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by Jay Ashworth

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Please send contributions for the October edition by Friday 6th September  
We reserve the right of refusal & the right to edit any articles

**CHURCH SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER at  
ASHBURNHAM & PENHURST CHURCHES**

1st September	9.15 am 11 am	Holy Communion (BCP) at Penhurst Adult Baptism at Broadwater Lake, Ashburnham Place
8th September	9.15 am 11 am	Morning Prayer (BCP) at Penhurst Holy Communion (CW) at Ashburnham
15th September	9.15 am 11 am	HARVEST HOLY COMMUNION at Penhurst Morning Prayer (CW) at Ashburnham
22nd September	9.15 am 11 am	Morning Prayer (BCP) at Penhurst Holy Communion (CW) at Ashburnham
29th September	10.30 am	ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS JOINT SERVICE at Penhurst (No Service at Ashburnham)

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Ashburnham Chapel meet at 6.30pm each Sunday.

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**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 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.



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### EVIL IS NOT THE END OF THE STORY

The spree of murder and mayhem in recent weeks has left the world shocked, appalled, perplexed and saddened. At the end of July three young girls were killed, aged 6, 7 and 9 while attending a Taylor Swift dance school in Southport; other children were injured, as well as three adults. The attacker was arrested at the scene.

The following day, hours after a peaceful dignified vigil by the local community, who were mourning and coming to terms with what happened, a violent riot erupted in Southport, this triggered further riots and attacks across the country. We now know this violence was fuelled by lies, and various conspiracy theories, on social media. These events are somewhat incomprehensible and yet, there is something in all of us which seeks explanation, prompting the 'why?' question while struggling for an answer. Yet, in my view, our first duty in such instances – however dramatic, however curious – should always be to show concern to the injured and bereaved; showing compassion must come before seeking comprehension. Of course, it is right that we seek justice, but we must be careful not to use justice as a pretence for revenge. But what does this concern look like?

On one level it is to grieve and mourn alongside the parents, friends and Southport community. But, as the story of Job (found in the Bible) acknowledges, trying to infer an explanation to inexplicable acts of suffering can often be unhelpful in such circumstances. We long to know why a 17-year-old attacked a group of young children happily dancing to Taylor Swift songs. But we may never know. And that is hard; indeed, it almost feels unacceptable in a culture that feels the need to know everything, because we want to feel we can control everything – including tragic and evil acts.

In thinking and praying about these recent tragic events I've become more convinced that truth matters. Christians are called to love truth, to pursue it, and to be prepared to work hard to find and defend it. In recent days we have seen the power of lies and conspiracy theories, that lead to violence and destruction, and, I suppose, this could be a warning against subscribing to ideology over truth and facts.

The Bible teaches that there is an unbreakable bond between love and truth, just as there is a bond between lies and evil. Saint Paul wrote: "love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth." This matters because, as we have seen, it can have serious consequences. We cannot be lazy when it comes to seeking truth, neither can we be neutral about it. We cannot be bystanders to falsehood and allow those who pedal lies to remain unchallenged – "for evil to prevail all it takes is for a good man or woman to do nothing". Of course, this doesn't mean that we know everything, and in complex situations we certainly cannot know everything straight away – effectively, we are not God, who, from a Christian perspective, is the only One who knows all things. Thus, in my experience we need to try to learn to be content with our lack of knowledge sometimes; after all, in our longing for answers, we can quickly reach wrong conclusions, or fit evidence to our own pre-constructed opinions.

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One final thought... as a Christian I believe that evil is not the end of the story. One of the many blessings of being a Christian is that you are able to have a very different perspective on events such as these. If you hold to the view that this life is all there is, then the current events are an utter tragedy without any redeeming feature. There is neither redemption for the sufferers nor judgement for the guilty: death obliterates both victim and perpetrator alike in the ultimate travesty of justice. John Lennon's 'Imagine there's no heaven' is a notion with a bitter downside: the universe is utterly unjust. Yet as a Christian I believe that the universe is indeed just, that there will be a final reckoning and that in Jesus Christ grace triumphs over evil. In our grief and perplexity, let us remember that evil doesn't have the last word – God does and let us seek His peace and healing for those affected by the tragic events in recent days and for ourselves.

