



Journeying Together:

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Co-Responsibility

Second Sunday of Lent (year B) 24th / 25th February 2024 No. 1372

Dear Parishioners

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

As we continue our journey through Lent Pope Francis has sent us a reflection which is entitled Through the Desert God Leads us to Freedom. He begins: When our God reveals himself, his message is always one of freedom: "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery" (Ex 20:2). He adds, The call to freedom is a demanding one...The exodus from slavery to freedom is no abstract journey. If our celebration of Lent is to be concrete, the first step is to desire to open our eyes to reality. When the Lord calls out to Moses from the burning bush, he immediately shows that he is a God who sees and, above all, hears: "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters." Today too, the cry of so many of our oppressed brothers and sisters rises to heaven. Let us ask ourselves: Do we hear that cry? Does it trouble us? Does it move us? All too many things keep us apart from each other, denying the fraternity that, from the beginning, binds us to one another.

With the phrase, the globalization of indifference, he challenges us all to look at our way of life: Pharaoh stifles dreams, blocks the view of heaven, makes it appear that this world, in which human dignity is trampled upon and authentic bonds are denied, can never change. He put everything in bondage to himself. Let us ask: Do I want a new world? Am I ready to leave behind my compromises with the old? The witness of many of my brother bishops and a great number of those who work for peace and justice has increasingly convinced me that we need to combat a deficit of hope that stifles dreams and the silent cry that reaches to heaven and moves the heart of God...An exodus can be interrupted: how else can we explain the fact that humanity has arrived at the threshold of universal fraternity and at levels of scientific, technical, cultural, and juridical development capable of guaranteeing dignity to all, yet gropes about in the darkness of inequality and conflict.

Reflecting on the gift of Lent, he continues: The contemplative dimension of life that Lent helps us to rediscover will release new energies. In the presence of God, we become brothers and sisters, more sensitive to one another: in place of threats and enemies, we discover companions and fellow travellers. This is God's dream, the promised land to which we journey once we have left our slavery behind.

Please see the full message: https://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/

Please see the many ways in which we can take part in God's dream in the pages below about CAFOD's initiatives and Worth Pro Earth.

I send you all my best wishes. Fr Paul

Prayers

Please pray for Gwyn Brophy who died on Friday, 16th. May she rest in peace.

Please pray for her husband, Jim, and for her family.

Her funeral will be celebrated, here at Worth Abbey, on **Monday 18th March** at 2pm.

Please pray for Hilary Lagden, who is in hospital following an accident at home, and for Mary Baker, who is unwell.

Please continue to pray for our parishioners Pamela Bagwell, Helen Sweetman, Jill Carter, Laura Rawlinson, Peter and Antee Greene, Fred Green and Hugh Hurdman.

In preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year "Pilgrims of Hope", 2024 has been designated a Year of Prayer by Pope Francis.

"Prayer unites us; it makes us brothers and sisters. It is in prayer that our hearts find the strength not to be cold and insensitive in the face of injustice. In prayer, God keeps calling us, opening our hearts to charity." (Pope Francis)

God of peace, may your kingdom come. May fear strike no longer, let pain fade away, may earthly power be challenged, when it plunders the poor, and tramples on hope.

God of peace, may your kingdom come. Help us put away the weapons of war, help us destroy the tools of destruction, let earthly power be challenged, when it plunders the poor, and tramples on hope.

God of peace, may your kingdom come. Teach us to follow the ways of justice, teach us to walk the paths of truth, let integrity challenge the power that plunders, when it tramples the poor and pours scorn on our hope. God of peace, may your kingdom come. Bring peace sweet as honey, bring peace like a shield, and may we be the challenge to earthly power that plunders and tramples on hope.

God of peace, may your kingdom come.

Amen.
(Linda Jones/CAFOD)

Please pray for the people of Israel and Palestine and of Russia and Ukraine

God of peace, who are peace itself and whom a spirit of discord cannot grasp, nor a violent mind receive, grant that those who are one in heart may persevere in what is good and that those in conflict may forget evil and so be healed. Through Christ our Lord. Amen (Prayer: Roman Missal, p.1361)

A prayer for Pope Francis

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.

Prayer for Lent

Lord, you are rich in mercy and you call us back to you.

Open our hearts as we seek this Lent to draw closer to you.

Fill us with your love and lead us in turn to act with love towards all our sisters and brothers.

