

## **Faith in Action: reaching beyond the parish**

The Church is sent to care for those in need, physically, emotionally or spiritually and to work for peace and justice. There are many opportunities, both locally and beyond the parish, to care for the most vulnerable among us.

### **Parish groups**

**[Worth Pro-Earth \(WPE\)](#)** Pope Francis states that “We are stewards, not masters of our earth. Each of us has a responsibility to care for the precious gift of God’s creation.” Climate change is harming vulnerable communities throughout the world. Members of the Worth Pro-Earth group try to enact Pope Francis’ vision of widespread ecological conversion and care for God’s creation. If you would like to join the group, please contact Alan Rew at [cdsploermel@gmail.com](mailto:cdsploermel@gmail.com)

**[Worth Uganda Friendship Charity](#)** In 2006 our parish formed a firm link with Irundu, a parish in Uganda where excellent facilities have been provided. Worth Uganda Friendship now supports Running Well, a charity providing communities in remote and deprived parts of Uganda with clean water. If you would like to be involved in the charity, please contact Paul Ambridge at [pambridge@worth.org.uk](mailto:pambridge@worth.org.uk)

### **Local groups**

**[Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group](#)** supports people affected by immigration detention. You can help by becoming a visitor, donating clothing, making a regular or one-off financial donation, joining a Refugee Tales walk.

**[Refugees Welcome Crawley](#)** offers welcome and support to refugees, asylum seekers or other migrants who need some extra help to cope with life in a new country RWC provides practical support, befriending and help with integrating into the community through English language groups and social events. RWC provides household goods and other necessities for newly settled refugees and other vulnerable migrants in need. Donations of clothes, shoes, toiletries and other essential items are very much appreciated.

**[The Easter Team](#)** helps local people in crisis to feel accepted, cared for and valued by providing food and support with utility top ups, showing them the love of Jesus.

**[Crawley Open House](#)** provides support and services for those suffering the effect of homelessness, unemployment, loneliness, discrimination, or other forms of social exclusion. Support is available to anyone in need.

**Food Banks** The parish collects donations of non-perishable food for the [Crawley SVP](#) and the [Haywards Heath Foodbank](#). Donations can be left in the bin in the porch of the Parish Office or in the baskets which are put out before the 5.00pm Vigil Mass on Saturday and the 9.30am Sunday Mass.

## **National groups**

**Friends of Life** [Life](#) is a UK pregnancy and maternal support charity, providing support services for anyone facing unplanned pregnancy or pregnancy loss, and education about human dignity. If you would like to know more please contact Priscilla and Robin Williamson on 01444 811519.

**CAFOD** (Catholic Fund for Overseas Development) is an international development charity and the official aid agency for the Catholic Church in England and Wales. CAFOD reaches out to people living in poverty with practical help, whatever their religion or culture. Support the work of CAFOD and see what you can do differently. Our CAFOD rep is Kir Horner who can be contacted at [kirsten.horner@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:kirsten.horner@yahoo.co.uk)

**Traidcraft** For over four decades, Traidcraft has led the way in proving that fairtrade could work commercially. It is one of the leading, dedicated fair trade companies in the UK and globally. Worth is a 'Fair Trade' parish. By buying direct from Traidcraft, rather than from a supermarket, we are contributing to the continuation of the wider work of Traidcraft. If you would be willing to help man our stall occasionally, please contact Caroline Howells on 07905394269 or email [singapore.girl@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:singapore.girl@hotmail.co.uk) The Traidcraft stall is open in the Narthex, after Mass every Sunday and on the first Saturday of each month in the Unity Room.