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Please send contributions for the July/August edition by Friday June 2nd  
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## Church Services in June

### Ashburnham Church - All Services at 10.30am unless otherwise stated

4 June	10.30 am Morning Worship
11 June	10.30 am Holy Communion
18 June	10.30 am Morning Prayer
25 June	10.30 am Holy Communion

Please see our website and Facebook page for up to date information. A Sunday Club for children 3+ years and activity packs for older children are available. The church is open during the week for private prayer.

### Penhurst Church - All services at 10.30am

Services will take place in the church according to Government guidelines

4 June	10.30 am Holy Communion
11 June	10.30 am Morning Prayer
18 June	10.30 am Holy Communion
25 June	10.30 am Morning Prayer

### Ashburnham Chapel

Ashburnham Chapel meet at 6.30pm each Sunday.

The service is also on Zoom live for those that cannot attend.

Get in touch with Fay Ramsden on 07860 113413 or 01424 830078 or go to the Chapel website [www.ashburnhamchapel.co.uk](http://www.ashburnhamchapel.co.uk) for more information. Also see the Chapel News later in this magazine for more details.

### Prayer and Pastoral Care for our Villages

Revd Gary Cregeen is responsible for the pastoral care of parishioners, and welcomes the opportunity to meet everyone. If you would value a visit, either for a chat, prayer, or Holy Communion at home, please contact him. Ashburnham Church regularly prays for everyone who lives and works in our villages and we are happy to receive requests for prayer at our various services and meetings. There are also "Prayer Boxes" at St Peter's Church in Ashburnham Place, and outside Ashburnham Chapel at Pontoons Green where you can write a card (anonymously if you wish) for a specific issue. These will be offered for prayer on a regular basis and dealt with in the strictest confidence. Ashburnham Church is open daily for private prayer too.



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**CHRISTIANITY SHAPES A NATION**

It is hard to imagine that a year has passed since we celebrated the Platinum Jubilee of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Following her death in September the Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla heralded a new era and the formal beginning of a new reign. The Coronation was a historic moment in the life of our nation; a time to reflect on our history, celebrate who we are and look to the future. During the service, rooted in longstanding tradition and Christian symbolism, the King vowed to serve God and the people; in my view, this commitment to **duty and service** set the scene of the whole Coronation most profoundly when a child addressed the King with these words: *“Your Majesty, as children of the Kingdom of God we welcome you in the name of the King of Kings (Jesus Christ)”*. To which King Charles responded, *“In His name and after His example I come not to be served but to serve.”* Despite the changing nature of our country, the intrinsic relationship between faith and service has shaped our country over centuries and caused me to reflect on the extent to which this has been the case.

Within two hundred years of His birth, it is likely that the message of Jesus Christ was already known in parts of this remote outpost of the Roman Empire. Certainly, the number and influence of Christians increased significantly after the fifth century, as a result of Saints Patrick, Columba, Illtud, Aidan and Augustine. Their message was the ‘gospel’ – which means ‘good news’. It was the news of God coming to the earth in the person of Jesus Christ. They taught that He died and rose again so that all who trust in Him can find forgiveness & friendship with God. They also called for a lifestyle of obedience to the teaching of the Bible. Sadly, not everything that has been done since in the name of Christianity has been right. However, the lasting influence of Christians on our society gives us good cause to celebrate. For example, people like Alfred the Great – as a Christian he believed in honesty, loyalty and the value of life; he placed the 10 Commandments at the beginning of his own law book and showed how they should be understood ‘by the love and compassion of the Lord Christ’. While some 300 years before Alfred the Anglo-Saxon king, Ethelbert, a convert to Christianity in 597 AD, produced the earliest document written in the English language, clearly influenced by the Bible – a law code protecting people, property and even Sunday as a work-free day! Centuries later Lord Denning, the leading civil lawyer in England and Wales during the 1960’s and 1970’s, asserted, “If religion perishes in the land, truth and justice will also’

As Christianity spread, everyday life centred on the church. The only holidays were ‘holy-days’ marking events in the Christian calendar, like Christmas – the birth of Jesus Christ, and Easter – His death and resurrection. The medieval ‘hospitium’, attached to a monastery, served the needs of the sick, the poor, the elderly and travellers.

