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Please send contributions for the August issue by Friday 7th July
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Ashburnham Church opening for private prayer

Thursdays 2-4pm

Sundays 2-4pm

Preparations are well in hand for limited opening of

St Peters for personal prayer.

The church has been cleaned, there will be clear signage as to which areas are to be used and sanitiser will be available at the door.

We are planning to have two specific times set aside for prayer

Sunday 2 - 4 and Thursday 2-4 and Peter will be in attendance.

This leaves 72 hours in between for the church to air as is required.

Anyone coming from the village should use the back entrance as the main gates remain closed at present.

Arrangements for this may change, we will update our facebook page and the Parish Website with details.

Some prayers for use at this time

Lord Jesus Christ,
you taught us to love our neighbour,
and to care for those in need
as if we were caring for you.
In this time of anxiety, give us strength
to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick,
and to assure the isolated
of our love, and your love,
for your name's sake.
Amen.

Gracious God,
give skill, sympathy and resilience
to all who are caring for the sick,
and your wisdom to those
searching for a cure.
Strengthen them with your Spirit,
that through their work many will
be restored to health;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

God of compassion,
be close to those who are ill, afraid
or in isolation.
In their loneliness, be their
consolation;
in their anxiety, be their hope;
in their darkness, be their light;
through him who suffered alone
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Dear Friends,

During these days of lockdown, I have been thinking of the figure of Noah. We know the story so well, that God saw how wicked humanity had become and decided to cleanse the earth of evil with a tremendous flood. Following God's instructions, Noah constructed a huge ark out of gopher wood which may have been cypress. Inside and out the three-deck vessel was probably honeycombed with partitions to make the separate dividing walls to make many compartments to house the animals. The Bible gives us the dimensions of the ark as 450 feet long, 75 feet wide and 45 feet high. In this strange vessel the sole human being who had 'found favour in the eyes of the Lord' led his family, along with pairs of animals and birds and other creatures into the safety of this ark. It was their salvation. For many Christians, the story of Noah is very symbolic. When Jesus was baptised in the Jordan, his emergence from the water of salvation can be said to call to mind Noah's deliverance from the flood. The dove that appeared to Jesus symbolising the Holy Spirit was reminiscent of the dove which finally revealed to Noah that he and his family had been saved. One can say that Noah and his ark of family and animals were in a real sense in one of the most unusual lockdowns of all! All this reminds me of a visit I made some years ago to Trengwainton Gardens near Penzance in Cornwall. Award winning magnolias and rhododendrons and sub-tropical plants all within a walled garden. However, eclipsing all these must surely be the kitchen garden laid out in the dimensions of Noah's Ark! Standing on a raised platform one can appreciate how the base of the ark looked. When I first saw it, I was astonished at what I was looking at! If down that way, do pay a visit. In the meantime, stay well and safe and be assured of my prayers.
PETER

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services for the foreseeable future**

Book Club

We will meet on **Friday 31st July** at the usual time of **2pm until 4pm**. As usual we will be talking about the books we've read and enjoyed since the last time we met (more books than usual I've no doubt).

Our gathering will take place via the marvellous technology that is **Zoom**. Zoom is free to download from <https://zoom.us/download> then choose "sign up it's free". On the day Nicky will email the meeting ID to all our members. If you're not already on the mailing list but would like to join in, then just email Nicky nickyatstreetcottage@gmail.com and we'll add you to the invitation.

Looking forward to hearing about all the books you've been reading in lockdown.

Filling Station

The Ashburnham Filling Station will be meeting on Zoom on the 15th July at 7.30pm with Paul Lynch from Encounter Heart to Heart Prophetic Ministry, as a live speaker.

Anyone not on the distribution list who would like to join us please get in touch with Catherine near the time for the link to join the meeting.
07801 634034 or catherine@duggleby.com

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Church Services and groups at
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To all Group Leaders and Members
if you run or are a member of a group that usually meets regularly, why not try and keep in touch virtually with each other? It could be the only contact some people get during the week and might make a real difference to someone who is stuck at home.

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The Coffee Stop

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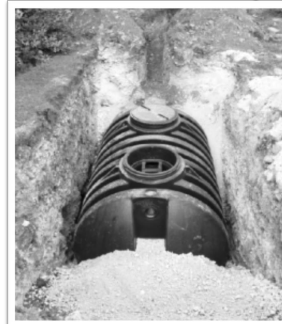
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CHAPEL NEWS

As I write this we are still holding a Zoom Service every Sunday Evening at 7 p.m
These have been very well attended and on the 7th June we held our Anniversary Service and had 47 people join us which was nearly as many as we would expect had the Chapel been open.

