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## Ashburnham and Penhurst Parish Magazine June 2024



6th June 2024 marks the 80th Anniversary of D Day an occasion that will be marked across the country.

As a community let us remember the American pilot and crew of the B26 Marauder 42-96249 who died on June 6th 1944 following a mid air crash, the wreckage of the plane came down near the top of the drive at Ashburnham Place.

Lt Thomas Jenkins, Lt Walter Winter, Sgt George S Rogers  
Sgt William C Hoeb, Sgt Ralph D Parker, Sgt Edward F Bailey.

<https://sussexhistoryforum.co.uk/index.php?topic=8935.0>

Please send contributions for the July/August edition by Friday 7th June  
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**CHURCH SERVICES IN JUNE at  
ASHBURNHAM & PENHURST CHURCHES**

2nd June	9.15am Holy Communion (BCP) at Penhurst 11am Morning Prayer (CW) at Ashburnham
9th June	9.15am Morning Prayer (BCP) at Penhurst 11am Holy Communion (CW) at Ashburnham
16th June	9.15 am Holy Communion (BCP) at Penhurst 11 am Morning Prayer (CW) at Ashburnham
23rd June	9.15am Morning Prayer (BCP) at Penhurst 11am Holy Communion (CW) at Ashburnham GIFT DAY
30th June	10.30am JOINT SERVICE 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](http://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.



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It's hard to believe that ITV's Mr Bates vs The Post Office isn't just a true story, but one still being played out. The horrendous injustice suffered by hundreds of sub postmasters caught up in this scandal has been described as the biggest miscarriage of justice in British legal history, with enormous human cost. Horizon, the computer system rolled out to each post office, incorrectly showed huge account shortfalls. These were then blamed on sub-postmasters, who were told that nobody else had had any issues, that they were the only one. Except they weren't – and the Post Office knew this. How frightening to believe that, facing a sudden debt of thousands of pounds and the possibility of bankruptcy or prison, you were utterly alone.

Sadly, the themes in this debacle are not new. The psalms and the prophets, found in the Bible, are full of the anguished cries of those who struggle – 'How long O God?' and serve as a vision of the transformation of society through 'doing justice, loving mercy, and walking humbly before God' (Micah 6 verse 8). Such a worldview involves caring for the vulnerable and working for the flourishing of everyone.

Alan Bates emerges from this story as a heroic figure. An unassuming but tenacious man, he led the fight against the Post Office for over 20 years, a David against a seemingly all-powerful corporate Goliath. Unwilling to stand by and watch others endure injustice, he stood up for, and stood by, those who had no fight left in themselves, to show them they were not alone.

Thus, the outcry against the Post Office is welcome. After all, we all – individually and collectively – cry out for justice. We want to live in a society when justice is done. For Christians, God is a God of justice and calls on those who follow Him to reflect His character and priorities. Furthermore, God not only stands with those who suffer but, in the person of Jesus Christ, He experienced suffering and injustice Himself on the cross at Calvary.

Friends, we may never have to battle like Alan Bates and the sub postmasters (or those affected by the contaminated blood scandal) but each of us may, in some way, be called to be mouthpieces for truth and justice in our homes, workplaces, or community. This will demonstrate to those facing unfairness and injustice they are not alone. We are with them and, as a Christian, I believe that God is there with them too.

*God Bless and take care, Revd Gary*

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### ASHBURNHAM ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM)

At St Peter's APCM on 21 st April 2024 Catherine Duggleby and John French were re-appointed as Churchwardens. Revd Gary thanked them for their valued and faithful service, support and encouragement. Fay Ramsden was elected to serve on the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and Rachel Bickersteth was elected to represent the Parish on the Battle & Bexhill Deanery Synod.

The APCM, which took place in the refurbished Church Hall, provided an opportunity to review the last year, engage with the present and plan for the future. In June 2023 Revd Gary assumed responsibility for the Sunday Service at Penhurst Church, as well as Ashburnham. This has resulted in a change in worship times at both churches. When there is a fifth Sunday in the month both congregations join together for a United Service. At the APCM Revd Gary thanked Paul Wenham, who has stepped down from the Battle & Bexhill Deanery Synod.

