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**Ashburnham Church Rogation Service  
2nd June 10.30am**

Join us as we take church outside and make the most of our situation as we walk around different areas at Ashburnham Place, pray for all those who work the land and consider ways we can all contribute to looking after God's beautiful creation.

Meet us in the church at 10.30am.

**Chapel News**

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> June we have our Anniversary Celebrations at the Chapel, starting with tea at 5 p.m and following with a Service. This year we have the Heathfield Silver Band leading the music. (Not the whole band I hasten to say)

Our Healing Service on the 28<sup>th</sup> April was very well attended with lots of people coming up for prayer. Watch our website where we shall shortly be posting a couple of testimonies from people who have recently received wonderful healing.

We continue to meet for prayer on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of every month at 7-45 p.m. If you or anybody you know needs prayer please let myself or Janet know.

We have had several Prayer Requests in our Prayer Box (next to the Parish Notice Board) recently, I suspect from children, owing to the nature of the requests, but we shall pray that they will grow up to love Our Lord and learn to pray for themselves. It is such a tragedy that so many children today are not being taught about Our Saviour and when one thinks that a child is the greatest gift we can receive, it is our responsibility to teach them about Jesus so that they can make up their own minds as regard to their faith when they are adults. Sadly the Chapel Sunday School no longer operates but St. Peter's have a vibrant Sunday School and are always pleased to welcome new children.

A date for your diary is the 28<sup>th</sup> July when we shall be holding our next Healing Service. This is being led by Pastor Terry Watson. Terry and his wife Frances were called into the Pastoral Ministry in 1970 when they pioneered a number of churches and eventually settled for over 25 years in Eltham. They have witnessed many people coming to know The Lord and seen Our Saviour work in many different ways in the lives of people in the churches that Terry pastored.



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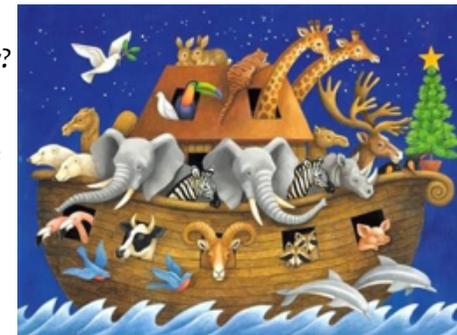
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Peter makes some observations about Noah  
and the Ark; has it anything to teach us today?

I was recently reading the book of Genesis  
and was pleasantly reminded of the story of  
Noah.

The following amusing thoughts which  
I discovered may also have a serious edge:



**One:** Don't miss the boat

**Two:** Remember that we are all in the same boat

**Three:** Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark

**Four:** Stay fit. When you are 600 years old, someone may ask you to do something  
really big!

**Five:** Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done

**Six:** Build your future on high ground

**Seven:** For safety's sake, travel in pairs

**Eight:** Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with cheetahs

**Nine:** When you are stressed, float a while

**Ten:** Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs, the Titanic by professionals

**Eleven:** No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow  
waiting

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May God bless us all as we take another look at the story of Noah and learn  
something afresh from that great Biblical account.

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## Gardening and Nature Notes

I don't know about you I have found this May a fantastic month for spotting wildlife. I have heard and seen cuckoos at home and at Ashburnham Place and I know others in the village have heard them too. I've heard a Nightingale as well and the Reed Warblers are back around lakes and streams, singing their jazzy song all day long. In the middle of May the first Blue Tit fledglings appeared on our bird feeder, their insistent calls and flapping wings as they demand food from their parents giving them away!

Cuckoos, (*Cuculus canorus*) and Nightingales, (*Luscinia megarhynchos*) are increasingly rare, they are red listed by the RSPB which means that their populations have suffered severe decline in recent years. It is encouraging that populations are surviving and even thriving in our corner of Sussex.

In the garden too we have had some lovely shows of blossom, Wisteria has been extra special this year and the hedgerows have looked glorious as the Hawthorn, or May has bloomed. As we move into June, the roses are becoming the stars of the show with their beautiful colours and scents.

