

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 4th June 2026 10:00 to 12:00

'Pottering with the Potty Plotters'

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

May 2026

Church Services in May

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

Sunday 10th May

9:15 am	Wessington Church	Morning Worship
10.45 am	Ashover Church	Morning Worship
10.45 am	Handley Church	Memorial Service

Sunday 17th May

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

Sunday 24th May

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

Sunday 31st May

10:00 am	Brackenfield Church	Joint Holy Communion
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Sunday 7th June

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.

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.



BRACKENFIELD WELL DRESSING WEEKEND

MINI BOARDS

WOULD YOU LIKE A GO AT COMPLETING YOUR OWN WELL DRESSING BOARD? WE ARE AGAIN OFFERING MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY THE CHANCE TO COMPLETE THEIR OWN BOARD TO BE DISPLAYED WITH US OVER THE WEEKEND. WE PROVIDE THE BOARD, YOU THINK OF THE DESIGN AND COLLECT THE MATERIALS. SPACES ARE LIMITED, SO GET IN TOUCH ASAP IF YOU'D LIKE TO JOIN IN. £10 REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT, DESIGN TO BE 18X18 INCHES.

BRACKENFIELD WELL DRESSING WEEKEND

ON THE SUNDAY: VINTAGE TRACTORS & A PERFORMANCE FROM ASHOVER BAND!

23rd 24th 25th May
Sat Sun Mon 10am - 4pm

• FLOWER FESTIVAL • GAMES •
• REFRESHMENTS •
• STALLS • VINTAGE CARS & TRACTORS •
• AND MORE •

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We're looking for volunteers to help with our Well Dressing weekend! Are you able to help with any of the below?

- Petalling the big boards
- Doing your own mini board
- Baking
- Help in the cafe

If you're interested, please contact us!

Send us a message on Facebook, or email brackenfieldhall@outlook.com

Eco Church Fair Trade



This makes such a difference to the local producers enabling them to fund things like healthcare and schooling for their children. Please try to put at least one item in your trolley each week that has the Fair Trade logo. For more information about Eco Church, <https://ecochurch.arochoa.org/>

Contact Information

All Saints Church Ashover: Jon Sangwell 01246 204109
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Holy Trinity Brackenfield: Sally Gordon 07932 550438
St Mark's Church Handley: Fran Roberts 01246 865389
Christ Church Wessington: Rita Buckley 01773 835 633

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

General Admin: Sarah Carter 07810656541 or email: 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 June issue to ashoverallsaints@gmail.com. by Sunday 17th May

The Rector Writes ... Giving thanks



Dear Friends,

My tax return forms have just come through my letter box. I guess none of us like paying tax, but without taxes we wouldn't have our NHS, schools, police and so much more. There are of course discussions to be had about fairer ways of taxing, and potential efficiency savings, but I am delighted that we have an NHS and nearly everything that our taxes pay for. When I pay for a coffee, or pint or meal out, I could make myself grumpy, thinking that I could have saved money making it at home or buying it from a supermarket. I could dwell on whether it was as good as the coffee or meal I had elsewhere, or I could just enjoy it.

Let us rejoice in the NHS and all the good things in this country that our taxes pay for, and let us give thanks to those who work so hard in so many ways, With our love and prayers,

Peter



Our annual May Day Carnival can only happen thanks to the volunteers who help to organise, plan and run the event.

We particularly need Marshalls to stand at the road closures and help to keep everyone safe.

If you are able to help for 1 hour on the day, please contact Lucy Hunter-Bott on 07976733607

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

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

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.

ASHOVER PARISH HALL
MAY DAY
ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL

STALL HOLDERS WANTED!
MAY DAY ARTS & CRAFT FESTIVAL
MON 4TH MAY | 10-4

ASHOVER PARISH HALL
MAY MUSIC

An Evening with Kelly's Heros
MAY 8 2026

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW FROM THE PARISH HALL ANNA'S TUCK SHOP OR [HTTPS://WWW.TICKETSOURCE.COM/ASHOVER-PARISH-HALL/T-YAWWDC](https://www.ticketsource.com/ashover-parish-hall/t-yawwdc)

Uppertown Social Centre

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



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. May 6th and 20th
Contacts: Jane Steel:591371 and Elizabeth Brewer:590646

