



# In Touch

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Pentecost (year C)

4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022

No: 1303

## Dear Parishioners

I hope that you and your families are well. I send you my prayers.

This Sunday we have the joy of celebrating the feast of Pentecost. Our mass will be at 11 am, so that we can go straight into our picnics afterwards. This will be the only Sunday mass this weekend so that we can all celebrate together. This is especially suitable for this Sunday since at Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit, we celebrate the birth of the Church.

In John's theology, the Holy Spirit makes Jesus present again in the Church, so marking the birthday of the Church. The feast however has a Jewish origin. The name means *fifty* – i.e. fifty days after the celebration of Passover. (Hence, in the Jewish tradition, it is also known as *The Feast of Weeks* – i.e. a week of weeks, forty-nine, or fifty days.) Like the other pilgrimage feasts of the Jewish calendar it began as an agricultural feast – a celebration of the wheat harvest; as Unleavened bread was the celebration of the barley harvest, and Passover of the lambing season; and the feast of Ingathering, or Tents, of the fruit harvest. Gradually each of these came to celebrate moments of salvation history: Passover and Unleavened Bread, the Exodus from Egypt; Tents, the desert wandering after the Exodus; and the feast of Pentecost became the celebration of the giving of the Law at Mount Sinai. Luke's account of the coming of the Spirit in Acts cp 2 reflects this original setting of the feast. He describes it thus :<sup>2</sup>*And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.* This description reflects the descent of the Lord, the storm God, on Mt Sinai in Exodus cp 19, at the giving of the Law. (We will hear this in the organ voluntary of Messiaen on Sunday morning!) Later Jewish tradition affirmed that not only the Hebrew people, but all the nations of the earth, were present at that moment, and that the Law was offered to all, each hearing it in his own language. So, Luke continues: <sup>4</sup>*All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. <sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.* Jewish commentators concluded that while every nation heard the Law, the Jews were the only ones who accepted it. Luke's account in effect reverses this. Everyone hears and many are converted and join the Christian community. Later Christian commentators suggest that God in this way reversed the incident of the Tower of Babel, (Genesis cp 11) when sin gave rise to a confusion of languages and the collapse of communication. At Pentecost in the Spirit all the peoples of the world are united.

Please pray most especially for the peoples of Israel and Palestine who today are suffering from division and violence, that God's Spirit may give them mutual understanding and love, and the fruit of peace and justice. Please see a reflection by Cardinal Nichols for Pentecost, at the invitation of Friends of The Holy Land. [cardinal-vincent-nichols](#).



### Dates for the Diary

**4<sup>th</sup> June** – Celebratory mass for the Queen's Jubilee, and social gathering in the Unity Room at 9am (RSVP)  
(There will be no 5pm mass)

**5<sup>th</sup> June** – Pentecost **Parish Mass at 11am** (please note change of time),  
followed by Parish Picnic.

**6<sup>th</sup> June** – Alpha Start date at 7pm.

**12<sup>th</sup> June** – Parish Brunch in Compass House at 11am.

**19<sup>th</sup> June** – Next Parish Walk. Depart from Worth after mass and return to Worth for a shared picnic.

**22<sup>nd</sup> June** – Joint mass with the school at 4.30pm.

**24<sup>th</sup> June – 9<sup>th</sup> July** – Fr Paul on Holiday

**24<sup>th</sup> June – 10<sup>th</sup> July** – Approximate date for church closure for roof repairs.

During Fr Paul's absence, there will be no Saturday evening mass on

**25<sup>th</sup> June and 2<sup>nd</sup> July (Sunday only)**

Due to the possible closure of the Abbey Church, mass will be  
celebrated on **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** in the school theatre

#### Choir

Would anyone like  
to join a choir to  
sing at the Sunday  
9.30  
mass? Please get  
in touch.

#### Junior Church

Do you enjoy working with children? We urgently need more helpers to run the Junior Church on Sunday mornings during the first part of mass for children of school age. This lasts less than half an hour, and there is a rota. You will be able to accompany those who have experience of doing, this for training. The children love it, and I am sure that you will enjoy it! Do please get in touch. Thank you. Fr Paul

Abbot Mark and the Monastic Community invite members of the parish to a special mass on **Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, at 9 am**, to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. We will follow this with a social gathering in the Unity Room.



We look forward to welcoming you then.

#### First Holy Communion Preparation

We have started to register children for preparation for their First Confession and Holy Communion. The group (children and parent, or parents, and other family members who can take part) meets on Saturday mornings, beginning on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> September 2022. Your child should have reached his or her eighth birthday by the date of the celebration of the First Communion, Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

Please get in touch with the parish office – [parish@worth.org.uk](mailto:parish@worth.org.uk)

### **Mother's Prayers**

Worth Abbey Mothers' Prayers Day, Unity Room, **Saturday 11th June**, 1.45pm -5pm.

