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# Ashburnham and Penhurst Parish Magazine October 2022



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Please send contributions for the November edition by Friday 7th October.  
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**Church Services in October**  
**Ashburnham Church - All Services at 10.30am**

2nd October	Harvest Thanksgiving
9th October	Holy Communion
16th October	Morning Prayer
23rd October	Holy Communion
30th October	All Souls Service

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at 10.30 am on Sunday 2 October

Join us as we give thanks to God for His generous provision, and for farmers who tend the land. Also, we will be thinking both local and global, not least in relation to those less fortunate than ourselves. If you are able to do so, you are warmly invited to bring items for the Bexhill & Battle Foodbank; special envelopes will be also provided to aid those currently suffering in places such as Pakistan and Yemen right now.

**Penhurst Church - All services at 10.30am**

Services will take place in the church according to Government guidelines

2nd October	Holy Communion
9th October	Morning Prayer
16th October	Holy Communion
23rd October	Morning Prayer
30th October	Morning Prayer

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### TAKING STOCK...

(This letter was written before the announcement of the Queen's death and before going away for a couple of weeks)

The winner of this year's Nobel Peace Prize will be announced on the 7<sup>th</sup> October. This prize has been awarded annually since the death of Alfred Nobel. It is said that in 1888, a journalist mistakenly published Alfred Nobel's obituary and as a result he was able to see a summary of the achievements of his life. He was a wealthy man, a scientific genius, the inventor of dynamite and the even more deadly gelatine. In his obituary he was described as "the merchant of death". Alfred Nobel was shocked. Was this *all* his life had been about? Enabling humanity to destroy itself? This caused Nobel to ask some deep personal questions and, as a result, he resolved to work for world peace. He re-wrote his will, leaving his money to be invested and used to award five annual prizes to those people who had contributed most to the benefit of mankind during the preceding year. Alfred Nobel eventually died in 1896.

Covid-19 has caused many of us to 'take stock'. Being confronted with our own mortality and human frailty can cause us, like Nobel, to re-evaluate our priorities in life. Indeed, for Julie and I, moving to East Sussex was, in many ways, the result of our own 'taking stock'. And, of course, the current rise in living costs (be it the cost of food, oil, electricity, fuel, mortgages, etc) has meant some serious 'prioritising', as well as anxiety, for many people. In the Bible Jesus tells the story of a "successful" man – he was wealthy, his business thrived, and he looked forward to early retirement. Jesus' hearers marvelled at this tale of wealth and success but soberingly Jesus tells us that his obituary was written by God and it was very short - just "You fool!" It seems a bit harsh, doesn't it? However, the man had failed to consider some important questions of life.

**He did not think about his long-term future.** He assumed he had "many years" to live when, in fact, he would die that "very night" - he forgot about eternity, he never thought beyond this life. **Neither did he think about the meaning of life.** He thought it was all about treasure, leisure, and pleasure, which many would identify with and, aspire too, in the quest for satisfaction, happiness and fulfilment. However, for those interested in a faith dimension in life these things can only be ultimately found in a relationship with God. As St Augustine discovered centuries ago, "our hearts are restless until they find their rest in God". Finally, **he did not think about his greatest need.** If you were to read this story (cf. Luke 12 v.13-21) you'd see the words "I", "my" and "myself" appear seven times. The fool thought he was self-sufficient and didn't need God or anyone else. He was stopped in his tracks, just as Alfred Nobel was, just as the world has over the last two years or so.

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A 'mistaken' obituary was the catalyst which brought Alfred Nobel to re-evaluate his priorities. What will be the catalyst that will enable you and me to do the same? As I've been preparing together this article the following prayer of St Ignatius of Loyola came to mind:

*Lord Jesus, teach me to be generous. Teach me to serve as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to labour and not to seek to rest, to give of myself and not ask for a reward, except that of knowing that I am doing your will. Amen*

God bless, *Gary*

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T: 01424 612324 email: [gary@GandJCregeen.co.uk](mailto:gary@GandJCregeen.co.uk)

Revd Gary led the Ashburnham Church congregation in prayer for the Queen and Royal Family on Sunday 11th September and everyone joined together to sing God Save the King at the end of the service which was very moving. A condolence book remained in the Church during the period of mourning and people took the opportunity to offer prayers and memories as they visited the church.

