

“Obedience is a blessing to be shown by all to one another, since we know, that it is by this way of obedience, that we go to God”
(St Benedict)

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A CAFOD Prayer for the Gift of Peace

*May God give wisdom and courage to those who work for peace.
We pray that their efforts may be blessed, that they may bring an end to violence
and solace and stability to suffering peoples.
May the gift of peace permeate all troubled souls, convert all who live by violence
and comfort all children who live in menacing situations,
that the freedom to enjoy life and grow in safety may be theirs.
And may each one of us know peace of mind and heart, peace of body and spirit,
peace of community and world.
Holy Spirit of Peace, grant our prayer. Amen.*

Last Saturday we were privileged (and ashamed?) to hear what ordinary lay folk can achieve.

Ben Rogers works for Christian Solidarity Worldwide, heading its East Asia team. He spoke particularly about Myanmar (and its Buddhist-led suppression of other religions), Indonesia (with its militant Muslims) and North Korea (where not one of the human rights enshrined in the UN Declaration is honoured).

In all these countries he seeks out and works with groups and individuals who champion universal human values. In Indonesia a young man who had been imprisoned for atheism was surprised to receive a visit from him. They found many beliefs in common. You can find more information on the Christian Solidarity website csw.org.uk

Anna Pincus, whose day job is with Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group and who started Refugee Tales, also founded Refugees Welcome in Crawley, which gives material assistance and support to refugees and liaises with the local authority and MP. She told us that over 34 thousand refugees are calculated to have died as a result of Fortress Europe, that in Hungary lawyers can now be arrested for advising refugees of their rights, and that a boy she is visiting in Brook House Detention Centre was incarcerated there 7 weeks ago after arriving here from Gambia, with a visitors' visa, to visit his brother, with whom he was due to stay. Because he brought little money with him the Immigration authorities deemed that he had come, illegally, to work. While he has been detained he has lost his job in Gambia and his mother has died of a stroke.

She urged us to be vigilant, to reflect, to speak out and to act, to march in protest, to write to our MP and of course to offer assistance to Refugees Welcome. Incidentally (though Anna did not mention this) they have so impressed the local euro-MP that he has secured a European award for their work.

Martin Powys-Lybbe

Anniversaries:

Please pray for the souls of – Setna McQuillan, Anthony Holland, Mitch Rozum, Charles Thompson, Roy Robinson, Stephen Ray, Jeannine Hall and William Gittins
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.

Prayers:

Fr Charles died in the monastery on Monday 25th June, at the age of 91.
He had been a monk for almost 70 years, originally at Downside and then from 1957 at Worth.
All who met him will have happy memories, and a sense of a touch of God.

Among many roles over the years, Charles served on the Worth parish for many years: in Turners Hill from 1962 – 1981, in Crawley Down between 1976 and 1978, and in Balcombe from 1988 to 1993. May he rest in peace.

The Rite of reception of the body will be on **Monday at 4.30pm.**

The Funeral being held at **2.30pm on Tuesday**, followed by burial in the Abbey Cemetery.

Please be aware there will be no 5.30pm mass this day.

Please pray for Jan O'Keefe who died recently. Her funeral will be held at St Pauls, Haywards Heath, on **Thursday 5th July at 11am.** Please pray for her daughter Sharon and all the family.

Parish News

Baptisms:

Pearl Legras, Max Smith, Katie Eedes, Tess Eedes and Eddie Eedes,
will be receiving the sacrament of Baptism **this Sunday, 1st July at Noon.**

Please pray for them and their families.
Everyone is welcome.

Parish Picnic:

Sunday 8th July (after Mass).

Join us! Get to know more people in the parish.

Meet on the Piazza in front of the Abbey at 11am. We will go for a short walk down to the beautiful quiet garden. The route is all on footpaths and there are no styles so is accessible for buggies and the less mobile. Bring a picnic and a blanket to have on the grass when we get back to the Abbey at about 12pm. The weather won't stop us! If it is raining we will have a welly walk and then have our picnic in the unity room. All welcome.