God bless and take care,  
Revd Gary

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**Harvest Supper - Saturday 5th October at the Village Hall**  
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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 for donations towards Tearfund's 'TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES APPEAL'. For years, conflict and a changing climate have ravaged many parts of the world. As a result, extreme poverty continues to devastate people and communities. People have lost homes and livelihoods. This initiative supports communities to rewrite their own stories and rebuild their lives, creating a future filled with hope and opportunity.

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*A leaflet providing information about the project, including a list of items is included in this edition of the Parish Magazine; copies are also available in the porch of St Peter's Church, Ashburnham and Penhurst Church.*

**Those wishing to take part in this year's Appeal are invited to bring your gift-filled shoe box to either Penhurst Church or St Peter's Church, Ashburnham, on SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER, or deliver it to either of the Churches any time prior to this date. Thank you!**

### CHILDREN @ ASHBURNHAM CHURCH

Did you know there is a Sunday Club at Ashburnham Church Hall (TN33 9NE) every Sunday at 11 am, at the same time as the Sunday Service in Ashburnham Church? Children aged 4+ can enjoy craft, story-telling, songs and play in a safe and friendly environment. All Sunday Club leaders are DBS-checked and safely recruited. There is also a quiet area in the 'upper room' at St Peter's that is available for parents/carers to take pre-school children out during the service, which has toys, books and colouring materials available.

For more information contact Julie Cregeen (01424 612324)

### Annual Memorial (All Souls) Service

to be held on Sunday 20 October at 11 am at St Peter's Church, Ashburnham.

### From the Parish Register

Wedding  
Saturday 27 July

Mark Stevenson & Stephanie Ferguson  
Penhurst Church

## ADULT BAPTISMS – Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September.

It is with much joy that we will be baptising an adult in Broadwater Lake, at Ashburnham Place, on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September at 11 am. During that last year it has been a delight to welcome new people to both Ashburnham and Penhurst Churches, and among them is Kirsty McIntosh, who wishes to be baptised by immersion. Baptising adults, as well as infants and children, has been part of the initiation rites of the Church of England for centuries – in the Book of Common Prayer the baptism of adults is described as ‘The Baptism of those of Riper Years!’.

Anyhow, on that day the whole Sunday Service at Ashburnham will be by the lakeside and those wishing to come along are encouraged to bring a deckchair and a picnic (including food and drinks)! It is suggested folk park at the bottom of The Orangery car park – nearest to the jetty on Broadwater Lake. If the weather is not favourable, we can de-camp to the Church Hall after the Baptism Service.

Please hold Kirsty in your prayers as she takes this important step in her faith journey and ask God to bless the occasion and everyone attending. Revd Gary

## MARQUEE SERVICE

Thank you to everyone who supported the recent Marquee Service; besides members of both Ashburnham and Penhurst Churches it was good to also welcome folk from the local villages and beyond. The retiring collection amounted to £206, which will be donated to HUG – Homelessness Unity Group – a Bexhill-based charity offering help, hope and emotional and practical support for the growing number of homeless people locally. Thank you also to the Parish Council for allowing us the use of the marquee for this Community Celebration.



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## Parish Council News –

Both of July's major annual events were favoured with fine weather - quite an achievement given the unseasonal weather until the middle of the month. The Vintage Motor Cycle Club's concours day at the cricket ground had a great attendance with the usual bewildering range of treasured machines.



The Flower Show & Country Fair had even better weather and fitted in to that space after the rainy period and before the heat wave in the first week of August. Attendance was up to

similar numbers as last year and the sum raised was £4,400 This is being split between St Michael's Hospice (in memory of Bob Parsons) and a project to enhance facilities at the sports field and pavilion. The organising group are going to add in the unspent funds raised for a new village hall and make a proposal to the parish council in the autumn about how the money should be spent.

More fund raising for the hospice is still under way in the form of a raffle of a cricket bat that Tim Keeley has donated. Made in his local factory that produces much sought after bats, a favourite among famous batsmen, it's to be raffled separately to raise funds for St Michael's Hospice as a tribute to the late Bob Parsons who for so many years tended the cricket square and prepared the wickets.

The next event to look forward to will be the Art Exhibition in October. By then it is hoped to have WiFi operational in the village hall though this is far from certain given the reluctance of Open Reach to agree to new connections before the great switchover from copper wire to digital fibre which has to be completed by 2027.

