

We must protect creation for it is a gift which the Lord has given us, it is God's present to us; we are the guardians of creation. When we exploit creation, we destroy that sign of God's love.

These words of Pope Francis remind us that care for Creation is one of the important themes of his papacy, to which he dedicated his great encyclical *Laudato Si* in 2015. Last weekend he joined leaders of Orthodox and other Churches in a World Day of Prayer for Creation. He invites us to join him in this prayer.

In his message he said there needed to be a *renewed and sound relationship* between humanity and Creation for the good of the planet. *Only an authentic and integral vision of humanity will permit us to take better care of our planet for the benefit of present and future generations.*

Pope Francis focused his message on water - a simple and precious element - and described access to it as a "basic and universal human right". In this context he warned against the practise of privatising the provision of water.

Calling for action to address the emergency of 'plastic pollution' in our seas and oceans, the Pope asserted that men and women of good will must work with the Creator: *All too many efforts fail due to the lack of effective regulation and means of control, particularly with regard to the protection of marine areas beyond national confines (cf. Laudato Si', 174). We cannot allow our seas and oceans to be littered by endless fields of floating plastic. Here too, our active commitment is needed to confront this emergency. We need to pray as if everything depended on God's providence, and work as if everything depended on us.* (It is in this context that we have changed the cups that we use for coffee after Sunday mass. Instead of using plastic, which is discarded into landfill, and takes many years to break down, we now use compostable cups. Thank you everyone who helps to put these into compost.)

Please visit our website for more details about the Pope's message, and a commentary on *Laudato Si*; and please pray that we may all be inspired to play our part in the protection of God's Creation.

Creator God, open our eyes to see your love throughout Creation. Inspire us to treat Creation and each other as you would, with respect and compassion. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, Amen.

Irundu

We are delighted to learn that Mgr Stephen, Parish Priest of our friendship parish in Irundu, Uganda, has now got his visa. He will be with us from 2nd October. There will be two opportunities to learn more about Irundu and meet Mgr Stephen.

After Mass on Sunday 7th join us to learn about our Friendship Parish. We will be telling you how your generosity has helped the parish and the people of Irundu, in particular the Health Centre and our aid for vocational training. Hear about the way Worth School has supported Irundu and Julian Gabriel's project to help build water boreholes in Uganda. Mgr Stephen will be with us to help answer your questions. The meeting will last about one hour - and coffee will be served!

On Saturday 13th October at 5 pm we will celebrate our vigil mass "Uganda style" with Mgr Stephen and the Uganda Choir from London, followed by a party in Compass House. If you would like to help with party food please get in touch with Ali Ambridge at alisonstooks@hotmail.co.uk.

Mgr Stephen will be staying in the abbey from 5th October until 20th October and then with friends for another three weeks. If you would like to meet and help entertain him during his visit please get in touch with Cynthia Hanes by telephone - 01737 243013.

Anniversaries:

**Please pray for the souls of – John Blake, Anton Wasylkiw, Georgette Groombridge, Ambrose Bristow, Michael Finch, Zofia Tywonska, John Ovenden, Matthew Boughton and John Johnson
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.**



Prayers:

Please pray for the healing of Francesca Cloke

Please pray for the success of Adoremus National Eucharistic pilgrimage and congress in Liverpool this weekend

Parish News

For All Children – Junior church returns This Sunday



Spending one minute less in the shower each day will save up to £7 off your energy bills each year, per person.

With a water meter this could save a further £12 off annual water and sewerage bills. If everyone in a four person family did this it would lead to a total saving of £80 a year.

PEG Woodland Walk

A new autumn walk through the Worth estate will be led by Mark Tibble and Christina Fitzsimons after Mass on **Sunday 21st October**. The route will take in a varied selection of wild and planted flora and trees, native to the area or introduced over the centuries. The gentle walk will take approximately an hour and will include a welcome pit-stop by a lake for hot chocolate, tea/coffee, cakes, pastries and soft drinks. Families particularly welcome! **Adults £5 Families £12**

Contact Sara Barclay-Hudson (sbh0369@yahoo.com) / 01444 461236 to sign up now!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (FHC)

FHC classes will begin in a few weeks. Children who are 8 years and older by May 2019 are eligible.