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**on Sunday 30th October at 10.30 am**

This special service provides an opportunity remember and to give thanks for those loved ones who have died, either during the last year or beyond. They will be remembered by name and a candle can be lit in their memory. If there is someone you would like to be remembered in the service please contact:

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Anyone is welcome to attend the All Soul's Service.  
Light refreshments which will be served afterwards in  
the Church Hall (within the walled garden at Ashburnham Place).



### CHALLENGING TIMES

As I meet people across East Sussex, in my role as Rural Officer, I am becoming increasingly aware of the challenges faced by many of us due to the significant rise in the cost of living. Besides the increased price of groceries and energy, which affects everyone, those living in rural communities are especially affected by the rise in fuel costs. Though the cost of petrol has reduced lately, it is still nevertheless expensive and many individuals and small businesses, who rely on transport, are feeling the squeeze right now. The cost of heating oil, which is the main source of heating for many of us in rural areas, has rocketed of late. Needless to say, we live in challenging times and, as we'd say up north, things are 'tight' for a lot of people, including communities such as our own.

Ashburnham Church holds a "**Vicar's Discretionary Fund**". It is not a huge 'pot' but it is nevertheless there to enable the Vicar to offer some financial help to those who seek it, discreetly and confidentially. Therefore, if you, or someone you know, could benefit then please feel able to contact me directly on 01424 612324 or email: [gary@GandJCregeen.co.uk](mailto:gary@GandJCregeen.co.uk)

In the meantime, having been here for a year now I am mindful of the lovely way in which people pull together in Ashburnham and Penhurst. There is a great community spirit here and, as we look out for one another all the more during these times, our shared life together will be all the richer.

Rev'd Gary

## PEW CUSHIONS FOR ST. PETER'S

The July/August edition of the Parish Magazine included details of the proposed introduction of pew cushions to St Peter's (or Ashburnham Church). As the Parish Church in Ashburnham this building has hosted mile- stone events for hundreds of years, such as baptisms, weddings, & funerals, for individuals, families in the village, & the wider community. Today the church remains a place of welcome and 'gathering', not least for a growing number of those who worship here every Sunday. Furthermore, many visitors enter the doors of St. Peter's throughout the week (the church building is open 24/7) to pray within its ancient walls, browse around or simply enjoy the sanctuary and peace of the place.

The introduction of pew cushions seeks to ensure St Peter's remains a place of welcome while also providing additional comfort and warmth. Hence, the invitation to those who wished to do so (or were able to do so), to sponsor or contribute to a pew cushion. It was anticipated that the cushions would be introduced gradually, as funds permitted; however, such has been the incredible generosity of individuals and organisations across the local community, pew cushions have been ordered for all the pews! This is amazing! Such support is greatly appreciated and will contribute to the ongoing worship and witness for years to come. Thank you!

It is hoped the pew cushions will arrive and be in place before Christmas. So please do feel able to pop into St Peter's at any time and, of course, you are always assured of a warm welcome should you wish to come along on a Sunday. With sincere and humble thanks, *Revd Gary*

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Revd Gary Cregeen is responsible for the pastoral care of parishioners, and would welcome 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 always 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 Ponds 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



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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 board at The Chapel.



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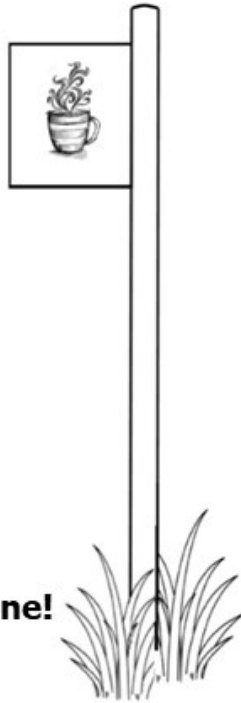
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It might seem early to be thinking about preparing for Christmas but here at Penhurst we have a programme of Advent Quiet Days taking place during 6-9 December with different themes but all exploring Advent themes and offering the chance to get away from the busyness for a few hours and prepare spiritually and emotionally for the Christmas season. Each day is being led by a different member of our staff and volunteer team and includes refreshments, a home cooked lunch.