We have been at Ponds Green now for 56 years and the Chapel has been in existence first in a barn on the outskirts of the village and then in the Old Barn Chapel which was kindly given by the Earl of Ashburnham since early 1880!

We should be holding a Healing Service on the 19th July led by the Dean of Battle the Very Revd. Lee Duckett. However it is very doubtful that we would be able to hold this because of social distancing and of course not being able to let people know that it is being held (notices for magazines had to be in at the beginning of June) I am therefore going to postpone this until next year. If any body requires prayer for healing or anything else please do let me know either by putting a card in our Prayer Box (out the front of the Chapel) or by ringing me or emailing me (details in this magazine)

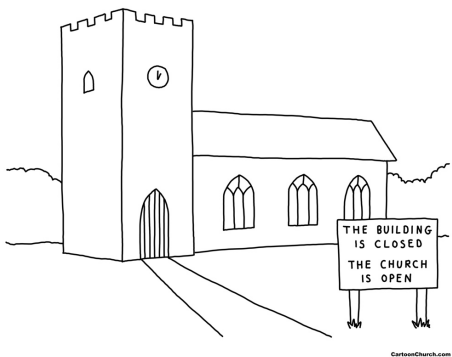
If you would like to join us for a Zoom Service again contact me and I will give you the links.

Keep safe and let us hope that it will not be too long before we beat this dreadful Covid-19 virus.

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Call this number if you are worried about yourself or a neighbour, if you need help or advice or would like to offer assistance

**Parish Pump -
this service was discontinued at the end of June**



Resources to help us worship at home!

Church services may not be happening but many worshipping communities have turned to technology to help them keep connected during this time. The benefit for all of us is that we can virtually attend services from across the country or the world from the comfort of our own homes! Here are some useful links.

Rev Peter Walker sends out services, contact him to go on the distribution list: p.walker977@btinternet.com

Ashburnham Chapel Services via Zoom email Fay on offramsdn@hotmail.co.uk to be added to the invitation list

Church of England services and prayers, you can access past weeks services here and watch live services on Sunday mornings: <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-online>

Chichester Cathedral are streaming services and more resources can be found on the Diocesan website <https://www.chichester.anglican.org/resources-for-worship-at-home/>

Other online resources

NGS -The National Garden Scheme which opens private gardens for charity are beginning to open up some of their gardens but they also have over 200 virtual garden tour videos on their website so take the opportunity to have a wander through some gorgeous gardens from the comfort of your own home! <https://ngs.org.uk/virtual-garden-visits/>

Sussex Wildlife Trust website is full of useful information about the natural world and the wildlife we can expect to see around us here. If you've been out and about more locally for your exercise and aren't sure what flower, butterfly or bird you have spotted, this site is a good place to go for information. There are also fun ideas about getting kids engaged with nature too <https://sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk>



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We look forward to seeing you all again soon. Stay safe.

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The beauty of God's creation always provides something to pause and reflect on here at Penhurst. The vibrant roses, peonies and busy bees collecting pollen on the lavender have reminded us of God's faithfulness and provision, and some things take us by surprise, like the grass snake we saw suddenly slither into the orchard pond!

Reflecting on what we might learn from this coronavirus season, we have been pondering: What will we miss as lockdown is eased? What have we learnt to appreciate in a new way? What has been our greatest struggle? What do we hope will never change or go back to the same as before? How have we witnessed the 'divine spark in humankind'? How can we learn and change, taking some of this forward as we move towards a new normal? Perhaps you might find it helpful to ponder some of this too...

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Update From Ashburnham Place

Greetings from us all at Ashburnham Place, it has been a very strange few months for us (as it has for everyone) with no guests, the Orangery closed and most of our team on furlough. Some of the lawns have enjoyed returning to wildflower meadows and the squirrels, rabbits and deer seem to be flourishing. Over the next couple of months we will emerge from lockdown as the government restrictions are eased, this will mean the Orangery Tea Room will be re-opening and we will open to individual guests. To help control the flow of people on site and to avoid becoming overwhelmed in our car parks we will be making a £5 charge for car parking, this is only a temporary measure but one we hope will bring some much needed income and keep visitor numbers manageable. This will also mean the back gate to Ashburnham Place will be temporarily closed to vehicles. We are sorry for the inconvenience this may cause some of you but hope you understand they are temporary measures to help as we try to return to some sort of normality while keeping our guests and team safe. We pray you all have a deeply good summer and look forward to seeing more of you in the coming months.

