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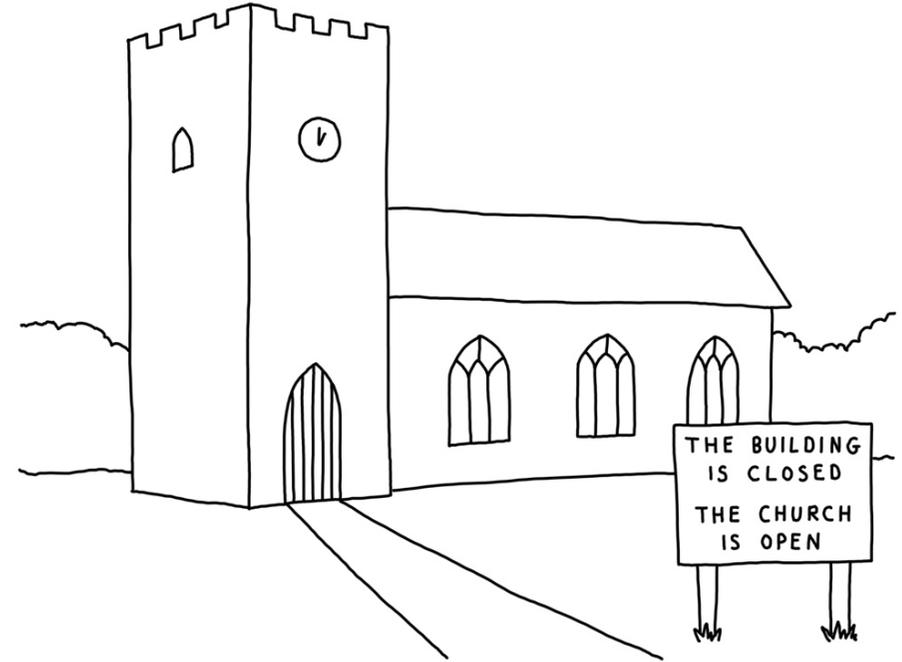


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Please send contributions for the June issue by Friday 1st May.
We reserve the right of refusal & the right to edit any articles

Online Church Resources

Lots of churches are posting online services, here are a few to try!

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<https://www.diddydisciples.org> & <https://content.scriptureunion.org.uk>

Why not take the chance to worship with Christians in other countries? this is the link to services at Christ Church Cathedral in Vancouver
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Dear Friends,

One of the upsides of being stuck at home for days and weeks is to do a number of things one had been putting off for some time. Cleaning comes to mind as Diana and I have grappled with hoover, cloths and polish. *'Cleanliness is next to godliness'* so penned John Wesley. I am reminded of one of his other sayings: *'I look upon the world as my parish'*. It is difficult enough today to carry out one's ministerial duties in what amounts to a five-mile radius. Yes, we pray for the parish and its people; we pray for our world in all its need as we all battle the effects of Covid-19.

One of the other pursuits which has been helpful in this lockdown is to return to books waiting to be read and to enjoy what lies between those pages. I would find it impossible to read a book via a Kindle or some other device. There's nothing quite like handling pages. Francis Bacon wrote in the 16th century, 'Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some few to be chewed and digested'. The greatest book of course is the Bible, a collection of sixty-six books. The Latin and Greek words give us the word 'bibliography' and hence the Bible. Therein lies the handbook, if you will, of how to live a Christian life.

Another thing which has been a feature of these days is the heightened power of observation. I think of the quiet main road running past our track. The odd truck, the tractor trundling along, the occasional car and the cyclist. The quiet has allowed the birdsong to really penetrate as they frolic in the cherry blossom trees nearby. Or the swallows who have decided that home must be under the eaves outside our bathroom. To Richard's cows who were longingly looking into our lush green grass and nearly got through until Richard made good a broken fence. Each evening to see Richard and Christine's girls carrying buckets of milk up to feed calves whose mothers had sadly not made it through motherhood.

In just the very ordinary things of life we see God's hand, as Elizabeth Barrett Browning rightly observed: 'Earth's crammed with heaven, and every bush afire with God'. In these uncertain days let us trust God and see Him at work in His creation and look at life with eyes which see Him at work : 'Immanuel'= God with us.

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Due to the continued lockdown this edition of the magazine will be available online and via email rather than being delivered.

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Church Services and groups at
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To all Group Leaders and Members

if you run or are a member of a group that usually meets regularly, why not try and keep in touch virtually with each other? It could be the only contact some people get during the week and might make a real difference to someone who is stuck at home.

