

Wessington Pop Up Shop

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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.

3rd April 2025 To Sir, with Love (U)

Decades of British Film – the 60's

A tough East End London school is not the best starting place for a novice teacher whose pupils set out to destroy him as they did his predecessor. This film reflects the fears and problems among young people in that era.

Starring: Sidney Poitier, Christian Roberts, Judy Geeson and Lulu.

1st May 2025 No Sex Please We're British (PG)

Decades of British Film – the 70's

Turning away from grim reality, here is an exuberant comedy which still manages to echo the era – a bit of silliness with an end-of-term feel.

Starring: Ronnie Corbett, Beryl Reid, Arthur Lowe.

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

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.

Phoenix Art

In July the Phoenix Art Group are pleased to announce a celebratory exhibition of their paintings in the Bassett Rooms.



Please watch this space!

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



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

Take the Seven Tickets £13 each. Saturday 12th April.
Doors open at 7pm for 8pm start.



amber news

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

Loving God, serving people, welcoming all

April 2025

Church Services in April

Sunday 30th March

9:15 am Brackenfield

10.45 am Ashover Church

10.45am Handley Church

3.00pm Wessington Church

Sunday 6th April

9.15 am Brackenfield Church

10.45 am Ashover Church

Sunday 13th April

9:15 am Wessington Church

10.45 am Ashover Church

10.45am Handley Church

6.00 pm Bassett Rooms

Monday 14th April

10.00am Brackenfield

Tuesday 15th April

10.00 am Wessington

Wednesday 16th April

10.00am Handley

Thursday 17th April

7.00pm Bassett Rooms

Friday 18th April

10.00am Bassett Rooms

10.00am Wessington

2.00pm Ashover Church

Sunday 20th April

6.00 am Ashover Rock

9.15 am Brackenfield Church

10.45 am Ashover Church

10.45am Handley Church

3.00pm Wessington Church

Sunday 27th April

9:15 am Wessington Church

10.45 am Ashover Church

Handley Church

Sunday 4th May

9:15 am Brackenfield

10.45 am Ashover Church

Mothering Sunday

Holy Communion

All Age Service

Mothering Sunday

Mothering Sunday

Holy Communion

Informal Holy Communion

Palm Sunday

Holy Communion

All Age Service

Morning Worship

Sunday @ 6

Holy Week Prayers

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Maudy Thursday

Holy Communion & vigil

Good Friday

Outdoor service

Good Friday Service

Last hour at the cross

Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service

Holy Communion

Holy Communion

Easter Praise

Easter Praise

Holy Communion

Holy Communion

Followed by AGM & lunch

No Service

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.

Food Bank Sundays

Foodbank Sunday on 1st Sunday in the month. 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

All Saints Church Ashover: David Russell 01246 590047.

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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

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 May issue to ashoverallsaints@gmail.com. by Wednesday 16th April (I need it earlier due to Easter Holiday)

The Rector Writes ... Overcome evil with good



Dear Friends,

Saint Paul wrote to the Christians in Rome:

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.
(Romans 9:21)

I guess that as he was writing he was remembering his own conversion. Paul had persecuted the first Christians, including watching while St Stephen was killed for his faith. St Stephen followed Jesus's example when he prayed for those who were killing him: "Father, don't hold this sin against them" (Acts 7:60)

This prayer must have nagged at the anger Paul felt to the church, and so prepared the way for Paul to meet Jesus on the road to Damascus. Paul realised that he deserved to die for the evil he committed, but instead found love and forgiveness.

As we approach Easter we remember how Jesus shocked his disciples with his determination to go to Jerusalem, knowing that he would be killed there. It made no sense to the disciples. Some wanted to start an army to fight. But of course Jesus's death was not the end. It led to resurrection. And he gave us an example of how love can change things that violence never can.

We do still need to stand up to bullies, as Jesus did when he turned over the tables of the money changers in the temple. Jesus was not an "appeaser". But by his death he revealed the truth of the evil he encountered, and the power of love.

Hallelujah, Christ is Risen!

Happy Easter

From the Registers Funerals:

Janice Wareham, Ashover, 6 March

Sam Bown, Ashover, 8 March

Sally Filby, Ashover, 13 March

Celia Kelly, Ashover, 20 March

Pete Buckley, Wessington, 21 March.

Annual General Meetings

Ashover and Handley– Sunday 27th April straight after the morning service at Ashover followed by bring and share lunch in the Bassett Rooms

Brackenfield– Thursday 10th April 10am

Wessington– Thursday 3rd April 7pm

Lent Course– Living Hope

Tuesdays at the Rectory, Ashover 7pm

Thursdays at Wessington Church 1:30pm

Pancake Fun

On Tuesday 4th March, St. Mark's Church in Handley, held a pancake party for the children at Stretton Handley CofE Primary School.



Very organised chaos ensued with a lovely and excited atmosphere.

The children were very well behaved and queued up quietly and then made pancake faces, animals and pizzas!

Everyone had a good time and are already looking forward to next year.

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 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 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 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.



Alternative Coffee Shop

At Ashover Parish Hall

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

Refreshments and Cakes, WIFI & Dog Friendly



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.

The seed swap is also available in Ashover Church. 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 24th April 2025 10:00 to 12:00
"Handsome Halls and Surprising People"

Mary Mellor bases this talk on walks she leads north west of Chesterfield - the halls around Barlow and the people who came from them (Thomas Linacre, Wolstenholme, Heathcotes). This was no backwater but lay on important historical borders, produced some internationally important people and the wealth from lead built the halls we still have.