We're again experiencing a dry spring which has taken its time warming up as well. Don't forget to water newly planted shrubs, trees, perennials as well as any annuals. New plants need a lot of water to help establish a good root system and support new growth. Trees and shrubs may need supplementary watering for two years after planting and this is particularly important during dry spells. It is better to water thoroughly every few days rather than giving a little water more often. Thorough watering, directed at the base of the plant encourages deeper root growth which will be more beneficial in the long term.

How are your plans for the Flower Show coming along? Don't forget to have a look at the schedule, it might be a bit late to start plants off now but you could consider entering the flower classes. Have a look around your garden and see if you have specimens that might work in these categories. There are classes for roses, dahlias, sweet peas, hydrangeas, mixed annuals and perennials, clematis blooms, potted pelargoniums and fuchsia, edible flowers as well as three flower arrangements classes too. Don't forget to look at the instructions in the schedule about how to present each class and good luck!

Jay Ashworth

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**Wednesday 19th June**  
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As usual, it was the men who had forced themselves into the best places. Women in that part of the world were considered second-class citizens. But a group of women were determined to fight their way through the crowd. Inch by inch they edged forwards. They could hear Jesus teaching about marriage and divorce – subjects suitable for men but not women. But they had a reason to get closer. Perched on their hips, strapped to their backs, and swaddled in their arms were their children: precious little bundles, grubby little toddlers, whom they loved more than life itself. And they wanted this great preacher, this man of God, to bless their children, to touch them and to love them.

And suddenly they were there – right in the front row. But now they faced another challenge. The disciples and friends of Jesus were very protective of him – particularly here, on the other side of the Jordan, and away from Galilee. As soon as the women appeared the disciples strode purposefully forwards.

“What do you think you are doing?” they said. “Do you think this is a place for women and children? Move to the back and wait for your menfolk to explain things to you.”

In embarrassment and shame the women shrank back, and some of them turned to go. But Jesus stood up. “Stop!” he said. The disciples turned in surprise. “Don’t ever turn children away from me,” Jesus said. “The kingdom of heaven belongs to these little ones. Bring them here.” And to the women’s delight and amazement, he drew them forward, and he sat down and pulled a toddler on to his knee. He chatted to the women for some time, before laying his hands on their children and blessing them.

And those who had expected a miracle turned away in disgust. Some preacher this, who spent his energy on women and children! They wanted to see a miracle. If only they knew!



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Hello from all of us up at the Retreat. A puff of smoke has gone up and our trustees have announced the appointments of Nicci Gagel and Joanna Legg Bagg to replace us when we leave at the end of the month.

Nicci has a wide experience in the hospitality trade having worked in hotels, a community centre, educational charities and a conference/retreat centre. She has a degree in Interior Design and enjoys creating welcoming spaces. She values community and is greatly looking forward to starting at Penhurst and getting to know the locals.

Joanna currently works for a mission agency, has a degree in Business Studies and a diploma in counselling. Her excellent management gifts will be put to good and effective use at the Retreat.

We look forward to them being part of the team at Penhurst Retreat Centre and contributing to the local community. Do pop in and visit as ever....give the office a ring first though and then we can have the kettle ready. Nicci and Joanna will appreciate meeting you and finding out all about this wonderful community!

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## Ashburnham Church



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**15 June**      **Mike Cooper**      **'Being Prepared'**

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Michael became a Christian as a chorister in Maidstone and he still supports Maidstone United FC, as well as loving Pink Floyd and real ale. He joined Christian Vision for Men in 2013 and is now Director for England and Scotland. His prayer is that he can use the gifts God has given him to continue to build a strong, accessible, dynamic, engaging ministry; relevant and life changing to men.

**28 September**      **Rev Peter Walker**      **'Yes, we have no Mananas'**

More reflections on the Spanish road of Peter's Christian journey

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**30 November**      **Bishop Richard**      **'It's the end of the World as we know it:  
Are Christians so heavenly minded that they're no earthly good?'**

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advertisements for local services in this  
magazine does not constitute a  
recommendation.

Readers are advised to make their own  
enquiries to ensure good service.

