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CHURCH SERVICES IN OCTOBER at ASHBURNHAM & PENHURST CHURCHES

6th October	9.15 am	Holy Communion (BCP) at Penhurst
	11 am	HARVEST THANKSGIVING at Ashburnham
13th October	9.15 am	Morning Prayer (BCP) at Penhurst
	11 am	Holy Communion (CW) at Ashburnham
20th October	9.15 am	Holy Communion (BCP) at Penhurst
	11 am	ALL SOULS MEMORIAL SERVICE at Ashburnham Church
27th October	9.15 am	Morning Prayer (BCP) at Penhurst
	11 am	Holy Communion (CW) at Ashburnham

BCP stands for Book of Common Prayer and CW stands for Common Worship - these are the different orders of services used at each church.

All these services are open to everyone. Refreshments served afterwards

Ashburnham Chapel

Ashburnham Chapel meet at 6.30pm each Sunday.

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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.

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.

From the Parish Register

Baptism

Sunday 1st September Kirsty MacFarlene McIntosh (Adult)

Weddings

Saturday 7th September James Godden and Emilie Packham
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'We Pray'

While driving along Kitchenham Road, listening to Sara Cox on Radio 2, my ears pricked up listening to a song called 'We Pray'. It turned out to be by Coldplay, in collaboration with Little Simz, Burna Boy, Elyanna, and TINI. The catchy melody, along with the unexpected spiritual theme, caused me to do some on-line 'research'!

It would seem, that Coldplay have never shied away from the underlying search for meaning and purpose. Indeed, some describe Coldplay's last album as their most religious, with psalm-like lyrics such as 'Holy, holy, God defend; shield me, show me; when I need a friend' (*When I need a Friend*) and 'Oh the Lord will shine a light' (*BrokEn*). And now, have these global superstars given us, with 'We Pray,' their most overtly spiritual single yet? If so, what might that tell us about our current culture?

Having debuted the song at Glastonbury in June, Chris Martin (lead singer) captures some of the desperate realities of life for which to pray. Borrowing straight from the Bible, these describe our fallen 2024 life in 'the valley of the shadow of death'. Dare I say, in my view, Coldplay are to be commended for their willingness to publicly lament for all that is broken in our world - something the Church has not always done so well.

The evidence of this, in the repeated response of the chorus, is unavoidable:

"And so we pray for someone to come and show me the way;
And so we pray for some shelter and some records to play;
And so we pray we'll be singing "Baraye"
Pray that we make it to the end of the day;
And so we pray I know somewhere that Heaven is waitin'
And so we pray I know somewhere there's something amazin'
And so we pray I know somewhere we'll feel no pain
Until we make it to the end of the day."

Is this not some spiritual yearning for what Christians would call 'Redemption' and 'Restoration'? For all their emphasis on loving one another as fellow human beings, Martin & friends don't seem to simply be wishing, hoping, longing for a humanist solution. '**And so we pray...**' articulates something more substantial. It cries out to the heavens for 'someone to come and show me the way', before then resting in the hope that 'I know somewhere that Heaven is waiting... I know somewhere there's something amazing... I know somewhere we'll feel no pain.' In a world often caught up in self-defining individualism is this not an appeal for a bigger and better story?

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Reflecting on this amazing song, I am left with a question: 'And so we pray...' to whom? For Christians, it's a loving Father in heaven - infinitely personal and approachable through Jesus. While the term "Father" can be misunderstood, especially in a world where fatherhood is often flawed, the Christian belief transcends these imperfections, offering a relationship where prayer becomes more than just ritual; it's a conversation with the Creator, a source of comfort, and a pathway to peace. Thus, it would seem 'We Pray', with its hint at an unmerited relationship ('Keep a smilin' face only by His grace'), is a call to something deeper - an invitation to connect with a divine presence that is not only near but profoundly personal.

This longing to 'connect' finds its most radical answer in the Christian gospel and is certainly not abstract or generic. The Word made flesh (Jesus Christ) steps into our broken world, offering not just individual comfort but lasting transformation. In a world teetering on the edge, perhaps what we truly need is not just to pray, but to recognise the One who hears.

God bless, Revd Gary

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Congratulations

to **Bob Andrew** who will be receiving an Award at Chichester Cathedral on Saturday 5th October – he will be admitted to The Order of St Richard.

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The annual shoe-box appeal gives people of all ages to be involved in this simple hands-on project reaching out to children who might otherwise have very little to look forward to this Christmas. In 2023 11.3 million shoeboxes were donated (including over 252,000 from the UK) to children in over 110 countries!

A leaflet providing information about the project is available in the porch of St Peter's Church, Ashburnham and Penhurst Church.