Please pray for our Churchwardens, and the full PCC: Rev Gary Cregeen (Chair), Catherine Duggleby, John French, Rachel Bickersteth, Carol Kobylka, Sharon Gulliver, Sandy Wheeler and Fay Merrick. At a brief PCC meeting immediately after the APCM Catherine Duggleby was appointed Vice-Chair, Fay Merrick as PCC Secretary, Fay Ramsden at PCC Treasurer, and Sandy Wheeler as Safeguarding Co-ordinator.

### PENHURST ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM)

Penhurst Church's APCM was held on Sunday 12th May, following a Holy Communion Service. Kim Shaw and Matthew Iles were re-appointed as Churchwardens. Revd Gary thanked them for their valued and faithful service, not least following the departure of the Revd John Sykes last summer. Edith Reavill, Maggie Waite, and Louise Liddington were elected to serve on the Parochial Church Council and Theresa Short, in her capacity as PCC Treasurer, was co-opted to the PCC. Revd Gary thanked all those involved in the life of St Michael the Archangel, Penhurst. He said he felt heartened by the sense of community, highlighted in almost everyone remaining for refreshments after the Sunday Service. Revd Gary also paid tribute to three valued members of Penhurst Church who have

died in the last year, namely: Arthur Tingley, Sister Eileen Wheeler, and John Cumming. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Please pray for our Churchwardens, and the full PCC: Rev Gary Cregeen (Chair), Kim Shaw, Matthew Iles (also Safeguarding Co-ordinator), Louise Bamber, Louise Liddington, Edith Reavill, Maggie Waite and Theresa Short. At a brief PCC meeting, immediately after the APCM, Kim Shaw was appointed Vice-Chair, Maggie Waite as PCC Secretary, and Theresa Short as PCC Treasurer.

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After the Service refreshments were enjoyed in the gardens of Kitchenham Farm. Donations amounted to £143 to be split equally between Bexhill & Battle Foodbank and Sussex based charity, Family Support Work.

Sincere thanks to Amanda and Monty Worssam for their generous hospitality (and to those who baked cakes!), and to all involved in any way.

#### Remembering D-Day and the Battle of Normandy

The D-Day landings of 6 June 1944 was the largest seaborne invasion in history. Along with the associated airborne operations, it marked the beginning of the liberation of France and western Europe. To commemorate the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day special prayers will be said in both Ashburnham & Penhurst Churches on Sunday 2nd June 2024 (see page 2 for service times)



## CHRISTIANITY EXPLAINED

Spike Milligan was a comedian, writer, musician, poet, playwright, soldier and actor. However, few people would describe him as a religious man. And yet, when asked by Clive James, "Of all the people who have lived in the history of the world who would you most want to meet?" Without hesitation Spike said, "Jesus Christ". Now we might ask 'why?' What is it about Jesus that continues to arouse such interest? Who is He? Why did He come 2000 years ago? And how is it that over 2 billion of the world's population still describe themselves as Christians?

Well, there's an opportunity to explore these questions and more over five weeks. The aim of these informal meetings is to explain what Christianity is really all about, to provide an opportunity to ask questions and exchange views. It doesn't matter whether you attend church, did so some time in the past or have never done so – anyone is welcome to come along.

The meetings will be led by Revd Gary and will take place between 10 am and 11.30 am on the following Wednesdays: 5 June, 12 June, 17 July, 24 July and 31 July, at Agmerhurst Granary, Kitchenham Road, Ashburnham. If you're interested in finding out more, or in coming along, then please let Gary know either by calling or texting 07749 904887



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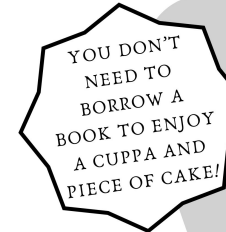
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As Spring rolls into Summer so the admin year, generally ending on 31st March, rolls over into a new admin period. The roll over is punctuated with AGM's and Annual Meetings involving the village hall, the two parishes and the Parish Council.

The village hall Sole Managing Trustee, newly appointed in November 2022, spent its first full year finding out what was expected of it. Now entering its second full year it is overseeing some overdue improvements to the kitchen and the car park. With an increasing number of users, the trustee Annual General Meeting had its best ever attendance with the promise of some active fund raising. This is timely as the fund raising pot kept in the Appeal Fund has now been used up on the current improvements.

The Annual Village Meetings saw some lively, but generally good natured, exchanges arising from the decision by those actively supporting and fund raising for a new village hall at the cricket ground to wind down the project as the prospects of it going forward were disappearing. The Village Meeting asked the Parish Council to write to this group urging them to use the unspent funds raised for an alternative project which would benefit the village. The letter was sent and can be found on the village website.

