## **Amber Churches Directory and News**

We have a Directory of members of the four Amber Churches, Ashover, Brackenfield, Handley and Wessington.

It has not been updated for a little while, so if you are already in the directory, but have changes in details, or would like to be added to the directory, please email ashoverallsaints@gmail.com to request a form or collect one from one of the Churches and return to a Church Warden or Sarah Evans at 22 Malthous Lane, Ashover. If you have been included in the current Directory and wish to be removed, could you also contact Sarah Evans by email.

We also have a Churches email list which is sent details of upcoming events and other information a few times a year. If you would like to be added to this list, please email Sarah Evans: ashoverallsaints@gmail.com

## **Ashover Village Filmtime**

The Bassett Rooms, Ashover.

Doors open at 7pm for tea and coffee - films start at 7.30 pm

#### Thursday 15th September 2022

#### The Duke (12)

In 1961, Kempton Bunton, a 60-year-old taxi driver, stole Goya's portrait of the Duke of Wellington from the National Gallery in London. Kempton sent ransom notes saying that he would return the painting on condition that the government invested more in care for the elderly – what happened next?

Starring: Jim Broadbent, Heather Craney. Director: Roger Mitchell.

For more information: Jane & Mike Steel, 01246 591371, Keith & Mary Mellor 01246 591181 or Sarah Hillard 01246

# **Stretton Handley Summer Activity Packs**

This year, St. Mark's Church, Handley, gave out summer activity packs to the children of Stretton Handley Primary School. They consisted of:-

The Parable of the sower with colouring sheet

A Bible quiz

2 Sunflower seeds, instructions on how to grow them and a chart to make a note of their growth.

We are hoping that some of the children will have a go and then bring a photo of the sunflowers to school for a display. This will then lead on to Harvest and hopefully, another wall display in Church.



# **Uppertown Social Centre**



Sat 3rd September 7 for 8pm

Dermot Hegarty- Irish Folk £13 incl Supper.

**Contact Eddie Marriott for Tickets** 

07966 154798 www.uppertown.org

## **Church Services in September**

**Sunday 4th September** 

9.15 am Brackenfield Church Holy Communion 10.45 am Ashover Church Holy Communion

**Sunday 11th September** 

9.15 am Wessington Church
10.45 am Ashover Church
10.45 am Handley Church
6pm The Bassett Rooms

Holy Communion
Holy Communion
Sunday at 6

**Sunday 18th September** 

9.15 am Brackenfield Church Holy Communion 10.45 am Ashover Church Holy Communion

**Sunday 25th September** 

9.15 am Wessington Church Holy Communion All-age Service Holy Communion Holy Communion

**Sunday 2nd October** 

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

Allsorts children's group meets on Sundays 11th and 18th September and 2nd October from 10 am to 12 noon in the Bassett Rooms.

### Children's activities

Allsorts will resume on Sunday 11th September.

Acorns resumes on Thursday 8th September

Kindess Crew Craft Club resumes on Friday 9th September



#### **Concert in aid of Ashgate Hospice**

3rd September 2022 3-7pm All Saints Ashover

A concert to raise money in memory of Tim Evans, and to fund a specialist bed for Ashgate Hospice.

Tickets £10 suggested donation

contact Sarah Evans sarahjaneevans@gmail.com
Donations to:

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/tim-evans-musicalextravaganza

#### **Farewell to Kathleen Braund**

A number of the congregation of Christ Church gathered on Saturday the 13th August at the home of Ray and Dorella's, to wish Kathleen Braund every happiness in her move to Wales.

Kath acted as Church Warden for a year and was invaluable in this role. She was willing to do anything for the Church and for activities within the Church. She will be sorely missed.

#### **Contact Information**

Church Wardens

All Saints Church Ashover: John Phillips 07702 641777 Holy Trinity Brackenfield: Nigel Rogers 01773 836137 St Mark's Church Handley: Fran Roberts 01246 865389 Christ Church Wessington: Rita Buckley 01773 835 633

www.amberchurches.org info@amberchurches.org

Baptisms and Weddings and General Admin: Sarah Evans 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 inclusion in the October issue to info@amberchurches.org. by 15th September

# The Rector Writes ...

All questions are good questions— The Alpha Course...



Dear Friends,

On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September we are starting an Alpha course in the Bassett rooms.

Everyone is welcome. Alpha courses are an introduction to the Christian faith, recognising that many have had no opportunity to learn about Christianity or ask questions. It is also an excellent refresher course, and a healthy space to consider questions that arise on our faith journeys. I hope lots of you will come.

Alpha courses have been running for about 30 years. They involve refreshments, a talk or video and then groups where the talk or video can be discussed, and all questions about faith are welcome. I think the modern videos are excellent, but that the small group conversations are the delight and most fruitful part of the course.

Many groups continue after the "course" has finished because people have loved the friendship and opportunities to listen and talk.

The course will run for 11 weeks, including an "away day". Doors will open at 9.45 for refreshments, with the video starting at about 10am. There will be space for more coffee and cake before joining the small groups. We will aim to finish by 11.30am.

If you would like to come please contact Sarah, our administrator, by email: ashoverallsaints@gmail.com, or 'phone: 07810656541, for catering purposes etc.

You don't have to come every week.

And if these dates, times and venue don't suit you, don't worry. We plan to run Alpha again at different times and venues to suit as many as possible.

With our love and prayers,

Peter

For more information about Alpha:

https://alpha.org/about/

### **Ashover WEA Courses**

Autumn 2022 in The Bassett Rooms

**Exploring Opera.** 

Fridays 10am to 12 noon starting 16th Sept for 11 weeks

Lecturer: Nicholas Redihough. Course code C2347616 Exploring Akhnaten by Philip Glass, La Boheme by Puccini and Le Comte Ory by Rossini.

Old King Cole: The Fall of Roman Britain

Wednesdays 7.30 to 9.30pm starting 21st Sept for 11 weeks

Lecturer: Gary Slator. Course code C2347624
Looking behind the myths and stories about the events
of the 4th and 5th centuries in Britain.

The fee is £94.60 per course. Please enrol online at <a href="wea.org.uk">wea.org.uk</a> or by ringing 0300 303 3464. More info from Sarah Hillard 01246 590369 or <a href="mailto:sarah hillard48@hotmail.com">sarah hillard48@hotmail.com</a>.

### Walk in the Peak

The next walk will take place on Saturday 17th September.

We meet at the Bassett Rooms at 10am.

For details of where we are walking, please contact David Russell on 0781649414

# Coffee Morning at St. Mark's Handley

Friday 16th September 10 till 12

# **Wessington Pop-up Shop**

The pop-up shop is open on the last Saturday of each month.

Saturday 24th September 2022 10am-2pm

# From the Registers Ashover

Wedding Congratulations to:

Alexander Fitzgerald & Elizabeth Pearson 23rd July
Alec Bull & Mollie Ambler 6th August
Jason Pimborough & Danielle Jewitt 12th August
Joel Hulbert & Amy Norman 20th August

#### Baptisms:

William Robert Walker 3rd July Ruby Grace Hinchley 24th July Laura Jayne Smith, Bertram John Liggett and Matthew Richard Chrich 7th August

#### Funeral:

Edna Fielding, Aged 90, 19<sup>TH</sup> August Bryan James Wareham. 23rd August

#### **Brackenfield**

### Wedding Congratulations to:

Dylan Johnston and Abbie Conquest 20th August

# Handley

Baptism:

Kensey Punter 10th July