You are warmly invited to join us at Worth Abbey for an afternoon of prayer, spiritual refreshment and fellowship. Registration for our gathering will start at 1.45pm for a 2pm start in the Unity Room which is inside the Abbey. There will be a short talk followed by a break for tea and coffee before we have a guided Mothers' Prayers meeting. Our hope is that this will be a good opportunity to reset and reflect after so many months of being unable to fully meet during the pandemic. Women who are new to Mothers' Prayers or who would like to find out more about how we pray will be very welcome. We will finish at 4.45 in time for the 5pm Vigil Mass for those who wish to attend. No need to register in advance. No charge but donations on the day would be appreciated if you are able. Any queries please contact Janet Desmond on 07985989533. The address for Worth Abbey is: Paddockhurst Rd, Turners Hill, Crawley, W.Sussex, RH104SB.

### **Worth Retreat**

**Finding Stillness: 6th-9th June – Cost: £330 per person**

**Led by Fr Peter Williams OSB**

Come away to a quiet place to find stillness and God's presence. Discover in the Benedictine tradition; how stillness and stability can be ways of opening up to God and living life at a deeper level.

To book and pay for your place go to W: [www.worth.co.uk](http://www.worth.co.uk)

For further information contact us: T: 01342 710318 E: [retreats@worth.org.uk](mailto:retreats@worth.org.uk)



### **Prayers**

Please continue to pray for our parishioners Fred Green, Michael Grech, Tony Wright and Laura Rawlinson.

#### **Prayer for Peace in Ukraine**

*God of peace, your prophet Isaiah promised swords would be turned into ploughshares, and your Son's mother, Mary, proclaimed the mighty would be put down and the humble exalted: visit the people of Ukraine; deliver them from fear, violence, attack, injury, destruction, death; and give them courage, solidarity and allies in their hour of vulnerability and sorrow.*

*Turn the hearts of those bent on war and invasion.*

*Strengthen the hand of all seeking to halt conflict, restore order, and pursue justice.*

*And make this moment of peril an occasion for your Holy Spirit to show your world the cost of conflict and our dependence on one another.*

*In Christ our Lord, who went to his death because of our hatred, and rose again because our hatred is never stronger than your indomitable love.*

*Amen.*

*(Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski of the Ukrainian Catholic Church)*

We continue our Holy Hour of prayer each Sunday at 6pm

Please continue to pray for the peoples of Palestine and Israel, that they may achieve peace with justice. Please see this statement by the local Justice and Peace Commission on our homepage.

[www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk](http://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk)

*As we celebrate the feast of Pentecost, we recall the fruits of the Spirit that are present in our lives.*

*We pray that in our church's mission to serve the poor, broken and unborn, it would be anchored in love, joy, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Lord hear us*

### **Anniversaries**

**Please pray for the Souls of – Joe Brown, Cmdr Aubrey David, Margaret Bishop and Hugh Pointer.**

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

## Daily Readings

Monday – Acts 1:12-14 or Gen 3:9-15, 20 John 19:25-34

Tuesday – 1 Kgs 17:7-16 Matt 5:13-16

Wednesday – 1 Kgs 18:20-39 Matt 5:17-19

Thursday – 1 Kgs 18:41-46 Matt 5:20-26

Friday – 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16 Matt 5:27-32

Saturday – Acts 11:21b-26, 13:1-3 Matt 5:33-37 (**St Barnabas**)

Next Sunday's Readings: **The Most Holy Trinity**

1st Reading – Proverbs 8:22-31 2nd Reading – Romans 5:1-5

**Gospel:** John 16:12-15

**The Spirit of truth will lead you to the complete truth**

## **Big Church Day Out**

This weekend, 3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> June, a festival alive in technicolour faith. Join with over 30,000 people from across the UK and beyond to worship together in the jaw-dropping surroundings of the Wiston Estate, in the company of some of the best Christian artists in the world.

Each year, rippling flags and worship anthems ring out from the mainstage as families flock to the field of fun, and cream teas are served within earshot of choirs surrounded by the beautiful gardens of Wiston House.

This is the church; all tribes and all ages, campsites becoming communities, memories in the making, the happiest festival-goers on the planet.

Tickets can be bought here <https://www.bigchurchdayout.com/buy-tickets/>

## **Invited**

Dear Friends, just a gentle reminder that you can still sign up today to be part of the Diocese-wide Novena from Ascension to Pentecost.

