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Ashburnham and Penhurst Parish Magazine December 2022 and January 2023



Please send contributions for the February edition by Friday January 6th
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Church Services in December

Ashburnham Church - All Services at 10.30am unless otherwise stated

4 December	Morning Worship
11 December	Holy Communion
18 December	Carols by Candlelight at 6.30pm
25 December	Christmas Day Family Worship Followed by a shortened Holy Communion at 11.20am

1 January	New Year's Day Service
8 January	Holy Communion
15 January	Morning Prayer
22 January	Holy Communion
29 January	Morning Worship

Please see our website and Facebook page for up to date information.
A creche for children under 5 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 December	Holy Communion
11 December	Carols Outside
18 December	Carol Service
25 December	Christmas Day Communion
1 January	New Year's Day Communion
8 January	Plough Sunday Morning Prayer
15 January	Holy Communion
22 January	Morning Prayer
29 January	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 for more information. Also see the Chapel News later in this magazine for more details.



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

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God knows...

2700 or so years ago the nation of Israel was in a dark place -life was tough and the future bleak: many people were overtaken by despair and uncertainty. Yet, amid such darkness God's message of hope rang out, as recorded in this Bible passage, often read at this time of year: *'The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned... For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace'*.

These are the words of Isaiah, who was a prophet, and he had a vision of the coming of Christ and of a light that was to shine in the world, which would provide help and comfort in time of trouble. It was the announcement that God, one day, was going to enter human history in the form of a child – Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, the source of hope and life – the Bible tells us that *"in him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness."* At Christmas we celebrate His coming and in entering this world Jesus entered into our sorrows and sufferings; He actually wept at a grave and went on to die on a cross and to conquer death by rising again – giving us a hope and a future.

We are now in the season of **ADVENT** – yes, it is the period leading up to Christmas but it is also the time of year when Christians remember Jesus' promise to return – His Second Coming. It is a time of preparation – not just for Christmas but the return of Christ. And we can be ready by trusting in Jesus as the Way, the Truth and the Life – we can place our hand into His hand and find peace, comfort and hope.

On Christmas Day in 1939, as citizens of the British Empire faced a world war, King George VI resurrected the tradition of delivering an annual Christmas message to all the inhabitants of the Empire. In this excerpt from his speech, the King, not usually a compelling speaker, inspired and reassured his listeners by quoting a poem: *"I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year, 'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.' And he replied, 'Go out into the darkness, and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be better than light, and safer than a known way.'"*

We live in uncertain and challenging times - be it as a result of the on-going conflict in Ukraine and the corresponding impact on worldwide fuel and food shortages, or the effects of global warming. Personal circumstances can also be a cause of uncertainty and anxiety, such as struggling to make ends meet as a result in the rise in the cost of living or living with a difficult relationship or health concerns. However, amid all of these challenges there is hope...

None of us know what the future holds but, as the title of the poem (quoted by King George VI) asserts so clearly, '**God knows**' and this can give us hope and confidence. God invites us to place our hand into His hand and to place our trust in the One described some 700 years before His birth as the:

Wonderful Counsellor - the One we can talk to, the One who will listen.

Mighty God – the One who can give us strength to carry on.

Everlasting Father – the One who loves us as a Father loves a child.

Prince of Peace – the One who gives peace beyond our understanding.

Wishing you God's richest blessing this Christmas and throughout the coming year,
Revd Gary

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Prayer and Pastoral Care for our Villages

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 too.

The Filling Station Monday 12th December 7pm, We would love to invite you and your friends to our 12th December 'Carols at Ashburnham'. We will be enjoying Christmas Carols and Worship, mulled wine, mince pies AND will welcome Laura Brett, our Guest Evangelist. Please come with your friends and neighbours this Christmas to the Filling Station at Ashburnham, and hear the Good News about Jesus!

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EVERYONE WELCOME!



How to make a CHRISTINGLE

- Take an orange (or a satsuma, using a birthday cake candle) and make a small hole in the top (to ensure your candle fits into the hole tightly).
- Fasten a red ribbon or tape around the orange.
- Place a square piece of silver foil around the base of a small candle, and push the candle into the hole in the orange.
- Load four cocktail sticks with raisins, soft sweets, sultanas, etc.

It is advisable to store your Christingle in a cool place until you bring it to the service. **For more information visit: www.christingle.org**

PEW CUSHIONS!

The Pew Cushions for St Peter's Church, Ashburnham, have been delivered and installed and the look amazing, and the pews are more comfortable too! THANK YOU to those individuals and community groups who sponsored a pew cushion—this wouldn't have been possible without you! Anyone is welcome to pop into church to sample the pew cushions at any time, though the forthcoming Christmas Services provide a good opportunity to 'try them out'! Revd Gary



Carols round the Village
Friday December 16th starting from
The Pound at 6pm

Our route this year will take us through Ashburnham Place and along the Kitchenham Road to Agmerhurst, which completes our six-year tour of the village. Refreshments for carol singers are always very welcome!

