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Easter Sunday (year A)

8th / 9th April 2023

No: 1335

Dear Parishioners

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

As I write we are about to enter the Triduum, the three most holy days of Lent, when we celebrate the events of the last days of Jesus' life on earth, and open our hearts to receive the love which he offers us. Some of you were able to attend the talk which Fr David gave us the other week about the significance of these days, and I would like to record our thanks for such an excellent and helpful exposition. I do hope that you will all be inspired to come to the liturgies to experience for yourselves the beauty of the Paschal mystery. Please also note the opportunities to take part in lectio divina – the prayerful reading of the scriptures together – before each of the services, which I hope will offer the opportunity to enter more fully into the prayer of these days. There will also be opportunity for the sacrament of reconciliation before the principal liturgies, and after the Good Friday liturgy.

We offer below an extract from an early Christian meditation on the Resurrection. Those who remember the icon which Fr David showed us of the descent of Jesus into the place of the dead will find the imagery familiar, and his greeting and raising of Adam and Eve, and all humanity together.

“What is happening? Today there is a great silence over the earth, a great silence, and stillness, a great silence because the King sleeps; the earth was in terror and was still, because God slept in the flesh and raised up those who were sleeping from the ages. God has died in the flesh, and the underworld has trembled.

Truly he goes to seek out our first parent like a lost sheep; he wishes to visit those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death. He goes to free the prisoner Adam and his fellow-prisoner Eve from their pains, he who is God, and Adam's son.

The Lord goes in to them holding his victorious weapon, his cross. When Adam, the first created man, sees him, he strikes his breast in terror and calls out to all: ‘My Lord be with you all.’ And Christ in reply says to Adam: ‘And with your spirit.’ And grasping his hand he raises him up, saying: ‘Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light.

‘I am your God, who for your sake became your son, who for you and your descendants now speak and command with authority those in prison: Come forth, and those in darkness: Have light, and those who sleep: Rise.

‘Arise, let us go hence. The enemy brought you out of the land of paradise; I will reinstate you, no longer in paradise, but on the throne of heaven.’

Please see the full text on our website: <https://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/>

Please pray for Edward Dean, Mark Bearman and Pamela Bagwell as they prepare to be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil.



Prayers

Please pray for John Albert who is in hospital and for his wife Anne and for his family.

Please continue to pray for our parishioners Peter and Antee Greene,
Fred Green, Hugh Hurdman, Severina and Norbert D'Souza,
Michael and Mavis Grech, and Laura Rawlinson.

Please pray for Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, in thanksgiving for all he has done for our Church, and that he may have the strength and courage to complete the task which God has given him.

*Almighty God, look kindly on your servant Pope Francis. You invited him to shepherd your flock. Guide and protect him in his daily work.
Inspire him in your ways to embrace Church unity.*

Lenten Prayer

*Plant in us, Lord, seeds of solidarity, so that, rejoicing in your gifts,
we may cherish your presence in each other and all creation.*

Root us, Lord, in compassion and justice.

Pour your Spirit down like gentle rain, softening our hearts, washing away division and selfishness.

Cultivate in us, Lord, attentiveness to your call.

Give us hope to dream of a better world and strength to play our part to make it a reality.

Grow in us, Lord, your ways of peace and courage, so that in this time of Lent,

we may bear witness to your love, revealed to us in Jesus.

Amen.

A prayer for Peace and Justice in Ukraine

*God of peace and justice, who change the hardened heart and break the power of violence,
we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.*

Protect them in this time of peril; let them know, not death, but life, not slavery, but freedom

You are Father of all; we are brothers and sisters

Give us the strength to live that truth in love, choosing peace, not war

Amen

Please continue to pray for the success of the Synod

Lord, you have gathered all your People in Synod.

We give you thanks for the joy experienced by those who decided to set out to

listen to God and to their brothers and sisters during this year,

with an attitude of welcome, humility, hospitality and siblinghood.

Help us to enter these pages as on "holy ground." Come Holy Spirit:

may you be the guide of our journey together.

Anniversaries

Please pray for the Souls of – Tom Neve, Andrew O'Brien, John Ferguson, Irene Cooper, Fleur Burridge, Bert Powell, Basil Genders, John Biles, Nora Ann Richey-Brown, Nick Kirby, George Botting, Pat Seal, George Sharman, Joan Rich, David Moore, Paula Bateman, Marisol Burridge, Helene Stoppani, Fr Alban Brooks, Peta Orr, Salvo Xerri, Mildred Young, Fr Anthony Porterfield, Abbot Dominic Gaisford, Elizabeth de Saventhem, Nicholas Burridge, John Willson, Dom Kevin Seasoltz, Sheila Wheeler, Edward Lighburn, Maureen Royds-Jones, Jim Rochford, Don Cooper, John Nott, Jean Eicher, Nina Pokultinis and Simon Hulme.