Find more information on the Samaritan's Purse website

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Please 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!

ALL SOULS' MEMORIAL SERVICE

At this time of year, the Church makes space to remember all those we have loved but see no more. A short Service will be held at

St Peter's Church, Ashburnham, on Sunday 20th October at 11 am

This poignant service provides an opportunity to commemorate family, friends and loved ones who have passed away, either during the last year or beyond. They will each 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:

Fay Merrick - E: fay@brayshill.co.uk

Catherine Duggleby - E: catherine@duggleby.com M: 07801634034
or Revd Gary (contact details elsewhere) by Thursday 17th October.

Thank you.

Anyone is welcome to attend the All Soul's Service.

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A wide range of events celebrating both anniversaries are in the process of being organised the Diocese, including in Ashburnham and Penhurst. The Bishop of Chichester, Dr Martin Warner, writes: 'This momentous celebration reminds us that we cannot define God. Faith is an exploration in which we risk everything to glimpse the mystery of God's glory and to discover our place in His heart of love. All of these will serve to inspire and strengthen our faith as we seek together to know, love, and follow the Lord Jesus in 2025 and beyond. We look forward to sharing more details of Celebrating Faith and Chichester 950 with you in due course.'



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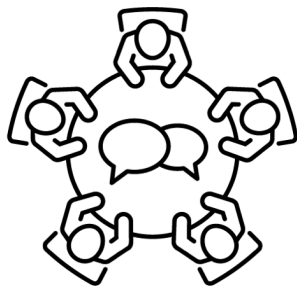
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Council meetings are on the fourth Wednesday of alternate months and the next one will be on Wednesday, 25th September 2024. The Planning Committee (if required) meets on the fourth Wednesday of intervening months. A list of councillors' lead responsibilities can be seen on the village website at www.ashburnham-penhurst.net

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 14th October when we have Sarah Tyrwhitt-Drake as the Filling Station Speaker. Sarah is a prophet and a key leader of 'Growing In Ministry' at Holy Trinity Brompton, and she lives in north London. We meet in the Great Hall at Ashburnham Place at 7pm for coffee, Rob Sutton and his musicians are leading worship, and there will be Prayer Ministry at the end of the meeting for those who would like prayer. For more information please contact Catherine on 07801 634034 or catherine@duggleby.com All welcome to come and be topped up by the Holy Spirit



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We have three Quiet Days running in early December which provide the perfect opportunity to get away from all the busyness of the run up to Christmas, experience the peace and beauty of Penhurst, be inspired by the speaker and enjoy fellowship with the other guests over a two course, home cooked meal at lunchtime.

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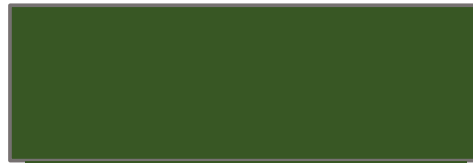
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Ron's Ramblings

Have you ever, when the time comes, thought about how you'd like to go out ? With a whimper or a bang ? The family of our late friend, Tom , decided the latter, which was very much in keeping with his lifestyle. A wake in a Greenwich pub followed by a riotous party and culminating in his ashes being loaded into a rocket and launched into the south London sky. Tom would have loved the knowledge that his remains are spread over the city and a few surprised late night dog walkers.

An artist and teacher by trade , hailing from Greenwich and like most kids of our age he was banned from playing on the many bomb sites. This of course he ignored. Which led to him losing his right eye on a projecting piece of metal at the age of five and spending the rest of his life wearing an eye patch. This gave him a rakish, devil may care look and probably formed the way he led his life. I've lost track of the countries he'd lived in but include USA, India, Tunisia, Morocco, France and Spain. With two young children he'd had enough of the rat race, become a hippie, and headed for Cornwall. Taking menial jobs and generally scraping by until he hit on the idea of becoming the local drug lord in Sennen Cove. His first bulk buy of the local weed nearly ended in disaster. After sampling the product his wife persuaded him to hide the stash in case the constabulary came visiting. Trouble was , the following day, he couldn't remember where he'd buried it. Took him three days to find it. This was all too much hassle so next stop was a commune in Wales followed by one in Norfolk. However the artist's life was calling and the family headed for Italy where he promptly got thrown out of St Peters for loudly voicing his opinion of the opulence on display.

Next stop the States, where he managed to obtain a driving licence in the name of Jack Daniels which served him well until a routine traffic stop. The cop asked to see his licence and raised his eyebrows on seeing the name. He then turned to Tom's son and asked his name. A bit slow on the uptake he gave his real Christian name, which happened to be Daniel. The cop turned to Tom and says "So. Your name is Jack Daniels and your son's is Daniel Daniels ? " He just roared with laughter and waved them on their way.

