

Happy New Year

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Unusual Kindness

We begin our week of prayer for Christian Unity next Saturday, and we have our own celebration here at Worth on Sunday, 19th. Local Church leaders invite Christians from all Churches in the villages within our parish – Balcombe, West Hoathly, Turners Hill, Crawley Down and Ardingly. We are their hosts. Some of you will remember that, some years ago, we used to celebrate mass in the villages every Sunday, and that we built up some very good relationships with our Christian neighbours, in three villages sharing their buildings. Unfortunately it has not been possible to maintain this formal presence in recent years, but we can still enjoy the friendship of our fellow Christians and neighbours just the same.

I do hope that you will be able to support this event. The prayers provided by Churches Together this year come from Malta, and they remember the story about St Paul's arrival there, shipwrecked on the coast, while a prisoner on his way to Rome. They reflect on the kindness with which St Paul and his companions were received, although they were complete strangers. They write: *Hospitality is a much needed virtue in our search for Christian unity. It calls us to a greater generosity to those in need. The people who showed unusual kindness to Paul and his companions did not yet know Christ, and yet it is through their unusual kindness that a divided people were drawn closer together. Our own Christian unity will be discovered not only through showing hospitality to one another, but also through loving encounters with those who do not share our language, culture or faith.* These words offer us so much for our meditation – most especially our own offer of hospitality here at Worth, both to those who will come on 19th, and to all who come week by week to share our prayer and fellowship. This gift of welcome and hospitality is central to our Christian faith and practice, and we need to make it visible always, to all who come. We must also show it to refugees who come to our region, and some of you might join Refugees Welcome Crawley to help in this way.

I look forward to seeing you here next Sunday, 19th, and I would be most grateful if you could help by joining a team making tea and coffee, and bring something to share in the time of fellowship in the narthex afterwards. Please let me know if you can help. Thank you very much.

Anniversaries

Please pray for the Souls of – Max Morris, Geoffrey Seager-Berry, Adolphe Morice, Lilian Cottrell, Jimmy Law, Margaret Harrison, Leo Leroux, Nazarine Chaplin, Albert (Davy) Davis, Revd Norman Print, Louise Dobson, Tim McShane and Kenneth Huggins.

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 Laura Rawlinson. Please pray for her family.

Please pray for the soul of Fr Richard Wilson who died on Monday 30th December. His funeral will be held in the Abbey on **Friday 17th January at 2pm**. All are welcome.

Compline

Compline has a new time of 8.15pm

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 12th January – Worth Choral Society and Worth School Symphony Orchestra. Worth Abbey at 7.30pm. Free admission. Donations in aid of Outreach Peru.

Sunday 19th January – An Ecumenical Worship Service, reflecting on St Paul's time on Malta. Worth Abbey at 4pm. There will be tea/coffee in the Narthex after. Please do let us know in the office if you can help prepare and serve the tea and coffee, and we ask all to bring a contribution for a finger buffet.

Friday 24th January – Curry and Quiz – with a Twist! Please see below for details.

Curry & Quiz with a Twist!



Why not start the new decade with a fun evening quizzing and tucking into a delicious curry on 24 January 2020? It promises to be a light-hearted event, good food (incl veggie option), convivial company and a great raffle in aid of the A&B Lourdes pilgrimage fund. And there will even be a non-curry dish for those who love quizzes not curries!

Teams can be formed in advance or on the night, meeting in Compass House around 1815, with an 1830 kick off. Feel free to invite friends and neighbours to join your teams and remember to bring your own wine, beer and refreshments for the evening....a great time guaranteed for all!! Plus, prizes for the winning (and losing) teams!

Only £6 per head - I do hope parishioners will support this fun event with as much gusto as in the past!

To reserve your place, please let me know as soon as possible if you would like to come.

Contact Sara Barclay-Hudson sbh0369@yahoo.com 01444 461236

Justice & Peace Social Action

Annual Justice & Peace assembly "Still no room at the Inn". How can we respond to the homeless crisis today? Come along to the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley on

Saturday 25th January.

Contact Tessa at Tessa.Ricketts@abdiocese.org.uk or 01293 651154

Refugee Tales 2020 Launch

Launch event happening on Saturday 18th January from 10.30am-3.30pm at the Hurtado Jesuit Centre, 2 Chandler Street, London, E1W 2QT. Tea/coffee will be available from 10.30am and the programme with start at 11am. There will be a lunch break so please do bring some lunch to share. Please email refugeetales@gdwg.org.uk to book your tickets

Alpha

Our next Alpha Programme will start on **Monday 20th January** at 7.30pm.

This is an interactive course for anyone who would like to deepen their Faith.

If you are interested in joining these sessions, please let us know at the Parish Office by either emailing parish@worth.org.uk or calling 01342 710313. Thank You.

