

## Brackenfield Heritage Café

Brackenfield Community Hall  
DE55 6AQ

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



**Thursday 24th July 2025 10:00 to 12:00**

### "A Stitch in (Victorian) Time"

In this talk, Grace Kempster will give a light-hearted talk about what sewing lives were like when all you wore was hand sewn: no tape measures or sewing machines – just tailors, sailors and womenfolk – and textile know-how we have lost today. This was when women got a kind of tulip fever about colour, men turned to black and everyone could handle a needle and expertly 'read' cloth and stitch. She explores the quirky, bad, sad and strange world of Victorian stitching with examples in Derbyshire.

## Local Community Grants

Ashover Community Medical Centre Ltd is a charitable community-based trust which owns the premises of the Ashover Medical Centre, which are leased to the Ashover medical practice. From the small surplus the Trust generates from rent received it distributes these proceeds for the benefit of the local community.

Grants that have given over the last few years include to local football teams, the Lunch Club and the Seniors Group outings, defibrillator training sessions and to help facilitate community events such as the May Day Parade and Christmas events.

The Trustees are happy to receive new Grant applications for consideration. Grant application forms can be requested by emailing:  
enquiries.acmcl@outlook.com .

## 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 will be taking a break for July and August but would love to see new members in September! Tenors and Basses are in short supply, so we would really welcome some more men!

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



## Ashover Lunch Club

Ashover Lunch Club meets twice a month the Bassett Rooms from 11 am to 1.30 pm. Quizzes, exercising to music, friendly chat and delicious food ...

If you would like to join the club, please contact Sally Trever on 07798725118 for more information.

## 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.



## amber news

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

*Loving God, serving people, welcoming all*

**July and August 2025**

### Church Services in July and August

#### Sunday 29th June

10.45 am	Ashover Church	Joint Holy Communion +Bring and Share Lunch
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#### Sunday 6th July

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

#### Sunday 13th July

9:15 am	Handley Church	Holy Communion
10.45 am	Ashover Church	Holy Communion
3.00pm	Wessington Church	Music & Readings
6.00pm	Bassett Rooms	Sunday @ 6

#### Sunday 20th July

9:15 am	Brackenfield Church	Holy Communion
10.45 am	Ashover Church	All Age Service

#### Sunday 27th July

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

#### Sunday 3rd August

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

#### Sunday 10th August

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

#### Sunday 17th August

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

#### Sunday 24th August

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

#### Sunday 31st August

10.00 am	Wessington Church	Joint Holy Communion
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#### Sunday 7th September

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.

### Contact Information

All Saints Church Ashover: David Russell 01246 590047.

Email: [ashoverchurchwarden@amberchurches.org](mailto:ashoverchurchwarden@amberchurches.org)

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](http://www.amberchurches.org)

**Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals:** Rev Peter Bold  
01246 590246 or email [revdbold@gmail.com](mailto:revdbold@gmail.com)

**General Admin:** Sarah Carter 07810656541 or email:  
[ashoverallsaints@gmail.com](mailto:ashoverallsaints@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 September issue to [ashoverallsaints@gmail.com](mailto:ashoverallsaints@gmail.com). by Sunday 17th August

## The Rector Writes ...

### Team work

In this last month it has been a delight to be involved in May Day at Ashover and the Well Dressings and Flower Festival at Brackenfield. Both were wonderful events, but for me the joy was doubled by seeing teams of people working so well together to make them happen. I see that so often in our 4 churches and communities. It is a good place to live.



Next month the women's European football championships start – and it was wonderful to watch our team win last time. The goal scorers may have got the headlines, but it was the way the whole team worked so well together that led to the victory. Often the people who are least noticed are most vital.

As Saint Paul wrote:

*Now if the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body... If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? .... The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable.... If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it.*

So thank you for whatever you do to make our communities good places to live,

Peter

### From the Registers Brackenfield Funerals:

Roger Key 2 June  
Stella Gill, 2 July

### Flames of Fire



The children of Stretton Handley Primary School, took part in a craft session on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June, creating Pentecost lanterns. The older children, Kingfishers and Peregrines, made theirs in school and the younger ones, Woodpeckers, came down to church to make theirs.

This was followed by a 'Grape & Wafer' service led by Peter, and well attended by parents & carers.

Organised and exciting chaos is the phrase I would use to describe the atmosphere, with the children doing a great job. They were very well behaved and everyone who was there, really enjoyed it.

The lanterns are being displayed in school and church.

The children from Allsorts at Ashover Church also created a beautiful Pentecost picture on Pentecost Sunday.



### Uppertown Social Centre



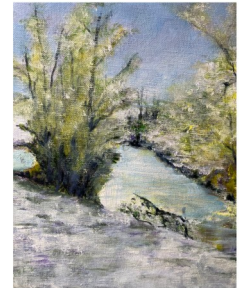
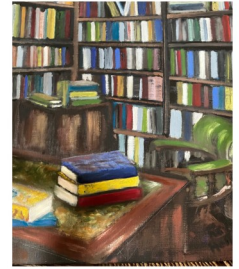
For tickets and more information contact :  
07966154798 [www.uptown.org](http://www.uptown.org)  
<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/uptown-social-centre>

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



### 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. July 2nd and 16th & August 6th and 20th 10- 12 noon. Contacts: Jane Steel:591371 and Elizabeth Brewer:590646



### 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)

### Eco Church Good as new!



Derbyshire has a network of repair cafes where for a small donation items can be repaired made good as new. Saves them going to landfill. To find your nearest one see

<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/environment/rubbish-waste/repair-cafes/repair-cafes.aspx>

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