Grass Verges

A quick update: I am due to meet with people from two local villages who are also campaigning to designate verges as wildlife verges thus enabling them to be cut later and so be more beneficial for plants, insects and us as villagers!

These two people are further along the process and will be able to give great advice about how to approach the Council Highways department and what we need to do to get things moving.

I will keep you updated about progress. If anyone else is interested in being involved, please get in touch with me.

Jay Ashworth
jay.ashworth@btinternet.com

Garden and Nature Notes

I have been reflecting on the 'must have' plants that I seem to use in whatever garden I'm creating and which are good 'doers'. Here are five of my perennial favourites, I'll look at some of my favourite annuals next month.

Geraniums such as G. Rozanne and G. magnificum Rosemoor - there are lots of different herbaceous* geraniums, they will grow in most soils, in sun or partial shade. Some form large clumps with flowers in spring or summer depending on the variety, others like Rozanne and Pink Penny scramble freely close to the soil and provide lovely splashes of colour throughout a bed-

Verbena bonariensis - a deservedly popular plant in my opinion, it can grow to 2.5m but the individual stems are held away from one another so it provides a see through effect at the back of a border or in amongst other plants. The bright purple flowers go on all summer and are good for pollinators too

Penstemon - I particularly like the Pensham series including the deep purple of Westminster Belle but also like P. garnet and some of the white varieties. Penstemon flower from mid summer through to Autumn, bees love them and they form shrubby clumps covered in tall spires of flowers.

Gaura lindheimeri - this pretty plant is fantastic to fill gaps and provide soft, floaty flowers in amongst more formal planting. The white or pink tinged star shaped flowers are held along the length of fine stems which blow in the breeze. Flowers reliably all summer and puts up with a bit of neglect!

Crocsmia lucifer - this stately plant with strap like leaves sends up tall (up to 1.5m) deep red flower spikes. It's a great foil for other colours and adds structure and exoticism to the border.

If you're unsure of the growth habits of a particular plant, head to the RHS website, you can find great information about what it needs how tall it will grow etc. Go to www.rhs.org.uk and click on the plants tab and then search away!

We have seen lots of fledglings in the garden over the last few weeks including blue tits, great tits, robins, greater spotted woodpeckers, nuthatches and coal tits. Last week there were some birds flitting over the pond that I couldn't readily identify so I turned to some more experienced friends who confirmed they were spotted fly catchers! They come every evening about 8.30pm, land on a post by the pond before flying out and back to catch flies on the wing. It's great to have a species new to me in the garden and they are on the RSPB Red List which means they have suffered significant population and or habitat decline over recent years.

Jay Ashworth

*(herbaceous plants die back over winter and come up again in the spring)



SCARECROW COMPETITION

With no Flower Show and Country Fair this year, we have decided to organise a Scarecrow Competition to give us all something fun to focus on over the summer!

Scarecrows need to be in place on **Friday 31st July** and photographs for judging will be taken over that weekend*

Scarecrows should stay in place until **Sunday 9th August** so that they can be viewed

A trail giving the public location of each scarecrow will be available via the Parish Website - scarecrows should be positioned so that they can be viewed without the need to access private property

Scarecrows must be well secured and positioned so as not to cause damage, injury or danger

Scarecrows must be built from scratch without the use of pre-moulded or commercially available masks

Full details of the regulations and guidelines will be attached to the entry form

if the forecast is for terrible weather, I will get in touch with everyone to arrange alternative dates!

The competition will be judged by photograph, Jay will come round to all entries to take pictures which will then be forwarded to our special guest judges!

Our guest judges are
Jennifer Oldroyd
Elfreda & John Cormode

Prizes will be awarded for creativity, originality and the use of recycled items in the scarecrow's creation

How to enter

You **must** fill out an entry form which you can download from the Parish Website www.ashburnham-penhurst.net This will also include the full terms and conditions of entering

or email me at ashworthjay1@gmail.com to request a copy

The filled out form should be sent to me at the email address above or if you prefer to drop off the completed form, let me know and I will give you my address details

The Competition is intended to be a fun activity for us as villagers to take part in, either by making scarecrows or walking around our villages to look at those made by our neighbours.

We are not planning to raise funds or publicise it widely, and everyone will need to abide by relevant social distancing guidelines when making or viewing the scarecrows.

Let's have some fun and create some new village characters for us all to enjoy!