Amen. (CAFOD)

Anniversaries

Please pray for the Souls of – Stephen Loftus, Josephine Burridge, Audrey Lane, Kitty Adams, Karen Rozum, Roy Hemming, Anthony Francis Rowland, Albert Mason, Peter Reeve, Rose Fleetwood, Christopher Innes, Bert Rayson and Lina Talbot.

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

Daily Readings

Monday - Dan 9:4b-10 Luke 6:36-38

Tuesday – Isa 1:10, 16-20 Matt 23:1-12

Wednesday - Jer 18:18-20 Matt 20:17-28

Thursday - Jer 17:5-10 Luke 16:19-31

Friday – Phil 3:8-14 Matt 5:13-16 (**St David**)

Saturday - Mic 7:14-15, 18-20 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday's Readings: Third Sunday of Lent (Year B)

1st Reading – Exodus 20:1-17 2nd Reading – 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Gospel: John 2:13-25

Destroy this sanctuary and in three days I will raise it up

Parish Events



Dates for your Diary

Saturday, **2**nd **March** – Refreshments after mass in the Unity Room.

Sunday, 10th **March** – Parish Brunch after mass.

Sunday, 17th **March** – Next sessions for the Family Catechism groups.

Thursday, 21st **March** – Feast of St Benedict. Mass at 4.30pm with the School. There will be no 5.30pm mass

Sunday, 7th July - Parish picnic, after mass.

Charlie Tibble's House Group Gathering

Next Date: 23rd February

Venue will be - Java & Jazz - so that those in the group can join the CAFOD pizza fundraiser if they wish. (Please see CAFOD Lent page below)

Hard copies of The Diocesan Pastoral Plan will be available after mass this weekend.

Lent in our Parish

During Lent the parish will offer two groups.

One will take place in Horsted Keynes, at the home of Abby and Geoff Chapman on **Wednesday evenings, at 7.30 pm,** and will look at the readings for the coming Sunday. Please contact Abby at abby@abbychapman.com

The second will take place at the home of George and Christina Fitzsimons in Cuckfield on **Mondays at 4 pm from 26**th **February**. These will also look at the Sunday readings, and will be run by Christina and Sr Jo. Please get in touch on cfitzs3287@aol.com

Our thanks to those who have generously offered to host and run these meetings.

We will also be offering Stations of the Cross on **Fridays**, at **7.15 pm**, beginning **23**rd **February**.

Please see the CAFOD website for special prayers for Lent: <u>Pray with our Lent Resources</u>
Please also see their website to receive their daily reflections. https://cafod.org.uk/pray/lent-calendar

Please do take advantage of the sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) during Lent.

We offer this **every Sunday before mass, from 8.45 to 9.15**, and there will be a liturgy of Reconciliation on **Monday, 25th March, at 7.30 pm**. You are also welcome to ask Fr Paul for a special appointment at another time, if you cannot come at the regular times.

Please see our website for Lent Resources https://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk/lent-resources-and-events/

2024 Easter Triduum at Worth Abbey timetable

Thursday 28th March 2024, Maundy Thursday

06:15 - 06:50	Matins		
07:30 - 08:00	Lauds		
13:00 13:10	Midday Prayer (No Vespers)		
20:00 - 20:20	Confessions		
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 29th March 2024, Good Friday

06:15 - 06:50	Matins		
07:30 - 08:00	Lauds		
13:00 - 13:10	Midday Prayer		
14:30 - 14:50	Confessions		
15:00 - 16:00	Good Friday Service of the Lord's Passion		
End of Service for 30 min.	Confessions		
20:15 - 20:30	Compline (No Vespers)		

Saturday 30th March 2024, Holy Saturday

06:15 - 06:50	Matins
07:30 - 08:00	Lauds
13:00 - 13:10	Midday Prayer
18:45 - 19:15	Vespers
20:30 - 20:50	Confessions
21:00 - 22.30+	Easter Vigil Mass of the Lord's Resurrection in the Holy Night followed by refreshments in the Narthex.

