

## Welcome, Fr Stephen Mudoola!

It is with great pleasure that we welcome Mgr Stephen from our Friendship Parish in Irundu, Uganda. He stays with us in the monastery until Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup>, and then will be staying locally until the beginning of November. This weekend, after Sunday mass, we have a meeting with him in the Unity Room, when we will have an opportunity to learn more about the parish in Irundu, and how your generous donations are being used for the benefit of the people there. (Coffee will be served in the Unity Room on Sunday.)

The following weekend, at the Saturday mass at 5 pm, 13<sup>th</sup> October, we have a special celebration of our friendship, with music animated by the Ugandan choir who have visited us in previous years. Do come and join us, and, if it will be your first time, discover the exuberant joy of African liturgy in dance and song. The mass will be followed by a party in Compass House, where there will be even more exuberant singing and dancing. If anyone can help with the catering for the meal, please get in touch with Ali Ambridge ([alisonstooks@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:alisonstooks@hotmail.co.uk)).

If anyone would like to offer hospitality to Fr Stephen whilst he is staying in the Monastery, inviting him to a meal or on an outing, please contact the parish office.

Please help us to make this a really enjoyable time for Fr Stephen while he is in England.

Please pray for our Friendship Parish, and especially for Fr Stephen.

*God our Father, our refuge in adversity, our strength in weakness, our comfort in sorrow, be merciful to your people.*

*Keep the churches of Worth and Irundu in your special care.*

*Increase our faith, give us this day our daily bread, and help us to keep learning from each other, offering to each other and receiving from each other.*

*We make this prayer through Christ our Lord,*

*Amen*

Please see the separate letter from the Bishops of England and Wales following their visit to Rome, when they express their appreciation of the support they receive from Pope Francis. Please pray for them and for Pope Francis.

### Anniversaries:

**Please pray for the souls of - Glen Robertson, Mary Mason, Jack Harwood-Davis, Archbishop Cyril Cowderoy and Arthur Maynard. 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

Ben Rogers, of Christian Solidarity Worldwide, asks our prayers for the Kachin people, a mainly Christian tribe in Burma, who are suffering from greatly increased violence from the Burmese army. 7,000 have been driven from their homes this year, and 66 churches destroyed.

Please pray for James Hergerty who died on Tuesday. We pray for Claire, his widow, and their family.



## *Parish News*

### Family Fast Day Prayer

Creator God, in love you give life.

In your generosity you create the gifts of the earth.

As daughters and sons of the same father, may we learn to share the plentiful gifts of creation, especially with those most in need.

Give us open hands and loving hearts, so that we take less and give more.

We ask that all may benefit from your goodness, and share in the fullness of life you have promised. Amen.

### Dates for your diary

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December** 7.45pm –  
Parish Reconciliation Service

#### **During Advent**

The launch campaign for Alpha for all.

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December** 4.00pm

Carol Service – for our Parish and wider friends and families

### Turners Hill Parish News

For those who would like a copy, these are now available in the Narthex

### Plate Collection

**Gift Aided – £384.45**  
**Non Gift Aided – £231.65**

**We invite you to return your CAFOD envelopes this weekend. Thank you.**

### Altar Servers

Two adult servers are required for the Saturday evening 5pm mass.

Would volunteers please contact Michael directly or email:  
paul.michael.westonburt@btinternet.com  
Full training will be given. Thank you very much

### A simple introduction to the Old Testament.

Beginning **October 17<sup>th</sup>**, at 7.30 pm in St Benedict's.  
Please let us know if you can come

### Confirmation 2018-19

Our Confirmation programme starts on **Tuesday the 30th October** after school and meets bi-weekly in term time.

The programme we are following this year is based on the Youth Alpha series <https://alpha.org/alpha-youth-series/> and includes a weekend Retreat. The Alpha youth Leaders are Conal O'Callaghan and Rebecca Blakey, part of Worth abbey School Chaplaincy team. The only requirement is that you are in year 10 or above, and want to learn more about what it means to follow Jesus Christ. Please email the Parish Office for a registration form and we will send you a timetable and personal invite to the first session.