If you are interested in your child making their FHC, please contact the Parish Office on 01342 710313. Thank you

Healing Service

Sunday 16th September. Mass will be celebrated at 2pm in the abbey church, followed by prayers for healing. All welcome

Next parish walk

30th September. A wonderful walk we have done once before. We meet at The Victory pub at Staplefield at 11.15 a.m. and then walk up the lane opposite and round one of the lakes in the grounds of Nymans and return to the pub for lunch at 1.30 p.m. The walk is approximately three and a half miles long and it will be a picturesque finale to summer walking as autumn creeps in. Everyone welcome whether for walk and lunch or lunch only. I would be grateful for numbers on either: trishiasol@aol.com or 07941865002.

Plate Collection

Gift Aided – £535.95
Non Gift Aided – £380.35

This weekend there is a second collection for **The Catholic Education Service**

Diocesan Grandparents Week in our Parishes and schools

September 29th – October 7th – this is a special week for Grandparents. Look out for events in your local schools

Bottle Tops

Rachel Davies wants to thank everyone for collecting bottle tops this past year. She will no longer be collecting bottle top caps.

Recycling changes are allowing caps to be recycled, as long as they are in the bin, loose and not bagged up.

There is an excellent website providing further information:
www.sussexgreenliving.co.uk/recycling-zone/recycling-for-charity.

Family Development Course – First Steps

The Family Development Foundation are proposing to run a course for couples with children from 0-4 years old. The course will start in early 2019 and will run once a month at Worth Abbey. The purpose of the course is to provide parents with the tools they need to reach their full potential as educators of their children, and to develop their very own personal and family plan.

A taster session is planned for **Saturday 29th September**. To find out more information and to sign up for the taster session please contact Katy Gray at katyrussell@hotmail.co.uk

For more information about the course please see <http://familydevelopment.org.uk/courses/first-steps>

Message from Crawley Open House

As you may have heard we have had some bad news. For as long as we can remember we have been supported by a large grant from West Sussex County Council. It has been reduced recently, but no-one was expecting the news last week that the funding for us and ALL main homeless providers in West Sussex is to be scrapped entirely from April 2019.

This will mean the closure of our hostel, and possibly the entire charity. We think that this decision will be met with great anger, and we ask our friends to help lobby WSCC to reverse their decision.

It will take 30 seconds to sign the petition which has been created by the leader of Crawley Council via the link below, asking WSCC to reverse their proposal and to save Crawley Open House...

<https://www.change.org/p/louise-goldsmith-save-crawley-open-house>

We feel very let down by the proposed withdrawal of funding, at a time when cuts in other areas of public spending are already conspiring to send more people to our door. If places like Crawley Open House close where are people to go for support?

Communications and Media Day at DABCEC

A Communications and Media Day has been scheduled for **Saturday 6th October 2018** from 10am to 1pm at the Christian Education Centre (DABCEC) in Crawley. Its main purpose is to continue developing the A&B News by focusing on editorial content for the coming years that underpins the strategic priorities of formation, prayer and mission, while celebrating and building community. If you would like to be our Parish representative and attend this day, please do let us know in the parish office. Thank you

Gatwick Detainee Centre

GDWG are running low on the following items of clothing. If you have anything that you no longer need, please drop this off at the parish office.

Socks, Trainers, esp. sizes 8-10, T-shirts, esp. Medium, Jeans, waist size 32, 34 and 36, especially 34, Jogging bottoms, Jumpers/hoodies.

If there is anyone who would like to volunteer some time to sort through any items received, we would be very grateful, please let the parish office know. Thank you

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 9th Sept, 7th Oct, 4th Nov and 2nd December.

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 12th and 26th September.

Vigil for Vocations - (1st Friday) 9.00pm to midnight in the Abbey Church. Next date 7th September.

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.

"If we wish to dwell in the tent of his kingdom, we will never arrive unless we run there by doing some good deeds"
(St Benedict)

Next Sunday's Readings: **Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading - Isaiah 50:5-9 2nd Reading - James 2:14-18

Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

Peter's declaration about Jesus

Daily Readings

Monday - 1 Cor 5:1-8 Luke 6:6-11

Tuesday - 1 Cor 6:1-11 Luke 6:12-19

Wednesday - 1 Cor 7:25-31 Luke 6:20-26

Thursday - 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13 Luke 6:27-38 (St John Chrysostom)

Friday - Num 21:4b-9 or Phil 2:6-11 John 3:13-17 (The Exaltation of the Holy Cross)

Saturday - 1 Cor 10:14-22 John 19:25-27 or Luke 2:33-35

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Night time emergencies only: 07494 484979

Cheques to be made payable to - Worth Abbey Parish

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

In Touch: If you would like anything to appear in 'In Touch', please contact Maria Stribbling at parish@worth.org.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.