For more information contact Charlie Tibble 07845 956243.

HOLIDAYS

Fr Paul will be away on holiday from
3rd July – 18th July.

Maria Stribbling will be away on holiday from
25th July – 8th August (subject to change).

Plate Collections:

Gift Aided – **£458.50**

Non Gift Aided – **£289.45**

Second Collection (Peters Pence) - **£241.40**

Next weekend there will be a Second collection in aid of "Apostleship of the Sea", an agency of the Catholic Church, whose patron is The Virgin Mary.

New Data Protection Legislation:

The Diocese has asked us to request your permission to retain your data, most especially email addresses and phone numbers.

Without your permission we can no longer contact you or hold your details as a parishioner. We will be emailing everyone on the database shortly.

Please keep a look out.

*This is our final copy of
In Touch until September.
We hope you all have a
wonderful relaxing and
Joyful summer.*

Do you have a space TV you no longer need?

Due to the Alpha course and other discipleship courses now mostly being online, it looks like the Parish office needs a new TV to replace the very old one we currently have.
Do you have a large screen TV (at least 36inches) that you no longer need, that has USB ports to allow us to connect a laptop or maybe even a more modern one with internet access?
If you do and would be happy to donate, then please do contact the Parish office? Thank you so much.

Pendower Good Neighbour Project

Thank you to all Worth Parishioners who very generously sponsored Fr Aidan's brother, Anthony, on his 100 mile walk.

A total of **£3465 (+ Gift Aid)**, was raised for this great cause.

Thank you so much for your tremendous generosity.

Next parish walk:

Sunday July 22nd. It will be a circular walk of approximately four and a half miles starting from Street Hill near St. Nicholas Church Rectory, Worth Village, which is off the Turners Hill Road returning for lunch at The Red Lion at approximately 1.30. As usual there are lovely views and some walking through woodland. Parking is limited. I would be grateful if those who intend to go would meet in Worth Abbey car park after 9.30 mass on 22nd so that perhaps we can discuss any possible car sharing. I would be grateful for numbers on 07941865002 or trishiasol@aol.com

Volunteers Needed for the Haywards Heath Distribution Centre:

Fridays - They are looking for additional volunteers to cover some shifts on Fridays, ideally with previous Distribution centre experience.

Bank Volunteers - They would like to add 2 more experienced volunteers to their "bank" list, to be on call to cover sickness or holidays.

Drivers - For the very occasional delivery of food to a client's home. For more information please call Heather on 07884 103719 Or email heather@haywardsheath.foodbank.org.uk

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

We have received a letter from CAFOD, regarding the collection for the above day. Thanks to your generosity we raised a total of **£738.67** which has supported Edelmira, a farmer in El Salvador to plant seeds and watch them grow, knowing she will be able to provide for her family. Thank you.

Volunteers needed for fun art project:

Worth school is running a project alongside the Abbey and the parish to connect the children with the community. On **Thursday 5th July**, there will be a "Worth in the Community day" held in the school. Caroline Brown and Dominic Marshall are running a project with forty of our pupils and hopefully Worth Parishioners. This project is ART based, it will be a mural which will bring together the Parish, Monastery and the School. You do not have to be artistic. It will be a fun, wonderful afternoon with interaction with our pupils, creating a wonderful piece of art for the Narthex. Lunch will also be served. If you are interested in helping in this project please either contact the parish office or email Caroline on cabrown@worth.org.uk

Non Parish Events:

Pilgrimage of Reparation and Consecration - At the Church of our lady of Consolation & St Francis, West Grinstead, West Sussex, RH13 8LT on **Saturday 21st July**

Brighton Celebrate Weekend - Celebrate is a non-residential weekend for all ages and takes place on **Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th July** at Cardinal Newman School, Hove, BN3 6JND. The theme is "See, I am doing a new thing!" See poster and booking forms for more information or visit www.celebrateconference.org/weekends/brighton where you can also book online.