Education in Britain was largely the creation of the church. Twenty years before state education began in 1870, a government commission found that two and a half million children attended day schools. Nearly all of these were run by churches, chapels and Christian charities. Almost one third of all schools in England remain 'church' schools today. It was also the influence of Christian socialists which created the trade union movement, to protect those being exploited.

Ironically, despite our Christian heritage it would seem there are forces at work in our country which seek to drive Christianity underground. For example, in the world of politics Danny Kruger, MP, claims his Christian faith makes him unfashionable and is likely to affect his political career. He asserts that 'our culture's emphasis on liberal individualism means people who speak out against it are likely to be disadvantaged'. How different from previous generations. One great parliamentarian who was motivated by a personal faith in Jesus Christ was Lord Shaftesbury. In nearly sixty years of public life, he devoted himself to the needs of the poor and the underprivileged – he claimed his views on everything were governed by his total commitment to Jesus Christ and the Bible.

While fewer people in our country would describe themselves as 'Christian' nowadays, a significant proportion still do. So, let's not be ashamed of our Christian heritage but rather give thanks for those whose faith shaped *their* personal lives and our history. **What do you think? Let us know your views, perhaps over a drink in The Ash or at The Orangery!**

*God bless, Revd Gary*

Revd Gary Cregeen Priest-in-Charge of Ashburnham with Penhurst, Agmerhurst Granary, Ashburnham. TN33 9NA  
T: 01424 612324 email: [gary@GandJCregeen.co.uk](mailto:gary@GandJCregeen.co.uk)

### Sunday 9 July at 5 pm at St Mary's Church, Ninfield

Confirmation marks an important point in a person's Christian faith. For those of us who were baptised or christened as babies or children promises were made on our behalf by our parents and godparents. These promises related to belief about God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit and Confirmation provides an opportunity to affirm those promises for oneself, as a young person or adult. If you wish to consider being Confirmed you are invited to come along to 'Christianity Explained' (see page 5) or to find out more about Confirmation and what's involved, please contact Revd Gary.

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It was announced recently that the Revd John Sykes will cease to conduct Sunday Services at Penhurst later this month. John has been attached to Penhurst Church for many years and, especially since his ordination in 2009, he has been responsible for the regular Sunday worship. Needless to say, John has provided continuity and committed service over a long period which has been appreciated, not least by the existing congregation who expressed their gratitude to John at the church's Rogation Service in mid-May.

Inevitably, in some people's minds, John's departure has raised questions about the future of Penhurst Church. Be assured, there are no plans to close this much-loved and well-cared for church building. Revd Gary, as Priest-in-Charge of Ashburnham with Penhurst, will assume responsibility for the Sunday Services at both Penhurst and Ashburnham. The two parishes have been united since 1811, and this will continue. Likewise, the pattern of services at Penhurst will remain unchanged (as detailed on page 2 of this magazine), with the continued use of The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) week by week.

Should anyone have any queries or questions relating to this news please do not hesitate to contact Revd Gary.

### CHRISTIANITY EXPLAINED

Spike Milligan was a comedian, writer, musician, poet, playwright, soldier and actor. However, few people would describe him as a religious man. And yet, when asked by Clive James, "Of all the people who have lived in the history of the world who would you most want to meet?" Without hesitation Spike said, "Jesus Christ". Now we might ask 'why?' What is it about Jesus that continues to arouse such interest? Who is He? Why did He come 2000 years ago? And how is it that over 2 billion of the world's population still describe themselves as Christians?

Well, there's an opportunity to explore these questions and more over five weeks. The aim of these informal meetings is to explain what Christianity is really all about, to provide an opportunity to ask questions and exchange views. It doesn't matter whether you attend church, did so some time in the past or have never done so – anyone is welcome to come along. The meetings will be led by Revd Gary and will take place on five consecutive Wednesdays between 4.30pm and 6pm, beginning Wednesday 7th June.