After one heavy session at his home in London he had a brainwave and burst into his two son's bedroom at two in the morning announcing that the following day he was going to remove the windows and replace them with fish tanks. I think the boys just grunted , turned over and went back to sleep. They'd heard it all before.

A life well lived. He spent his final days in a nursing home on the Isle of Wight insisting to the end that they fill his drip with Chardonnay.

Ronnie King.



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It's late summer. I'm sitting on the sunny side of the train, on my hands. Trying not to do anything, not to be busy. I drink in the passing landscape of the High Weald, its characteristic patchwork of small fields and wooded hills. Over the hedge a large waterhole; a pair of moorhens mooch in the middle and ripples creep out towards the perimeter, poached where cattle have stood shoulder to shoulder to drink. Behind, meadows of sun-bleached grasses either move in the breeze or are already baled, awaiting collection. And between the carriage and the meadows, the boundary-line of hazels are dotted with nuts, and rowan trees are aflame with orange berries. Next, we're rolling through a small forest, and I spot sun-speckled fallow deer flicking their tails at the morning midges. Then on along damp, ferny hollows, flanked by young birch, their yellowing leaves scattered like counters thrown into the sky.

The train is still quite empty, peaceful, as we pass through Wadhurst and, in the rich seam between railroad and agriculture, I catch the last flourishes of ragwort (favoured by the striking cinnabar moth caterpillars) and the tall, pink spires of the rosebay willowherb.

We pause at Tunbridge Wells while animated day trippers board, their children asking 101 questions, then their eyes are like saucers as we enter a tunnel... "It's sooo dark!" (And I think back to my childhood - wasn't the entire train plunged into tunnel-gloom then?) Popping out into the light again we're cheered on by bindweed bunting with its white, trumpeting flowers strung along the bramble bushes, these jewelled with blackberries - green and red - but some ready in bold, bonne-bouche black. Further on, amongst some expanding urban sprawl, reddening apples are peeping over garden fences - some have escaped into The Wildlands - and previously compliant plants have also clambered over, free of their suburban restrictions. Tonbridge next, over the river Medway and soon, a cluster of five Kentish oasts dominate a modest farming settlement, and nearby, a herd of horses stand under a billowing oak as the sun continues to climb overhead. Beyond Sevenoaks the savannah-like plains spread wide and far to the North Downs, where wind-bent hawthorn and burnished bracken thrive on sheep-sculpted slopes.

Now we're within the environs of London where the brown-field sidings are wild with nettles, nodding with dangly seeds, and spears of purple (butterfly bush) buddleia. Across the city-scape naturalised apartment block roofs soften the greyness, the steel and the gawky cranes. I look away - open the summer What's On magazine left on the seat beside me. I've missed most of it probably - it's autumn now. But the very first plug outlines the Royal Academy Summer Exhibition 'displaying over 1,700 works of art'. Life's funny; it's just where I'm heading... with a thousand pictures already in my head.

Donna Christman

The Coffee Stop

Next Coffee Stop meeting is

Friday 4th October

and will be our **Harvest Lunch**

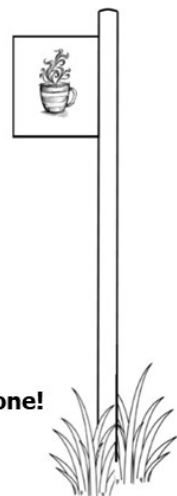
12 for 12.30 pm

at the Sports Pavilion

Pre-booking essential

Looking forward to seeing everyone!

For further details please call Paula on 01323 832482



Chapel News for October

Just to remind you that the Chapel Harvest Festival is on the 29 th September (hoping this is out in time!) with tea at 5 pm and Songs of Praise at 6-30 pm. You are welcome to come to either or both. The Offering will be going to Water Aid On the 13th October we have our next Healing Service which is at 6-30 pm and Dr. Barbara Leppard will be leading us.

We shall shortly be altering our clocks and mornings will be lighter and evenings will draw in all too quickly. Summer has gone in a flash but we have enjoyed some lovely weather.

The Chapel now has a Christian Book lending library and people can come and browse our books over a cup of coffee from 10 am to 11 am on a Saturday morning and of course borrow any that interest them. We are adding to the books all the time at the moment as we build up our collection. If any body reading this has any Christian Books that they no longer require we would be pleased to have them. Some people have loaned us books to get our library started and for these we are very grateful. If you would like to do this we would be very happy for you to do so.

Hopefully by the time this magazine is published our little Chapel will be looking very smart with its newly painted outside.

