

## Our Common Home

This is the title of a new campaign just launched by CAFOD. They write, *We're in the midst of a climate crisis, and they invite us, Play your part to renew the earth.* This appeal alludes to Pope Francis' great Encyclical, *Laudato Si, On The Care For Our Common Home*, which he wrote in 2015. In this work he was inspired by his patron, St Francis, who, he writes, *invites us to see nature as a magnificent book in which God speaks to us and grants us a glimpse of his infinite beauty and goodness.* In these days when spring is beginning all around us it is easy to understand how he writes that *the world is a joyful mystery to be contemplated with gladness and praise.* He continues, *The urgent challenge to protect our common home includes a concern to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development.*

So in response CAFOD have begun this campaign in which all of us are invited to play our part. They write, *Inspired by Pope Francis' call to renew the earth, moved by the steps the Catholic community have already made, and fed up with inaction by distracted leaders, our new campaign, Our Common Home, aims to stop the UK contributing to climate change for good. We'll do this by petitioning the Prime Minister to ensure the UK commits to net-zero emissions by 2045 and continues to lead the way on climate action.*

During my recent visit to Nepal I saw very clearly how pollution was affecting the lives of everyone there, and how much was the consequence of poverty. Pope Francis writes, *the gravest effects of all attacks on the environment are suffered by the poorest and a true ecological approach always becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.*

Do please explore CAFOD's campaign material which you will find on our excellent parish website. There we are invited to sign the petition to be sent to the Prime Minister, and to sign up for the mass lobby of Parliament on Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. (There will be a coach to take members of our diocese from Crawley, leaving at 9 am.) Do please look at all the excellent materials which CAFOD offers, and you might like to look again at the Encyclical by Pope Francis, and the commentary on it by Alan Rew. You will also find a short essay and video by Fr Robert Barron about ways in which Western culture came to regard the natural world as a resource to dominate and plunder, rather than the Christian concept of a sacrament of God's own beauty and goodness.

Please pray for all those who work to protect our environment, and please recognise that we all have a part to play in this.

## Anniversaries

**Please pray for the Souls of** – Alan Twigg, Paddy McGrath, Ellen Morice, Paula Rawlins, Tom Neve, Andrew O'Brien, John Ferguson, Irene Cooper, Fleur Burrridge, Bert Powell, Basil Genders, John Biles, Nora Ann Richey-Brown, George Botting, George Sharman, Pat Seal, Joan Rich, David Moore and Paula Bateman.  
**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 people of Mozambique, the aid workers and leaders helping mitigate suffering in the aftermath of the crisis, and specifically the UK Ambassador, Nne Nne Iwuji-Eme

### **We pray for a better world**

Generous God, we thank you: For the gifts you have given us, the abundance of your Creation, and the beauty that surrounds us.

For the people whose lives have touched ours, for the love they show, the burdens they lift, the hopes we share.

Compassionate God, we ask you: to fill us with your love, to place in our hearts a spirit of courage, to move us to reach out to others in need.

And lead us to play our part, so that now and in generations to come all your children may share in our hope for a better world.

We ask this through Christ our Lord,  
Amen.

### Turners Hill News

There are copies in the Narthex for those who would like one.

## *Parish News*



### Concerts



**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June – 7pm** in the Worth School Theatre. One of our young parishioners, Freddie Ingles, will be giving a charity song recital in aid of The Dagoretti Child Protection and Development Centre in Nairobi, which rehabilitates street children. Featuring music by Schubert, Vaughan Williams, Jerome Kern and Tom Lehrer.

### Plate Collection

Gift Aided - **£346.64**  
Non Gift Aided - **£301.05**  
CAFOD Emergency Collection – **£427.38**

**There will be a Further second collection this Saturday (6<sup>th</sup>) in aid of CAFOD. This is an emergency collection to help those affected by Cyclone Idai in Southern Africa.**

### Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross continue each Friday in Lent in the Abbey church at 8 pm.  
(Please meet in the Lady Chapel)

**Your Weekly Gift Aid Envelopes are now available to collect in the Narthex.**

### Disabled Parking

Please be kind enough to leave the spaces by the East Door for those who really need them. Thank you for understanding.

### First Holy Communion Mass

Some of our children have been preparing for their First Holy Communion. The mass is scheduled for **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May** at 11.30am. Everyone is invited, so please feel free to join the children and welcome them to the Parish.

### Gardening Party

There will be a gardening party at St Dunstan's Chapel in West Hoathly on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April** from 10am-12Noon. Please bring tools and a picnic lunch.

### Day of Prayer for the Survivors of Abuse

Pope Francis has welcomed the Initiative of The Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors (PCPM) for the Worldwide Catholic Church to join in a Day of prayer for the survivors of sexual abuse.

This will take place on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April**, and the Catholic Community is encouraged to take part.

### **Hosanna! A Cantata for Holy Week**

Come and relive the events of Holy Week as we are led by HAND IN HAND.

**Saturday 13th April** 2.30 pm at St. Wilfrid's Parish Hall, Station Road Burgess Hill. RH15 9EN. Audience participation welcomed!

### **Lunches for Homeless People**

Your help and support on the day would be very much appreciated in The Friary Hall, Crawley.

Dates for the lunch will be

**26th May, 28th July, 22nd Sept and 24th Nov.**

If you can come along please contact Ashwin Soni on 07833 252551 or Email - ashel@hotmail.co.uk

### **Lent Coffee Mornings**

Hal and Rory Clarke continue their coffee mornings each Monday in Lent from 10.30am to 12noon.