### **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**

Please contact either Christina Fitzsimons on christinafitzsimons@icloud.com or Sara Barclay-Hudson on sbh0369@yahoo.com

### **TRAIDCRAFT**

No doubt you will have read in the press recently that Traidcraft have been experiencing some retailing problems and that, unfortunately, it is very likely they will cease their current trading operations on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018. We are advised that Traidcraft will continue to trade as usual through the autumn and to the end of 2018. We have been encouraged to continue supporting Traidcraft as a good autumn season is a pre-requisite if the company is to have a future model. We hope that you will support our Traidcraft stall during this period. We have plenty of chocolate, biscuits, tea and coffee and we will be taking orders for Christmas cards shortly. Nearer to Christmas, there will be tasting Sundays for Christmas nibbles, etc., which will be advised in "In Touch". Do please visit our Traidcraft stall and have a look at the new catalogue. There is a wide variety of goods including men's and women's clothing, handbags, glassware, candles and socks – all good Christmas presents! We will be happy to order anything for you. Meanwhile, we will endeavour to contact other parishes in the diocese to see what we can do to continue supporting Fair Trade.

### **Celebrating parish history**

Calling all parishioners; in preparation for our Parish Workshop on the 25th Nov, we are gathering together pictures and memories to tell the story of our wonderful Parish. Photos and narrative can be emailed or popped in person to the Parish Office.

### **Annual Jam and Chutney Sale**

This will be for medical expenses in Irundu and will take place after the Worth Abbey Masses on **Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th November** and then again on **Sunday 11th November** at West Hoathly.

Anyone wishing to contribute to this sale is asked to make contact via email to jenny.harrison@btconnect.com stating what they will be providing. Thank you.

### **THE BIG ENCOUNTER 2018 - FESTIVAL FOR 16-35s**

Our annual festival for 16-35 year olds is happening at Worth Abbey (Performing Arts Centre) on **Saturday November 10th** at 6.30pm. It's open to anybody in that age group, and we've got an amazing line-up. The Youth 2000 Worship Band will be leading the music, and Bryony Wells will be our keynote speaker. Bishop Richard will also be with us. This is the second annual BIG ENCOUNTER, and we're expecting a few hundred people, so spread the word. Entry is free, and you don't need to book. For more info: Jack.Regan@dabnet.org

### **Volunteers for Refugees Welcome Crawley**

RWC are looking for more volunteers to provide the services we are offering. If you can consider helping with any of the activities below, even if just occasionally, please contact me to discuss in more detail how you might like to help.

Driving: to/ from Worth school to/ from East Grinstead, Ashurstwood or Crawley on a Wednesday or Friday afternoon, approx. 1-3, in term times to support Arabic and IT lessons. Childminding 3 children with another volunteer at a Children and Family centre while their parents have their English lessons at Ifield College. English teaching, (mainly conversation). Or Befriending or Interpreting

If Interested, please contact Cathy at merrycat1@gmail.com or 07968 688380

**They are also looking for donations of armchairs, wardrobes or chest of drawers, double buggies and scooters or bikes for children.**

## 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.

**Eucharistic Healing Services:** Wednesday **10<sup>th</sup> Oct** at 7.15pm. **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Nov** from 2-5pm. Wednesday **12<sup>th</sup> Dec** at 7.15pm. Contact Fr Rod 01342 710308 for further details.

**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 **7<sup>th</sup> Oct, 4<sup>th</sup> Nov and 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec.**

**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 17<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> Oct.**

**Vigil for Vocations** - (1st Friday) 9.00pm to midnight in the Abbey Church. **Next date 2<sup>nd</sup> November.**

**Children's Mass** - 1st Saturday of each month at 5pm. **Next date will be 3<sup>rd</sup> November.**

**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.

*"Listen carefully, my son, to the master's instructions and attend to them with the ear of your heart. This is advice from a father who loves you, welcome it and faithfully put it into practice"*  
(St Benedict)

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

1st Reading - Wisdom 7:7-11      2<sup>nd</sup> Reading - Hebrews 4:12-13

**Gospel: Mark 10:17-30**

**The rich man**

### Daily Readings

Monday - Gal 1:6-12 Luke 10:25-37

Tuesday - Gal 1:13-24 Luke 10:38-42

Wednesday - Gal 2:1-2, 7-14 Luke 11:1-4

Thursday - Gal 3:1-5 Luke 11:5-13

Friday - Gal 3:7-14 Luke 11:15-26

Saturday - Gal 3:22-29 Luke 11:27-28

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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.**

