



THE BIG SING!




Join our practices for the
VE Day themed BIG SING
Saturday 5th & 26th April 3-5pm
Bassett Rooms, Ashover
(with proscoco!)

No skills required - just a smile!



Ashover May Day 3-5 May



CONCERT
Saturday, 3rd May, 2pm
Ashover Band



CNEDMC Flute
& Clarinet Choirs

All Saints Church Ashover, S45 0AB



We have 3 days of celebrations for May Day and VE Day, starting with a fantastic concert in Church on Saturday 3rd May at 2pm.

On Sunday at 10:45am Ashover Band will be playing for our May Day Praise Service.

Our May Day Carnival starts at 10am on Monday 5th May. The parade leaves from the Bassett Rooms at 11am.

There are over 30 stalls:
Crafts- cards, gifts and jewellery to wood-made items and glassware

- * Children's activities, games and rides,
- * Charity stalls and information,
- * Flowers, pet supplies and gardening,
- * not forgetting JAMs and cheese!

Vintage Cars from the 1940s will be on display as part of the VE Day Celebrations.

There is a full programme of entertainment up and down Church Street, in the Church and on the Playing Field. Food is available from the pubs, the Bassett Rooms and Church.

Free Parking is available— follow the signs.

Full programme available on the day.



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

May 2025

Church Services in May

Sunday 27th April

9:15 am	Wessington Church	Holy Communion
10.45 am	Ashover Church	Holy Communion Followed by AGM & lunch
	Handley Church	No Service

Sunday 4th May

9:15 am	Brackenfield	Holy Communion
10.45 am	Ashover Church	May Day Service

Sunday 11th May

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

Sunday 18th May

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

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

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. May 7th and 21st 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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Send news for the June issue to ashoverallsaints@gmail.com. by Sunday 18th May

The Rector Writes ...

VE Day—8th May

Dear Friends,

The 8th of May this year is the 80th anniversary of VE day – the second world war ended in Europe and the Nazi's were defeated. The context of our celebrations will always be the horrors of the holocaust, and the memory of so many who died to stop the devastation, but we also come with gratitude and joy that wars can end, and that peace can come.

After the first world war we punished Germany. The reparations we demanded paved the way for the rise of Hitler and so much evil. We did need to confront and stop that evil. That evil needed exposing after the war. But after the second world war we also brought peace. Through the Marshall plan West Germany was re-built. And now we have had 80 years of peace in Western Europe.

We remember too how the troubles ended in Northern Ireland, Apartheid ended in South Africa, and how peace has come to the former Yugoslavia.

As I'm writing this I am preparing for Holy Week and Easter. We remember how Jesus confronted the bullies and the hypocrites, but without using violence. He paid the price of their anger when he died on the cross – and he prayed "Father forgive them, they don't know what they are doing." To his followers it seemed like a tragic end, but Easter Day followed Good Friday.

My prayer for Israel and the Gaza strip, and for Ukraine, is not just that evil can be confronted, but also that healing and forgiveness can come. That one day they will all be able to celebrate peace. And I do pray with hope, remembering how evil has been defeated and peace has come.

Peter



From the Registers

Wedding:

Alicia Verity Myers and Christopher James Bradley
19th April Ashover

Art Appreciation

Thursday 22nd May 2025 5.30 – 6.30pm in the Bassett Rooms, £5 at the door. All Welcome. Sue Lewis-Blake will look at "collections and Museums"

Contact Mike and Jane Steel on 01246 591371



Brackenfield Flower Festival and well dressings

The Brackenfield flower festival and well dressings to be held at holy trinity church, the village hall and village green from 10 am till 4 pm

on Saturday, 24th to Monday 26th May, with the flower festival back by popular demand after an absence since covid.



A fun day out for all ages. With refreshments including, delicious cakes savouries, pizzas etc ,

Uppertown Social Centre

For tickets and more information contact :

07966154798 www.uppertown.org

Saturday 17th May- The Dolby Gang Country Music.

Tickets £14



Upcoming events at Ashover Parish Hall

May Day Arts & Crafts Fair

Monday 5th May 10am – 4pm.

Free Entry. Dog Friendly.

Local artists exhibiting at the hall.

Refreshments available all day. Bar open from 12 noon.

To exhibit contact info@ashoverparishhall.com

Phoenix Art Exhibition at the Bassett Rooms Ashover
Saturday 26 July 2025 - 10:00am to 4:00pm

The Phoenix Art Group have been painting every month in Ashover for almost 20 Years. Having exhibited in many places including Bakewell and Cromford, this Year we are returning to our base at the Bassett Rooms.

We look forward to seeing you there where many of our paintings will be for sale.

Further examples of our work will appear in the June and July edition of Amber News.



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



Brackenfield Heritage Café

Thursday 9th May at Brackenfield Community Hall at 10am to 12 noon



Brackenfield and its Well Dressings:

Everyone is welcome and admission is £3.00 on the door, including drinks and cake.

Come along to watch the 40-minute film, created by local people to celebrate the Millenium. Everyone looks so much younger and one of the stars is Mary Beresford, who at 92, passed on shortly after the film was made. There will be pictures, discussion and an opportunity to find out more about this rural art before visiting the Well Dressings over the late May Bank Holiday weekend.