Let's keep looking out for one another during this difficult time, give a neighbour a call, offer to help if you can, give updates to those you know without internet access and above all let's all stay safe!

BOOK GROUP IS GOING AHEAD!

We will meet on **Friday 29th May**, at the usual time of **2pm until 4pm**. And as usual we will be talking about the books we've read and enjoyed since the last time we met (more books than usual, I've no doubt).

Our gathering will take place via the marvellous technology that is **Zoom**. All you need is a PC, lap-top or tablet.

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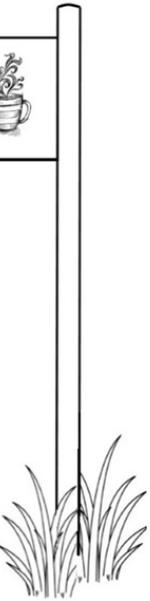
Looking forward to hearing about all the books you've read in lockdown!

The Coffee Stop

Unfortunately due to the continuation of government restrictions on gatherings we will not be able to meet in May.

We hope you are all well and safe. If you do need help, details of how to access local village services can be found in this magazine.

Please keep in touch with each other by phone and email and we will resume coffee mornings as soon as it is possible to do so and look forward to catching up and hearing all your 'self-isolation' stories.





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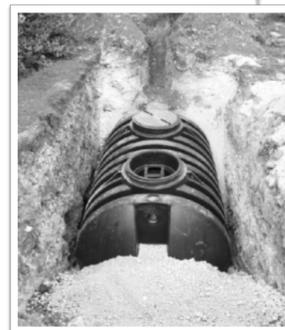
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CHAPEL NEWS

Well, I have to say that I didn't think I would ever see the day when churches and chapels all over our country would be closed for prayer, but this is what we have seen over the past weeks!

We have tried to pray at the same time every day (9 p.m) which is some consolation but it is just not the same as meeting together in Our Lord's House. We haven't been able to share Communion and remember Jesus as we do every week either at St. Peter's or at The Chapel. Our prayers have been with Ashburnham Place, Penhurst Retreat Centre and the Crowhurst Home of Healing, all of which are temporarily closed and facing difficult times. Then of course there are all the charities that do such good work helping people who are so much less fortunate than us, their donations have been drastically cut and their charity shops have been closed. Maybe we can try to support them more when everything gets back to normal.

However, we must count our blessings as most of us have gardens that we can get out into and it is the time of year when there is lots to do in them. We will have to be very industrious this year and grow our veggies and salad things from seed as we have not been able to go to the Garden Centres to buy plants.

I am hopeful that by the time this magazine reaches you we will be on the downward straights and be on top of Covid-19 but if that is not the case then we must keep on praying for help from the Only One who is really able to stop this pandemic and when it is all over we must remember what we have learnt about what is really important in our lives, namely Our Lord Jesus, our health and our families. I am sure throughout this we have realised what really matters in life!

Nature has been very busy whilst we have all been isolated in our homes, all the spring flowers have been magnificent, the birds have been very busy building their nests and laying eggs and the trees and hedges have been sending out new shoots and leaves. This all reminds us how much God loves us and keeps His promise that "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease." Genesis 8v22

May Our Lord Bless You All!!

ROGATION

Before our way of living changed so abruptly, Ashburnham Church was planning a Rogation Service on the Playing field on Sunday 3rd May. Rogation (from the Latin "rogare" meaning "to ask") refers to a traditional time of praying for agriculture. These services are a time to pray for those working with the land and we celebrate with an outdoor service to ask God's blessing on our fields, crops, livestock, and gardens. In recent years we have held our Rogation service on various farms in the village, Brigden Hill Farm, Deer Park Farm, Oak Bank Farm, and last year in the walled garden at Ashburnham Place.

Rogation is one of three times in the church calendar when we focus on the land and farming. Chronologically we start with Plough Sunday (January) to ask for a blessing on seeds sown in the ploughed ground; Rogation (May); and Harvest (September) is an offering of thanks for all that God has given us that year. Each of these reminds us of the fact that we are dependent on God to send the rain and the warmth of the sun for crops and vegetables to flourish, and for his miracle of new life.

After the flood, God gave Noah the sign of a rainbow as a promise of hope – just as people around the world are using it again today. God said "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease." We can know that while our previous rhythms of work and meeting together are disrupted, God's daily rhythm of sunrise and sunset, and the seasons of growing and harvesting have not changed. We are privileged to be able to see first-hand the growth of the natural world all around us, from the blossom on trees, bluebells and primroses, birds building nests, crops pushing up in the fields, calves and lambs. This is God's blessing and God's promise to us that He is Sovereign, He is constant and He provides for us.

