



Dear Parishioners

It is very good to be back in touch with you all again after a break of two weeks. I hope that you and your families are all well, and that you have enjoyed a good summer, despite the virus which impinges on so much of our lives. It is also very good to have Maria back to produce our copy of **In Touch** for us in its elegant format, and another delight is to welcome D'Arcy back to play for our masses. We also look forward to organizing cantors once again.

## The Season of Creation

The Season of Creation began on September 1<sup>st</sup> and runs until the Feast of St Francis on 4<sup>th</sup> October. I was blessed to celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Creation on 1<sup>st</sup> while camping and cycling in the New Forest. The beauty of the natural world is very impressive and moves us to prayer in a powerful way, reminding us that the Creator has given us all this as His gift for us to care for and to enjoy. A good way to begin to engage with the issues is spend time in some beautiful place outside and simply to let the world speak to us about God and His goodness.

This season is something observed by all Christian Churches around the world, but is specially promoted by Pope Francis, who has written a message for us to encourage our study and action. *During this period, Christians worldwide renew their faith in the God of creation and join in prayer and work for the care of our common home.* He speaks of this being a time of Jubilee – a moment both for rejoicing in God's gifts, and for restoring relationships : *A Jubilee is indeed a time of grace to remember creation's original vocation to exist and flourish as a community of love. We exist only in relationships: with God the Creator, with our brothers and sisters as members of a common family, and with all of God's creatures within our common home. "Everything is related, and we human beings are united as brothers and sisters on a wonderful pilgrimage, woven together by the love God has for each of his creatures and which also unites us in fond affection with brother sun, sister moon, brother river and mother earth"* (LS, 92)

May these words of Pope Francis inspire us all to work and to pray for the restoration of good relations with the natural world, our common home. Please do look at the full message of Pope Francis on the website, together with much more inspiring material which Meg Rew has kindly gathered for us. <https://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/jubilee-for-the-earth-season-of-creation-1st-september-4th-october-2020/>

We offer below a prayer in thanksgiving for the gift of Creation.

We praise and bless you, O Lord. In the beginning of the beginning, you breathed upon the waters of creation, and filled the earth with life through your vibrant Spirit. You spoke, and the earth burst forth in life, you saw that it was good. You called forth creation, and enlivened every creature on land and sea. We praise you for your manifold gifts. May our daily care for your creation show reverence for your name, and reveal your saving power in every creature under heaven. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Registration for Mass attendance is longer required***

**Baptism**

We are pleased to be able to offer classes preparing for the sacrament of baptism once more to families who live within the Worth Abbey parish, or who are regular parishioners. The classes will take place on Sundays in September and October, and the celebration in October.

Please get in touch to register: [parish@worth.org.uk](mailto:parish@worth.org.uk) or call 01342 710313

**Stewarding for Covid-19**

Thank you for your generosity in helping us bring Christ to others in a safe way during these difficult times. To register as a steward, please begin by providing your email address and filling out the form on our website:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1u9PAQw8I37yX2oa-o1e8ZQJaHEGioZhPXNlLzCjsOo/viewform?ts=5f256f53&edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1u9PAQw8I37yX2oa-o1e8ZQJaHEGioZhPXNlLzCjsOo/viewform?ts=5f256f53&edit_requested=true)

We urgently need volunteers to help count the weekly collections. Can anyone help us, please ? Please get in touch with the office. Thank you very much.



### Prayers

Please pray for the healing of Laura Rawlinson. Please pray for her family.

Please pray for all in need of healing and those who care for them.

Please pray for those who live alone, especially our own parishioners.

### Anniversaries

**Please pray for the Souls of** – Roger Birchall, Maureen Simmons, Helen Walford, David Mitchell-Gogay, Jude McNaboe, Peter Whigham, Monica O'Brien, Monica Trinkwon, Brian Whinney, Anne Seagar-Berry, Albert Sullivan, Veronica Tritton, Agnes Trinham, Dom Benedict Sankey, David Barwell, Peter Grace, Margaret Owers, David Carter, Reg Parker, Rorie Duncan, Bridget Cheal Snelling, Norman Maddock, Alexandra Church, Charles Hurdman, Michael Burke, Matthew Lovell, John Blake, Anton Wasylikiw and Georgette Groombridge.

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.**

### **Daily Readings**

Monday – 1 Cor 5:1-8 Luke 6:6-11

Tuesday – Mic 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30 Matt 1:1-16, 18-23 (**The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**)

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

Thursday – 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13 Luke 6:27-38

Friday – 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27 Luke 6:39-42

Saturday – 1 Cor 10:14-22 Luke 6:43-49

### **For regular items, please see the website:**

**For readings for the coming week, see Universalis:**

<http://www.universalis.com/Europe.England.Arundel/mass.html>

**For children and young people's prayer, see CAFOD's material:**

<http://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/coronavirus-resources-for-children-young-people-and-their-families/>

**For prayers and anniversaries see:**

<http://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/in-touch-newsletters/>

**Our new Facebook page:**

[https://www.facebook.com/Worth-Abbey-Parish-104966314630759/?view\\_public\\_for=104966314630759](https://www.facebook.com/Worth-Abbey-Parish-104966314630759/?view_public_for=104966314630759)