If you're interested in finding out more, or in coming along, then please let Gary know either by calling or texting 07749 904887





## Coronation of King Charles

Thanks to everyone who helped make our commemoration service and village picnic a success on Sunday May 7th. It was lovely to see so many getting together on the sports field and enjoying the service, picnics, a game of stool ball and even a visit from one of our local PCSOs.



### Coffee Morning

Thanks to everyone who came to the Coffee Morning and Plant Sale on 20th May, it was a lovely sunny day to sit outside and catch up with friends and neighbours

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### Penhurst Church

Anthony Ramsey 01323 764557

### Ashburnham Chapel

Fay Ramsden 07860 113413  
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**Ashburnham Chapel Website**

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On the ground are the Community Highways Stewards. Twelve of them cover the county and a thirteenth will roam and support the others who each have their own patch.

Parish and District Council elections on 4th May resulted in the existing parish councillors being reelected unopposed. At the District level we have a new District Councillor for the Catsfield & Crowhurst Ward – Chas Pearce (Lib Dem). He takes over from Gary Curtis (Con). The Conservatives are still the largest party with 10 seats having lost 5, but the total number of independents is also 10 and Labour hold 9 seats. Lib Dems have 6 and the Greens now have 3. Since 2019 there has been a co-operation arrangement with the independents and the Lib Dems and this is likely to continue.

The cricket season got off to a very late start as the ground was too wet for the mower to mow the outfield and the wicket could not be prepared.

Brian Holdstock, Clerk to the Council    Email: [clerk@ashburnham-penhurst.net](mailto:clerk@ashburnham-penhurst.net)  
Land line: 01323 832082 with answering machine    Mobile and Text: 07836 716723  
If leaving telephone voice messages be sure to leave your name and a call back number.  
Council meetings are on the fourth Wednesday of alternate months and the next one will be a week earlier on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2023. The Planning Committee (if required) meets on the fourth Wednesday of intervening months. A list of councillors' lead responsibilities can be seen on the village website at [www.ashburnham-penhurst.net](http://www.ashburnham-penhurst.net)

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 website three clear days before the meeting and hard copy is posted on the notice board at The Chapel. Minutes of meetings are published on the village website.



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[j.french678@btinternet.com](mailto:j.french678@btinternet.com)

The Filling Station Speaker on Monday 12th June is Steve Brading who has been in Christian ministry for over 40 years. He started Kings Church in Heathfield with Ruth, his wife, in the early 80's. In 2006 Steve moved with Ruth and youngest son to Sydney Australia church planting. Steve was part of the International team which had responsibility for church plants in Cambodia, Japan, New Zealand, Philippines, and Australia. Steve is known as a prophet among the New Frontiers group of churches.



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**AUGUST:** Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> - Monday 14<sup>th</sup>

**NOV:** Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>

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Each month we want to highlight some of our upcoming retreats, in June we have two creative retreats coming up. Join us on 20th June for a workshop led by the talented Liz and Andy Cottingham where you will learn to make beaded earrings, bracelet or star decoration. The day includes a home cooked lunch, refreshments during the day and the chance to enjoy relaxing at the centre for the day. See our website for more information.

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Best wishes,  
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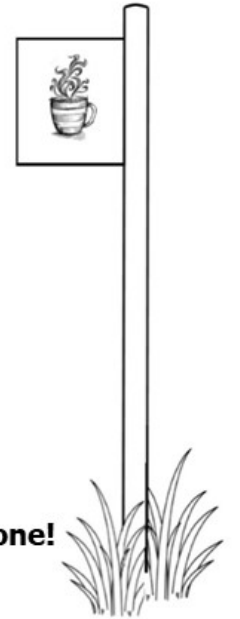
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Our next get together is on **Monday 19th June**

Hope to see you there



## Murmurations – Donna Christman

Following last month's experience of a little bird staying in our room on a gusty night, and the treat of a private aria, I'm pleased that I can now recognise the call of the blue tit amongst the variety of avian chitterings and chatterings outside. The most enchanting song of all must belong to the nightingale - the 'night singer'. The male attracts his female by decorating the night's silence with a wide repertoire of sounds, around 1000 in all, which combine to create beautiful and complex melodies. He can also be heard in the daytime and recently, within a few minutes, I counted 30 different tunes. This unassuming, brown bird, apart from conveying the expressions of dedication and love, symbolises the unique combinations of gifts and talents we each have.