We plan to call at *all* homes en route, but if you would prefer we did not call, please text Nicky on 07799 691707.

Carol singers are advised to bring: warm gloves and hat, easily removable waterproof boots, warm drinks, a bit of sparkle and - very importantly - a torch. Word sheets will be provided.



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You can join Ashburnham Church in supporting FSW by becoming a Friend, donating food, visiting the charity shop in Eastbourne – and until the end of December use the blue tokens to vote for FSW in all Tesco shops in Bexhill. Please visit the website for more information and news.

www.familysupportwork.org



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Parish Council News

The village hall marks its sixtieth year with a significant change in the way it is being run. It was in 1962 that Rev John Bickersteth conveyed the ownership of the former village school to the parish council. The conveyance contains the condition that the parish council remain owners for so long as it is used as a village hall. If it is not so used the ownership passes back to the trustees of the Ashburnham Thanksgiving Trust.

The conveyance also created a charitable organisation, registered with the Charity Commission as Ashburnham and Penhurst Village Hall. The trust deed created a village hall committee and put the parish council at arms length from the day to day running by making it 'custodian trustee'.


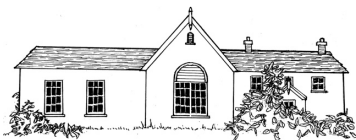
Over the years the committee functioned as set out in the trust deed with representative organisations having the right to appoint a member of the committee who thus became a trustee. And so they did with the number of members of the committee being in double figures for many years. Great things were achieved in terms of maintenance and improvement of the building with perhaps the most visible today being the splendid wood floor in the main hall. In the glory days there was enormous enthusiasm for fund raising, although maintaining the hall did feel like a bottomless pit as the years wore on. Today it still looks good inside and much of that is due to the W.I. and volunteers redecorating it throughout and renewing the curtains a few years ago.

However, many of those so energetic years ago are now village seniors and no new and younger blood has come forward to replace them. Furthermore, such energy as there is has been diverted to the building of a new village hall. Inevitably, the last few stalwarts on the village hall have decided to call time and, using the powers given to them under the Charities Act 2011, have resigned en bloc as trustees and appointed the parish council as Sole Managing Trustee. What will this mean? Outwardly, there will be little change. The Charity still exists and reports to the Charity Commission. The finances must continue to be separate maintaining the same bank account and bookings too work the same way as does the cleaning and reordering of supplies including heating oil. Parish Councillors collectively are the sole managing trustee and must keep that role separate from the parish councillor role. Trustee meetings will be separate and there will be a public AGM, most probably tagged on to the Annual Village Meeting in April. There has never been a stronger case for a hall of this size in the parish. Nowhere else could accommodate weekly table tennis and they are now joined by fortnightly short mat bowls. Events like the new Art Exhibition and the annual village meeting could also be held nowhere else. And so, although the kitchen needs modernising and the toilet block could do with a rebuild, the village hall's future has been secured in the short term by the parish council stepping up to run it. Beyond that depends on the will of the village.

Brian Holdstock, Clerk to the Council Email: 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 last Wednesday of alternate months (next is 25 January 2023) and the Planning Committee (if required) meets on the last Wednesday of intervening months. A list of councillors' lead responsibilities can be seen on the village website at 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 web site three clear days before the meeting and hard copy is put on the notice board at The Chapel.



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MI

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10th January
at 7.45pm /8pm,
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Book Group

won't be meeting in December. We
hope that all bookworms in the village
receive lots of wonderful books as gifts
and we look forward to hearing about
them in January. **Our January gathering
will be on Friday 27th January at Street
Cottage from 2pm-4pm.** We look
forward to seeing you then.



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
for more info.

Chapel News

Firstly, may I remind you that we have our Carol Service on the 4th December at 6-30pm when the Offering will be given to the local Macmillan Nurses. We will include your favourite carols which we all enjoy singing so much.

On Christmas Day we will join St. Peter's for their Service at 10-30 a.m to enable everybody to celebrate together the birth of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ before we join up with our families for our Christmas Festivities.

2022 seems to have flown past but I can't say in all honesty that it has been a good year for many countries. Although here in the U.K we have had some lovely weather and the mild winter so far has helped everybody's pocket because we haven't needed to use our heating, well, at least up until the time I am writing this! I may have 'egg on my face' by the time this magazine is published and we will have a foot of snow.

This year has seen some incredible happenings, the U.K with 3 Prime Ministers in just a few months, Ukraine fighting for its survival as Putin attacks, sending 1,000's of troops to their certain death. Iran seeing so much unrest, Australia seeing wild fires in the summer and now floods, people are starving in Somalia the list is endless.