If you would like to get away from it all for a weekend in Advent then we have the popular author and retreat leader David Cole coming to lead a retreat based on themes in his book 'Celtic Advent' drawing on ancient Christian traditions and customs which can help us connect with God today.

Have a look at our website for more information and details of how to book, we look forward to seeing you at the Retreat Centre soon.

From the Penhurst Team. .

## Short Mat Bowls

We have discovered all the equipment required to play short mat bowls at the village hall. Although not used for some time it's in first class condition so I'm hoping to organise one afternoon per week through from October to April.

This is a great fun way to socialise and get a bit of exercise without having to have any previous knowledge of the game and is suitable for anyone that would like to give it a try.

Please register your interest with me as soon as possible and see if we can get a group together to give it a go.

Thanks for your interest

John Walter - 01424 892618 [John.r.walter@btinternet.com](mailto:John.r.walter@btinternet.com)



## Village Walking Group

**Saturday 8th October, 1pm - 2.45pm**

Jane and Jeremy Jago will lead a walk from Little Oak Hall down the byway towards the bottom of Tent Hill, then on to the church and back up Penhurst Lane. Tea and buns afterwards at Little Oak Hall. Start point at

Little Oak Hall, Penhurst Lane, TN33 9QN. Parking at Little Oak Hall or on Penhurst Lane. Well-behaved dogs on leads welcome.

Contact Jane on [jagoj@aol.com](mailto:jagoj@aol.com) or 01424 838349 for more details.

No date has yet been fixed for our November walk, but Bob Andrew will lead a walk around Brigden Hill. Details in the next magazine and on facebook in due course. For details ring Tina on 01424 892580

**October's Book Group**  
will meet at Street Cottage  
on **Friday 28th October**  
**2pm to 4pm**



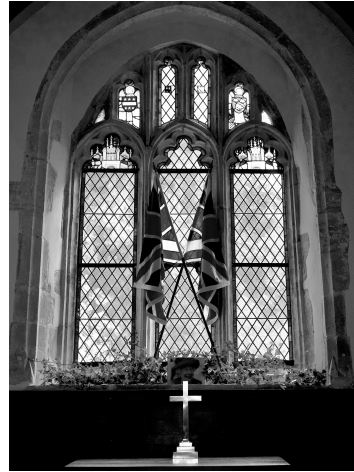
We will be chatting about the books we have enjoyed since the last time we met: sharing, swapping, lending and recommending.

It doesn't matter if you haven't read much for a while - it will be lovely to see you anyway and perhaps we'll inspire you. We're very much looking forward to seeing you. Contact Nicky on 07799 691707 or [nickyatstreetcottage@gmail.com](mailto:nickyatstreetcottage@gmail.com) for more info.

## Our Villages' Response to the Death of Queen Elizabeth II

Following the announcement of the death of Queen Elizabeth on Thursday 8th September various members of our village churches and parish council responded quickly to make sure we honoured her long and faithful reign. Brian Holdstock ensured that the Union flag was lowered and raised correctly during the mourning period and Proclamation of King Charles III.

Brian and Jay set up a book of condolence in the Village Hall while Revd Gary and others provided the same in Ashburnham Church. At Penhurst Church, Rev John Sykes displayed the Union flags in the window above a picture of the Queen. This all gave space for those who wished to mark the Queen's death the opportunity to do so, thank you to all involved.



## Tony Smith reminisces about meetings with Queen Elizabeth

I chatted to both the Queen and Duke over the years.

The Queen when I entered my two Haflinger Horses in a show against her two Haflinger Horses at Windsor. My two came first and second while the Queen's came third and fourth. We had a chat about the situation together with the Duchess of Devonshire.

When the Queen and Duke visited Ardingly, South of England Show a few years back I was standing where the police stopped us on a path as the Queen passed by. I was watching a little girl presenting a posy to the Queen when this man's voice said next to me, "Brownbread, Brownbread, what is that?" It was the Duke following on behind and seeing my charity polo shirt was inquisitive. We had a brief chat as I explained the name of my Horse Rescue Charity being derived from the name of the street in which it is located, "Brownbread Street."