In a recent Men's Breakfast, Nick Heasman said something along the lines of, "We are best formed through developing a Christ like culture. Once the culture is turned to face Christ, all kinds of things happen". We have sought, sometimes unsuccessfully, to be a flavour of Jesus' Love, not necessarily in a "churchy" way (as important as the local church is as it seeks to reach out to the villages) but in an organic, grounded, every day kind of way – just like Jesus in the Gospels.

It is our heartfelt hope that those of you who make up the community of Ashburnham and Penhurst can continue to break down the personal barriers that can sometimes be a hindrance to experiencing God's loving embrace and the spark that can be sensed in the parish, can be truly appreciated by those who enjoy living here. This is an extraordinary place - perhaps we should all talk more freely about what contributes to that spark.

At the time of writing we don't know who our replacements are to be, but our hope is that they can embrace this community and you can accept them as you have us. Please continue to enjoy Penhurst Retreat, it is there for you all just as much as the many who travel huge distances to go there.

So, knowing that this will make Mr. O'Sullivan happy.... in the words of Don Henley (The Eagles) from Hotel California;  
"You can check out any time you like, but you can never leave" .....we will be back! Thank you.

*Richard and Storm*

### Farewell Celebration for Richard and Storm at Penhurst Retreat Centre

**Saturday 22nd June**  
**2pm for Afternoon Tea**  
**6.30pm for BBQ**

The Trustees of Penhurst welcome all of those who would like to wish farewell to Richard and Storm

You **must** let us know if you are coming by June 10th  
by emailing [events@penhurst.org.uk](mailto:events@penhurst.org.uk)  
or phoning the office on 01424 892088

## Reflections from Richard and Storm Hann

When we were packing up recently, one of the things that we found that we didn't give to Ron and Helen for the Country Fair White Elephant stall was a disk which we made in January 2004 whilst still living in the East Midlands called Being Bold (NB. That is "bold" and not Richard's thoughts on his mid life hair loss!)

When we were looking to leave our proper jobs and go off on an adventure with God, we had no idea where we would end up and some thought that we were taking a huge risk, but we knew that we had to step out in faith and just do it. We had never been to rural Sussex and had no preparation as to how to survive in these parts. Despite that, you embraced a couple of townies for which we will be forever grateful.

We don't think that you can live or worship in Ashburnham or Penhurst without being grateful.....We will miss so much ....like village folk coming in to help or work with us. We are thankful for those locals who have contributed to the Retreat Centre's success over the years –Janet, Jay, Cynthia, Catherine, Leo, the Carols (Lovett and Larkin), Ron and Helen, the Brians (Holdstock and Thompson), Cliff, Rees, Clive, Zoe, Tirzah, Hephzibah, Johanna, Keith Finch, Sharon Hamby, Anne and Danny, Phil, Ollie, Derek, Linda Keeley, John, Tina and Stephen, Sue Smith, Richard and Rachel, Chris Maundrell and the farmers - Richard, Robin and Norman - always, or nearly always, there when you need one!

Other things we'll miss? Owls hooting in our garden, rabbits diving under the cottage when we arrive home at night, driving behind badgers or deer down a dark lane, night skies, the Sea Eagle (what did happen to him?). We'll also miss our dear friends and encouragers - Jay, Nicky, Johanna, Nick, Glyn, Emma, John and Elfreda - you have been so precious to us.

We won't miss the pot holes, but we'll sort of miss Norman's bullocks and sheep often being in the wrong place at the wrong time! There have been so many laughs in the last 15 years...PANTS, MI, the jollies, the quizzes, the walks, the Ash, the football banter and even the matches, the moments of marquee mayhem, the rockets, our fun and friends through St. Peters and Ashburnham Place.

Our regrets? Amongst others, never getting the opportunity to enjoy the new village hall - we hope that you all do and we're sure that it will be fantastic! There have been times of great frustration and sadness which have helped to remind us of our vulnerability as a community and how we should all continue to support and encourage others when the need arises. In short, many of you have played your parts in the highs and lows of our last 15 years and it has been a rich and significant time for us.

## Ashburnham Church Hall

The Church Hall is situated in the grounds of Ashburnham Place, tucked just inside the wall of the Kitchen Garden. It is used for Sunday school, the Play Cafe, coffee after the Sunday morning service and the occasional Sunday shared lunch.