Our Lord must despair at the way the world is carrying on. Less and less people put their trust in Jesus and then wonder why all these terrible things are happening. This morning I was reading 2 Samuel where King David takes the throne and eventually rules all of the Israelites but as we all know David wasn't the best person in the world and he made many mistakes, but he always tried to consult God before he did anything radical and when he forgot, things didn't go well for him. He was of course human and like us, often did 'his own thing' instead of consulting God first.

With Christmas nearly upon us, let us rejoice in the birth of Jesus and the new start that the world was given by His coming. Now we have eternal life, providing we acknowledge that Jesus is Lord, that he died to save us from our sins and he is alive today. What a wonderful promise he gave us, and how simple, yet so many people today just cannot understand His promise. When we put our trust in Jesus, His Holy Spirit lives in us and guides us in our thinking, speaking and actions.

All of us at the Chapel wish you a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year. Please do join us either in the Chapel or on Zoom by logging into:-

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 Unfortunately we will not be offering afternoon teas in January

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As we enter the Christmas season we wanted to remind you about our
 Advent Quiet Days which are being led by members of the team here at the
 retreat centre on 6th, 7th 8th and 9th December. Each day will have a
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 meal at lunchtime. Head to our website to look at the themes of each day
 and book a place.

We are also excited about our programme for 2023 all of the retreats,
 creative days and quiet days are now on our website and open for booking
 so do have a look to see if anything appeals to you. Whether you come for a
 few days retreat or a morning of creativity you will find a warm welcome,
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 reconnect and recharge.

We wish you all a happy Christmas and every blessing for 2023

From the Penhurst Team.

SHORT MAT BOWLS

Come and have a go at short mat bowls

No session in December,
 but starting January 2023 we will be meeting every

2nd & 4th Friday of the month

at 2 p.m. in the village hall.

No experience needed

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ASHBURNHAM &
 PENHURST WI

We now meet 3rd Monday of each month
 at 2pm
 in the Sports Pavilion.

Our next get together is on
Monday 19th December 2022 and
Monday 16th January 2023
 Hope to see you there



The Coffee Stop

Next two Coffee Stops are

Friday 2nd December 2022
& Friday 6th January 2023

Drop in anytime between
 10.30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

for a cup of coffee and chat.

held in the Pavilion

All ages and interests welcome.

Looking forward to seeing everyone!



Village Walking Group

New Year's Day Walk to blow away the
 cobwebs. Meeting at the Ash at 1.30pm for
 a walk approximately 2 hours long.
 Followed by mulled wine and nibbles at
 Nicky's House, Street Cottage.

December Diary

Thu 1	10am - 1pm	Art Club	Sports Pavilion
Fri 2	10.30am-12	Coffee Stop	Sports Pavilion
Sat 3	9am-3pm	Eden Farmers' & Provisions Market	Ashburnham Place
Sun 4	10.30am 10.30am 6.30pm	Morning Worship Holy Communion Evening Service	Ashburnham Church Penhurst Church Ashburnham Chapel
Mon 5			
Tue 6	7.30pm	Pub Quiz	Ash Tree Inn
Wed 7	10am 7.45pm	Nature Walk Table Tennis	Orangery Tea Room Village Hall
Thu 8	10am - 1pm 7pm	Art Club FSW Carol Service	Sports Pavilion Ashburnham Church
Fri 9			
Sat 10			
Sun 11	10.30am 10.30am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Carols Outside Evening Service	Ashburnham Church Penhurst Church Ashburnham Chapel



Carols in the Pub

Monday 19th December at 7pm

with Carols from 8pm



Ashburnham Estate Properties to rent

From time to time properties become available to rent on the Ashburnham Estate. If you would like to be contacted when something becomes available, without any obligation, please do let us know.

Contact the Land Agent, Florence Wolfe on 01273 407012, Mobile 07458 117431

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Garden and Nature Notes

The mild weather that we continued to have through much of November resulted in some unusual sights in the garden with Dahlias flowering, Courgettes ripening and butterflies still flitting about. At Ashburnham Place I photographed Cornflowers, Marigolds, Love in a Mist and Ammi flowering beautifully in the first week of November, a rather strange sight along with falling leaves and fungi coming up in the grass around.

The changing weather has implications for all sorts of wildlife, Ruby Harrison, writing for the The Woodland Trust says; “However, if extreme weather like we have had this summer becomes increasingly common, disruption to natural cycles may throw species out of sync. Butterflies, for example, rely on a period of dormancy during winter to save energy while food is scarce, and many plants require a spell of cold weather in winter to drive germination in spring. It’s not just animals that struggle with rising autumn temperatures longer-term as trees rely on cold spells to help kill off and stall the spread of pests and diseases.”