I recently also wrote to Camilla as I taught at the school she attended. I received a nice letter back from the Palace.

## Rachel Bickersteth remembers an encounter with the Queen

On holiday in Scotland years ago I went pony trekking at Balmoral. As we were coming back down the track we had to stop for a Land Rover coming up the hill. The driver's window wound down and Her Majesty in headscarf with that wonderful smile asked if we had had a good afternoon. It felt very inappropriate to be talking down to her from the saddle, but she was clearly delighted that we had enjoyed the countryside as she did.

## Gardening and Nature Notes

I always feel sadness when I realise I haven't seen a Swallow for a few days and that the last ones must have left for their migratory journey back to Africa. In early September the sky above Green Pastures was filled with Swallows swooping for insects as they gathered ready to leave, it was wonderful to watch their aerobatics.

It always amazes me that some butterflies and moths are also migratory, we came across a Convolvulus Hawk Moth resting on a car wheel during the day, these migratory moths are very large, with a wingspan of 8-12cm! It flew past us one night outside and it felt as if it was a bird going past! Another migratory species is the Clouded Yellow Butterfly, a pretty yellow-orange butterfly with silver spots on its hindwings. The thought that something so delicate can fly here from Africa and Europe is quite mind blowing! I have seen several of these at Ashburnham Place this year in the gardens and it's important to remember that garden flowers can be an important food source for butterflies and moths as well as bees and hoverflies. I always try and aim to have plenty of plants in the garden that keep on flowering late into autumn and others that flower over the winter to provide nourishment for any butterflies, moths and other pollinators who are about. We have winter flowering heathers which are great and covered in bees in late winter and early spring. Currently, Verbena bonariensis, Dahlias, Helenium, Japanese Anemone, Geranium and Sedum (now called Hylotelephium) are currently the stars of the show.

As the seasons change it can be a good time to look at what worked in the garden and what might need changing. I often look back at photographs I have taken to see what is needed for the future. It's also encouraging when working on a fairly new garden to look back a few years and see how far you've come! Jay Ashworth

**ASHBURNHAM CHURCH invites you to**



**Ashburnham Church Hall at 8.30am**

**Saturday 26th November - Ollie Jeffs from The Pelham (Bexhill)**

Details from John French

[j.french678@btinternet.com](mailto:j.french678@btinternet.com) or 01424 - 892580

## Chapel News

At last we received some rain last month and it surprised me how quickly the fields 'greened up' and the lawn needed cutting. I am sure you all found the same. Summer now seems to be a long time ago and all those very hot days are almost forgotten.

On the 9<sup>th</sup> October we have our next Healing Service which will be led by Revd. Canon Rob Dillingham who is the deputy director for apostolic life in Chichester Diocese & also the priest in charge at Holy Trinity High Hurstwood. Rob has been a regional leader of new wine and on the planning team of the Diocesan Healing conference. He is passionate about sharing the gospel and helping people to discover their life in all its fullness through Christ. It would be lovely to welcome you to this Service even if you don't need healing prayers at the moment. The Holy Spirit is always very evident at these Services and many people tell me after the Service how they feel uplifted with a real sense of wellbeing and peace.

We had hoped to have another Soup@cakes@1 lunch in October but unfortunately owing to circumstances beyond our control we have had to postpone this. I will let you know in good time when the next one will be held.

May I just remind you that it is our Harvest Festival Service on the 25<sup>th</sup> September (I am hoping you will receive this magazine in time) tea is at 5 pm with Songs of Praise at 6-30 pm

Don't forget that we zoom our Services live each week and you can login on;

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4107830582?pwd=NkdoUlpWaDBjOE1DZmdhRThOU2RLdz09>

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One tap mobile Meeting ID: 410 783 0582 Passcode: 726912

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4107830582>



### The Filling Station

Monday October 10th we have Robert Steele from Ellel Ministries as our Speaker. We meet for coffee at 7pm and then in the Great Hall for wonderful worship, excellent teaching and powerful prayer ministry. All welcome, come and be topped up with the Holy Spirit. For more information go to [www.thefillingstation.org.uk/station/ashburnham](http://www.thefillingstation.org.uk/station/ashburnham) or contact Catherine at [catherine@duggelby.com](mailto:catherine@duggelby.com) or 07801 634034