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

Daily Readings – Easter Octave

Monday – Acts 2:14, 22-33 Matt 28:8-15

Tuesday – Acts 2:36-41 John 20:11-18

Wednesday – Acts 3:1-10 Luke 24:13-35

Thursday – Acts 3:11-26 Luke 24:35-48

Friday – Acts 4:1-12 John 21:1-14

Saturday – Acts 4:13-21 Mark 16:9-15

Next Sunday's Readings: **Second Sunday of Easter (Year A) – Divine Mercy Sunday**

1st Reading – Acts 2:42-47 2nd Reading – 1 Peter 1:3-9

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Eight days later, Jesus came again and stood among them

Parish Events

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 6th April - Lectio on the gospel of the day, in Compass House at 7.30pm.

Friday 7th April - 10am – 12 noon - a short circular “cross walk”, around Worth church. Please note that you will need boots.

2pm - Lectio on one of the readings of the day, in Compass House.

Saturday 8th April. 8 pm –Lectio on the gospel of the Easter Vigil, in Compass House.

Easter Sunday, after the 10am Mass. Abbot Mark and members of the monastic community invite you to join them for the unveiling and blessing of the icon cross. This will **now take place close to the church rather than in the Quiet Garden**, which is very muddy at the moment. There will be festive refreshments before and after the blessing and activities and chocolate for children. Junior Church will be open during Mass and children of the parish and visiting children are warmly invited to take part.

Sunday 2nd July – Parish Picnic, after mass.



Easter Triduum at Worth Abbey

Thursday 6th April 2023, Maundy Thursday

06:15 – 06:50 Matins

07:30 – 08:00 Lauds

13:00 – 13:10 Midday Prayer (*No Vespers*)

20:30 – 21:30 **Community Concelebrated Mass of the Lord's Supper**

followed by **Watching at the Altar of Repose** (in the Unity Room) until midnight.

Friday 7th April 2023, Good Friday

06:15 – 06:50 Matins

07:30 – 08:00 Lauds

13:00 – 13:10 Midday Prayer

15:00 – 16:00 **Good Friday Service of the Lord's Passion**

20:15 – 20:30 Compline (*No Vespers*)

Saturday 8th April 2023, Holy Saturday

06:15 – 06:50 Matins

07:30 – 08:00 Lauds

13:00 – 13:10 Midday Prayer

18:45 – 19:15 Vespers

21:00 – 22:30 **Easter Vigil Mass of the Lord's Resurrection in the Holy Night**

followed by refreshments in the Narthex.

Sunday 9th April 2023, Easter Sunday

08:00 – 08:30 Lauds

10:00 – 11:00 Parish Easter Morning Mass

followed by the Worth Abbey Pilgrims event.

13:00 – 13:10 Midday Prayer

18:00 – 18:30 Pontifical Vespers

On Good Friday, there is a **Second Collection** for “The Holy Places of Palestine”.

This collection helps to preserve the holy places, through many activities of solidarity such as the maintenance of pastoral, educational, welfare, health and social structures.

In Touch Holiday

Please note this copy of In Touch will be the last until
29th / 30th April.

Fr Paul will be on holiday from 18th – 22nd April

Gift Aid Envelopes

For those who use and have requested
gift aid envelopes, named boxes will be
available to collect in the Narthex.

House groups

- Compass House at Worth on **Wednesdays at 2pm.**
Please contact the parish office via email – parish@worth.org.uk
- **Thursdays at 7.15pm.** Please contact:
Marian or Christopher Killick - email – marian.imhasly@gmail.com or cdk.hariton69@gmail.com
- A group in Cuckfield. Please contact Christina Fitzsimons via email – cfitzs3287@aol.com
- A group in Crawley Down. Please contact Carol Morice via email – carolmorice251@btinternet.com

Mark and Charlie Tibble will host another house group gathering on Friday 28th April from 7.30.

All welcome, cheese and biscuits and a chance to get to know your Worth parish.

Text or phone Charlie on 07845956243 to confirm.

Everyone is welcome to join any of the groups.