Although we cannot physically meet together at present, some of us are following service outlines* written by Revd Peter in our homes. We share specific prayer needs for those we know, as well as praying regularly for everyone living in Ashburnham & Penhurst.

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We look forward to seeing you all again soon. Stay safe.

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Spring has definitely sprung. The cherry blossom has been glorious, the birds are nesting in the trees and the bluebells are coming out. Yet we are also in this strange season with the COVID-19 coronavirus.

Whilst the centre is closed to visitors, we are very much thinking of our local community and praying for our neighbours in the village and at Ashburnham Place, the parish council and other support networks. "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace" (Num 6:24-26).

We are also keeping our Facebook page updated with pictures and information but also with thoughts, prayers and meditations to give you a sense of Penhurst in your living room! Please do take a look and invite others you know who love Penhurst and are on Facebook to follow us there too.

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Rogation continued

On Sunday 3rd May we will pray for the farms and the families of our community, to ask God's blessing on everyone's work – agricultural or otherwise – and for protection for all those we know and love at this time.

Perhaps we could all join together to pray on that day, as we enjoy our beautiful surroundings during our daily walk:

Dear Father God,

We give thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for your amazing creation around us, especially the beautiful countryside at spring time.

Please bless our growing crops and green pastures, the young animals, our gardens, vegetables and fruit trees. Bless those who work on the land, growing food and caring for the countryside.

We thank you for our family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us. We pray for the work of everyone in our community, for jobs and livelihoods, and ask for provision in times of need.

At this time we pray for all who are affected by Covid-19, whether ill, worried about loved ones, or bereaved. Give energy to those in the health and care services who are looking after others and give wisdom to our government and scientists as they make decisions for the country.

*We pray all this in the name of your son Jesus,
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Revd Len Crowe

It is with sadness that we announce the death of Revd Len Crowe who served as Vicar in Ashburnham and Penhurst in the late 1990s. Len had been ill with dementia and was cared for by his wife Olive for many years.

Len was born in Hackney in 1925 and joined the BBC at the age of 15 as a 'Day Page'. At 18 he came to know The Lord and worked himself up to be a librarian before going into the air force as a radar operator. He met Olive soon after, they married and had two daughters. He returned to the BBC after the war and worked as an outside broadcasting engineer with football, the boat races and even the first Christmas broadcast by the Queen to his credit.

At 55 he felt called to the ministry and moved from being a Baptist into the Church of England. At the age of 70 he was called to assist Ken Barham at Ashburnham and Penhurst for about 3 years. He initially lived at The Manor House and was involved in the setting up of the Penhurst Retreat Centre. He retired to Bexhill where he helped in a number of churches until his final retirement after 16 years of work for the Cof E.

Tina and John remember that 'Len and his lovely wife Olive arrived in Ashburnham Church with lots of smiles and good humour and a firm Christian faith that was full of love. We have many good memories of Len, enthusiastic about his faith and sharing with others'.



A S H B U R N H A M

P L A C E

It seems inevitable that we all have a challenging few months ahead of us and neighbours are going to be more important than ever. If there is any way you think we might be able to help you or the villages over the coming weeks please do get in touch. We have offered via the Parish Council to help with picking up prescriptions and cash, check out the centre pages of the magazine for more information about this service. If there are other ways we can help, get in touch, maybe we can help with shopping, checking in on local isolated or elderly people or any other ideas you may have. We will also be regularly praying for our local communities so please let us know if there is anything specific we can pray for.

It is with some sadness that we have taken the decision to close the grounds and gardens, Orangery Tea Room and Be the Word Bookshop to the general public in order to play our part in limiting non-essential travel, this will mean the main gates and car parks will be closed. However, we would like our local neighbours to be able to walk the grounds so please feel welcome to use the back gate and enjoy a stroll around the lake, for your daily exercise, in accordance with the guidelines laid out by the Government. Please respect all other guidance for the safety of our onsite community. Paul and Andy

From Ashburnham Place

Garden and Nature Notes

The Met Office are likely to declare that this April was the sunniest on record and I'm sure we've all been enjoying the sunshine in our gardens, on our daily walks or even just as it streams in through our windows. It has really lifted everyone's mood I think although the prolonged dry weather will have been causing our farmers and gardeners some problems. I am writing this on the first rainy day for a long time and although it is rather grey and gloomy I am glad of the rain. Like many of you I have been busy in my garden at home while I am furloughed from work and the grass seed, transplanted plants and recently sown lettuce seeds will all be grateful for the steady rain that is falling.