The building consists of one large room, two smaller rooms, two WCs and a very well equipped kitchen. There is a small garden at the back. Village residents are welcome to use the facilities for children's parties, coffee mornings, teas, committee meetings, etc, and we simply ask for a donation towards the upkeep of the hall.

Clive Mills has taken over as caretaker of the hall, and also keeps the bookings diary. Please contact him if you would like to make a booking, or if you have any other query about the hall. You can telephone on 01424 777011, or email to [clive.mills@ymail.com](mailto:clive.mills@ymail.com)

**The Art Group**  
**meets every Thursday morning from 10am to 1pm in**  
The Sports Pavilion, Ashburnham, TN33 9NU

*On Thursday 27th June, Artist Mark Fisher will be with us for a day of painterly creativity! Book your place by texting Barbara or Elfreda, and don't forget your packed lunch!*

You are always welcome to drop in for a creative morning for just £5 every Thursday  
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Tea and coffee provided but please bring a packed lunch on workshop days. Details of all our Tutored Sessions and Workshop Days will be published here.

Drop in any Thursday to non-tutor sessions for £5 but **for the Tutored Sessions at £12 on the day, and Workshop Days at £20** please **book your place by texting your name (and email address if you need directions) to Barbara: 07703 284496 or Elfreda: 07774 066578.**

## The Ashburnham Estate – Barons & Earls

After surviving the Civil War, the brothers John “the Cavalier” and William jointly re-established the family at Ashburnham. After John’s death, William managed the estate until he passed it on to John’s grandson, another John (1656-1710).

As his great-uncle William died childless, this John also inherited estates in Sussex, Bedfordshire, Wiltshire, Dorset and Hampshire, as well as a house in Westminster, London. His marriage to heiress Bridget Vaughan at Westminster Abbey also added 7,000 acres in Wales. Between 1679 and 1689 John was at times MP for Hastings and a Baron of the Cinque Ports. When John sided with the Dutch monarchs William and Mary against James II, he was rewarded with a Barony within a year. Although the 1<sup>st</sup> Baron Ashburnham spent a lot of his time at Ampthill Park in Bedfordshire, they remained at heart a Sussex family lavishing Ashburnham Place with their care, where they started to amass their great collection of pictures and books.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Baron died in 1710 and was succeeded by his eldest son William as 2<sup>nd</sup> Baron. Tragically this William died childless the same year, so the title and vast estates passed to his brother John, who became the 3<sup>rd</sup> Baron. John had been a member of the royal household of George II (when he was Prince of Wales), and in 1730 he was made Earl of Ashburnham and Viscount St Asaph. This latter title was used as a courtesy title for the eldest son and heir. When the 1<sup>st</sup> Earl died in 1736 his son John, Viscount St Asaph inherited and became the 2<sup>nd</sup> Earl aged just 13 years old.

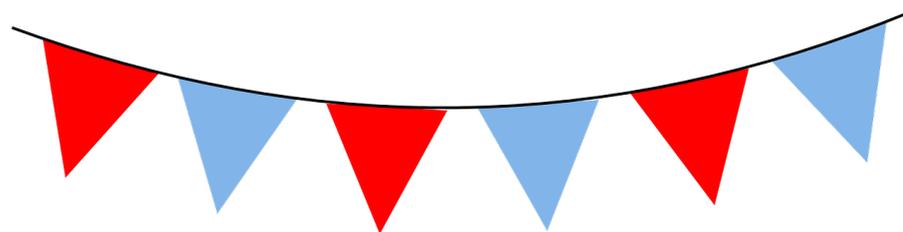
John, 2<sup>nd</sup> Earl of Ashburnham was a remarkable character with a number of extraordinary roles in his lifetime. He was Keeper of Hyde Park and St James’s Park from 1753 to 1762. John was Master of the Great Wardrobe from 1765 to 1775 and subsequently appointed to the even more intimate role of Groom of the Stole to George III, which he held until 1782. He was appointed a Privy Councillor, and was Lord Lieutenant of Sussex from 1754-1757, and even the Vice-Admiral of Sussex from 1770 to his death in 1812.

