

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 23rd April 2026 10:00 to 12:00

'The Calming Art of Nature Photography' – Nickola Beck

Nickola is a Fine Art nature & landscape photographer and YouTuber of the British countryside. She loves capturing the beautiful sights, sounds and atmospheres of nature in the countryside. With her years of experience, her aim is to inspire others to improve their skills, relax, have fun, be happy and to feel the calming benefits of connecting with nature. **This is not a 'techy talk' for photographers, it is for all nature lovers.**

NOTE a change to the 2026 programme: 'Breeding a Thoroughbred Winner' is now scheduled for 12th November

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

April 2026

Church Services in April

Sunday 29th March

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

Tuesday 31st March

7.00 pm	Ashover Church	Celtic Service
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Wednesday 1st April

7.00 pm	Ashover Church	Stations of the Cross
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Thursday 2nd April

7.00 pm	Bassett Rooms	Maunder Thursday Holy Communion & Vigil
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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	Handley Church	Easter Praise
10.45 am	Ashover Church	Holy Communion

Sunday 12th April

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

Sunday 19th April

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

Sunday 26th April

9:15 am	Wessington Church	Holy Communion
10.45 am	Ashover Church	Holy Communion followed by APCM and lunch

Sunday 3rd May

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

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

Eco Church World Bee Day

World Bee Day is celebrated every year on **May 20th**. The date commemorates the birthday of Anton Janša, a pioneer of modern beekeeping, and serves as a global reminder to appreciate and protect pollinators and their critical role in nature.

How to Get Involved

- **Plant Bee-Friendly Flowers:**
- **Support Local Beekeepers:**
- **Educate and Advocate**
- **Get Creative for the Bees:**

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



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

Uppertown Social Centre

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



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



Baby Basics

It is with sadness that we have to inform you that Baby Basics, Chesterfield are unable to continue with their work due to a lack of premises. They say thank you for all your support. If they can re-start in the future they will advise us. At Christ Church we also say a big thank you for all your generosity which has been gratefully received.

Contact Information

All Saints Church Ashover: David Russell 01246 590047.
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Holy Trinity Brackenfield: Sally Gordon 07932 550438
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Christ Church Wessington: Rita Buckley 01773 835 633

www.amberchurches.org

Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals: Rev Peter Bold 01246 590246 or email revdbold@gmail.com

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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 May issue to ashoverallsaints@gmail.com.
by Sunday 19th April

The Rector Writes ... Spring will always follow winter



Dear Friends,

My brother in law and nephew are both passionate Welsh Rugby supporters. I support England. I am still scarred by memories of the final game of the six nations championship when England would win, unless they were beaten by Wales by a very big margin.... And we were.

But coming into this year's championship, Wales had not won a single six nation match in 2 years, England were on a 11 match unbeaten run, and we beat Wales in our first match! But then it all went wrong. We were beaten by Scotland, Ireland and Italy (for the first time ever) and France. And Wales have won their final game.

To me, these changes in fortunes reflect the seasons – no side dominates for ever, no earthly empire lasts for eternity, and Spring will always follow Winter.

And so too in this season we remember that Easter Sunday follows Good Friday.

But then the analogy breaks down. Because we believe that Jesus rose from the dead, never to die again. And one day he will wipe away every tear, and death and war will be no more. For that I am very grateful. But will there be rugby in heaven?

With our love and prayers,

Peter

From the Registers

Baptism:

Annabelle Elizabeth Vincent, 15th March, Ashover

Funerals:

Neil Wheeler, 18th February, Ashover Church
Tom Hopkinson (Memorial Service) 19th March, Brackenfield
Tom Key, Wednesday 25th March, 1pm, Brackenfield.

ART COMPETITION



"Celebrating 30 years"

We're running an art competition at this year's May Day in Ashover, to celebrate 30 years since the first carnival in the village!

The theme **Celebrating 30 years** is open to interpretation, and is open to all ages and abilities, and art forms!

Maybe you'll find some photos of your family over the past 30 years, perhaps look at how fashion or music has changed?

Why not draw a prediction of yourself in 30 years, or how the cars might look?

What was at the tuck shop 30 years ago, or how did your living room used to look?

Entries must be submitted by the **24th of April**
For more information, contact Lily Hammond Art on socials or 07594842200

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

Phone [01246 590 005](tel:01246590005)

Alternative Coffee Shop

At Ashover Parish Hall

2nd & 4th 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

Friday April 17th – 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>

Monday May 4th – Ashover May Day – Arts & Craft in the Parish Hall 10am – 4pm. Bar open from 12noon

Friday May 8th – An evening with Kelly's Heros. Join us for a night of live music as we welcome back Kelly's Heros with Celtic songs and tunes, gentle ballads and quality contemporary numbers. Tickets available soon.

THE BIG SING

Join our practices for the BIG SING
Saturday 11th & 25th April 3-5pm
Bassett Rooms, Ashover (with prosecco!)



NO SKILLS REQUIRED JUST A SMILE!

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

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. April 8th and 22nd

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