

Brackenfield Heritage Café

Brackenfield Community Hall
DE55 6AQ

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

All welcome!

Thursday 11th December 2025 10:00 to
12:00



'The Christmas Radio Times' Robert Mee

The BBC's RadioTimes has been an integral part of Christmas for as long as the BBC has been there. This talk looks at the changing nature of festive programmes, both on the radio and that new-fangled television thing, from 1923 to 2000. A genuine 'history' talk, but one which is likely to bring back a fair few memories. Robert is a qualified trainer, holds an MA in English Local History and has conducted several research projects based around and along the Derbyshire / Nottinghamshire border.



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.



Brackenfield Poppy Net

Thank you to all the contributors to the Brackenfield Poppy Net. Absolutely beautiful and a fitting tribute to add to our Remembrance Day Services.

The white poppies are for peace, and the purple poppies are for animals who contributed in various wars.



Uppertown Social Centre

For tickets and more information contact :
07966154798 www.uppertown.org



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amber news

For the amber churches of
Ashover, Brackenfield, Handley and Wessington
Loving God, serving people, welcoming all
December 2025 and January 2026

Church Services in December and January

Sunday 30th November

10:45 am Handley Church United Service
5.00 pm Ashover Christmas Lights

Saturday 6th December

5.00 pm Ashover Church Christingle Service

Sunday 7th December

9:15 am Brackenfield Church Foodbank Sunday
10:45 am Ashover Church Holy Communion

Sunday 14th December

9:15 am Wessington Church Holy Communion
10:45 am Ashover Church Morning Worship
10:45 am Handley Church Holy Communion

Sunday 21st December

3.00pm Brackenfield Church Carol Service
4.30pm Handley Church Carol Service
6.00pm Ashover Church Carol Service

Christmas Eve

5.00pm Ashover Church Crib Service
6.30pm Wessington Church Christingles+Crib
11.00pm Ashover Church Holy Communion

Christmas Day

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

Sunday 28th December

10.45am Ashover Church Holy Communion

Sunday 4th January

9:15 am Brackenfield Church Holy Communion
10:45 am Ashover Church Informal Communion

Sunday 11th January

9:15 am Wessington Church Holy Communion
10:45 am Ashover Church Morning Worship
10:45 am Handley Church Holy Communion

Sunday 18th January

9:15 am Brackenfield Church Holy Communion
10:45 am Ashover Church All Age Service

Sunday 25th January

9:15 am Wessington Church Morning Worship
10:45 am Ashover Church Holy Communion
10:45 am Handley Church Morning Worship

Sunday 1st February

9:15 am Brackenfield Church Holy Communion
10:45 am Ashover Church Informal 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.

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Send news for the February issue to ashoverallsaints@gmail.com. by Sunday 15th January

The Rector Writes ...

What do you like best about Christmas?

Dear Friends,



I asked children in one school assembly, what they liked best about Christmas. The initial answers were about presents or food, but then a child spoke about spending time with his dad. Usually his dad was so busy with long hours at work, but at Christmas they had quality time together. And all the children who spoke afterwards echoed that thought – good times with their families was more important than the new bike, or chocolate or whatever... But it is not always easy. Food, presents and fitting in with the complications of extended families can be difficult and time consuming.

The final reading of many of our carol services includes the words about Jesus:

to all who did receive him, he gave the right to become children of God

in all the busyness of my life over the coming weeks, I try to make space for my heavenly Father..... and for Jesus, our heavenly "brother" as we are all children of God.

The final verse of O little town of Bethlehem says:

O holy Child of Bethlehem
Descend to us, we pray
Cast out our sin and enter in
Be born to us today
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell
O come to us, abide with us
Our Lord Emmanuel

I hope that every time we sing, or hear it sung, we will all be able to make space and pause and let God in.

We hope and pray that you have a wonderful, peaceful and joyful Christmas,

with our love and prayers,

From the Registers

Baptisms:

1 November Ronnie Kernaghan, Ashover
23 November Freddie Bakel, Ashover

Funerals:

10 November Audrey Thurnham, Wessington
17 November June Southey, Brackenfield
26 November Pauline Bradley, Handley
27 November, Bill Stephenson, Ashover

Christmas Services



Sunday 30th November

5.00pm Ashover Christmas Light Switch on

Saturday 6th December

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Crib and Carols
11.00pm Ashover Church Holy Communion
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10.45am Ashover Church All Age Service

Ashover Children's Groups

Craft Club and Allsorts have had a very busy and creative term.

In September we packed shoeboxes to go to older people for Christmas

Thank you to everyone who contributed. We have sent 43 shoeboxes, which will really make the recipients feel loved. In October we celebrated Harvest and thought about everything we are thankful for.

In November we made a beautiful picture for Remembrance Sunday and we had a time of lighting candles for prayers of remembrance at Craft Club



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.



Everyone is invited to our

Twixmas Chatterbox

Bassett Rooms, Ashover,
Tuesday 30th December, 10 am – 12 noon

Drop in and share memories on
whatever subject comes up

The chaos will be managed by Richard Felton
Tea, coffee etc provided



Ashover Parish Hall Events

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Alternative Coffee Shop

At Ashover Parish Hall

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

Refreshments and Cakes, WIFI & Dog Friendly

Board Games

Come to the Bassett Rooms on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays every month and enjoy playing Board Games together over a cup of coffee. Everybody welcome. December 3rd & 17th, January 7th & 21st



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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