I have mentioned before that a friend of mine has always done a flower count on Boxing Day, going around the garden to see how many plants are blooming, I wonder if there will be different ones still out this year if the warmer weather persists. These kind of studies, whilst informal, help us build up a picture of changes over time and can prove to be important records.

I am sure we are all aware of the spread of Avian Flu this year, it has devastated bird populations across the UK, particularly in coastal colonies, some of which have lost thousands of birds. If, like me you enjoy feeding birds in your garden then it’s important to clean feeders and bird tables regularly, preferably weekly. Areas such as feeders where different birds congregate closely provide ideal conditions for the virus to spread. The RSPB website has lots of information about the epidemic and a guide to the best way to clean feeders, <https://www.rspb.org.uk/our-work/rspb-news/rspb-news-stories/keep-your-garden-birds-healthy/>

If you want the latest advice and regulations from the government about keeping chickens, you can find it here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu>

I hope you get time to enjoy the natural world over Christmas and the New Year,

Jay Ashworth

Mon 12	7pm	Filling Station	Ashburnham Place
Tue 13	8pm	MI	Ash Tree Inn
Wed 14	10am 7.45pm	Nature Walk - meet outside Orangery Table Tennis	Ashburnham Place Village Hall
Thu 15	10am - 1pm	Art Club	Sports Pavilion
Fri 16 		Village Carol Singing	
Sat 17			
Sun 18 	6.30pm 10.30am 6.30pm	Carols By Candlelight Carol Service Evening Service	Ashburnham Church Penhurst Church Ashburnham Chapel
Mon 19 	2pm 7pm	WI Carols in the Pub	Sports Pavilion Ash Tree Inn
Tue 20	7.30pm	Ashburnham Church Prayer Hour	on Zoom
Wed 21	7.45pm	Table Tennis	Village Hall
Thu 22	10am-1pm	Art Club	Sports Pavilion
Fri 23			
Sat 24 	4pm	Christingle Service Christingle making from 3.15pm	Ashburnham Church
Sun 25 	10.30am 10.30am	Christmas Day Family Worship Christmas Day Communion No Chapel Service	Ashburnham Church Penhurst Church
Mon 26			
Tue 27			
Wed 28	7.45pm	Table Tennis	Village Hall
Thu 29			
Fri 30			
Sat 31			

January Diary

Sun 1	10.30am 10.30am 1.30pm 6.30pm	New Year's Day Service New Year's Day Communion Village Walk Evening Service	Ashburnham Church Penhurst Church Meet Ash Tree Inn Ashburnham Chapel
Mon 2			
Tue 3	7.30pm	Pub Quiz	Ash Tree Inn
Wed 4	7.45pm	Table Tennis	Village Hall
Thu 5	10am - 1pm	Art Club	Sports Pavilion
Fri 6	10.30-12pm	Coffee Stop	Sports Pavilion
Sat 7			
Sun 8	10.30am 10.30am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Plough Sunday Morning Prayer Evening Service	Ashburnham Church Penhurst Church Ashburnham Chapel
Mon 9			
Tue 10	8pm	MI	Ash Tree Inn
Wed 11	7.45pm	Table Tennis	Village Hall
Thu 12	10am - 1pm	Art Club	Sports Pavilion
Fri 13	2pm	Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall
Sat 14			
Sun 15	10.30am 10.30am 6.30pm	Morning Prayer Holy Communion Evening Service	Ashburnham Church Penhurst Church Ashburnham Chapel

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Parish Magazine this year, for Ashburnham Church for underwriting it, Fay for organising the advertising and all those who pay to advertise, everyone who helps deliver it to all the households in our villages, the proof readers and of course, everyone who writes articles, plans events and sends information in.

It is 16 years since I helped re-launch the Parish Magazine and it has grown a bit over the years! I hope you still find it useful! Jay Ashworth

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Fri 20			
Sat 21			
Sun 22	10.30am 10.30am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Morning Prayer Evening Service	Ashburnham Church Penhurst Church Ashburnham Chapel
Mon 23			
Tue 24			
Wed 25	7.45pm	Table Tennis	Village Hall
Thu 26	10am-1pm	Art Club	Sports Pavilion
Fri 27	2pm 2pm-4pm	Short Mat Bowls Book Group	Village Hall Street Cottage
Sat 28			
Sun 29	10.30am 10.30am 6.30pm	Morning Worship Morning Prayer Evening Service	Ashburnham Church Penhurst Church Ashburnham Chapel
Mon 30			
Tue 31			

Plough Sunday Service

Sunday 5th February

at Ashburnham Village Hall at 11am
followed by a homemade light lunch

Come and join us as we celebrate God's creation and
our rural community