

Wessington Pop Up Shop

The Pop Up Shop will be open from 10am-12 pm on the last Saturday each month.
For more information: facebook.com/Wessingtonpopup

ASHOVER VILLAGE FILMTIME

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

Suggested Donation: £3 – No need to book.

5th December 2024- The Taste of Things (12A)

Eugenie, a cook, and Dodin, a gourmet, bond over their love for food. Eugenie values her independence, cooking and the taste of things comes first – a feast for the senses. In French with English sub-titles. Starring: Juliette Binoche, Benoit Magimel.

16th January 2025-The Holdovers (12A)

A grumpy teacher, a bereaved school cook and a gifted student of a New England prep school are forced to spend the Christmas holidays together – but how will they get on when they have nothing in common? A 2023 BAFTA and OSCAR nominated film.

Starring: Paul Giamatti, Da'Vine Joy Randolph and Dominic Sessa.

For more information, please contact Jane & Mike Steel 01246 591371 or Mary & Keith Mellor 01246 591181

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.



Alternative Coffee Shop

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



Board Games

In the Bassett Rooms on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays every month and enjoy playing Board Games together over a cup of coffee. Everybody welcome.

December 4th & 18th, January 15th & 29th 10- 12 noon.

Contacts: Jane Steel (591371) and Elizabeth Brewer (590646)



Uppertown Social Centre

For tickets and more information contact :
07966154798
www.uppertown.org



Christmas Market
Sunday 1st December
10am - 3pm
FREE ENTRY!
Dogs welcome

EDDIE'S BAR OPEN CHRISTMAS EVE!



amber news

For the amber churches of
Ashover, Brackenfield, Handley and Wessington

Loving God, serving people, welcoming all

December 2024 & January 2025

Church Services in December and January

Sunday 24th November

9.15 am	Wessington Church	Holy Communion
10.45 am	Ashover Church	All Age Service
10.45 am	Handley Church	Morning Worship

Sunday 1st December

9.15 am	Brackenfield Church	Holy Communion
10.45 am	Ashover Church	Informal Holy Communion
5.00 pm	Ashover	Light Switch on

Advent Sunday

Saturday 7th December

5.00 pm	Ashover	Christingle Service
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Sunday 8th December

9:15 am	Wessington Church	Holy Communion
10.45 am	Ashover Church	Morning Worship
10.45am	Handley Church	Holy Communion
6.00 pm	Bassett Rooms	Sunday @ 6

Sunday 15th December

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

Sunday 22nd December

10.45 am	Ashover Church	Holy Communion
3.00pm	Brackenfield Church	Carol Service
4.30pm	Handley Church	Carol Service
6.00pm	Ashover Church	Carol Service

Tuesday 24th December Christmas Eve

5.00pm	Ashover Church	Crib Service
6.30pm	Wessington Church	Crib Service
11.00pm	Ashover Church	Holy Communion

Wednesday 25th December

Christmas Day

9.15 am	Brackenfield Church	Holy Communion
10.45 am	Ashover Church	All Age Service

Sunday 29th December– United Service

10.00 am	Brackenfield Church	Holy Communion
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Sunday 5th January

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

Sunday 12th January

9:15 am	Wessington Church	Holy Communion
10.45 am	Ashover Church	Morning Worship
10.45am	Handley Church	Holy Communion

Sunday 19th January

9.15 am	Brackenfield Church	Holy Communion
10.45 am	Ashover Church	All age service+Baptism

Sunday 26th January

9:15 am	Wessington Church	Holy Communion
10.45 am	Ashover Church	Holy Communion
10.45am	Handley Church	Holy Communion

Allsorts children's group meets on Sundays from 10 am to 12 noon in the Bassett Rooms, Ashover apart from All age and Informal Communion Services, when activities are available in Church.

Contact Information

All Saints Church Ashover: David Russell 01246 590047
Holy Trinity Brackenfield: Sally Gordon 07932 550438
St Mark's Church Handley: Fran Roberts 01246 865389
Christ Church Wessington: Rita Buckley 01773 835 633

www.amberchurches.org

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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 the February issue to ashoverallsaints@gmail.com. by Sunday 19th January

The Rector Writes ... Happy Christmas?



There was a story a few years ago of the first recorded example of Turkey rage. By turkey rage they did not mean turkeys getting angry about the fact they were about to be killed and eaten, the turkey rage was not a matter of life and death. Turkey rage was two people nearly coming to blows over the last Turkey in a supermarket – one was about pick it up when the other barged in and grabbed it.

Some people get stressed out around Christmas: there are so many things to do, so many things to get right, - presents, cards, meals, decorations and so on. Here am I as a rector adding to all that suggesting that you make time for church as well.

All this Christmas stress made me think about Joseph and Mary, just as the one person came to the supermarket and could not get a turkey – so Joseph and Mary came to Bethlehem and found no room in the inn – nowhere to stay.

There is however no record of any row taking place – Mary does not appear to have nagged Joseph saying “I told you we should have booked ahead” - but the consequences were far more serious – no room, no proper bed, and yet the baby was born – an animal feeding trough making do as his first cot.

Much of the stress today comes from higher and higher expectations – we don't just expect warm clothes, enough food, a house to live in, and basic health care – though for many in the world that would be wonderful luxury.

The present of a baby born in Bethlehem 2000 years ago might not seem as exciting as the box of chocolates, phone bike or whatever you are getting or giving. But that baby did not just endure the stress of Christmas shopping, he endured the stable, being a refugee as a child, rejection as an adult and death on the cross.

It is proof, not just that we have mums or dads who will give us what we want, it is proof that we have a God who loves us and who will if necessary sweep aside traditions in order to show that love. He does not necessarily give us what we ask for, but ultimately he offers us all we could need or want:

To all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God-- children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

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,

From the Registers

Funerals

Colin Sharman 16th October
Caroll Moss 21st October
Pete Stone 25th October

SUNDAY @ 6

SUNDAY @ 6 is a time set aside each month 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! 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.

We need to keep the engine running, fuelled by the Holy Spirit! You are welcome to join us.



Upcoming events at Ashover Parish Hall



Ashover Celebration Choir



Ashover Celebration Choir meet on Mondays during term time from 7:30-9pm in the Bassett Rooms. New members are very welcome to join us. We sing for Celebration Services, and are also available for weddings by prior arrangement. We are currently preparing for our Christmas Services.

We will be taking a short break after the Carol Service, but if you would like to join us in February to learn music for Easter, May Day and beyond we would love to hear from you.

If you would like to join us, please contact Anna (07788455959) or Sarah (07774540003)

Eco Church



As part of our responsibility to be good custodians of our planet, the Amber Churches are working on getting the Eco Church award.

Thinking of buying chocolate advent calendars? Cornerstone Christian bookshop have Meaningful Chocolate Company calendars in stock. These are made with fair trade chocolate. Buying fair trade makes such a beneficial difference to the cocoa farmers. January is traditionally the time to start planning the seeds to buy for vegetables and salad. Home grown tastes so much better. Try to reduce your food miles and have a few even if just some salad.

Brackenfield Heritage Café

Brackenfield Community Hall
DE55 6AQ



£3.00 admission on the door includes tea/coffee and cake
All welcome!

Thursday 12 th December 2024 10:00 to 12:00
Christmas World War II: Ivan Brentnall - chair of Tibshelf Local History Society - will be talking about Christmas in wartime (WWII). Do bring your own stories, family photos etc. and join the discussion.