John married in 1756 Elizabeth Crowley, a rich London alderman’s daughter, who brought him a fortune of £200,000 with which he immediately started making improvements to Ashburnham Place. As a patron of the arts he commissioned Robert Adam to undertake extensions to the house and in 1767 commissioned Lancelot “Capability” Brown to make improvements to the parkland. These developments further enhanced the Ashburnhams’ reputation as a leading land-owning aristocratic family, with Ashburnham Place as the family seat at its heart.



*Viscount St Asaph, later 2<sup>nd</sup> Earl of Ashburnham by Tillemans*

*Richard Bickersteth*



## Flower Show and Country Fair

**Saturday 27th July**

**1.30 - 5.30pm**

**Ashburnham Sports Field  
TN33 9NU**

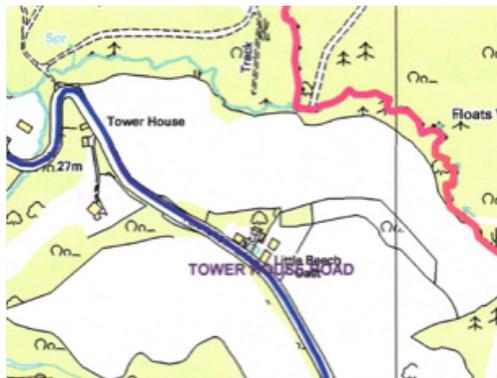
Come and see the winning Flower Show entries, enter the fun dog show, look at the interesting vehicles, have a go at the traditional games, enjoy a cuppa and a slice of delicious cake or a pimms and a burger, race a lawnmower, browse the stalls and grab a bargain, enjoy some live music, wang a welly, bid on something in the auction, buy a raffle ticket, be tempted by the bric a brac and listen to the bell ringers!

Put the date in your diary

**We look forward to seeing you there!**

## Parish Council News

Street names were an agenda item at the annual parish meetings on 25th April. Following consultations on the village web site there was support for the following changes – Hammer Hill stops at the Ashbourne River and Church Road starts at 1 & 2 Old School House. In between is The Pound and not Lingham Lane. Red Barn reverts to Herrings Road and Tower House Road, Penhurst becomes Penhurst Lane. This last one creates an interesting situation because it means that when you arrive at Penhurst church having travelled along Forge Lane from Ashburnham, Penhurst Lane will be both to your left (towards Brightling) and straight ahead too. A further tribute to English talent for ambiguity (or should that read indecisiveness?). Surely not . . .



In election news there was no need for a ballot for parish councillors as only four nomination papers were submitted and so the following were declared duly elected – Tina French, Ron King, Zoe O’Sullivan and Richard White. That leaves 3 vacancies but with interest being shown by a few people you can expect to read about a rash of co-options next month. Elsewhere, at Rother District Council the overall result was dramatic. The Conservatives were reduced from 29 to 14 seats, losing 12 of the 13 seats that they held in Bexhill. The election also saw the first Green councillor to be elected to Rother District Council. The new make-up of Rother District Council is: 13 Independents, 14 Conservatives, 7 Liberal Democrats, 3 Labour and 1 Green. Gary Curtis (Cons) was re-elected for our ward (Catsfield & Crowhurst).

Brian Holdstock, Clerk to the Council

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If leaving telephone voice messages please leave your name and a call back number.

Council meetings are on the last Wednesday of alternate months (next 29 May 2019) and Planning Committee (if required) meets on the last Wednesday of intervening months.

All meetings are in public and members of the public are encouraged to attend. There is an agenda slot near the start of the meeting for members of the public to address the Council. The agenda is published online at the village web site three clear days before the meeting and hard copy is put on the notice boards at The Chapel and Penhurst Granary.

A summary of currently undecided or recently determined planning applications is on the ‘Planning’ page at the village web site. It contains a link to the Rother DC planning portal if you want to view documents.



## New Village Hall Update

### Fundraising Continues!

The Flower Show and Country Fair is on Saturday 27th July and preparations are being made for the day, musicians have been booked, licences applied for, cake recipes are being consulted, stall holders are signing up and lawn mowers are being serviced!

