
- A Green Gym : eat what you grow!
- Great feel-good factor

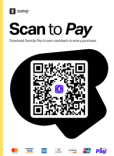
For further details contact Penny
0785 220 9639

or email:pennyfishboard@yahoo.co.uk



Donations for Ashover Church going digital

We will shortly have a payment machine in the Church to enable donations for the upkeep of All Saints. If you scan this code with your mobile phone, you can make a donation.



Children's activities

All age services are on different dates than usual in April. We have an all age service for Palm Sunday on 2nd April, and a May Day Celebration Service on 30th April.

Allsorts will be on in the Bassett Rooms from 10:30-12:30 on Sunday 23rd April.

Kindness Crew Craft Club meets on Fridays in term time from 3:30-5pm

Acorns is on Thursday 20th April from 10-11:30.

Both groups meet in the Bassett Rooms

From the Registers

Ashover

Baptism

5th March Oliver Cooke

Funeral:

13th March Florence Eileen Wright

Handley

Funeral:

3rd March Vernie Hughes