

Dear Parishioners

Last weekend saw two important events – the signing by Pope Francis of his new encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti, Brothers and Sisters All*, and the Feast of St Francis. You will find the full text and a summary of the encyclical on the home page of the website -

<https://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/> this work represents Pope Francis' vision for our time, heightened by the ravages of the virus, and the loneliness which this has inflicted on many. The Bishops write: *The Encyclical aims to promote a universal aspiration toward fraternity and social friendship. In the background of the Encyclical is the Covid-19 pandemic which, Francis reveals, "unexpectedly erupted" as he "was writing this letter". But the global health emergency has helped demonstrate that "no one can face life in isolation" and that the time has truly come to "dream, then, as a single human family" in which we are "brothers and sisters all" (Par 8).*

The Feast of St Francis marks the conclusion of Creation Time, and we celebrate this by offering work of our Worth Pro Earth group.

Alan Rew introduces this with Plain Tales of Home.

Plain Tales of Home: why are they needed?

Worth Pro Earth is a group within Worth Abbey Parish. Its members try to enact the vision of Pope Francis, in his encyclical *Laudato Si*, of widespread ecological conversion and care for God's Creation. We are not the only species to call Earth "Home". The other animal and plant species need us to care responsibly for our common home for their sake, for God's plan and for our own long-term survival. We are challenged as Catholics and as citizens to replace the destruction of species and climate with communion between God's human and non-human creations. David Attenborough's recent television programme "Extinction: the facts" shows us living through an extinction spasm of nightmarish proportions with many terrestrial and marine wildlife species now highly vulnerable and with the rate of decline in insect communities seriously threatening plant reproduction and agriculture.

The **Worth Pro-Earth** team recognise that climate and ecological crises have combined with the COVID-19 pandemic, and with recent political events such as Brexit, to create an historic confusion in the minds of many parishioners. So we offer parishioners some plain and simple accounts of climate and ecological circumstance, plus stimulating insights from eco-theologians in order to guide prayer, liturgy and action.

We call these brief accounts **Plain Tales of Home**. They tell stories of Our Common Home and hopefully echo the spirit of Rudyard Kipling's **Plain Tales from the Hills**.

Kipling's stories were indeed plain and simple. They drew on his work as a young journalist in Punjab - then in British India. The pun in the title contrasts the natural wildness of the hills with the troubled civilisation of the plain. Worth Pro-Earth is hoping similarly, through brief accounts, to juxtapose nature and wilderness with the 21st century challenges of technology-based living.

To read more, please see the pro-earth page on our website:

<https://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/social-action/worth-pro-earth/>

Our CAFOD rep, Kir Bennett Horner, writes about the Harvest Fast Day which is held this week:

CAFOD's Harvest Family Fast Day

Friday 9th October. This year, CAFOD's Family Fast Day focus, will be helping people face the worst of the coronavirus crisis. We've all felt the impact of this terrible disease – let's come together to help the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world survive, rebuild and heal. Please pray for all those affected. You can donate in any of the following ways:

Online at cafod.org.uk/give

By using one of the **envelopes** provided at Worth Abbey or

Text CAFOD to 70085 to donate £10. Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. **If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text CAFODNOINFO to 70085**

There are many online resources being produced for Harvest Family Fast Day this year with the creativity that is the silver lining of this crisis:

'Harvest like No Other' – CAFOD online events Thursday 8 – Sunday 11 Oct... This Harvest, CAFOD has something for everyone. Join us with your school, parish, friends and family for online events

10 Oct - 7pm: Family Fast Day [online quiz!](#)

11 Oct - [Children's Liturgy Live - Harvest Special.](#)

Additionally, a link to a Harvest Fast Day video can be found here:

<https://vimeo.com/453718072/66db9d386d>.

I am grateful for all that our Parish does to further the work of CAFOD. Thank you for your unfaltering support. Helping each other, locally and globally, we will get through this together.

*Yours, Kir Bennett Horner, Worth Parish,
CAFOD Volunteer Representative*

Lastly, should it be of interest to us at Worth, there are even more online video resources this year. The upside of COVID is that more 'virtual' experiences are being created...

Additional Videos for Livestream or Facebook

YouTube	Share from CAFOD Facebook page directly
https://youtu.be/2Mx7VAz5CRg	https://www.facebook.com/CAFOD/videos/639371806782951
https://youtu.be/5GagOhIBb8Y	
https://youtu.be/GrwQRjRH178	

Bible Study Group

Would anyone like to join a group for Bible study? This takes place at St Benedict's (Parish Office) at 7.30pm on Tuesdays. We have begun to read the book of Genesis. Please let me know if you can join us.

Gift Aid Envelopes

If you have not yet collected your box of envelopes, please ask one of the stewards at mass. Thank you.

Organ Voluntaryes

In the absence of printed mass sheets, and in response to the enthusiasm and interest of those who have asked for them, details of organ music will be published in a PDF on the Parish website for a month at a time.