Sunday 31st March 2024, Easter Sunday N.B. British Summer Time Starts

08:30 - 09:00	Lauds
10:00 - 10:20	Confessions
10:30 - 11:30	Parish Easter Morning Mass
(=09:30 GMT)	followed by the Worth Abbey Pilgrims event.
13:00 - 13:10	Midday Prayer
18:00 - 18:30	Pontifical Vespers

WORTH ABBEY PARISH General Account for year ending 31 December 2023

	2023 Actual YTD £	2022 Actual YTD £	2021 Actual YTD £
Offertory General	24,189	25,534	20,069
Offertory Standing Orders	71,078	62,579	63,255
Tax Rebates	18,298	20,437	17,416
Other Incomes	2,578	2,602	2,575
Traidcraft/Event	2,338	2,197	729
Total Income	118,481	113,349	104,043
Staff and administrative	22,798	22,021	16,093
Worth Abbey costs and Ministry	44,238	44,238	41,912
Other running costs, repairs & maintenance, utilities	8,324	6,967	8,828
Liturgy Church General	7,665	7,767	6,492
Traidcraft/event	1,886	2,207	804
Diocesan Levies	29,172	29,796	25,073
Total Expenditure	114,083	112,996	99,202
Surplus/(Deficit)	4,398	353	4,841
Mission support - Running Well - net income/(expense)	(3,890)	2,179	(2,201)

If you would like to contribute or to learn more about our projects, please contact the Parish office.

There will be a final mass in St Dunstan's Chapel celebrated by Bishop Richard this Sunday, 24th at 11 am.

Invited during Lent

The Diocese is offering another series of online talks in their retreat, *Invited*. Lizzie Wakeling writes: "We are delighted to host a series of sessions this Lent to help everyone deepen their faith. There will be five meetings taking place". For further information please see the Diocesan website: www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited.

Worth Pro Earth - A Call to Action

NJPN Open Network Meeting by Zoom - 'Live or Let Die' from 10:00am to 14:45pm on Saturday, 24th February.

A response to Pope Francis' 'Laudato Deum'

At this critical time for the climate and the well-being of international relationships, we offer an expert assessment of the situation by:

Ellen Teague: Well-known speaker on Environmental Justice (Columban Peace and Justice)

Andrew Jackson: 'Environmental Issues as a Cause of Conflict' (Chief Executive of Pax Christi, Eng. & Wales)

Colette Joyce: Local Action (Diocese of Westminster, Justice and Peace Co-ordinator)

To receive your Zoom link, please complete the Registration Form on

https://forms.office.com/e/UkpeACFSFq

The Laudato Si Movement offers a series of meditatins for Lent on ecological themes: February 14, Ash Wednesday, marked the beginning of Lent and our special campaign for people living in Europe, on the theme Stop and Listen

Stop and listen, because we are called to do so during the desert time of Lent. This theme can remind us of Angelus's devotion and the Sabbath's biblical tradition. It is above all a way to start or deepen our ecological conversion: to stop and listen to see the reality of the situation and reflect on what matters. As Pope Francis tells us: "It is time to act, and in Lent, to act also means to pause."

Every weekday, a small reflection or image will be offered to "stop and listen" for a few minutes at a fixed time each day (we suggest you set an alarm at noon or join the WhatsApp group).

Each week, the reflections will focus on a different theme to explore some dimensions of the ecological challenges we face in Europe.

Every Sunday, the <u>PDF Calendar</u> will propose a meditation on the Gospel and some intentions to pray for during mass.

Community Food Hubs

Help us in our #FightAgainstFoodWaste by visiting your local award-winning UKHarvest Community Food Hub.

Community Food Hubs rescue good quality food that would have otherwise gone to waste and provide great information on how you can do all you can at home to reduce food waste.

Each district and borough have one hub per month. See below our dates for February:

- **Horsham**: Storrington's Chanctonbury Leisure Centre, 24 February (10am-11am)
 - **Worthing**: Sidney Walter Centre, 29 February (10am-11am)

For more information on the hubs including a full list of dates & exact locations as well as food waste prevention tips, visit our website.

All powerful God,

you are present in the universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with your peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth,

so precious in your eyes.

Amen

Please see *Tick Zero* <a href="https://tickzero.com/watch-the-films/" Tick Zero is Cambridge University's climate mitigation course: 16 hours of lectures condensed into six films of 9 mins.

WPE welcomes new members. We meet on Wednesdays at 2 pm in St Benedict's.

Our next meeting is on 13th March. Please get in touch

In response to the cries of the earth and the cries of the poor, The Catholic Deanery of Brighton invites you to:

'Let Us Dream'

Activity workshop.