Consolation Ministry

You may know that Margaret Corke recently qualified in the Diocesan course of Consolation Ministry.

There is a subsequent course which the Diocese will offer in May and June.

Sessions will be at night to help those who work during the day. Margaret would like a companion to work with her in the parish. Do please consider if you are called to this ministry.

Please contact Deacon Simon South, who runs the courses simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk

And please get in touch with Margaret, through the office, if you would like to learn more. Thank you.

'The Heart of The King'

Joel's Bar 2023 at Worth Abbey, 9th -14th April, full board and accommodation: £250, bursaries and day rates available. Joel's Bar is the Young Adults ministry of CELEBRATE Trust, serving those aged 16-28. Experience fantastic formation, with talks from world-renowned speakers, workshops, activities and loads of time for prayer. Find out more and book [here](#).

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Adult Formation Course

Level 1 - part A. 6th -7th May, 5th – 6th August and 2nd – 3rd September at Worth Abbey.

The CGS Level 1 formation course prepares adults to offer the catechesis to children age 3-6 and is also the foundation course to build on for those called to serve children age 6-9 in Level 2 and children age 9-12 in Level 3.

The complete Level 1 formation course requires a minimum of 90 hours which includes lectures, presentations on how to demonstrate the use of the materials to children, material making and practicum. The three weekends this May, August and September will cover part A, the first half of the formation (i.e. 45 hours)

A further 3 weekends will be needed to complete the course and receive certification.

We are able to accept 20 participants onto this course.

The cost of the course is dependent on the number of participants. (tbc)

For more information about this course and to register, please contact **Lara** on the hosting team at:

laramerk@gmail.com

To discover more about this method, go to: www.cgsuk.org or www.cgsusa.org

Message from CAFOD

"Thank you to all parishioners for your generous support for CAFOD this year and for your latest donation of £1200 which we received on 29th March. Thank you so much for being there for our global family. The prayers and generous donations of your parish this Lent will make a big difference. You are giving families like Dristy's the tools and training they've told us they need to stand strong against climate change. These words from Dristy's mum, Rupali, shows just a little of what you are helping to achieve."

"Thanks to the training I've received from Caritas Bangladesh and CAFOD, I've managed to bring my family to a position where we no longer suffer from not having enough to eat. What makes me even happier, is knowing how far I've come and how content and comfortable my family is now."

"Please join us in continuing to pray for the care of our world and for all those struggling with the effects of the climate crisis. Wishing you and your parish all the joy and blessings of Easter."

Congratulations to everyone who supported the **CAFOD coffee mornings** at Cinderhill during Lent. You raised £500 for their recent appeal on behalf of farmers who are trying to adapt to the crisis of climate change. Our very sincere thanks go to Hal and Rory Clarke, who generously opened their home to welcome us to take part in this excellent fund-raising opportunity.

A Message of New Life in Easter-tide

Victory Hall, Stockcroft Road, Balcombe, RH17 6HP on **Saturday, 15th April** at 1030am.

Nicola Peel is a founder of the South-East Climate Alliance, who has spent over 20 years working in Equatorial Amazon, where oil drilling has caused havoc among the indigenous communities and devastating destruction of the forest and wild-life.

Nicola will describe her work on climate and ecological solutions and how Nature is our ultimate teacher using fungi to clean-up oil spills and rainwater systems for families drinking contaminated water.

Refreshments will be available from 10 o'clock and there will be some crafts from the Amazon for sale.

All are welcome!

Non-Parish Events

No More Fossil Fuels

April 21st: Gathering at St John's Waterloo from 11 am for worship.

From 1 pm, pilgrimage to Parliament Square. CAFOD write: *"Burning fossil fuels is burning our common home – yet the government is still spending billions every year propping up fossil fuel companies. This needs to stop. On **Friday 21 April**, we'll be taking part in a mass day of action organised by climate campaigners from across the country. CAFOD and friends from other Christian groups will gather at St John's Church, Waterloo, London. From there, we'll undertake a short 'pilgrimage to Parliament' where we'll join thousands of others calling for the government to stop supporting fossil fuels. We want the government to stop granting new licences for fossil fuel projects that make the climate crisis even worse for our sisters and brothers on the frontline of the climate emergency. We hope to see you there to help us declare we have no faith in fossil fuels."*

Register to join us - No faith in fossil fuels. See <https://greenchristian.org.uk/the-big-one/>

With our thanks and prayers, The CAFOD Campaigns Team

Gap Year Opportunity

CAFOD are offering a fantastic Gap Year opportunity **for 18-30-year olds**.

