

## Brackenfield Heritage Café

Brackenfield Community Hall  
DE55 6AQ



Admission on the door £4 (a slightly increased price) includes tea/coffee and cake. All welcome!

### A date for your diary:

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026 10:00 to 12:00**

**'My Mum had one of those' - Janet & Paul Barrass**

Come along and join us reminiscing about familiar domestic objects from the past - those things which your mother use to have. It promises to be entertaining, informative, and sometimes humorous when we remember, from childhood days, items in the house and even some we've forgotten about.

**NOTE a change to the 2026 programme. Two speaker events have swapped places: 'The Calming Art of Nature Photography' (Nickola Beck) will be on 23<sup>rd</sup> April whilst 'Breeding a Thoroughbred Winner' (Sally Barker) is now scheduled for 12<sup>th</sup> November.**

**23 April 2026**

*'The Calming Art of Nature Photography' Nickola Beck*

**4 June 2026**

*'Pottering with The Potty Plotters' Elaine and Julia*

**2 July 2026**

*'Fleece to Fabric: East Midlands Knitwear Tradition' Bill King*

**10 September 2026**

*'This Ringing Isle: Britain's Church Bells' Jim Heading*

**8 October 2026**

*'My Derbyshire Life' Ashley Franklin*

**12 November 2026**

*'Breeding a Thoroughbred Winner' Sally Barker*

**10 December 2026**

*'Derbyshire at Sea' Liz Keeley*



## amber news

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

*Loving God, serving people, welcoming all*

**March 2026**

### Church Services in March

#### Sunday 1st March

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

#### Sunday 8th March

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

#### Sunday 15th March

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

#### Sunday 22nd March

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

#### Sunday 29th March

9:15 am Wessington Church Palm Sunday  
Morning Worship  
10.45 am Ashover Church All Age Service

#### Thursday 2nd April

7.00 pm Bassett Rooms Maundy Thursday  
Holy Communion & Vigil

#### Friday 3rd April

10.00 am Bassett Rooms Good Friday  
Outdoor Service  
10.00 am Wessington Church Service  
2.00 pm Ashover Church Last hour at the cross

#### Sunday 5th April

6.30 am Sunrise Service Easter Sunday  
Ashover Rock  
9:15 am Brackenfield Church Holy Communion  
10.45 am Ashover Church 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.

## 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.



Everyone is invited to our

## Springtime Chatterbox

Bassett Rooms, Ashover

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March, 10 am – 12 noon**

Drop in and share memories on holidays, or whatever subject comes up

The chaos will be managed by David Adams  
Tea, coffee, etc provided

## Uppertown Social Centre



For tickets and more information contact :

07966154798 [www.uppertown.org](http://www.uppertown.org)

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/uppertown-social-centre>



## Eco Church Carbon Fast for Lent



Lent is a time when Christians traditionally fast and focus on God. The Carbon Fast will help you consider ways to live more simply, give you new ideas to cut your carbon footprint and invite you to focus on God and consider the whole of his creation. Beginning on 5 March, you'll receive a weekly email containing key facts, suggestions for how you could reduce your carbon footprint and a prayer to lead you through this Lenten season. Each week features a different theme designed to help us take climate action in manageable ways that bear witness to a God who has promised to restore all of his creation. Find out more and sign up at [climatestewards.org/resources/carbon-fast/](https://climatestewards.org/resources/carbon-fast/)

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## The Rector Writes ...

### Team work

Dear Friends,

I love the way that Jesus called an amazing mixture to be his first disciples. He didn't go for the "university elite" of his day, or the equivalent of vicars, or those seemed to be most "holy". He first team included at least 4 fishermen, a tax collector, and a zealot. Tax collectors were collaborating with the occupying Roman army, with the taxes paying for the army. The zealots wanted an armed uprising to drive out the invaders. Having Matthew the tax collector and Simon the zealot on the same side was like having Arthur Scargill and Margaret Thatcher, or perhaps Nigel Farage and Jeremy Corbyn....

But Jesus's strategy to change the world involves having as many on his side as possible – Chesterfield could easily beat Arsenal or Manchester City if they were allowed 20 players on the team.

However to make such a team work, they do need a common goal, and they will need buckets of grace and generosity.

I hope that in our world today, as many as possible can work in partnership to continue to bring healing and hope, light and laughter, truth and justice. May we all play our part.

With our love and prayers,

*Peter*



## 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.



## 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.



## Ashover Parish Hall Events Centre,

Milken Lane, Ashover, Chesterfield, S45 0BA  
Ashoverparishhall.com

Email: [info@ashoverparishhall.com](mailto:info@ashoverparishhall.com)

Phone [01246 590 005](tel:01246590005)

### 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

**Every Tuesday – 11.30am – 12.30pm – New Solo Dance**

Class. Just turn up or contact Jenny

at [jenny\\_sheeran@msn.com](mailto:jenny_sheeran@msn.com)

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March** – Beginners Bread Making - In this session, learn – or refresh your memory – to make consistently successful bread; and how to incorporate other flavours and shapes. Join GP Tastings for a class.

For more information contact Gerry at - [Home | Gp Tastings](#)

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March** – Wine Tasting - A deep dive into the northernmost vineyards of the Côte d'Or. Just south of Dijon, Marsannay was long overlooked by the barons of Burgundy. It is now being recognised for a great wine-growing climate and an exciting new breed of vigneron.

For more info & to book - [Home | Gp Tastings](#)

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March** – Jonathan Moseley's Easter Floral Art Workshop - Discover how to craft your very own stunning Easter floral arrangements using the finest seasonal blooms. All essential workshop tools are provided, but feel free to bring your own floristry scissors to make your creations truly your own. [Flower School | Jonathan Moseley | Derbyshire](#)

**Friday April 17<sup>th</sup>** – Live & Local – **Scratchy Beard**. An up-beat and enjoyable live quartet offering something a little different: very accessible roots/alt-folk/gypsy jazz music with an ear-catching line up of guitar, cello, drums & clarinet with, at times, three-part and four-part harmonies along with a reed organ, tin whistles, melodica & bottle-top slide guitar. Tickets available at the hall / Anna's Tuck shop or <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/ashover-parish-hall/t-ldnrrem>

## APPLY FOR A STALL

ARTISAN STALLS, CRAFTERS, CHARITY STANDS AND MORE  
WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU AND IT'S REALLY EASY TO APPLY!

EMAIL US AT [ASHOVERMAYDAY@YAHOO.COM](mailto:ASHOVERMAYDAY@YAHOO.COM) WITH THE SUBJECT:  
STALL APPLICATION [+ YOUR NAME/BUSINESS]

## DEADLINE 30TH MARCH

### Food Bank Sundays at Ashover Church

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. There is also a box in the Bassett rooms

### St Mark's Church hall hire

St Mark's Church  
Ashover New Road  
Woolley Moor  
DE55 6FF

Building for hire for a variety of events. Reasonable rates

For all enquiries -  
email - [stmarkshandley@gmail.com](mailto:stmarkshandley@gmail.com)

## 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. March 4th and 18th

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)