There was a time in history when nightingales, like Mozart's starling, were captured and caged - and of course they didn't live their longest life in captivity. These birds can serve as reminders of the importance of physical freedom and the need to protect the freedoms we enjoy which are crucial to well-being. Nightingales also represent freedom of expression. Many of life's complications - 'feelings of 'stuckness' and even 'dis-ease' - stem from a lack of, or difficulty in, communications, sometimes going back decades. The freedom to express ourselves and to be acknowledged is essential for our health as individuals, communities and entire countries. In the same way, guarding against the loss of the intricacies, qualities and even words of language itself - whichever language - will enable us to retain the ability to communicate with clarity and intention.

The nightingale reminds us also of the healing power of sound. It is well known, both intuitively and scientifically, that the vibrations of music, including bird song, can have a profound healing effect on our body's own vibrational systems. This soulful bird has captured our hearts in significant ways throughout time and countless poets, writers and musicians have been inspired to write of love, creativity, freedom, self-expression and healing – just some of the foundations for a full and happy life!

On Sunday 18th June 10-11.30 I will be leading my next mini-retreat amongst an abundance of summer flowers and bird song (maybe including the nightingale) here on the stunning Brownbread Horse Rescue site. Please contact me for more details or to book, or check community page.

“Inspiring and very healing” – Previous participant.

Donna - 07968 293976

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## Garden and Nature Notes

Thanks to everyone who donated plants for the Plant Sale on May 20th, especially Jules who generously gave some lovely veg seedlings from the Kitchen Garden at Ashburnham Place. If you're visiting Ashburnham Place for a coffee at the Orangery, do take time to wander down to the Walled Garden. The first part is the Prayer Garden, one of the areas I look after with my team of volunteers, it's full of scented plants, lots of flowers - giving a nod to it's history as a cutting garden. It's a peaceful space which is perfect for a moment or two sitting on a bench watching the bees and listening to the birds singing in the shrubs around the walls. Head through the gate to the Kitchen Garden, tended by Jules and his team of volunteers and interns. They follow the No Dig model and you can see how successful this is as you wander around the beds growing a range of fruit and vegetables which are used at the Orangery and up at the main house.

The schedule for the Flower Show on July 29th is included with this magazine. (Head to the village website [www.ashburnham-penhurst.net](http://www.ashburnham-penhurst.net) if you didn't get a copy). Do have a look through and see which classes you might enter! There are lots of different options for vegetables and flowers so you might want to plan ahead a bit and focus on one or two things in the garden to bring on so that they're at the peak of perfection for show day. It's also a great idea to wander through the garden the week before the show and see what is looking good - I have often entered the herb and home grown flower classes based on what is at it's best even though I didn't plan ahead. Entering the show is great fun, drop a note in with your classes and entry fees (details are in the schedule) turn up early (timings are in the schedule) to stage your entries (and have a sneak peek at your competitors!) Then head back to the tent at the start of the Country Fair in the afternoon to see how you have done. Don't forget to collect any prize money and your entries at the end of the afternoon.

As I write this in, the Hawthorn or May Blossom is in full flower in the hedgerows and looks so beautiful. It's a fantastic plant to grow for wildlife as it supports a host of caterpillars - particularly moth caterpillars as well as bees and pollinating insects who visit for it's nectar and pollen. Mammals and birds eat the fruit and flowers and it's a great nesting site due to it's dense foliage and thorny twigs. With frothy Cow Parsley flowering along the verges as well our lanes have been a delight this last few weeks.

Jay Ashworth

## Congratulations

to Tony Smith and Dinty Steins of Brownbread Horse Rescue for being recognised in the Coronation Champion Awards.

