

Sundays at 9.15 am & 11 am

At Penhurst and Ashburnham we aim to be churches that are accessible to everyone; to be a place where people feel welcome and can experience something of the love of God. Gathering together is part of our regular rhythm as Christians. We come together to worship God each Sunday, **at 9.15 am at Penhurst (TN33 9QP) and at 11 am at Ashburnham (TN33 9NE)**, to sing hymns and songs, pray, listen to God's word, support and encourage each other, and to remember with bread and wine what Jesus has done for us.

At Penhurst we use the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), while at Ashburnham Common Worship (CW) is used primarily. These services reflect the traditional and contemporary breadth of liturgy in the Church of England and, with Ashburnham

Chapel, seek to offer services which are welcoming, meaningful and accessible to all. After each service refreshments are served at both churches. At Ashburnham prayer ministry is available for any who wish to be prayed for, and there are activity packs for children aged 4+.

Occasionally the two congregations worship together, usually whenever there is a fifth Sunday in the month. For details of the services at each of the churches please visit the website or sign up for 'The Post', the monthly Newsletter.



Home Groups provide an informal opportunity to meet together around God's Word, the Bible, to encourage one another, to pray together, to discuss or ask questions, and grow in Christian fellowship. Fellowship Groups are an 'open door' to anyone who wishes to come along - all are welcome!. There are currently two mid-week Home Groups, meeting on alternate Wednesday evenings and Thursday afternoons, plus a Women's Bible Study meeting on alternate Wednesday mornings. Please visit our website, or refer to 'The Post' or contact Revd Gary.

Prayer Hour

Prayer lies at the very heart of a Christian's relationship with the living God and we want to encourage one another in the discipline and joy of daily prayer. We make sure it is a feature of our coming together as a church family each Sunday, both through lay-led intercessions and a Prayer Ministry Team (at Ashburnham), and at our monthly Prayer Hour. The Prayer Hour takes place in the Church Hall (and on zoom between November & March) on the third Tuesday of each month between 7.30 pm and 8.30 pm. All welcome.



THE POST

'The Post' is our monthly Newsletter containing details of worship services, activities, news items, prayer requests and occasional. To contribute items please contact Rachel (rachel@bickersteth.net) and to subscribe email David: DAmos78261@aol.com

The Benefice of Ashburnham with Penhurst

St Peter's, Ashburnham &
St Michael the Archangel, Penhurst



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Programme Card

Website:

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Celebrating
Faith



September

'LOVE STORY'—The Book of Hosea

- 7 A Marriage Made in Heaven (1.1 - 2.1)
- 14 O Love That Will Not Let Me Go (2.2-3.5)
- 21 **HARVEST THANKSGIVING**
- 28 The Wounds of Love (5.13 - 6.10)

October

- 5 The Father Heart of God (11.1-11)
- 12 The End of the Affair (14.1-9)

'GIVING FOR LIFE'

- 19 Excellent Giving (2 Corinthians 8: 1-15)
- 26 Eager Giving (2 Corinthians 8: 16 – 9:5)
- SHOE-BOX SERVICE**
(Presents for international children in need)

November

- 2 Giving and Receiving (Luke 19:1-10)
- ALL SOULS SERVICE** at Ashburnham
- 9 **REMEMBRANCE SERVICE** (at 10.50 am)

LOVE STORY: The Book of Hosea is the first of the final twelve books of the Old Testament, referred to as 'the Minor Prophets'. It focusses on themes of God's unwavering love, Israel's unfaithfulness, and the importance of repentance and restoration. Hosea's life, including his marriage to the unfaithful Gomer, serves as a powerful allegory for God's relationship with Israel. His willingness to love and redeem Gomer, despite her unfaithfulness, mirrors God's persistent love for His people, even when they turn away from Him.

November

- 16 Effective Giving (1 Corinthians 16)
- 23 **CHRIST THE KING**
Cheerful Giving (2 Corinthians 9: 6-15)
Speaker: Revd Guy Partridge



- 30 **ADVENT SUNDAY** (10.30 am at Penhurst)
Great Expectations (Isaiah 9:2-7)

December

- 7 Waiting For Christmas (Luke 1:5-38)
- 14 Zechariah's Song (Luke 1: 67-80)
- 21 Confused Expectations (Matthew 1:18-23)
- 28 Surprising Expectations (Luke 2:1-20)
- END OF YEAR SERVICE** (10.30 am at Penhurst)

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*'See, I have placed before you an open door
that no one can shut' - Revelation 3 v.8*



MEN'S BREAKFASTS

**Saturday 6th September
and Saturday 1st November**

(details to be confirmed in The Post)



HARVEST SUPPER

Saturday 20 September at 7 pm
The Village Hall, Ashburnham

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

**Sunday 21st September at 9.15 am at Penhurst
and 11 am at Ashburnham**



RURAL CONFERENCE

'Celebrating Faith in the Countryside'
Tuesday 14 October at 10 am at
Ashburnham Place, East Sussex

To book visit: **'TryBooking Events'**, then,

'2025 CHICHESTER DIOCESAN RURAL CONFERENCE'



ALL SOULS SERVICE

Sunday 2nd November
11 am @ Ashburnham Church



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Sunday 9 November at 10.50 am
at the Village War Memorial

CHRISTMAS @ ASHBURNHAM & PENHURST

Sunday 14 December at 5 pm
Traditional Carols By Candlelight at Penhurst
Sunday 21 December at 6 pm
Carols By Candlelight at Ashburnham
Wednesday 24 December, Christmas Eve
at 4 pm Carols Around The Crib
Christmas Day at 10.30 am
Christmas Communion at Ashburnham