

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.

6th March 2025

Room at the Top (12)

Joe Lampton comes from a humble background and needs to climb the social ladder to gain success at work. His boss's daughter might be the way forward but there is another woman in his life. A film from the 50's in our Decades of British Film series.

20th March 2025

Trumbo 15

Dalton Trumbo is a successful screenwriter in Hollywood. However, things change when he is blacklisted and he has to fight his way back against the establishment over many years.

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



amber news

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

Loving God, serving people, welcoming all

March 2025

Church Services in March

Sunday 23rd 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

Wednesday 5th March

10.00 am	Ashover Church	Holy Communion
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Ash Wednesday

Sunday 9th March

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 March

9:15 am	Brackenfield Church	Holy Communion
10.45 am	Ashover Church	Holy Communion

Sunday 23rd March

9:15 am	Wessington Church	Holy Communion
10.45 am	Ashover Church	Holy Communion
	Handley Church	No Service

Sunday 30th March

9:15 am	Brackenfield	Holy Communion
10.45 am	Ashover Church	All Age Service
10.45am	Handley Church	Mothering Sunday
3.00pm	Wessington Church	Mothering Sunday

Mothering Sunday

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.



PANCAKE PARTY!

Shrove Tuesday 4 March

Bassett Rooms 3.30-5.30pm

ALL WELCOME!

Questions! Anna 07788 455959

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May Day / VE 80 Day: 5 May 2025

Again, we're fortunate to have such a hard-working and enthusiastic group of people organizing May Day! And it's not too late to step forward – the brilliant team would really appreciate it if you can offer some time before the day or on the day. Please contact them at ASHOVERMAYDAY@YAHOO.COM.



There's going to be the usual, fantastic mix of things to see and do, including – children's entertainment, fairground rides, welly wanging, the human fruit machine (back by popular demand), Splat the Rat, the Big Sing, the famous Asher Dash run, craft stalls and all kinds of food! May 2025 also coincides with the 80th anniversary of the end of World War 2 and we are planning to mark VE Day 80 with celebrations to run alongside those of our traditional May Day. If you have any memorabilia you would like to share on the day then do let us know.

Uppertown Social Centre

For tickets and more information contact :

07966154798 www.uppertown.org

Murphy's Marbles are returning with a fantastic collection of folk and Irish music. Tickets £15 each including supper.

Doors open at 7pm for 8pm start.



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

Contacts: Jane Steel:591371 and Elizabeth Brewer:590646



Alternative Coffee Shop

At Ashover Parish Hall

2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month 10 – 12

Refreshments and Cakes, WIFI & Dog Friendly



Food Bank Sundays

We are running our first Foodbank Sunday on March 2nd and then every 1st Sunday in the month after that. There will be a food and toiletries box placed at the back of church on the appointed Sundays with signage suggesting suitable items. This is in addition to the foodbank donation box in the Bassett rooms which has been in use for several months.

Contact Information

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Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals: Rev Peter Bold 01246 590246

or email revdbold@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 the March issue to ashoverallsaints@gmail.com. by Sunday 16th February

The Rector Writes ...

A sense of humour

Dear Friends

In the first chapter of Mark's gospel, it says:

In the morning, long before sunrise, Jesus went to a place where he could be alone to pray. Simon and his friends searched for him. When they found him, they told him, "Everyone is looking for you." Jesus said to them, "Let's go somewhere else...."



I love these verses. I love them partly because it shows that Jesus was not willing to be pushed around or pressurised by the demands of people. It is always good to be able to step back, and make our own priorities.

But I also love these verse because they are funny. Jesus's response is like a comedian's punch line. And I'm sure Jesus had and has a sense of humour... Comedy can of course be cruel, but healthy comedy involves not taking ourselves too seriously. So if you watch the vicar of Dibley, especially their church council meetings, you can tell that at least one writer has first hand experience of church meetings.... The series was wonderfully funny, while also gently undermining the prejudices and pomposity that can stifle churches.

So at the beginning of Jesus's ministry, Jesus called Simon the fisherman to be one of his disciples. And Jesus gave Simon a new name – Peter – which means rock. I guess Peter felt proud – he was Jesus's "rock" – he was a bit arrogant. But Peter proved to be like quick sand at times. He promised that even if the other disciples deserted Jesus, he would never leave him. Then when Jesus was arrested Peter lost his nerve. 3 times he was asked whether he was one of Jesus's disciples, and 3 times he denied it. If the story stopped there, the nickname "Peter" would have been cruel. But after Jesus's resurrection, Jesus met with Peter, and 3 times he asked "do you love me more than these". Jesus must have asked Peter with a twinkle in his eye, and love in his heart, because Peter simply responded "you know I love you". Peter lost his arrogance, and became a rock.

May we all laugh more, and not take ourselves too seriously.

Peter

Lent Course

We are planning to run some groups during lent. Details will follow shortly by email. If you are not on our email list and would like to be, please email Sarah to request a form. ashoverallsaints@gmail.com

Electoral Roll

This year the electoral roll for each of the Churches has to be renewed.. If you would like to be on the electoral roll for any of the Amber Churches, please take a form from the Church as everyone needs to complete a form.

Cream Tea Quiz and Games

Cream Tea, Quiz and Games at Brackenfield Community Hall from 1.30pm to 3pm on the last Wednesday of every month. Admission including refreshments £3. All welcome.

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 16th – Community Defib Training
10am – 2pm please keep a look out for further details.
Friday 25th 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

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 learning music for Mothering Sunday, 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)

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.



Eco Church

Toilet Twinning and garden update

We at St Mark's are proud of our 'Toilet Twinning' certificate under the Rocca scheme and our twinned toilet is in Nigeria. Also, in the spring of 2025, we have decided to make the lion garden more eco friendly and are proposing to join with Stretton Handley School, in a project to create an area to attract insects and birds.

Congratulations to Christ Church, Wessington for achieving their Bronze Eco Church Award

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



Brackenfield Heritage Café

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

Thursday 27^h March 2025 10:00 to 12:00
Customs and Traditions of the Peak District

Keith Blood will be introducing a selection of the numerous traditions and customs both ancient and modern of this widely diverse area. Some go back in origin up to 2,000 years plus, some have continued without a break in one form or another, others have died out to be resurrected again, some have fizzled out and yet others are new and may well prove to be the customs and traditions