The citation states that they have "been recognised as Coronation Champions for their outstanding voluntary work as part of the celebrations for the Coronation of Their Majesties King Charles III and Queen Camilla"

## Short Mat Bowls Grant Award

The Short Mat Bowls Club at the village hall has been so successful that a second mat was clearly desirable. John Walter and Jay Ashworth successfully bid for a grant for the full cost of £2,240 from N+P IN EAST SUSSEX COMMUNITY FUND. Congratulations - watch this space for news of the procurement of the new kit

## SHORT MAT BOWLS

We meet every  
**2nd & 4th Friday of the month**  
at 2 p.m. in the village hall.

**Come along and give it a go!**

No experience needed  
Open to all - Ladies & gents

*No equipment needed, just soft soled flat shoes*



## Chapel News for June

On the **4th June** we are celebrating **59** years at Ponth Green and invite you all to join us for tea at 5 pm. We will have a scrumptious homemade tea with Janet's homemade scones topped with English strawberries and cream, Michael's famous fruit cake and many other favourites which we have after our Services throughout the year. If the weather is good we will have tables out on the lawn and if it is a typical English summers day we will move into the chapel. There will be a Songs of Praise at 6-30 pm if you are able to stay on but if you can't then it won't be a problem.

I can't believe we are nearing the longest day, the last few months have flown by and we have been blessed with a wonderful fellowship, meeting together each Sunday evening either in person or on zoom which has been a real blessing to members of our congregation when they have been unwell or have had problems with their car so couldn't come in person. People often say to me "it is not the same on Zoom" and I do agree with them but if you live on your own or can't get out and about for whatever reason an hour and a half on zoom with your friends is much appreciated.

I have had a look back at the Chapel June News over the past few years and I see that in June 2020 I said that churches had now been closed for 11 Sundays and I started zooming the chapel Service on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May which means I have zoomed a minimum of 166 to date! I also said that we have been experiencing storm force winds and I had several huge tree branches lying on my drive. The following year, Janet who had been working at Penhurst Retreat as their cook announced she was retiring. 2022 saw the village celebrating our late Queen's 70<sup>th</sup> year on the throne, Pentecost also fell in June last year.

This June appears to be a quieter one, but I am sure we will all be busy with our families and who knows what could happen with all the terrible things that are going on in our world at present. June could even be the month that Our Lord Jesus returns to earth, after all, we do not have a clue when that could be. The Bible tells us that nobody knows the day and hour that Jesus will return, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son; the Father alone knows. Jesus tells us this in Matthew 24 v 36 – 44, Mark 13 v 32 – 37, Luke 17 v 34 – 36 Are you one of those people who says, "I have plenty of time", or "I am a good person, I will go on to eternal life" or have you realized that you need to turn to Jesus now before it is too late? I always think of Noah building his ark after God told him to. Everybody laughed at Noah and said things like "you are mad to build an ark, how are you going to float it, you are nowhere near the sea". But Noah carried on building, just as Our Lord had told him to and then the floods came and everybody lost their lives except Noah and his family. The Bible is full of wonderful accounts of how the people ignored warnings from God, given through prophets and now as we read these accounts and have the benefit of history we can see that the prophets warnings were so very true and directly from God. Everything they foretold came true. Therefore, we must remember that some things in the Bible have been foretold and are yet to happen. The Bible doesn't tell lies, it is Gods word given to us through various people who had the ability to hear exactly what God was saying and they obeyed and wrote down everything He told them. If we ignore these warnings we ignore them at our peril.

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Saturday 29th July 1.30pm - 5.30pm

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**Flower Show** - Schedules included with this magazine

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Brian [clerk@ashburnham-penhurst.net](mailto:clerk@ashburnham-penhurst.net)

## Can you help with...

Stalls on the day - could you pledge an hour to help with one of the stalls - we especially need some extra ideas for stalls/games for younger children

Setting up and clearing up - do you have an hour or two spare on Friday 28th or Saturday afternoon?