## Jay reflects on a moving visit to London

We set off at 5am to travel to London on Wednesday 16 September and found front row places opposite Horse Guard's Parade. We chatted with others in the crowd and watched numbers build as we waited 7 hours for the procession to pass us. We heard the funeral marches played by The Bands of the Scots Guards and Grenadier Guards as the procession rounded the corner and marched towards us. It was extremely moving to see the Queen's coffin carried on the gun carriage, topped with the Imperial State Crown and wreath of white flowers. The Royal party passed closely by and it was clear to see their personal grief in the midst of the military pomp. The crowd remained silent as the procession passed but quiet applause broke out once it had passed by.



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PLACE

### Nature Walk with Jay Wednesday 12th October 10am

meet outside the Orangery for an informal, seasonal walk  
no need to book and no charge but donations welcome!

### Wreath Making Workshops December 7th - 10th

Join Jay as she demonstrates how we make Christmas Wreaths at Ashburnham Place using natural materials then have a go yourself. You will have a lovely wreath to take home. All materials included and refreshments. Price £40

<https://www.ashburnham.org.uk/events/list/page/3/>

Please remember we are a dog free site except assistance dogs



## October Diary

Sat 1	9am-1pm 7pm	Eden Ashburnham Farmers and Provisions Market Harvest Supper	Ashburnham Place Village Hall
Sun 2	10.30am 10.30am 6.30pm	Harvest Thanksgiving Holy Communion Evening Service	Ashburnham Church Penhurst Church Ashburnham Chapel
Mon 3			
Tue 4	7.30pm	Pub Quiz	Ash Tree Inn
Wed 5	7.45pm	Table Tennis	Village Hall
Thu 6	10am - 1pm	Art Club	Sports Pavilion
Fri 7	10.30am-12	Coffee Stop	Sports Pavilion
Sat 8	1-2.45pm	Village Walk	Little Oak Hall
Sun 9	10.30am 10.30am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Morning Prayer Healing Service	Ashburnham Church Penhurst Church Ashburnham Chapel
Mon 10	7pm	Filling Station	Ashburnham Place
Tue 11	8pm	MI	Ash Tree Inn
Wed 12	10am 7.45pm	Nature Walk Table Tennis	Orangery Tea Room Village Hall
Thu 13	10am - 1pm 7.30-9pm	Art Club Connect Bible Study	Sports Pavilion Church Hall
Fri 14			
Sat 15			
Sun 16	10.30am 10.30am 6.30pm	Morning Prayer Holy Communion Evening Service	Ashburnham Church Penhurst Church Ashburnham Chapel

Mon 17	2pm	WI	Sports Pavilion
Tue 18	7.30pm	Ashburnham Church Prayer Hour	Church Hall
Wed 19	7.45pm	Table Tennis	Village Hall
Thu 20	10am - 1pm 7.30-9pm	Art Club Connect Bible Study	Sports Pavilion Church Hall
Fri 21			
Sat 22			
Sun 23	10.30am 10.30am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Morning Prayer Evening Service	Ashburnham Church Penhurst Church Ashburnham Chapel
Mon 24			
Tue 25			
Wed 26	7.45pm	Table Tennis	Village Hall
Thu 27	10am-1pm 7.30-9pm	Art Club Connect Bible Study	Sports Pavilion Church Hall
Fri 28	2pm-4pm	Book Group	Street Cottage
Sat 29	11am-1pm	Garage Sale	Street Cottage
Sun 30	10.30am 10.30am 6.30pm	All Souls Service Morning Prayer Evening Service	Ashburnham Church Penhurst Church Ashburnham Chapel
Mon 31			

### Garage Sale at Street Cottage (opposite the Ash Tree Inn)

Saturday 29th October 11am - 1pm  
Tea, Coffee and Cake available  
Proceeds going to the New Village Hall Fund

*Come along to bag a bargain and enjoy a cuppa with friends!*