I have been keeping a closer eye than usual on the bird activity in our garden; the hen pheasant who 'locked down' on her nest only a few days after the rest of us hatched her chicks a couple of days ago. They are very cute but as daft as you might imagine and she managed to lose several on her first journey out of the garden into the neighbouring field! We have blue tits nesting in our newly installed nest box as well as a blackbird sitting on a well hidden nest behind some ivy, a



starling nesting in a hole in a tree branch and a tree creeper tucked in behind some loose bark on an old oak tree. Having watched them all carrying nesting material into their new homes, it's all gone quiet, presumably while they are sitting on eggs. I will be watching for the first signs of food being delivered to the hatchlings!

Usually many of us would be visiting gardens for inspiration. Some of these have come up with online ways to engage with us. A couple of years ago I visited Keukenhof in Holland to see their gorgeous tulip displays, this year they are showing lots of virtual tours in the absence of visitors, go to <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqvItLp1vxIcb5QrcUGEA7w>

The NGS scheme which encourages local gardens to open for charity have launched some virtual tours <https://ngs.org.uk/virtual-garden-visits/>

The RHS are hoping to bring something of the flavour of the Chelsea Flower Show online during May, check out this link for more details <https://www.rhs.org.uk/shows-events/rhs-chelsea-flower-show/news/2020/sue-biggs-open-letter-chelsea>

Jay Ashworth

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BLOCK OF BUTTER £2.00

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Depending on availability 24 hours notice would be helpful

Some products available now

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Life in Isolation!

This is just to let you know that we are still here in Penhurst and Ashburnham, remembering the Government Guidelines and keeping safe.

Cinderella is continuing to social distance herself from her stepsisters, and enjoying the peace and quiet

Jack - he hasn't found his beanstalk yet, but is spending more time in the garden planting seeds

Aladdin is on Furlough Leave from his mother's laundry

Robin Hood is out and about, delivering for those at home (phone 07836 716723)

Sleeping Beauty is unaware of what is happening, but **Rapunzel** is self-isolating completely

Dick Whittington has cancelled all travel, and is looking suspiciously at his cat!

Mother Goose is sitting on her eggs and insisting that everyone stays 2 metres away

Goldilocks is staying at home, and just enjoying a walk in The Reed Wood once a day

(Some may say we won't have a panto this year, but we hope we can reply "oh, yes, we may"!)

We hope to return in November

A date for your diaries, hopefully.

Thursday 26th to Saturday 28th November

Keep safe and well.

From PANTS committee



2.6 Challenge

Many charities are missing out on regular fundraisers so the 2.6 Challenge has been launched by the team behind the London Marathon to encourage us to keep raising money while in lockdown!

Many of us would have enjoyed drinks and cake at the Out of the Blue Coffee morning and joined in or helped out with the annual run at Ashburnham Place in May but of course neither of these is taking place this year.

So, as a community let's rise to the challenge to do some fundraising for Out of the Blue and have some fun in the process!

Do a challenge around the numbers 2.6 or 26, get sponsorship or just donate!

So far the following challenges have been completed:

Cathy, walked, Aneska ran and Saskia cycled 2.6 miles!

Becky, Ollie, Dexter and Ernie cycled 2.6m x2.6m - 6.76m

Steve & Freddie cycled 5.2 miles and then joined Lucy and Flora in spotting and photographing 26 different wildflowers and blossoms

Tom and Joe have completed challenges and raised money

Michelle, Molly and Bethany are running 2.6m a day on their treadmill until they've completed a marathon

Jay is running 2.6m a day around the local area until she's run a marathon too

Zoe and Michael are planning a 26km cycle ride

What can you do to help raise some funds and have fun?

Check out <https://www.twopointsixchallenge.co.uk> for some ideas

Here is the link to the Out of the Blue 2.6 Challenge fundraising page

[https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-display/
showROFundraiserPage?](https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-display/showROFundraiserPage?)

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The charities that Out of the Blue support are involved in mental health awareness and support for those affected by suicide. They are Beachy Head Chaplaincy, Winston's Wish, FSN and Calm. Need for these services is rising at the same time as financial support is dwindling. Please help if you can.

News from Chichester Diocese

The Revd Ruth Bushyager, currently Vicar of St Paul's, Dorking in the Diocese of Guildford will serve as **Bishop of Horsham**.

The Revd William Hazlewood, currently Vicar of the United Benefice of Dartmouth and Dittisham Exeter Diocese will serve as **Bishop of Lewes**.