These are held at Cinderhill House, Horsted Keynes, Haywards Heath, RH17 7BD.

Everyone is welcome and any voluntary donations to CAFOD.

### **Printer**

We have had a very kind offer of a Canon Pixma MP160+ printer. If anyone is in need of a printer and would like this, please let us know in the parish office. Thank you

### **The Refugees Welcome Crawley AGM**

AGM and Bring and Share Meal is on **Monday April 15th** at 7.00 pm at the URC, Worth Park Avenue, Three Bridges, Crawley RH10 3DF.

The business part of the meeting will be very short and will be followed by a meal.

From past experience the meal is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy good conversation with our Syrian and other friends, and with our many volunteers. The international food and Syrian cuisine is wonderful too!

Whether you are volunteering for the group or just wish to show your support, we would be delighted to welcome you.

Please tell your friends and communities they are welcome to come and join us.

### **INSPIRE 2019 – Day for Youth Leaders**

'INSPIRE' is the annual day for anyone who works with young people and young adults in a Catholic context, and anyone who is interested.

It's happening on Saturday **May 11th** at St Joseph's Church, Redhill, 10am to 2.30pm. Tickets are £10.

The day will include some time with the Bishop, as well as a series of presentations on important questions in youth and young adult ministry.

To book head to [tinyurl.com/InspireBookings](http://tinyurl.com/InspireBookings) or Email [Jack.Regan@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Jack.Regan@abdiocese.org.uk)

### **Road Works – Turners Hill Crossroads**

The roadworks planned which may affect travel to Worth are on **Sunday 7th April**.

This will be from Crossroads to No 2 East Street.

Then Sunday **14th April** from Crossroads to 10 Newstone Cottages.

Please see [www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel)

### **Lenten Stations of the Cross leaflet.**

Please accept the Lenten leaflets being handed out today with In Touch, kindly sponsored by the Catenian Association.

Inside you will find details of the Stations of the Cross, plus info about the Association with contact information.

Please contact me at [dommoor@msn.com](mailto:dommoor@msn.com) if you are interested in joining. Many thanks.

*Dominic Moorhouse. President of Crawley Circle.*

### **Easter Triduum Retreat for Young Adults (18-35s)**

This Easter weekend, there will be a retreat for young adults at Worth Abbey.

Celebrating the Passion and Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The monastic community at Worth Abbey and the members of The Wellspring Community invite you to join us for this great Feast! To Book, please contact The Open Cloister at Worth Abbey ([TOC@worthabbey.net](mailto:TOC@worthabbey.net)) for a booking form.

If you have any questions, do drop us an email

**[youngadults@wellspringbrighton.org.uk](mailto:youngadults@wellspringbrighton.org.uk)**

We look forward to seeing you there!

### **PEG Event – Oklahoma!**



#### **Another summer theatre afternoon brought to you by the Worth Abbey Parish Events Group!**

Starring Josie Lawrence and Hoyoie O'Grady, with its glorious score and spirit of exuberant optimism, ***Oklahoma!*** is the American musical by which all others are judged. **Rodgers and Hammerstein** broke new ground in perfectly integrating music and dance to tell a story whose darker undercurrents never overwhelm its rapturous vitality. Among the unforgettable songs are

*Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin', The Surrey with the Fringe on Top* and the show-stopper *Oklahoma*.

PEG tickets are £49 which includes transport by luxury coach and delicious Wild West picnic box to share! To reserve your seat, please contact **Sara Barclay-Hudson** on [sbh0369@yahoo.com](mailto:sbh0369@yahoo.com) or Tel: 01444 461236

Tickets are allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis; as this is yet another sell out production, please contact me as soon as possible if you would like to join us for a great afternoon!

## 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 - Now Meeting** 1st / 3rd Wednesday at 7:30pm, Lady Chapel.

**Eucharistic Healing Services** - Mass will be celebrated, followed by prayers for healing - all welcome.

Contact Fr Rod 01342 710308 for further details. Next date **Sun 14<sup>th</sup> April** at 2pm.

**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 date will be **5<sup>th</sup> May**.

**Christian Meditation Group** - Blessed Sacrament Chapel 7.45pm for 8pm start to 8.45pm followed by Compline. Contact Caterina 01243 554001. Next dates **10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> April**.

**Vigil for Vocations** - (1st Friday) 9.00pm to midnight in the Abbey Church. **Next date 3<sup>rd</sup> May**.

**Children's Mass** - 1st Saturday of each month at 5pm. **Next date will be 4<sup>th</sup> May**.

**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.

*"The Lord waits for us daily to translate into action, as we should, his holy teachings"*  
(St Benedict)

### Next Sunday's Readings: **Palm Sunday (yr. C)**

1st Reading - Isaiah 50:4-7

2nd Reading - Philippians 2:6-11

### **Gospel: Luke 22:14-23:56**

### **The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ**

### Daily Readings

Monday - Dan 13:41c-62 John 8:12-20

Tuesday - Num 21:4-9 John 8:21-30

Wednesday - Dan 13:14-20, 81-82, 95: John 8:31-42

Thursday - Gen 17:3-9 John 8:51-59

Friday - Jer 20:10-13 John 10:31-42

Saturday - Ezek 37:21-28 John 11:45-56

### *Parish Priest: Fr Paul Fleetwood*

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**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.**