'St John's Seminary - Wonersh ... Can you help?

The Seminary, near Guildford, Surrey (which has been involved in the formation of priests for over 125 years) is looking for some help with the cost of re-decoration and refurbishment of 30 of its bedrooms, which have received little or no upgrading for 40+ years. Many rooms have threadbare or no carpets, and curtains which are close to disintegration. Some of the beds and other furniture started their life in the Junior Seminary at Mark Cross, Sussex - which closed in 1970. The Seminary operates on a very tight budget, and there are no funds available for this much-needed work, which would cost in the region of £2,000 per room. If you can help in any way, please send a cheque made payable to St John's Seminary to: Mgr Gerry Ewing (Vice-Rector), St John's Seminary, Wonersh, Guildford, Surrey GU5 0QX.

Thank you so much!

REGULAR EVENTS IN THE PARISH

Mass Times - Saturday: 9.00 am (Concelebrated) and 5.00 pm (First Mass of Sunday),

Sunday: 9.30 am, with an 11.30am mass at St Dunstan's West Hoathly

Daily Mass: 8.00 am and 5.30 pm (Concelebrated), Holy Days of Obligation: Vigil Mass: 7.30 pm;

Feast Day: 8.00 am and 5.30 pm

Adoration - Friday evenings 7.00- 8.00pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Reflection, music and silence.

Sunday Adoration - In St Dunstan's Chapel, West Hoathly, every Sunday from 5pm-7pm to support the parish evangelisation programme. Please feel free to come for as long as you wish.

Confessions (Sacrament of Reconciliation) - Sundays 9.10-9.30am before Mass.

Marian Prayer Group - 2nd/4th Monday, 7.30pm, Lady Chapel.

Prayers for Healing - 1st Wednesday of every month at 7.15pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, a mass with prayers for healing.

Lectio Divina - Tuesdays 8.20pm, for 30 mins, Parlour 3 (entry from the Narthex) then Compline.

Sunday prayers for Healing - Once a month, there is a half hour service of prayers for healing in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, after 0930 Sunday mass. All Welcome. The next dates are 5th August and 8th September.

Christian Meditation Group - Blessed Sacrament Chapel 7.45pm for 8pm start to 8.45pm followed by Compline. Contact Gabrielle 01342 326118/Caterina 01243 554001. Next dates are 11th and 25th July.

Vigil for Vocations - (1st Friday) 9.00pm to midnight in the Abbey Church. Next date 6th July.

Children's Mass - 1st Saturday of each month at 5pm. **Next date will be October 6th.**

Bereavement Support - Marian & Clare are available to meet you either at St Benedict's or to visit you at home. Contact the team via the Parish Office or email - clare_harper@hotmail.com or marian.imhasly@gmail.com.

Mothers Prayer Group - in Balcombe every Tuesday 12 noon. Call Marie 07860 845658. All faiths and none are most welcome.

Next Sunday's Readings: **Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading - Ezekiel 2:2-5

2nd Reading - 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Gospel: Mark 6:1-6

The Rejection of Jesus at Nazareth

Daily Readings

Monday - Amos 2:6-10, 13-16 Matt 8:18-22

Tuesday - Isa 7:1-9 Matt 11:20-24

Wednesday - Isa 10:5-7, 13b-16 Matt 11:25-27

Thursday - Isa 26:7-9, 12, 16-19 Matt 11:28-30

Friday - Isa 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8 Matt 12:1-8

Saturday - Mic 2:1-5 Matt 12:14-21

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Safeguarding: Rachel Davies (07801 696354) and Maria Stribbling (01342 710313)

In Touch: If you would like anything to appear in 'In Touch', please email: worthintouch@hotmail.co.uk (by Thursday 10am)

If you are unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion at home, or if you have any prayer intentions, please let Fr Paul know.