Brian Holdstock, Clerk to the Council      Email: [clerk@ashburnham-penhurst.net](mailto:clerk@ashburnham-penhurst.net)  
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Council meetings are on the fourth Wednesday of alternate months and the next one will be on Wednesday, 25th September 2024. 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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**The Ashburnham Filling Station** meets on Monday 9th September at Ashburnham Place in the Great Hall when our Speaker will be John Pressdee who accompanied Graham Kendrick on the March for Jesus. Coffee and cake will be served in the Conservatory at 7pm followed by Gerry Page leading Worship, and there will be Prayer Ministry at the end of the meeting for those who would like prayer. All welcome. For more details please contact Catherine on 07801 634034 or [catherine@duggleby.com](mailto:catherine@duggleby.com)



### The Coffee Stop

Thank you all for your support at the country fayre, we raised enough money to pay for our booking in the pavilion, thereby securing the coffee stops place in the community for another year.

The coffee stop was started by the Ashburnham W.I. as part of a national campaign "Alleviating Loneliness" and traditionally supported by the Parish Council.



Next Coffee Stop is

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We announced in the July/August Magazine that Joanna was leaving as manager and we held a farewell gathering for her at the end of August in the gardens at Penhurst. The sun shone as over 50 people enjoyed drinks, snacks and of course cakes and chatted to friends, volunteers, staff, trustees and patrons who call came along to wish Joanna well and thank her for all her hard work over the last five years.

The daily life of the retreat centre continues as we welcome guests on quiet days, personal retreats and led workshops. July and August have been busy months as we have been fully booked nearly all the time. We still have some spaces on upcoming retreats and space for you to book individual time to come and enjoy the peace and tranquility of the centre for yourself. Do get in touch with us in the office if you would like to enquire about booking in or go to our website for more information on what we offer. Our brochure for next year is being put together by Jay and is nearly complete so that will be available later in the autumn too.

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be on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September**, when we  
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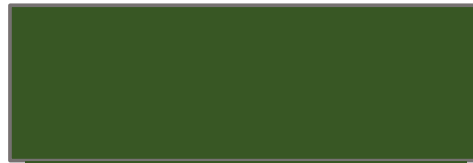
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## Ron's Ramblings.

Last week we paid a visit to some old friends living near Eastbourne and on arrival was greeted by a pigeon strutting up and down outside their front door. Nothing unusual you may say. But this was not your common or garden woodie or one of those manky, disease ridden specimens that you see under railway arches. This one was sleek and glossy. With my middle name being Sherlock I quickly came to the conclusion that this was a homing pigeon and my hypothesis was reinforced by the fact that on one leg was a ring and the other sported a minute tracker. Elementary.

The friends had arrived home one day to find a bag of bird seed spread over their kitchen floor and a trail of bird poop down the stairs. Having searched the house from top to bottom and finding no trace, they retired for the night. Only to discover in the morning, said bird perched on the top of a large oil painting of the late Mrs Gilbey (of Gin fame) but luckily had only pooped over the picture frame and not the portrait itself. He'd made himself at home and there was no way he was going back outside, thank you. Even with Mark doing his best impersonation of a female bird on heat (do birds do that?) Eventually he was coaxed outside with a trail of seeds and a bowl of water, whereupon all the doors and windows were closed to prevent a re-entry. This was on the hottest day of the year. They were effectively under siege for the next four days until it gave up and flew off back to Bristol.

Having contacted the owner by means of the ring number it seems the bird was released on the Isle of Wight but instead of turning left it went right. Safe to say that navigation was not this bird's strong point. It would have been useless as a carrier pigeon in the First World War.

The strange part about this whole episode was that this was not an isolated incident. This is the fourth, exhausted and lost, homing pigeon that has turned up on their doorstep in the past year. The first one set off from Littlehampton on it's way to Dover. Not particularly far in bird terms and yet it decided to stop off at Eastbourne for a few days rather than complete the intended journey. It's almost as though it's the bird equivalent of a Premier Inn and the word has got around.