If you know anyone with a small business who might like to take a stall, please ask them to get in touch with Andy Hoad, [hoadie86@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:hoadie86@yahoo.co.uk)

If you have anything you could donate to the auction of promises, or are able to help for an hour or so on the day, please let me know! [jay.ashworth@btinternet.com](mailto:jay.ashworth@btinternet.com)

You should have received a Flower Show Schedule last month. If you didn’t get one, go to the Parish website where you can download a copy [www.ashburnham-penhurst.net](http://www.ashburnham-penhurst.net)

Do have a look through and think about what you might enter, there are classes for those with green fingers, those with aspirations to enter the Great British Bake Off or the Sewing Bee and lots of classes for kids - something for everyone!

## 100 Club

**Raise money for the New Village Hall and you could win a cash prize!**

It costs just £12 for a full year and you could win the monthly draw of £25

The Prize Draw is held at the Pub Quiz at the Ash Tree Inn each month

To sign up or renew your membership  
Ring Robin or Gill on 01424 892674

## June Diary

Sat 1			
Sun 2	10.30am 10.30am 5pm 6.30pm	All Age Rogation Service Sunday after Ascension Day Communion Chapel Anniversary Tea Anniversary Service	Ashburnham Church Penhurst Church Ashburnham Chapel Anniversary Tea
Mon 3	9.15-10.45am	Yoga	Sports Pavilion
Tue 4	7.45pm	Pub Quiz	Ash Tree Inn
Wed 5	10am-12pm 7.45pm	Play Cafe Table Tennis	Ashburnham Church Hall Village Hall
Thu 6	10am-1pm 7.30pm 8pm	Art Group Bell Ringing Ashburnham Church Housegroups	Sports Pavilion Ashburnham Church Various Locations
Fri 7			
Sat 8			
Sun 9	10.30am  10.30am 6.30pm	Morning Prayer - Richard and Storm's Farewell Service Pentecost Morning Prayer Evening Service	Ashburnham Church  Penhurst Church Ashburnham Chapel
Mon 10	9.15-10.45am 7pm	Yoga Filling Station	Sports Pavilion Ashburnham Place
Tue 11	8.30pm	MI	Ash Tree Inn
Wed 12	10am-12pm 7.45pm	Play Cafe Table Tennis	Ashburnham Church Hall Village Hall
Thu 13	10am-1pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	Art Group Bell Ringing Hour Of Prayer	Sports Pavilion Ashburnham Church Ashburnham Church Hall
Fri 14			
Sat 15	8.30am	Men's Breakfast	Ashburnham Place
Sun 16 Father's Day	10.30am 10.30am 6.30pm	Morning Prayer with Children's Activities Holy Communion Evening Service	Ashburnham Church Penhurst Church Ashburnham Chapel

Mon 17	9.15-10.45am 7.15pm	Yoga WI Birthday Party	Sports Pavilion Sports Pavilion
Tue 18			
Wed 19	10am-12pm 12.30pm 7.45pm	Play Cafe Village Lunch Table Tennis	Ashburnham Church Hall Village Hall Village Hall
Thu 20	10am-1pm 7.30pm 8pm	Art Group Bell Ringing Ashburnham Church House Groups	Sports Pavilion Ashburnham Church Various Locations
Fri 21			
Sat 22			
Sun 23	10.30am 10.30am 6.30pm	Holy Communion with Children's Activities Morning Prayer Evening Service	Ashburnham Church Penhurst Church Ashburnham Chapel
Mon 24	9.15-10.45am	Yoga	Sports Pavilion
Tue 25			
Wed 26	10am-12pm 7.30pm 7.45pm	Play Cafe Country Fair Planning Meeting Table Tennis	Ashburnham Church Hall Sports Pavilion Village Hall
Thu 27	10am - 3.30pm 7.30pm 8pm	Art Group Workshop Day Bell Ringing Ashburnham Church House Groups	Sports Pavilion Ashburnham Church Various Locations
Fri 28	2pm	Book Club	Street Cottage
Sat 29			
Sun 30	10.30am 10.30am 6.30pm	Morning Prayer with Children's Activities Morning Prayer Evening Service	Ashburnham Church Penhurst Church Ashburnham Chapel