To sign up to take part and receive a beautiful daily reflection for the nine days, [please click here](#).

Or you can download the Novena Booklet: <https://tinyurl.com/ycxnjnrh>

And just a reminder that all the Season's episodes are still available on the Diocesan YouTube page at: <https://www.youtube.com/user/AandBcommunications/videos>

If you have already signed up to the Novena, apologies for this duplicate.

*With best wishes, The Invited Team*

## **Refugee Crisis Coffee Morning with Bishop Richard**

On **Saturday 25th June, 11.30am**, Bishop Richard will be hosting an informal coffee morning to discuss our response to the refugee crisis, at St Gabriel's Hall, Billingshurst, RH14 9QH.

Everyone is very welcome to attend and contribute, to reserve your free place [please sign up here](#).

## **5 days with the Chemin Neuf Community for the over 70s**

**22nd September-22nd November** at

Storrington Priory, RH20 4LM,

Suggested cost £30 (includes lunch).

The Genesis account of Abraham and his lengthy walk with God is our inspiration as we spend 5 days reflecting on our journey so far, and discerning our path for the future. [Book here](#).

## **Are you Deaf or Hard of Hearing?**

Would you like to attend the monthly diocesan Mass signed in BSL, with specific Liturgical Mass Signs for the Mass? If you would like further information about our Signed Mass or the diocesan Deaf Group please text or email the diocesan Inclusion Adviser Margaret Fraher; M: 07508459315 or

E: [margaret.fraher@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:margaret.fraher@abdiocese.org.uk)

### Links for Our Common Home

[Help Reduce Food Waste](#)      [Greenpeace 101 ideas to live more sustainably](#)

[Help Reduce Plastic Waste](#)      [Fairer World](#)

[Laudato Si' Movement](#)      [WSCC Environment and Climate Change Newsletter](#)

[Nature on your doorstep](#)      <https://www.sussexgreenliving.co.uk/>

<https://www.recyclenow.com/repeatthecycle>      [Greenpeace Big Plastic Count](#)

[West Sussex Climate Action](#)      [The Joyful Environmentalist](#)

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

For readings for the coming week, see Universalis: [Universalis](#)

Our Facebook page: [Parish Facebook](#)

Children's Junior Church liturgy: [Junior Church](#)

Diocesan Family Materials: [Family Materials](#)

Parish Giving: [My Dona Parish Giving](#)

For D'Arcy's music, please visit our website homepage under Organ voluntaries:

<https://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/>

Parish Leadership Team: [Parish Leadership Team](#)

Please use the QR code for donations  
to the Parish. Thank you



## REGULAR EVENTS IN THE PARISH

**Mass Times** - Saturday: 9.00 am (Concelebrated) and 5.00 pm (First Mass of Sunday),  
Sunday: 9.30 am

Daily Mass: 5.30 pm (Concelebrated), Holy Days of Obligation: Vigil Mass: 7.30 pm;  
Feast Day: 5.30 pm

**Adoration** - Friday evenings 7.00- 8.00pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Reflection, music and silence.

**Confessions (Sacrament of Reconciliation)** - Sundays 9.00-9.30am and Thursday 2pm with Exposition.  
(please check with Parish Office before coming)

**Rosary Group** - Mondays in the Abbey Church after Vespers - 7:10pm until 8:00pm. Please get in touch  
with Rachel Davies: 07801 696354

**Lectio Divina** - Tuesday evenings at 7.40pm via Zoom. Please contact Jenny Chapman  
[jenny\\_chapman@sky.com](mailto:jenny_chapman@sky.com)

**Christian Meditation Group** - 7.00pm in the Unity Room, please contact Richard by email  
[rbrownd1@gmail.com](mailto:rbrownd1@gmail.com) **Next Meetings - \*29<sup>th</sup> June** (\*this one session will be held in St Bruno's sitting Room)  
and 27<sup>th</sup> July.

**Vigil for Vocations** - (1st Friday). After Compline 8.30pm - 9.00pm.

**Bible Study Group** - 11.15am on Mondays in **Compass House. (New Location)**. Please double check with  
the Parish Office.



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**In Touch:** If you would like anything to appear in 'In Touch', please contact Maria Stribbling at [parish@worth.org.uk](mailto:parish@worth.org.uk)

**(by Wednesday 10am)**

**Safe Spaces:** 0300 303 1056 **Web:** [www.safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk/](http://www.safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk/) **Email:** [safespaces@victimsupport.org.uk](mailto:safespaces@victimsupport.org.uk)

**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.**