

VE Day 80!

Our annual May Day event is always a happy, memorable occasion. This year, the inclusion of VE Day 80 made it even more special. Apart from the usual, joyful family entertainment and spectacle, our Big Sing choir treated us to some jolly songs from the 1940s, we had a brace of WW2 jeeps, a selection of 1940s vintage cars and the mood was further lifted with so many people dressing for the occasion, especially in Land Girls outfits.



It was also an opportunity to reflect on the sacrifice of others where we placed special floral tributes and bunting on the 5 Commonwealth War Graves in our cemetery.

Our accompanying images show the jeeps and a collage of the decorated war graves.

Ashover May Day



Thank you to all the organising team, volunteers and sponsors for making May Day 2025 an amazing event!

The concert on Saturday was well-attended and Ashover Band and the Flute and Clarinet choirs from Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire Music Centre were absolutely brilliant.

Queen Amalie and King Harrison did a sterling job, and the parade was fantastic with over 40 children taking part, led as always by the brilliant Ashover Band.



If you would like to help with May Day 2026, keep an eye out for a planning meeting in the autumn. The more people who are involved, the better the event can be!

**Ashover
Lunch Club**

2025

The Bassett Rooms

Mondays

11.15am to 1.45pm

June 2nd and 16th

July 7th and 21st

August 4th and 18th

September 1st and 15th

October 6th and 20th

November 3rd and 17th

December 1st and 15th

Beetle Drive at St Mark's Handley

Beetle Drive at 7:15pm at St Mark's Church Handley on Friday 6th June

Come along for an evening of fun and friendship.



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For the amber churches of
Ashover, Brackenfield, Handley and Wessington
Loving God, serving people, welcoming all

June 2025

Church Services in June

Sunday 25th May

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

Sunday 1st June

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

Sunday 8th June

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

Sunday 15th June

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

Sunday 22nd June

9:15 am	Wessington	Holy Communion
10.45 am	Ashover Church	All Age Worship +Big Breakfast
10.45 am	Handley Church	Holy Communion

Sunday 29th June

10.45 am	Ashover Church	Joint Holy Communion +Bring and Share Lunch
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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. June 4th & 18th 10- 12 noon. Contacts: Jane Steel:591371 and Elizabeth Brewer:590646



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.

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

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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 July/August double issue to ashoverallsaints@gmail.com. by Sunday 15th June

The Rector Writes ...

No Mow May??

Dear Friends,



For the last couple of years Candy and I have taken part in "No Mow May" – letting our grass grow long so that the wild flowers can grow too, hopefully helping the pollinators.

But this year, most of our grass has hardly grown. We have had almost no rain since early March. For me personally, I'm enjoying the weather, and it is not too much effort to water a few pots and vulnerable plants. But for our farmers, it is potentially much more serious.

On a personal note, just as grass can't grow without some water, light and warmth, so we also need a balance in life. I need rest and action, good food but not too much of it.

Jesus said:

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

I hope and pray that you have a good summer, with a healthy balance, and that our farmers and our gardens get enough rain.

Peter

From the Registers

Baptisms:

Rose Fletcher-Newbold 18th May Ashover

George Atkinson 25th May Ashover

Weddings:

George Salisbury and Helena Woodburn

24th May Ashover

Chris Kenyon and Zoe Holmes 31st May Ashover

Brackenfield Flower Festival and well dressings

Flower Festival is back by popular demand in the Church. 10am– 4pm 24th-26th May.



Come along to this fabulous community event
A fun day out for all ages.

Refreshments including, delicious cakes, savouries & pizzas.
Classic car show, plant stalls, books, grand raffle, and a collection of craft stalls, one not to be missed!!

Uppertown Social Centre



For tickets and more information contact :

07966154798 www.uppertown.org

Saturday 7th June– Sincerely Yours Tickets £13

PHOENIX ART EXHIBITION

Saturday 26th July 2025

10:00am - 4:00pm

at the BASSETT ROOMS 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.



Alternative Coffee Shop

At Ashover Parish Hall

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

Refreshments and Cakes, WIFI & Dog Friendly



Big Breakfast

Come along for breakfast on Sunday 22nd June 9:30-10:30am in the Bassett Rooms and then join us for our monthly All Age Service in Church at 10:45 am.

No need to book, just come along!

Eco Church Food bank

The Amber Churches now have three donation points. Ashover Church, the Bassett rooms and Wessington church. Ashover Church has Food Bank Sunday on the 1st Sunday of each month.

Clay Cross foodbank provides three days worth of nutritionally balanced emergency food parcels and supports local people who are referred to them. They also provide toiletries, household products, nappies and food for the cats and dogs in the household. In 2024, 3,211 people were fed, 1272 of who were children. The foodbank also works in partnership with Citizens Advice North East Derbyshire. A more detailed newsletter is on display in Ashover church and the Bassett rooms with a big thank you to all who are contributing.

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