The Bishop of Chichester, Dr Martin Warner, said it was "a very significant day in the life of the Diocese of Chichester. It is the outcome of prayer, across the diocese and beyond, that has sustained us in this complex and demanding appointment process. The announcement of who will serve as Bishop of Horsham and Bishop of Lewes now comes as a joyful pledge of hope and confidence in the Church's mission beyond the painful restrictions that responding to the Coronavirus pandemic demands of us. We gladly open our hearts to Ruth and to Will, and to the wonderfully diverse gifts and experience they will bring to our apostolic life, as we welcome them and their families into this household of faith."

Welcoming Will's appointment **Dr Martin Warner**, said: "Will brings to the Diocese the experience of priestly ministry in a busy seaside parish, its rich potential and the prayer that sustains it. He attracted diocesan-wide recognition in Devon through outreach to families and his capacity to value and transcend differences in Church and society. His primary ministry will be to serve the people in the archdeaconries of Hastings and Brighton & Lewes but he will also have a wider ministry across the diocese, using his gifts and experience to enrich the life of the whole of this household of faith."

William has been a priest since 2002 where he served his curacy in a parish in the centre of Bristol before moving to Buckinghamshire to serve the parish of Iver Heath on the outskirts of Slough. In 2011 he moved to the diocese of Exeter to be Incumbent of Dartmouth and Dittisham, a market town and village in the South Hams. He became Prebendary of Exeter Cathedral in 2017. His wife Sophie grew up in Sussex and is a Project Manager. They have two young children. "I'm really looking forward to getting started," said Will, before adding: "My first task is to listen and get to know the clergy and people of the diocese so that I can discern how to support and encourage the local mission of the church in all aspects of its life."

To see a video introduction to both our new Bishops, follow this link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aQuXgODimoY&t=903s>

Parish Council Launches Parish Pump

Call the Parish Pump on 0800 246 5591
and have a chat

The line is open to take calls every day except Sunday from noon to 4pm
and again in the evening from 7 to 8 pm.

So don't be alone – pick up the phone and call the Parish Pump!

More volunteers willing to take calls would be welcome so that the
opening hours could be extended either during the day or in the evening
or just as back up cover for an existing slot. If you'd like to know more
about becoming involved call the hotline on
07836 716723 or email clerk@ashburnham-penhurst.net

Call 07836 716723

If you are worried about yourself or a neighbour

If you need help or advice

If you would like to offer help or assistance

Important Contact Details

www.gov.uk/coronavirus - for up to date and detailed guidance

www.nhs.uk - for information about what to do if you fall ill

www.ashburnham-penhurst.net - for local guidance

Useful Contact Details

Ash Tree Inn: 01424 892104

Ninfield Stores: 01424 892281 chris@ninfield.com

Ashburnham and Penhurst Facebook Page:

www.facebook.com/groups/penhurstandashburnham/

Ashburnham Church Facebook Page:

www.facebook.com/AshburnhamPlace/

Ashburnham Chapel Website

www.ashburnhamchapel.co.uk

Play Cafe Facebook Page:

www.facebook.com/groups/thePlaycafe/

WI Facebook Page:

www.facebook.com/ashburnhamWI/

Parish Council News

Parish councillors hold an online meeting every Monday evening in order
to review the events of the past week and to make plans for continued
support.

Support mechanisms are in place now for -

- shopping
- collections and deliveries
- prescription collection
- cashing cheques
- a check-in and chat line for anyone needing some conversation

The majority of people have arrangements in place with neighbours,
friends or family who cover their day-to-day needs. The hot line gets
just a few calls per week and all requests have been covered by
volunteers who have shopped, collected or delivered. Those who shop
report few problems with orderly queuing where necessary, well
managed maintenance of social distancing and limits on the number of
people in a shop at any one time. The shelves are also increasingly
well stocked. Online is a similar story and those who have registered
with their online grocer as being in a vulnerable category get priority
access to booking delivery slots.

In the last few weeks the Coronavirus Act 2020 has been added to the
statute book and Section 78 covers local authority meetings. We are
waiting for the regulations to appear but we do know that they will allow
parish councils to transact their normal business without a face to face
meeting. That means the normal calendar of meetings will be resumed
with the next scheduled meeting of the council being 27th May which
happens to be the Annual Meeting of the council. Members of the public
may attend by requesting that they be sent the link to the online meeting.

The parish council remains alert and ready to respond to local needs
whenever they are identified. Happily, this has so far only been needed
as a safety net or back up and all of us in our community are fully
engaged in looking out for each other.

Brian Holdstock
Clerk to the Council

Website www.ashburnham-penhurst.net for up to date
information and advice plus link to FaceBook page.

Email to clerk@ashburnham-penhurst.net or telephone
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