

Church Services in July

Sunday 4th July

10.45 am Ashover Church Holy Communion

Sunday 11th July

9.15 am Brackenfield Church Holy Communion

10.45 am Ashover Church All Age Service

Sunday 18th July

9.15 am Wessington Church Holy Communion

10.45 am Ashover Church Holy Communion

Sunday 25th July

10.45 am Ashover Church

Thanksgiving and Remembrance + BYO Picnic

Church Services in August

Sunday 1st August

9.15 am Brackenfield Church Morning Prayer

10.45 am Ashover Church Holy Communion

Sunday 8th August

10.45 am Ashover Church Holy Communion

6.00 pm Bassett Rooms Sunday at 6

Sunday 15th August

9.15 am Wessington Church Holy Communion

10.45 am Ashover Church Holy Communion

Sunday 22nd August

10.45 am Ashover Church Holy Communion

Sunday 29th August

9.15 am Wessington Church Holy Communion

(Please use a face covering inside church buildings and maintain social distancing.)

Agincourt and the Aftermath

Gary Slator, history lecturer, will be giving four lectures in the Bassett Rooms looking at events after the battle of Agincourt, including the lesser known battles that followed. These will be on Wednesday afternoons from 2pm until 4pm on 21st and 28th July, and 4th and 11th August and will cost £8 per session.

If you are interested please could you email Gary directly at gary.slator18@gmail.com

Mobile Library

The Derbyshire Mobile Library vans are out and about again. The service will operate a 'book and borrow' system, which means **you will need to phone to book** an appointment and will be able to pick up a maximum of 10 books.

Appointment times will last 5 minutes, and for the time being you will not be able to select your own books by stepping onto the vehicle. Instead, you will be asked what type of books you like reading and a selection will be made for you so you can pick them up at your allotted time.

All returned books will be quarantined for 72 hours and you will need to bring your own bag to pick up your books.

A limited monthly service is being operated for the time being and the only stop in our area is by the Black Swan in Ashover. Dates and times are :

Tuesday 13th July, 10.00 - 10.55 am

Tuesday 10th August, 10.00 - 10.55 am

To use the service please call:

01629 533464

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For the amber churches of
Ashover, Brackenfield, Handley and Wessington
working and playing together, with God, for people
July & August 2021

An Invitation to ...

THANKSGIVING and REMEMBRANCE

Sunday 25th July at 10.45am

All Saints Church, Ashover

An event to unite all churches
and the whole community
to come together for a time of thankfulness
and remembrance and to move forward
to the future with renewed confidence.

To be followed by a

B.Y.O. PICNIC LUNCH

**A time to Reflect and Remember
in order to Restore and Recuperate.**
(Subject to any changes in the COVID situation.)

Who is that up a Tree?

And what is happening in our churchyards?

While activities could not go ahead indoors some groups have taken to using the resources of our churchyards. The choir sang under the gazebo, the youngsters have been meeting outside and just who is that up a tree?

Starting Again, Again?

We were all knocked back when normal activities could not resume from 21st June but are hoping to meet together again in the Bassett Rooms from **19th July**.

Knit & Natter ...

Mondays 10 am to noon

Lunch Club ...

Lunch Club fortnightly meal, quiz and chat

The Celebration Choir

Mondays from 7.30 pm

Acorns - for pre-school children ...

Fortnightly on Thursday mornings

The Village Coffee Shop ...

1st and 3rd Tuesdays in the month, 10 am - noon

Contact Information

Church Wardens

All Saints Church Ashover: Nev Stanley 01246 826980

Holy Trinity Brackenfield: Nigel Rogers 01773 836137

St Mark's Church Handley: Fran Roberts 01246 865389

Christ Church Wessington: Rita Buckley 01773 835 633

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Bugs in the Churchyard

On Friday 11th June, Stretton Handley Primary school children were involved in a study of wildlife in local churchyards. The older children went to Holy Trinity in Brackenfield and the young ones walked down to St. Mark's Church, Handley. They had a lovely time with their magnifying glass, nets and containers and were able to identify lots of different plants and bugs while enjoying the fresh air and even the weather stayed fine for them.

We hope things like this will be enjoyed more in the future and that lockdown rules will be lifted completely in the coming weeks.



Stretton Handley school, rated as outstanding and set in beautiful surroundings in Woolley Moor, is a C of E school with a strong Christian ethos. It caters for children aged 4 - 11 and still has places available.

Christ Church, Wessington

Actual Church news is limited, like our services at the moment, but behind the scenes we have been beavering away.

We have had two stalls at the Wessington Farmers Market and raised £586 in total for Church funds.

A flyer has been sent round the village to drum up enthusiasm to hold activities in the Church building and there has been a positive response. A meeting is to be held on the 26th June inviting the residents of Wessington to put forth their ideas.

Christ Church, a bright and welcoming building, can seat around 200 people and it would be good to make more use of its facilities which include a kitchen area and an attached church room available for hire for up to 25 people.

Fire, Food and Fun



The Fellowship group met in June to celebrate Pentecost in true fashion with real live flames. The group had an evening meeting of fun and food in Ashover churchyard, safely distanced.

In July and August they plan to hold one study and one outdoor event each month then start a new programme from September.

For more information, please contact Jonathan Warner (jonathan.warner@questu.ca or phone 591448).

Friday Churchyard Club

Every Friday after school is pat time with Minnie the dog in Ashover church yard. There are plans to do garden-focussed crafts with after school children.



From the Registers

ASHOVER

Weddings

5th June: Mark Grant and Sarah Barnsley

26th June: Andrew Wright and Jessica Hobday

3rd July: Nicholas Roberts and Beverley Blagden

24th July: Ben Cooke and Emma Waller

31st July: Ryan Kenward and Grace Surguy

18th August: Liam Newbold and Laura Fletcher

Funerals

Marjorie Alice Lee, aged 77.

Marjorie died on 22nd May; service held 8th June 2021

Barbara Billiam, aged 81.

Barbara died on 18th May; service held 9th June 2021

Joseph Edge Hole, aged 88.

Joseph died on 21st May; service held 10th June 2021

Robert (Bob) Marriott, aged 81.

Bob died on 2nd May; service held 28th June

Kathleen Homes, aged 86.

Kathleen died on 29th May; service held 2nd July.

Come down Zacchaeus!

The leaders of the children's groups at church stop at nothing to bring home to the youngsters the stories in the Bible. Here are Janet, Brenda and Ruth (up the tree) acting out the story of Zacchaeus who had to climb a tree to see Jesus because he was so short!



Baptisms Coming Very Soon

Our churches are open for weddings and we wish all those couples who will be celebrating their commitment to each other over the summer months every joy and happiness.

Baptisms can take place again from September; please contact Celia Kelly for more information and to register your interest. Baptism services will be available on the third Sunday in the month at Ashover Church at a service held at 1 pm.