The last of the roll over events is the Parish Council's annual meeting in May at which members elect a Chairman for the ensuing year. By now the details will have been posted on the village website.

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Council meetings are on the fourth Wednesday of alternate months and the next one will be on Wednesday, 24th July 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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**On Monday 10th June** we welcome Andrew Chapman as our Speaker. Andrew is the founder of the London School of Supernatural Ministry, and he trains people to hear God, take risks, and manifest miracles to transform society around them. Gerry Page is leading Worship and we are meeting at Ashburnham Place in the Great Hall at 7.30pm, after coffee in the Conservatory. Everyone is welcome, do join us for a very interesting evening. more information please contact Catherine on 07801 634034



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Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August  
Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November

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Since Nicci's departure as one of our managers back in March we have welcomed some new team members to help run the retreat centre. Jason Cottingham, who has been a volunteer at the centre has joined the team as a staff member and brings a wealth of experience in hospitality and pastoral care. We also welcome Donald and Roseangela who will be helping with garden and grounds work as well as cooking, hosting and welcoming guests. Donald and Roseangela are living in Penhurst and we hope they will soon settle into village and retreat centre life!

Don't forget to look at our online retreat programme, or pick up a copy of our paper programme. We have a variety of different retreats taking place during the year. Revd Gary Cregeen is leading a quiet day exploring the story of Jonah on June 14<sup>th</sup>. The Day runs from 10am-4pm and includes a two course lunch, the cost is £45. Why not book in and enjoy a thought provoking day in the beautiful surroundings of the retreat centre?

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## Murmurations

We're racing around the house grabbing paraphernalia for an impromptu, High Weald camping weekend with friends. It's barely May - the veil between spring and summer when the sky may be blue and hung with starched, blousy clouds – or these might heap into piles, to gather and spill. It's both warm and puddly when we arrive on site to find *Vehicle Pushing* an important element of the *Planned Activities*, along with axe throwing, tossing the caber and fire-twirling. Safe family fun. The campsite is a perfect example of a micro-community: old and young, side-by-side, preparing food; cooking, splitting logs, collecting water; lighting fires and washing up. Simple... (Great satisfaction can also be had from visiting the blue Portaloo and finding a good roll of tissue paper. Little things!)

The canine campers scoot around our oak-bordered clearing like smug escapees from Battersea Dogs Home, hustling and jostling each other – jaws on legs, pinning one another down, asserting themselves, then moderating with a yelp or a growl. After their scuffles the dogs pause to shake off their irritations before dashing off to re-join the pack; living in the moment, they let go of what they don't need. Of course, there are camp duties for the dogs as well: the medium mutts work together to claim as many vacant camp chairs as possible; the Labradors (and part Labradors) tidy away food scraps - any food in fact - quickly and efficiently; the pocket pooches challenge any remaining aspects of the risk assessment not already breached, by tripping people into the fire. One dog stands out, a handsome, well-built mongrel, wearing an important, multi-pocketed, khaki jacket-cum-harness; he adopts the role of security guard, keeping the lot of us in check.

As the fire circle grows, conversation flows from photography to architecture, fishing to cooking, hot-air ballooning to geo-engineering ... oh, and the benefits of raw milk.

As the sun slumps onto the land our eclectic 'Stick It On' tunes rise to mingle with wood-smoke. And now it's dark and the TALENT SHOW kicks off. A drum kit appears, guitars, an amp, a fiddle, singers, dancers. We are treated to solos, duets, and trios, between which poets perform and fire twirlers whirl (and the dogs spin into an over-stimulated frenzy until they collapse exhausted babandons his nightly round to dance in the fire-light. This is living life right now, and, as yawns multiply across the embers and we begin to drift to bed, the closing song ends with the words, "...brought up slow, feeling wild and free."

Donna Christman

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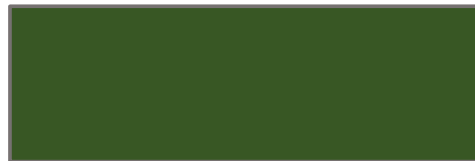
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## Chapel News for June

Don't forget to join us for our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service in our present home on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June, Tea at 5 pm followed by a Service at 6-30 pm. It would be wonderful if members of St. Peter's, and St. Michael's were able to join us and of course any of you reading this! Do invite your friends and come yourself. If you are able to let me know you are coming it would help with the catering but it is not essential. We always have plenty of food.