This event is for the surrounding parishes, schools and communities of: Brighton, Hove, Sussex & Brighton Universities, Patcham, Preston Park, Rottingdean, Woodingdean and Southwick.



St George's RC Church Court Farm Rd, Hove, East Sussex, BN3 7QR

All Welcome

Are you concerned about Climate change? Society? Local poverty issues? The destruction of nature?

Come and join our discussion:

"What would you like your community to look like in the year 2030?"





How is our relationship with God evident in the way we interact with the world around us? Discuss how our communities can come together to stop climate change, protect nature and support people. The workshop will include:

- A creative activity
- Resources for your community
- Network building

Please register: https://journeyto2030.org/events/

Easter Triduum Retreat

28th **-31**st **March** at St Bruno's retreat house, Worth Abbey RH10 4SB, led by members of the Worth monastic community (cost £360). Be in fellowship with others as we follow the powerful liturgy of the Triduum and allow ourselves to be formed by it. Enjoy a warm welcome, comfortable rooms and good food, giving you the opportunity to fully engage with the liturgy which is at the heart of Christian faith.

Find out more here

CAFOD Lent

Kir Bennet Horner, our CAFOD representative, writes: The Lenten Season arrives early this year. We can already advise you of our Parish plans for CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day 2024, which falls on **Friday 23rd February**. CAFOD asks that you focus your prayers this Family Fast Day towards subsistence sea fishermen in Liberia. Many die due to the lack of basic tools such as life-vests, GPS and compasses. CAFOD is addressing this problem with your support. Rather than only giving something up this Lent, why not consider taking action. Here are some options...

CAFOD WORTH PARISH LENTEN EVENTS

Pizza dinner fundraiser on **Friday 23rd February 6.30pm at Java & Jazz in Forest Row for both teenage and adult parishioners, and Worth School students and faculty.**

**Friday Coffee for CAFOD mornings 10.30-12.30 during Lent at Cinderhill, RH17 7BD.

Several special guests will gift us with their time and give informal presentations at the CAFOD Coffees. We hope this gives everyone in our wide community yet another good reason to support these worthwhile coffee mornings! The upcoming program is as follows:

<u>23rd February:</u> (CAFOD Family Fast Day): George Fitzsimons, CAFOD, Board of Trustees and Honorary Treasurer

<u>1st March</u>: Jenny Finlayson, CAFOD, Community Participation Coordinator Arundel & Brighton; 2024 Lent Family Fast Day focus and Crawley briefing.

<u>8th March</u>: Chris Wyles and Ivanna Gioia, Worth School CAFOD Young Leader directors; overview of their program

15th March: Father Paul, Worth Abbey; Benedictine ethos

As we begin our Lenten journey, please also consider signing up for daily Lenten emails of prayer and reflection from CAFOD. See https://cafod.org.uk/pray/lent-calendar

CAFOD's daily Lenten emails will offer an opportunity to pause, reflect, pray and take-action as we prepare for Easter. Please join CAFOD on this journey through Lent with our global family.

On CAFOD Family Fast Day itself, 23rd February, at 6.30pm a fund-raising pizza dinner will be held at Java & Jazz restaurant in Forest Row. This event will be hosted jointly by Worth Parish and Worth School's CAFOD Young Leaders.

We hosted a similar event only for teenagers (age 11+) in the Autumn. That event proved successful and so we will repeat it. Teenagers will have their own space in which to meet, lead and enjoy this CAFOD Lent Fast Day fundraiser event.

However, Parish and Worth School adults will now also be invited to this upcoming Lenten pizza event (we promise to keep both teens and adults well separated!!).

The Tibbles, whose February House Group meeting falls on the 23rd February, are kindly shifting their venue to Java & Jazz so that those in their group can join this CAFOD pizza fundraiser if they wish.

Logistics are as follows:

Friday 23rd February 6.30pm - Java & Jazz Restaurant, Forest Row Pizza buffet including beverage & ice cream £17 per person (£5.50 will go to CAFOD)

RSVP asap to parish@worth.org.uk

We hope that you can join us. The pizza flows generously, the company is good and the work of CAFOD, which your attendance will support, is excellent. We thank Parishioner and Java & Jazz owner, John Gallagher, for his kind sponsorship.