ADVENT

Beginning on **Friday 27th November**, and for each of the Friday evenings of Advent, Bishop Richard will be offering a live-streamed talk from Arundel Cathedral. The talks, aimed at assisting in our preparation for Christmas, will remain available on the Diocese website. www.abdiocese.org.uk

Nomination for Radio Four Women's Hour

Women's Hour on Radio Four has recently asked for recommendations of women making a contribution to saving our planet. The programme is compiling a Power List 2020 for Our Planet, a list of 30 women based in the UK who are making a significant positive contribution to the environment or the planet's sustainability. The Woman's Hour initiative is linked to Britain's leadership role in the international climate change conference to be held in Glasgow in 2021. The contributions of the 30 women can be in any of campaigning, decision-making, communications, innovation, science and volunteering and at either local or national levels. In view of her more than 40 years as a campaigner for environmental justice within our area and beyond and as a core member of the Worth Pro-Earth Group, the parish is very pleased to nominate **Mrs Gillian Maher** for inclusion on the Woman's Hour list. Members of Worth Pro-Earth Group seek the ecological conversion for individuals and for society advocated by Pope Francis in his encyclical Laudato 'Si.

Stewarding during COVID

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-oIe8ZQJaHEGioZhPXN-lLzCjsOo/viewform?ts=5f256f53&edit_requested=true

Annual Volunteer Forum

We are blessed to have a large number of volunteers in our Diocese, giving of their time and many skills to the great benefit of our parish communities.

Our Annual Volunteer Forum in Arundel has traditionally provided a wonderful opportunity for our Bishop's House team to meet those who serve our community in this way, with staff members delivering presentations on the latest developments in: Finance, Health and Safety, Safeguarding, Fundraising and Gift Aid.

The current pandemic and restrictions presently in place mean that this year's forum on **Saturday 7th November** will take place online. Further details and a programme of events will be shared in future E-Bulletins and at <https://www.dabnet.org/>

Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS)

The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) provides parish leaders with knowledge and understanding of theology and the Catholic faith.

You can learn the course in person, by distance learning or online - details can be found on our website:

<https://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/sacraments-faith/adult-formation/>

CAFOD Campaign – Time to Cancel Debt in Zambia

Please click on the link to the CAFOD homepage for more information and to get involved. You could send a photo to CAFOD, but also to the Parish Office, for our own website

<https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Latest-campaigns/Time-to-cancel-the-debt>

Worth Uganda Friendship

Fr Stephen writes from Uganda to all those who contribute to the Worth Uganda Friendship fund:

"Thanks so much for the help and may God continue to bless all those who have stood by this noble cause."

Lectio Divina with Bishop Richard Moth

Hosted by the House of Prayer, East Molesey, online, via Zoom.

Saturday 31st October, 11am-1pm.

This day introduces the practice of Lectio Divina - Praying with the Scriptures.

Bishop Richard will speak about the background to this way of prayer, which has been a part of the Church's life since the earliest times and its suitability for our own times.

Suggested donation - £15.00. Please contact admin@christian-retreat.org or Tel. 0208 941 2313.

Friary Preschool Manager and Deputy Manager Vacancies

The Management Committee of Friary Preschool in Crawley are looking to recruit a new Manager and Deputy Manager, to further develop and improve its provision. This is an excellent opportunity for an enthusiastic and visionary leader with outstanding practice. Further details:

<https://www.friarypreschool.co.uk/> email: info@friarypreschool.co.uk

Anniversaries

Please pray for the Souls of – Archbishop Cyril Cowderoy, Arthur Maynard, Jenny Frost, Timothy Robin Martin, Mary Hume, Tom Wheeler, Maria Beardsall, Sister Law SRN, Beryl Green
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.

Next Sunday's Readings: **29th Sunday in OT**

1st Reading – Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 2nd Reading – 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

The Question about paying taxes

Daily Readings

Monday – Ecc 4:11-18 1 Cor 1:18-25 John 19:25-27

Tuesday – Gal 5:1-6 Luke 11:37-41

Wednesday – Gal 5:18-25 Luke 11:42-46

Thursday – Eph 1:1-10 Luke 11:47-54 (**St Teresa of Jesus**)

Friday – Eph 1:11-14 Luke 12:1-7

Saturday – Eph 1:15-23 Luke 12:8-12 (**St Ignatius of Antioch**)

Prayers



Please pray for the children of our parish who make their First Holy Communion here at Worth at a private mass this weekend: James Cade, Ambrose Heath, Sienna Knollys, Finn Lehane, Kornel Klapczynski, George Coyne and Conor Rutherford Johnson; and please pray for their parents and families.

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

Please pray for Nicola Carroll who died recently. Please pray for her family.

Please pray for Fr Ian who has just returned from hospital.

Please pray for Iris Higgins who died on Saturday, 3rd October. Please pray for her family.

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

Family liturgy:

<https://www.facebook.com/colourandshapeonline/>

Diocese Family Materials:

<https://abliturgy.wordpress.com/family-materials/>