How many of you can remember when the Chapel was the village hall where all the young people met once a week for Youth Club? I was one of those attending, what fun we had. We learnt to develop our own photographs – not something we need to know these days with iPhones, we all learnt to do ballroom dancing, our Youth Leaders then were very accomplished dancers. Rock and Roll and The Twist were in vogue and we all enjoyed listening to the latest records and attempting to dance to them. In those days I lived in Brightling and my friend and I cycled every Wednesday evening whatever the weather for the 2 hrs of fun.

I think it is a great shame that we don't have a Youth Club in Ashburnham now. Is it because there aren't enough young people living in the village or is it because we don't have anybody willing to take on the responsibility these days. I know there are so many rules and regulations, safeguarding issues and of course anybody working with children needs to have a DAB certificate. Are we really such a wicked bunch of people that we would harm our children or are we suffering because of a very small minority of wicked adults?

I would love to host a Reunion for any of you that used to come to the Youth Club. If you are interested in a nostalgic get together, please do contact me and I will arrange something.

I am just about to head off for the Rogation Service which this year is being held at Kitchenham Farm. All you farmers will know the importance of the right weather at the right time for planting crops and for harvesting them. A **Rogation service** is an ancient church festival that seeks blessings for a community and its sustenance. The word "rogation" comes from the Latin verb "rogare," which means "to ask." During Rogation services, people beseech God for protection from calamities and seek blessings for the land, crops, and livelihoods. These services often connect directly with agricultural activities in rural parishes. Rogation Sunday, in particular, provides an opportunity for communities to come together and participate in a church service. The **Rogation Days** are observed during the three weekdays before Ascension Day but most churches hold this Service on the preceding Sunday as do we. Today the weather is perfect!

Fay Ramsden

## Ron's Ramblings.

An interesting week in the King household . Mainly paying out lots and lots of money. Both cars in for major surgery. Major as in : “Oh, of course that light on the dashboard can be got rid of . How much ? Well, to you sir, £670. And so it went on. The other car needed an MOT and of course it failed. Another massive bill but at least I managed to avoid paying main dealer hourly rates by using a local garage. £80 per hour as against £200. Then the settee arrived back from the upholsterers. I'm beginning to warm to the idea of conspiracy theories and at the moment they are all targeted at me.

Actually going back to the hourly rates, my neighbour gave me some old motoring repair manuals from the 60s and in 1960 your local Morris dealer could change the engine in your van for the princely sum of twelve pounds, nineteen shillings and thruppence . Which is twelve pounds and ninety pence in this newfangled money. And you could get the carburettor adjusted for two shillings and ninepence. Mind you. That was probably a weeks wages for some people back then.

Looking out of my kitchen window whilst eating breakfast, I can see one of my bird boxes has been taken over by a couple of Blue Tits. It's absolutely astonishing the amount of food these birds are bringing back to the tiny fledglings. From first light till dusk they are at it and when you think that they can lay up to ten eggs, that's a lot of mouths to feed. The other wonder is how do they all get in there !

The Annual Village Meeting was a bit livelier than usual. The main topic being the village hall. With the new hall being put on ice for the time being I hope that people will get behind any new initiatives being proposed for the upgrading of our current hall. Essential maintenance was carried out over the past few years but now it needs bringing into the 21<sup>st</sup> century with among other things, new toilets and storage. Please do your best to support clubs and functions taking place in the hall and lets start raising some funds.

Ronnie King.



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## Out of the Blue Coffee Morning

Well done to everyone who supported the Out of the Blue Coffee Morning in May where a fantastic £600 was raised for the charity.

A big thank you to everyone who baked cakes, donated raffle prizes, grew plants and helped on the day!



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## Gardening and Nature Notes

I want to use my 'notes' this month to encourage you to have a look at the Flower Show Schedule and see what you might be able to grow, bake or make to exhibit this year. This traditional village Flower Show takes place on Saturday 27th July and is a great opportunity for everyone to have a go at entering something and seeing if you win one of the coveted 'first place' cards or even a cup for most points in a section! There are lots of classes for young and old - the children's classes start at Age 4 and under! You can enter vegetables you have grown yourself - there are classes for everything from the longest runner bean to 3 courgettes. If you're better with flowers than edibles then why not enter your best cosmos or dahlia flowers or have a go at an arrangement of flowers and foliage from your garden?

