

Serving your Parish: helping our community to grow closer and stronger

Bringing your gifts and talents and a few hours of your time to the parish is a wonderful way to participate in the life of the Church. Volunteering your time and energy is not only important to the growth of the parish but it is also personally rewarding as you see your efforts making a difference to the community. Please do come forward and offer your assistance where you think you can be of most help.

Hospitality St Benedict says in his Rule "All who arrive as guests are to be welcomed like Christ".

Tea and coffee are served in the Narthex after the 9.30am Mass every Sunday. We need people to fill up the kettle, put out the biscuits, pour the tea and coffee. This is a great way to get to know people if you are new to the parish. Please don't be shy about offering your help! It will all make our parish a more attractive, and more God-centred community. If you would like to help, please email Jenny Chapman at jenny_chapman@sky.com

Parish Brunch Come and meet other parishioners and make new friends. All families are especially welcome. We start at 11am, after coffee, in Compass House. (Please ask for directions if needed.) This will take place on the second Sunday of each month. If you would like to help, please email Abby Chapman abby@abbychapman.com

On the first Saturday of the month, following the Vigil Mass, there are refreshments in the Unity Room. Please contact Meg Rew at megrew@btinternet.com if you would like to help.

Church flowers: Using fresh flowers enhances the beauty and dignity of many celebrations. We all appreciate the impressive floral decoration in the Abbey Church, especially at Christmas and at Easter and on special occasions such as a baptism or a marriage. If you would like to join the rota of a small team of volunteers who do this work, whether you are an expert or not, contact Hilary Lagden at hilarylalagden27@gmail.com

Worth Stitches meet once a month to repair and make vestments, altar cloths, choir robes and other items for the Abbey Church. The group welcomes new members. Some sewing experience is needed but there is a variety of work to suit all levels of expertise. The Worth Stitches meet on a Wednesday morning in Compass from 9.30am to 12.30pm. There is a generous supply of tea, coffee and home-made cakes at each session. For further information, please contact Christina Fitzsimons at cfitzs3287@aol.com or call 01444 415557

Parish Visiting "I was sick and you visited me." Visiting and comforting those who cannot attend Mass due to age or illness is a very important part of our Christian duty. When we offer our support to the sick, the elderly, the housebound and those in any kind of need in our parish and in the wider community we are living out Jesus' teaching. Please contact Father Paul if you can help in this ministry parish@worth.org.uk

Drivers Offering a lift to an older or physically less able member of the parish community would be a great blessing for parishioners who might otherwise not be able to get to Mass. You might also offer to take donations of clothing etc. to Crawley for the Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group, the SVP shop or Refugees Welcome Crawley. If you can help in any way, please contact the Parish Office at parish@worth.org.uk

Collection counters Collections taken during the Sunday Mass and the Saturday Vigil Mass need to be counted every week, following the Diocesan guidelines, processed and taken to the bank. This needs 2 people to be involved at each stage both for security reasons and to prevent mistakes. Please contact Fr Paul if you can help in this essential task
parish@worth.org.uk

Gift Aid Coordinators Many parishioners contribute to the parish collections through using Gift Aid envelopes. Donating through Gift Aid means that Worth Abbey Parish can claim an extra 25p for every £1 received. This is a valuable resource for the parish and is encouraged by the Diocese. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help at parish@worth.org.uk