Ronnie King

## Flower Show Prize Winners

Banksian Medal - most points in Fruit and Vegetable Section	Louise Roberts and Sally Rogers
Eric White Memorial Shield - most points in show	Sally Rogers and Louise Roberts
Roy White Memorial Trophy - The Country Gardener	Louise Roberts
Jim Payne Trophy - Floral Arrangement	Paula Hutchings
WI Trophy - most points in show WI member	Maggie Evans
Cup for the Best Lego Creation	Lilly Weekes

### Best in Section

Flowers	Bob Andrew
Produce	Lila Bousba
Photography, Arts and Crafts	Samantha Brown
4 Years and Under	Ned Keeley
5-7 Years	Fion Walker
8-11 Years	Evie Walker
12-16 Years	Grace Wills
All Ages up to 16	Grace Wills

### Most Points in Section

Flowers	Louise Roberts
Produce	Gill Ratcliffe
Photography, Arts and Crafts	Paula Hutchings
4 Years and Under	Ned Keely, Mila, Elizabeth Cook
5-7 Years	Archie Kemp
8-11 Years	Lilly Weekes
12-16 Years	Ava Hutchings
All Ages up to 16	Flora Timms-Andrew

**Congratulations to all prize winners and all those placed in the different classes.**

**We had entries from 59 people and the standard was very high.**

**Thank you to everyone who entered and to all those who helped with judging, adding up the points and admin on the day and beforehand, it was much appreciated and helped the show run very smoothly. Jay Ashworth.**



## Murmurations

In the 70's country kids like me were turned out into paddocks to exercise. We learnt to read with Peter and Jane and Pat the dog, and we read many, many Kellogg's packets. Like cowboys we rode to the village store and hitched up our ponies outside. Dynamo lamps flickered and faded in the dark as our twiggy limbs struggled to pedal hand-me-down bikes up the steepest hills and hollows. Back then, mostly free of concerns besides my Animal Jobs, I had little idea how I would meander through the decades, sometimes a surging rollercoaster like a river at source, at other times a seemingly motionless estuary. The twists and turns that make life are exactly that. Life. Rich, challenging, vibrant, testing, always moving this way and that....

In the 80s I partied in barns and, finishing college, I acquired a boyfriend - the best thing since sliced bread I thought, back then. In the 90s I studied hard and worked hard... a young adult learning how creative thinking can solve problems. Life's curve balls have led to some inspiring business solutions - companies founded with passion and often dire need - such as Chuckling Goat, a kitchen table gut-health start-up borne from one woman's mission to save her husband's life. Attachment to future outcomes, when the flow of life has different plans, can be rigid and unyielding whereas a nimble mindset, flexible, adaptable and open to a range of outcomes is a true gift, particularly when external forces really rock and roll.

Engaging lateral thinking skills soon reveals previously unimaginable solutions and employing our intuition to solve problems (delving deep inside ourselves for what feels right) is always accessible to us, as is 'sleeping on it' - many issues resolve themselves overnight with no action needed at all. Being aware that difficult situations can cause our breathing to be fast and shallow we can close our eyes and scan the body for areas of unease or tension. Breathing into these areas of tightness, whether the jaw, shoulders, chest/heart or stomach/lower belly creates stillness, gives our system more oxygen and enables the brain to then passively work on a (re)solution rather than juggling a range of emotions. In every way - and there are myriad problem-solving strategies - we allow our brain the time and space to sift through its vast archive of experiences and we also allow, and trust, our gut instincts to guide us.

I still read cereal packets. Maybe they're so mundane it's like emptying the mind, a kind of mini meditation. This morning, Toasted Buckwheat Seeded Muesli, and on the packet: "Life's a country path, winding this way and that. Take a deep breath, then take it all in." Perfect!

Donna Christman

## Chapel News for September

Don't forget it is the Chapel's Harvest Festival on the 29<sup>th</sup> September and as usual we will have tea at 5 pm followed by a Songs of Praise Service. The offering will be given to Wateraid.

As I write this, the summer is fast passing us by but the Chapel have had some wonderful times of worship with the presence of the Holy Spirit very evident. Our Healing Service in July saw lots of new faces and many of these coming up for prayer. Revd. Peter Walker reminded us that included in the 4 gospels are 20 detailed incidents of healing and 12 generalised statements.

The 20 detailed incidents mention 31 people healed by God through Jesus, he specialised in bringing God's healing to beggars and social outcasts. Through Jesus God healed a wide range of physical maladies, including blindness and paraplegia. It is also recorded that those who were suffering from painful complaints of one kind or another were brought to Jesus and cured even at the point of death. Most were healed while Jesus was on a journey, some at home and others at meetings - only 2 of the 31 were healed at an organised, pre-arranged, religious meeting. In most Jesus' initiative was an unsolicited 'please' by a friend, relative or the individual themselves.