If the kitchen is where you are most comfortable then check out the classes for jam, chutney, cakes, bread, sweets and drinks. If you are a crafty person then have a look through the photography, arts and crafts classes and see what you could enter. It really is great fun bringing everything to the tent early on the Saturday morning (from 8.30-10am) then trying to forget all about it until the show opens up again at 1.30pm and everyone dashes in to see what/if they have won! If you haven't got a paper copy of the schedule, get in touch with Jay - [ashworthjay1@gmail.com](mailto:ashworthjay1@gmail.com) or head to the Village

Website and download a copy

<https://ashburnham-penhurst.net/country-fair-flower-show/flower-show/>

Jay Ashworth

## Ashburnham and Penhurst Flower Show and Country Fair

**Saturday 27th July 1.30pm - 5pm**

Sports Field, Ashburnham TN33 9NU

Funds raised - 50% towards community projects at the Sports Field site and 50% towards St Michael's Hospice

Enter the Flower Show, browse the stalls, enjoy a slice of cake, have a go at lawn mower racing, marvel at the interesting vehicles try your hand at Carey's Amusements, enter the Fun Dog Show, have a burger, glass of Pimms or an ice cream!

## June Diary

Sat 1	9am - 1pm	Farmer's Market	Ashburnham Place
Sun 2	9.15am 11am 5pm 6.30pm	Holy Communion Morning Prayer Anniversary Tea Anniversary Service	Penhurst Church Ashburnham Church Ashburnham Chapel Ashburnham Chapel
Mon 3			
Tue 4	7.30pm	Pub Quiz	Ash Tree Inn
Wed 5	10-11.30am 2-5pm 7.45pm	Christianity Explained Course Kitchenham Farm Open Garden Table Tennis	Agmerhurst Granary Kitchenham Farm Village Hall
Thu 6	10am-1pm	Art Club	Sports Pavilion
Fri 7	10.30am-12	Coffee Stop	Sports Pavilion
Sat 8	9.30am 10am-12pm 2-5pm	Running Space Library Cafe Kitchenham Farm Open Garden	Church Hall Village Hall Kitchenham Farm
Sun 9	9.15am 11am 6.30pm	Morning Prayer Holy Communion Evening Service	Penhurst Church Ashburnham Church Ashburnham Chapel

### Ashburnham and Penhurst Flower Show Saturday 27th July 2024

8.30am Tent opens for show entries, these must be staged by 10am  
1.30pm - Tent opens to the public along with the Country Fair Show ground

Look through the schedule and see which classes you could enter

<https://ashburnham-penhurst.net/country-fair-flower-show/flower-show/>

All the details are in the schedule, entry forms to be received by  
Wednesday 24th July

If you won a cup at last year's show, please arrange to get it back to Jay  
Ashworth by the end of June 07876 484945 or ashworthjay1@gmail.com

Mon 10	7pm	Filling Station - Conservatory	Ashburnham Place
Tue 11	7.45pm	MI	Ash Tree Inn
Wed 12	7.45pm	Table Tennis	Village Hall
Thu 13	10am-1pm	Art Club	Sports Pavilion
Fri 14	2pm	Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall
Sat 15			
Sun 16	9.15am 11am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Morning Prayer Evening Service	Penhurst Church Ashburnham Church Ashburnham Chapel
Mon 17	2pm	WI Birthday Party	Sports Pavilion
Tue 18	11am 7.30pm	Village Walk Prayer Hour	Dallington Church Hall
Wed 19	12pm 7.45pm	Village Lunch Table Tennis	Village Hall Village Hall
Thu 20	10am - 1pm 10.45am 6pm	Art Club Church Service led by Revd Gary RABI Fundraiser	Sports Pavilion Hazel Lodge Church Hall
Fri 21	2-4pm	Library Cafe	Village Hall
Sat 22	9.30am	Running Space	Church Hall
Sun 23	9.15am 11am 6.30pm	Morning Prayer Holy Communion Evening Service	Penhurst Church Ashburnham Church Ashburnham Chapel
Mon 24			
Tue 25			
Wed 26	7.45pm	Table Tennis	Village Hall
Thu 27	10am-1pm	Art Club	Sports Pavilion
Fri 28	2pm	Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall
Sat 29			
Sun 30	10.30am 6.30pm	Joint Church Service Evening Service	Ashburnham Church Ashburnham Chapel