Get in touch with Jay 07876484945

[ashworthjay1@gmail.com](mailto:ashworthjay1@gmail.com)

## Ron's Ramblings

I had an e-mail from my cousin the other day with an attachment showing a theatre programme, which she'd found after a clear out. It was a programme for Mike Leigh's play 'Abigail's Party' starring none other than Ron King in the role of Tony and it dated from the late 80's. It immediately brought back memories, not of my fabulous acting, but of another, later, 'Abigail's Party'. This was in the West End and starred a friend of ours in the very same role. After the performance Mrs K. and I went backstage and then to the pub. We'd not long been there when two middle aged groupies approached Joe and asked for his autograph.

One of the women then turns to me and asked what I'd been in lately as she was convinced I was 'off the tele' and had seen me in various shows. Had I been in 'Fools and Horses', perhaps it was 'All Creatures Great and Small', how about 'Eastenders' ? About the only character she didn't come up with was Zebedee from 'The Magic Roundabout'. No amount of protestations on my part could convince the woman otherwise.

In the end I had to put her out of her misery and tell her that it was the same role that Joe had just appeared in but a few years earlier. But you should have seen the look on her face when I told her it took place in St Swithuns Church Hall ..... in Catford. Priceless.

There's been a bit of communication between various local Parish Councils of late trying to bring East Sussex Highways to account over the state of the roads. I then saw this little gem in 'Private Eye' magazine. In response to a report of a pothole - or what the council calls a "serviceable defect within the public road envelope" the council will be using a "scoring matrix" to carry out the "higher priority reactive repair". The response was "Why not just use some asphalt?"

Ronnie King

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If you are not in the habit of reading the Bible, I urge you to get a modern day version and read it, you will be enthralled, it is such an exciting read, better than any fiction you have read. I have never been a fan of history but I find the lives' of people like Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Isaiah, Ezekiel, Daniel and many, many more so fascinating and when I know that they are also true accounts with the benefit of history to authenticate them I just know that those things which have yet to happen according to the word of God will happen one day. The question is "when?"

Have a wonderful June, full of laughter and fun, but please give a thought to the above, remember, your family are very precious to you and you owe it to them to give them the chance of learning the truth about Our Lord and to have eternal life with Him. No other book has survived for over 2,000 years and is read by more people than any other book written! Fay Ramsden

## June Diary

Thu 1	10am - 1pm	Art Club	Sports Pavilion
Fri 2	10.30-12pm	Coffee Stop	Sports Pavilion
Sat 3	9am-1pm	The Market at Ashburnham Place	Ashburnham Place
Sun 4	10.30am 10.30am 5pm 6.30pm	Morning Worship Holy Communion Anniversary Tea Anniversary Service	Ashburnham Church Penhurst Church Ashburnham Chapel Ashburnham Chapel
Mon 5			
Tue 6	7.15pm	Pub Quiz	Ash Tree Inn
Wed 7	7.45pm	Table Tennis	Village Hall
Thu 8	10am - 1pm	Art Club	Sports Pavilion
Fri 9	2pm	Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall
Sat 10	10.30-1pm	Garage Sale	Street Cottage
Sun 11	10.30am 10.30am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Morning Prayer Evening Service	Ashburnham Church Penhurst Church Ashburnham Chapel

Mon 12	7pm	The Filling Station	Ashburnham Place
Tue 13	7.30pm	Ashburnham Church Prayer Hour	Ashburnham Church
Wed 14	10am 7.45pm	Nature Walk meet outside Orangery Table Tennis	Ashburnham Place Village Walk
Thu 15	10am-1pm 10am	Art Club Walking Group	Sports Pavilion Pigknoll
Fri 16			
Sat 17			
Sun 18	10.30am 10.30am 6.30pm	Morning Prayer Holy Communion Evening Service	Ashburnham Church Penhurst Church Ashburnham Chapel
Mon 19	2pm	WI	Sports Pavilion
Tue 20			
Wed 21	7.45pm	Table Tennis	Village Hall
Thu 22			
Fri 23	2pm 2pm-4pm	Short Mat Bowls Book Group	Village Hall Street Cottage
Sat 24			
Sun 25	10.30am 10.30am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Morning Prayer Evening Service	Ashburnham Church Penhurst Church Ashburnham Chapel
Mon 26			
Tue 27			
Wed 28	7.45pm	Table Tennis	Village Hall
Thu 29			
Fri 30			

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