

## 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](https://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.

**6<sup>th</sup> February 2025** Passport to Pimlico (U) - Decades of British Film – the 40's

This film shows a post-war attitude of cocky independence. The detonation of an unexploded bomb reveals a document proving the area is a part of Burgundy, France. Borders need to be established and conflict with the British government arises.

Starring: Stanley Holloway, Charles Hawtrey, Margaret Rutherford and many more!

**20<sup>th</sup> February 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

## Bell Ringing

So, what is Bell Ringing all about? A centuries-old art form? An exact science? An all-age team activity? An alternative kind of music? A good physical and mental workout? A service to the church? An absorbing and life-long activity?

It's all of those – and more (we take pride that bellringers created the original heavy metal bands!). We have a friendly, enthusiastic and supportive team at Ashover and have a good social life as well as our serious ringing. As ringers, we can join teams throughout the country on an equal footing, and many life-long friendships have grown in this way.

Would you like to know more? Contact us on

[ashover@derbyda.org.uk](mailto:ashover@derbyda.org.uk) and we will contact you with more details.



## 'Follow the star' in Woolley Moor

During the last week of term, the young children from 'Woodpeckers' class at Stretton Handley Primary school paid a visit to St. Mark's church to take part in a second 'eye spy' mission, where all of the items to be found had a Christmas theme. Christmas trees, bells, lights, advent crown and nativity set were all found by the children, and there was a very excited buzz in the church.

They were also asked to find something special and count up how many – can you guess what it was? – yes, of course it was stars and every one was counted including a large one on the main Christmas Tree. The children then gathered around a table to decorate their own small star, mostly with glitter!. These were then used to create a big 'Star of Bethlehem', which was placed above the nativity scene in church.

To make 'Follow the star' a project for the whole school, Bev and Fran took part in a Collective Worship at school the following week, when all the children were given a small star and asked to write on something they were thankful for at Christmas. These stars were then arranged around the 'Star of Bethlehem' to make a striking display.

The final event of the week for the children was again to walk down to Church for their Christingle service; and 'followed their star' just as the wise men did when they went to find Jesus.

## Uppertown Social Centre

For tickets and more information contact :  
07966154798  
[www.uppertown.org](http://www.uppertown.org)



## amber news

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

*Loving God, serving people, welcoming all*

**February 2025**

### Church Services in February

#### Sunday 26th January

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

#### Sunday 2nd February

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

#### Sunday 9th February

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 16th February

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

#### Sunday 26th February

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

#### Sunday 2nd March

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

### 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.

February 5th & 19th and March 5th & 19th 10- 12 noon.

Contacts: Jane Steel:591371 and Elizabeth Brewer:590646



### Alternative Coffee Shop

At Ashover Parish Hall

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month 10 – 12  
Refreshments and Cakes, WIFI & Dog Friendly



### Art Appreciation

Thursday 27th February 5.30 – 6.30pm in the Bassett Rooms, £5 at the door. All Welcome. Sue Lewis-Blake will look at a couple of our major museums: their design, philosophy and politics - and how the way art is displayed affects our understanding and response. Contact Mike and Jane Steel on 01246 591371



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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 March issue to [ashoverallsaints@gmail.com](mailto:ashoverallsaints@gmail.com). by Sunday 16th February

## The Rector Writes ... Gratitude

Dear Friends,

On 8<sup>th</sup> February Candy and I will have been in Ashover for 3 years – we are delighted to be here.



One of the joys of having been here 3 years is that our garden is developing approximately as we planned and hoped. My rhubarb patch is showing the first signs of new life, with the promise of another healthy crop starting in March or April. Our snow drops have multiplied and signal that spring is on the way. And after a few re-arrangements, our borders have now got most of the plants we want, in the right places, and hopefully will blossom and flourish as the weather warms up. I'm not sure that I enjoy gardening itself, but I love the satisfaction of looking at a garden that I have helped to develop. In the season of Spring I particularly love seeing how things grow and develop just about every day.

Similarly, having been here for three years we have got to know so many of you, at least a little bit, and we feel at home. We cannot do everything we would like to do, and I've never been good at remembering names, but it is a delight to feel part of our communities.

Perhaps in our society, that stopping, looking and rejoicing can all too often be squashed out by too much busyness. Similarly, we can bolt our food down and gulp our drinks, rather than savouring the flavours. Or we can take friends or family for granted, or we can fail to value the security of having the NHS and our welfare state.

As Spring approaches, perhaps as a belated New Year resolution, let us take time to enjoy and savour all that is good. Let us give thanks in our hearts, in our prayers, and to those who bring us joy and comfort.

Thank you,

## From the Registers

### Funerals:

Ros Pugh-Lewis 12 December, Ashover  
Kath Hayes: 17 December, Wessington

### Wedding:

Liam McNally and Melissa Gilbert, 14 December, Ashover

### Baptisms:

Ruby Robinson 19 January, Ashover  
Alfie Neal 19 January, Ashover  
Tina and Rheece Thornhill 26 January, Ashover

## 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

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**  
**Sunday March 16<sup>th</sup> – Community Defib Training**  
10am – 2pm please keep a look out for further details.

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April – Behold Ye Ramblers, doors open at 7pm**

'Behold Ye Ramblers' is the story of the beginnings of the struggle for the right to roam freely across open moors on ancient paths and enjoy the benefits of outdoor activities and pursuits.

## 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 starting again on 17th February to learn music for Easter, May Day and beyond, and we would love to hear from you.

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

## Eco Church

### Ashover Church Seed Swap

As a church we are trying to do more to care for our environment. Sharing resources is a part of that, so in February our seed swap box will be back.

If you have spare seeds and don't want them to go to waste please consider donating them. They may be free packets from magazines, or packets you don't want any more, or you might collect your own seed and have more than you need. We can use them all!

Please put any donations in the Seed Swap Box at the back of the Church. While you are there have a look at the other donations and help yourself to anything you would like. It's a great way of trying things you have never grown before

The church is open every day from 10am. If you have any questions please contact Candy Bold: 01246 590246

For more information about Eco Church,  
<https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/>



## Brackenfield Heritage Café

Brackenfield Community Hall DE55 6AQ  
£3.00 admission on the door includes tea/coffee and cake

All welcome!

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024 10:00 to 12:00**

**Aquabox: Clean Water in Crisis from Wirksworth**

Ronald Macdonald will be speaking about the work of Aquabox. Their family and community water filters have been distributed around the world to countries suffering from natural and man-made disasters, providing safe drinking water to hundreds of thousands of people. They also supply aid boxes tailored to support family groups. These boxes contain a range of items selected to make life easier for people living in extreme deprivation: tools, lighting, survival aids, cooking equipment, eating and drinking, educational aids and hygiene provisions.

