

End Hunger UK

This is the title of a new campaign by Church Action on Poverty, the Christian group which highlights poverty and deprivation in our country. In the latest edition of *Spark*, their newsletter, which is available on the parish website, they write: Millions are swept to the margins of our society by poverty. These are people made in the image of God, who are denied a chance to live life in all its fullness. People on low incomes face injustice every day, are stigmatised by politicians and newspapers, and can't play a full role in the life of their communities. Since 1982, Church Action on Poverty has been working alongside people in poverty and Churches to tackle the root causes and loosen the grip of poverty.

One particular initiative which they have taken recently is the appeal to end Universal Credit, because they see that this is causing increased hardship among those in need. Niall Cooper, the director of CAP, writes: The End Hunger petition to Fix Universal Credit will be delivered to the Prime Minister in the lead-up to the Autumn Budget in mid-November, (please see the website for this) by which time we hope that thousands of people who use, volunteer and donate to food banks will have had the chance to sign it, along with many others who share our vision of a country where no one has to go to bed hungry.

As an End Hunger UK survey of more than 60 local food banks and other emergency food providers found in July, an increasing number of families are reliant on food banks as a result of problems with the design and implementation of Universal Credit, including delays, errors and poor administration. In areas where Universal Credit has been rolled out to all new claimants, The Trussell Trust reports an average increase of 52% in the number of people visiting their food banks in the following 12 months, as well as rising levels of debt, destitution and hunger. Together we can send a powerful message to the Prime Minister that it's time for the Government to step up to the plate, and do its bit to prevent people going hungry this autumn.

Please see the website and sign the petition, and please support our local foodbanks using the bins outside church.

Lord Jesus,

You came that all might have life in abundance.

*When you fed hungry people, everyone ate and
had enough.*

*May we never become accustomed to the
scandal of hunger in a world of plenty.*

*Rather, may we live in accordance with your
justice and equity.*

Anniversaries:

Please pray for the souls of - Elizabeth Montgomery, Cecily Evans, Miss Millet, Peter Cole, Cecily Hallack, Alexander Duncan, Audrey Sherwin, Lady Dora Wilkinson, Gerry McGiven, Jean Whigham, Kathleen Rogers, Moy Steel, Albert Marchant, Hdmayoun Djavadezadeh, Ivor Francis Davies, John Elton and Deidre Sweetman **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.**



Prayers:

Claire Heagerty would like to thank everyone for their kind thoughts and messages.

Parish News

Prayer for Climate Change

Lord, you created the world with your dream of what it could be.
You dreamed of people and plants, animals and air, all living in the right relationship to you and to each other.
Today we pray to you for a world which is not threatened by a changing climate, which hurts our atmosphere, which wounds the poorest and most vulnerable, which leaves this wonderful planet in poor shape for future generations.
Lord help us to listen to your voice, your Word, and your creation.
Amen

Dates for your diary

Sunday 11th November 7,30pm – Faure’s Requiem 100th Anniversary in the Abbey.

Sunday 2nd December 7.30pm – Handel’s Messiah in the Abbey.

Monday 17th December 7.45pm – Parish Reconciliation Service in the Abbey.

During Advent - The launch campaign for Alpha for all.

Sunday 23rd December 4.00pm - Carol Service – In the Abbey for our Parish and wider friends and families.

GDPR

We have now completed our requests regarding GDPR approval. We will begin removing names from our database for those who have not replied. If you believe that you still have not given permission and would like to, then please do get in touch with the parish office.

Composting Coffee Cups

Can you help us by taking coffee cups to your compost heap after Sunday mass? Please speak with the team after mass

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.

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.

Parking

May we ask you all very kindly to leave the disabled parking bays for those who need them, and to avoid parking in the monastic area at the bottom of the hill. Thank you very much for your consideration.

To all Red Box Holders

This is a reminder to our Red Mission Box holders that it is now time to empty and count them. Our hardworking Missionaries to a lot of good work with our donations. Your cheque should be sent this month to: The APF, 22 Ecclestone Square, London SW1V 1NU. Your prayers for them would be most welcome too.

Plate Collection

Gift Aided - **£425.15**
Non Gift Aided - **£306.77**

This weekend there will be a 2nd collection for

World Mission Sunday

The one Sunday in the year when the entire global Church comes together in support of mission. And all the donations from these worldwide Masses go entirely to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor.

TRAIDCRAFT

We have now received a selection of Christmas cards and are ready to take your orders. Do please visit the stall to complete an order form or take away a photocopy of the cards available if you wish to make your decision at home. We expect an announcement from Traidcraft in the next couple of weeks regarding their future. If they cease trading, we hope to find another wholesaler and continue to sell Fair Trade products. Meanwhile, we would ask you, please, to support Traidcraft by continuing to buy their chocolate, tea, coffee, biscuits, Christmas cards and Advent calendars from our stall over the next few months.

Parish representatives celebration & forum

Those who volunteer with the Parish are invited to St Mary's Hall, Arundel on **Saturday 3rd November** at 10am. The day will be discussing safeguarding, finance, gift aid and health and safety. Lunch will be provided. If you are interested, please contact the finance office on 01273 859705 or email finance@bishops-house.co.uk. Please advise of your parish name, role you provide in the parish and any dietary requirements. Thank you

Vacancy

The Holy Trinity in Cuckfield is hoping to appoint a Children and Families Lay Minister. The position will be 20 hours per week (2 year fixed term appointment) - £13,000pa, to build on the present successful work with children and families in the parish and to increase outreach within the community. For details visit holytrinitycuckfield.org or call Jonathan Berry on 01444 455986. Closing date is Nov 26th with interviews being held on Dec 6th.

GDWG

The Gatwick detention centre would be very grateful of donations of the following mens clothing items - Warm hats and gloves (not scarves), Trainers, all sizes between 7-11 (not dress shoes), T-shirts, Small and Medium only (not L or XL), Jeans, waist size 32 and 34 only, Jogging bottoms - size M and L, Jumpers/hoodies/fleeces - size S,M, L (not XL), Warm coats/jackets - sizes M and L. They don't need socks, scarves, bags or button shirts at this time.

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

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: Sunday 18th Nov from 2-5pm. **Wednesday 12th 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 **4th Nov and 2nd 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 31st Oct and 14th Nov**.

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

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

"See how the Lord, in his love, shows us the way of life"
(St Benedict)

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

1st Reading - Jeremiah 31:7-9 2nd Reading - Hebrews 5:1-6

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

The healing of blind Bartimaeus

Daily Readings

Monday - Eph 2:1-10 Luke 12:13-21

Tuesday - Eph 2:12-22 Luke 12:35-38

Wednesday - Eph 3:2-12 Luke 12:39-48

Thursday - Eph 3:14-21 Luke 12:49-53

Friday - Eph 4:1-6 Luke 12:54-59

Saturday - Eph 4:7-16 Luke 13:1-9

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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.