Step into the Gap is a fully funded year of volunteering, with food, accommodation, stipend and training within a UK placement - plus a Rome and Assisi pilgrimage.

[Click here](#) to visit the CAFOD website and find out more.

CAFOD Food Campaign

CAFOD ask our help with their campaign to allow farmers to retain and use their own seeds.

They write: *"Stand in solidarity with small-scale farmers. It's clear that our current global food system is in crisis, and at the heart of this crisis is a struggle over control of the world's seeds.*

Seeds are life. They are the very foundation for farmers to produce the food that feeds us all.

For generations, small-scale farmers have freely swapped and shared a wide variety of seeds to produce food and maintain biodiversity. More recently, farmers have also developed seeds that ensure crops are resilient to climate change. However, their right to choose what seeds they use is increasingly under threat as new laws are introduced across the world that limit what small farmers can do with their seeds".

CAFOD's food campaign is urging the UK government to protect the right of farmers around the world to use their seeds.

Please see: [Fix the Food System \(cafod.org.uk\)](https://cafod.org.uk)

Sussex Jumbulance Trip to Norfolk

1st – 5th May, Cost: £570. Join up to 20 people travelling by Jumbulance (accessible coach) to Norfolk. Stay in accessible, adapted accommodation and visit various Norfolk sights including the Shrine at Walsingham. This trip is suitable for those who may need a little help, or those for whom an ordinary coach holiday could be a challenge. E: sussexjumbulance@gmail.com or T: 07889 761987 to find out more.

Protect Your Vote!

To vote in the UK's local elections in May you will need to show photo-ID. If you don't have a passport, a driving-licence or a government recognised photo-card, you won't be able to vote in person unless you apply for a free [Voter Authority Certificate](#) by **25th April 2023**. To get a VAC please [click here](#) and visit the UK Government website.

Applications to this year's diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage are open.

The pilgrimage takes place 28th July to 3rd August for those travelling by air, or 27th July to 4th August for those travelling by coach or jumbulance. You can find out more by visiting the [Lourdes section](#) of the diocesan website. To make your application please [click here](#).



CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III

As we look to the Coronation of King Charles III on **Saturday 6th May**, the following arrangements for Masses and other occasions for prayer are suggested:

- A Triduum of Prayer (from Wednesday 3rd to Friday 5th May) when in each community, people should be encouraged to pray for the King as he assumes the fullness of his responsibility.
- On Sunday 7th May, the day after the Coronation, a Prayer of Intercession for the King should be included in the Prayer of the Faithful.

The Church of England has produced a book of daily prayers from Easter Sunday to the Coronation Day for use by all and is becoming a popular resource.

This can be found here: <https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/features/coronation-prayers>.

Fairer World Lindfield

An upcoming event in Lindfield on **Saturday 13th May**.

Green Extravaganza from 10am – 4pm at King Edward Hall, Lindfield, RH16 2HH.

FREE ADMISSION

Come and talk to people who are passionate about what they are doing to help the environment. Learn more about – recycling, keeping earthworms, encouraging wildlife into your garden, nature photography, solar panels, water management, environmentally friendly household products, Sussex wildlife trust, organic gardening and growing and much more.

For more information please email James Skillicorn: jameskilli@yahoo.com

Links for Our Common Home

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

[Help Reduce Plastic Waste](#) [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](#) [Greener Living](#)

[CAFOD climate crisis campaign](#)

For other regular items, please see the website:

For readings, see Universalis: [Universalis](#) Parish Leadership Team: [Parish Leadership Team](#)

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 homepage under Organ volunteers:

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



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



Confessions (Sacrament of Reconciliation) – In the Church, Sundays 08.45am – 09.15am
(If anyone cannot come at this time, please make a special appointment with Fr Paul)

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 8pm via Zoom. Please contact Jenny Chapman
jenny_chapman@sky.com

Christian Meditation Group – 7.00pm in the Unity Room, please contact Richard by email
rbrownd1@gmail.com **Next Date - 26th April.**

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

Bible Study Group – 11.15am on Mondays in Compass House. Please contact Jenny Chapman.

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Safeguarding: Charles and Ann McCarthy Email – sg1.worth@abdiocese.org.uk

In Touch: If you would like anything to appear in 'In Touch', please contact Maria Stribbling at parish@worth.org.uk
(by Wednesday 10am)

Safe Spaces: 0300 303 1056 **Web:** www.safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk/ **Email:** 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.