The application process for the 2020 Lourdes Pilgrimage is now open.

The online application form for those applying as a helper, chaplain, member of the medical team or as a pilgrim who needs no assistance can be found at <https://www.my-holiday-booking.co.uk/crm/introduction/index/i/17/eid/9>

If you would like to come to Lourdes as an Assisted Pilgrim, please contact the Pilgrimage Office who will post a form to you; E: office@ablourdes.org T: 01403 740110

Faith in Politics

Faith in Politics, the Parliamentary and Public Affairs Internship run by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, has been featured on www.laityinvolved.org, a new website launched by the Holy See's Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life. *Faith in Politics* offers a foundation of Catholic faith and spiritual formation for those who believe that they may have a vocation to public service in politics or public affairs. Bishop John Arnold, Bishop for the Faith in Politics scheme, said:

'I am delighted that *Faith in Politics* has been chosen to feature as an example of worldwide best practice of formation of the laity. The scheme has prepared over one hundred Catholic graduates for a career in public life and makes real difference to the mission of the Church, to civic life in our country, and to those with whom the interns work.'

Applications for Faith in Politics 2020-21 are now open. More information be found at www.faithinpolitics.org.uk. **Applications close on 28th February 2020.**

Evening Prayer for Divorced, Remarried & Separated

Sun. 23rd February, at 3 pm: All those in our parish communities who may be divorced, remarried or simply separated, are warmly invited to come together with Bishop Richard at **St. John the Evangelist Church in Horsham** for afternoon tea, conversation and the celebration of Evening Prayer, which will conclude the afternoon. If you would like to join in, please contact Katherine.Bergin@abdiocese.org.uk Thank you.

Green Christian Conference

Walking, falling and keeping going, discovering and maintaining a radical creation-centred way of being.

Saturday 1st February, 11am – 4.30pm (tea and coffee from 10.30am) at St Aloysius Church Hall, 20 Phoenix Road, London NW1 1TA. There will be presentations and discussions.

The event is free (donations welcome on the day).

To book please email georgedow@greenchristian.org.uk

Lunch for Homeless people

Lunch will be served on **Sunday 26th January**, then 22nd March, 24th May, 26th July, 27th September and 22nd November. If you would like to help, please contact Ashwin Soni on 07833 252551

Collections

Gift Aid - **£383.40** Non Gift Aid - **£431.47**
Next weekend there will be a Second Collection for Pax Christi

Divine Renovation

Come along to the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley, RH10 6RP on **Thursday 30th January** from 1pm-4pm to meet others interest in, inspired by, or utilising the Divine Renovation programme in their parishes. The afternoon will provide an opportunity to network, share your best practice and explore any challenges in order to build thriving Parish communities for the future

For more information or to register, please contact Jon Harman (Spiritual and Formation Advisor) at jon.harman@abdiocese.org.uk

All are welcome. Please let us know if you have any additional needs.

A sandwich lunch will be provided

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For more information or to book, please contact our Marriage & Family Life Advisor, Katherine Bergin on katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk

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

Compline – 8.15pm-8.30pm

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.

Lectio Divina - Tuesdays **7.30pm**, for 30 mins, Parlour 1 (entry from the Narthex) **(Please note change of time)**

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 is **2nd February**.

Christian Meditation Group - Blessed Sacrament Chapel **7.15pm - 8pm** followed by Compline. Contact Caterina 01243 554001. **Next date – 29th January then 12th February (Please note change of time)**

Vigil for Vocations - (1st Friday) **8.15pm – 9pm** in the Abbey Church. **(Please note change of time)**

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.

Bible Study Group – Every Wednesday at 7.30pm in St Benedict's (Parish Office). Please advise the Parish Office if you wish to come.

Nazareth Youth Group – For young people in years 9-13 on a Wednesday evening in Compass House between 5.45pm-7pm. It includes pizza, games, worship and social times. Contact Veronika on vbulakova@worth.org.uk

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

Next Sunday's Readings: **Second Sunday in OT (Year A) - Peace Sunday**

1st Reading – Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 2nd Reading – 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

**Gospel: John 1:29-34
The Lamb of God**

Daily Readings

Monday – 1 Sam 1:1-8 Mark 1:14-20

Tuesday – 1 Sam 1:9-20 Mark 1:21-28

Wednesday – 1 Sam 3:1-10, 19-20 Mark 1:29-39 **(SS Maurus & Placid)**

Thursday – 1 Sam 4:1-11 Mark 1:40-45

Friday – 1 Sam 8:4-7, 10-22a Mark 2:1-12 **(St Antony of Egypt)**

Saturday – 1 Sam 9:1-4, 17-19, 1:1a Mark 2:13-17

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Any 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 Tuesday)

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.