We continue to Zoom our Services every Sunday, the log in details are:-

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We look forward to welcoming you to either our Harvest Celebrations and/or our Healing Service.

Fay Ramsden

Garden and Nature Notes

Autumn is always a good time to think about what worked and what didn't in the garden and plan to make changes for the next year. My garden looked a bit flat in late summer, things that I would have expected to flower in August and September were sometimes over much earlier and I want to think about what to use to fill those gaps next year - more Dahlias maybe, Helenium and Salvia. I am also determined to succeed with Cosmos next year after a couple of years when most of my seedlings haven't really got going, third time lucky perhaps. They make great, colourful fillers for gaps in the borders and are good for pollinators too. I have also noticed that Gaura just keeps going all summer and into autumn and want to use this pretty, soft perennial more.

Like many we are struggling to keep our Box plants healthy at Ashburnham Place, the historic fan beds outside the Orangery are suffering with blight again (presumably after the wetter conditions this year) and we are also battling box tree caterpillar which has decimated some of the large hedges around the West Garden and is evident everywhere else. We have used an organic control in the fan beds which seems to have held it at bay as well as being helped by the sparrows that are constantly in and out of the hedges helping themselves to food! We are looking at alternative plants in case we have to admit defeat - we want to try and keep the historic fan pattern if we can.

In the natural world, one of the highlights of the year so far was having a group of about a dozen White Storks roosting in the tree behind the house, they are spectacular birds up close and it was fascinating to find out (via their leg rings and www.whitestorkproject.org) that some of them were from Knepp, a mixture of released birds and those from wild nests there this year, one was originally from Poland. They were heading off for their migration to warmer climes but it was wonderful to host them overnight!

The results of the Big Butterfly Survey have just been released, with the lowest numbers recorded for 14 years which is really bad news but data that I'm sure most of us will agree, I saw far fewer this year than previous years. As well as planting flowers that are good for butterflies it's also important to research what plants the caterpillars rely on and make sure those feature in our gardens too. You can find lots of information on the website of Butterfly Conservation (www.butterfly-conservation.org). You can also download their app and take part in the survey next year. It's a great way to spend 15 minutes looking out for beautiful butterflies!

Jay Ashworth.

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Wed 2	7.45pm	Table Tennis	Village Hall
Thu 3	10am-1pm	Art Club	Sports Pavilion
Fri 4	12pm	Coffee Stop Harvest Lunch	Sports Pavilion
Sat 5	9am-1pm 7pm	The Market Harvest Supper	Ashburnham Place Village Hall
Sun 6	9.15am 11am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Harvest Thanksgiving Evening Service	Penhurst Church Ashburnham Church Ashburnham Chapel
Mon 7			
Tue 8	7.45pm	MI	Ash Tree Inn
Wed 9	7.30pm 7.45pm	Village Hall Trustees Meeting Table Tennis	Sports Pavilion Village Hall
Thu 10	10am-1pm	Art Club	Sports Pavilion
Fri 11	2pm	Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall
Sat 12	9.30-11am 10am-12pm	Running Space Library Cafe	Church Hall Village Hall
Sun 13	9.15am 11am 6.30pm	Morning Prayer Holy Communion Healing Service	Penhurst Church Ashburnham Church Ashburnham Chapel

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Mon 14	7pm	Filling Station - Conservatory	Ashburnham Place
Tue 15	7.30pm	Prayer Hour	Church Hall
Wed 16	12pm 7.45pm	Village Lunch Table Tennis	Village Hall Village Hall
Thu 17	10am - 1pm 10.45am	Art Club Church Service led by Revd Gary	Sports Pavilion Hazel Lodge
Fri 18	2-4pm	Library Cafe	Village Hall
Sat 19	10am-4pm	Ashburnham Arts	Village Hall
Sun 20	9.15am 11am 6.30pm	Holy Communion All Souls Memorial Service Evening Service	Penhurst Church Ashburnham Church Ashburnham Chapel
Mon 21	2pm	WI	Sports Pavilion
Tue 22			
Wed 23	7.30pm 7.45pm	Parish Council Table Tennis	Sports Pavilion Village Hall
Thu 24	10am-1pm	Art Club	Sports Pavilion
Fri 25	2pm	Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall
Sat 26	9.30-11am	Running Space	Church Hall
Sun 27	9.15am 11am 6.30pm	Morning Prayer Holy Communion Evening Service	Penhurst Church Holy Communion Ashburnham Chapel
<i>Clocks go back!</i>			
Mon 28			
Tue 29			
Wed 30	7.45pm	Table Tennis	Village Hall
Thu 31	10am-1pm	Art Club	Sports Pavilion



Don't forget the clocks go back on Sunday 27th!