In many instances the reaction was antagonistic: twice there was persecution, once there was opposition and argument, and another time there were plots of destruction. The chief priests determined to kill Christ after the raising of Lazarus. Perhaps most remarkable of all – yet the same happens today – five times there was no reaction at all when God brought miraculous healing through Jesus and not everyone turned to follow Christ as a result.

Through his three brief years of ministry Jesus brought God's healing to the sick, but also made time to train 12 apostles and 72 disciples to follow Jesus' example, a practice which continues today! Jesus still heals through his sons and daughters who are prepared to pray for healing of the sick. I know many people who pray for the sick and see God's healing. Sometimes it is immediate, sometimes over a few weeks and sometimes over many months.

The Chapel now has a lending library of many inspiring books about people's experience of healing plus many others about the bible, the Holy Spirit, and Angels. We are building our library up and would be pleased to lend them to anybody that would like to read them. If you have any such books and would like to donate them to our library we would of course be very grateful.  
Fay Ramsden



**Ashburnham and Penhurst Flower Show and Country Fair 2024**



*£2,200 to St Michael's Hospice and £2,200 for community projects on the Sports Field Site*



**£4,400**

**Thank You**

*to everyone who everyone who helped make it happen and all those who came along on the day*

Following the success of this year's Flower Show and Country Fair we have reflected on the growth of this village event started by the Garden Club and WI back in 2009! Over the past 15 years the event has grown hugely and has not only provided a fantastic annual focus for our community to get together but has also raised thousands of pounds for charitable causes and village projects. Many of the current organising group have been involved in helping with the event since its early days and in more recent years have taken on full responsibility for the event, meeting monthly to plan, delegate and organise and running various stalls and attractions on the day including the Flower Show, BBQ and Tea Tent. We're delighted that the event has become so popular but it takes a huge amount of work each year to pull it off. We are so grateful to everyone who helps beforehand and on the day and while we hope that it will carry on for many years to come, some of us have decided that our time at the forefront of the organising group has come to an end. Again, we want to thank everyone for their support and hope we will be handing over to others who will take up the challenge and continue to grow this fantastic village event. We are not 'retiring' from everything and will no doubt be back organising smaller community building and fundraising events before too long!  
Richard White, Christine White, Gill Ratcliffe, Robin Ratcliffe, Louie Roberts, Jay Ashworth.

## September Diary

Sun 1	9.15am 11am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Baptism, Broadwater Lake Communion Service	Penhurst Church Ashburnham Place 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	10.30am-12	Coffee Stop	Sports Pavilion
Sat 7	8.30-10am	Men's Breakfast	Ashburnham Place
Sun 8	9.15am 11am 6.30pm	Morning Prayer Holy Communion Evening Service	Penhurst Church Ashburnham Church Ashburnham Chapel
Mon 9	7pm	Filling Station - Conservatory	Ashburnham Place
Tue 10	7.45pm	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	10am-12pm	Library Cafe	Village Hall
Sun 15	9.15am 11am 6.30pm	Harvest Holy Communion Morning Prayer Communion Service	Penhurst Church Ashburnham Church Ashburnham Chapel
Mon 16	2pm	WI	Sports Pavilion
Tue 17	10.30am 7.30pm	Village Walk Prayer Hour	Penhurst Retreat Church Hall
Wed 18	12pm 7.45pm	Village Lunch Table Tennis	Village Hall Village Hall
Thu 19	10am - 1pm 10.45am	Art Club Church Service led by Revd Gary	Sports Pavilion Hazel Lodge
Fri 20	2-4pm	Library Cafe	Village Hall
Sat 21			
Sun 22	9.15am 11am 6.30pm	Morning Prayer Holy Communion Evening Service	Penhurst Church Ashburnham Church Ashburnham Chapel
Mon 23			
Tue 24			
Wed 25	7.30pm 7.45pm	Parish Council Table Tennis	Sports Pavilion Village Hall
Thu 26	10am-1pm	Art Club	Sports Pavilion
Fri 27	2pm	Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall
Sat 28			
Sun 29	10.30am  5pm 6.30pm	St Michael and All Angels Joint Church Service Harvest Festival Tea Songs of Praise	Penhurst Church  Ashburnham Chapel Ashburnham Chapel
Mon 30			

### P.A.N.T.S

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