If an evening event isn't your bag, please consider attending one of our Lenten Friday Coffee for CAFOD mornings. Parishioners of ages are welcome. These will be held by Hal & Rory Clark on Fridays from 10.30am to 12.30pm and on every Friday during Lent at Cinderhill House, West Hoathly RH17 7BD.

We are very grateful for the Clarke's generous endurance in hosting what has become a Worth Parish Lenten tradition over the past 10 years. If you have yet to show them your support, this is the year to do so.

Many thanks to Worth Parish for your loyal support to CAFOD in its many forms.

2nd Collection this Weekend for CAFOD Family Fast Day

Please return your CAFOD envelopes this weekend. Thank you



WORTH ABBEY PILGRIMS

FUTURE EVENTS PROGRAMME 2024

Lent Talks, The Abbey Church, 11.00am, Saturday 9th and Saturday 16th March The Abbot and Monks of Worth Abbey invite you to join them in preparation for Lent. A morning of talks and reflection will conclude in time to attend Midday Prayer at 1pm in the Abbey Church followed by a optional light lunch.

Easter Celebration, The Abbey Church, 10.30am, Sunday 31st March

Join us to celebrate Easter at Worth at our Easter Sunday Mass. Activities for children with chocolate involved! Refreshments available.

Summer Gathering, Worth Abbey and Worth Estate, Saturday 1st June
Our Summer Gathering will offer an opportunity to meet with members of the monastic
community, join the monks in praying the Divine Office, appreciate music from the Worth
Abbey Choir, experience the beauty of the Worth Estate and enjoy the warm hospitality
that is offered at all Worth Abbey Pilgrims events. Families welcome.

High Weald Walking Festival, Worth Estate, Saturday 7th to Sunday

15th September. A number of accompanied walks through the Worth Estate during the week of 7-15 September, as part of the High Weald Walking Festival.

All Souls Mass, The Abbey Church, 5.00pm, Saturday 2nd November

Join us at Worth to commemorate the Faithful Departed. An opportunity to remember and pray for loved ones who have gone before us.

Advent Carol Service, The Abbey Church, 3.30pm, Sunday 15th December Come and celebrate the joy of Advent with the Monks of Worth Abbey. An hour of readings, carols and music in the Church, led by the Abbey Church Choir. Families welcome. Refreshments afterwards.

For more details on our events visit worthabbeypilgrims.com, or email pilgrims@worth.org.uk or telephone 01342 710370

A Place of Beauty and Joy

Non-Parish Events

Holy Father's Prayer intention for February

Throughout February, Pope Francis has asked us to remember the terminally ill and their family and friends. Please pray for them to find the consoling peace of our Lord.

If you are finding the journey through bereavement or challenging or overwhelming and would like to speak with someone, the Ministry of Consolation team across the Diocese are here to journey with you.

Please ask your Parish Priest for more details or email simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk

Are you interested or involved in Baptism preparation in the parish?

Do you have a desire to support young families grow the faith in their home?

Please join us for a formation day with Bishop Richard and Katherine Bergin exploring a new approach to welcoming families to the community of the Church through baptismal preparation.

Saturday 2nd March 9.30-1.30 at the St Philip Howard Centre Crawley.

Please do sign up here: Baptism Catechists' Day (02-Mar-2024) · ChurchSuite Events

Learning the Language of Grace

A free online resource that will help you gain a deeper insight into graceful communication.



Four easy-to follow sessions (for individuals or groups) including videos and activities that will help you to speak, listen, read and write with grace.

www.learngrace.org

Abortion Decriminalisation Threat

Abortion campaigners are trying to hijack the Government's Criminal Justice Bill with abortion amendments.

It's important that MPs hear from constituents like you. We've set up an email tool to assist you. You can edit the email template and we'd strongly encourage you to personalise it as much as possible before hitting send - politicians respond best to this kind of correspondence.

Care for what you believe in

There are also postcards available in the narthex for those who prefer.

For other regular items, please see the website:

For readings, see Universalis: <u>Universalis</u> Parish Leadership Team: <u>Parish Leadership Team</u>

Our Facebook page: Parish Facebook Children's Junior Church liturgy: Junior Church

Diocesan Family Materials: Family Materials Parish Giving: My Dona Parish Giving

or use our QR code



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Any cheques to be made payable to – Worth Abbey Parish

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.

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: 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)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – Every Sunday at 6.30pm in the Church, after vespers and on Wednesdays from 2.30pm-3.30pm in the main Church.

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 <u>jenny chapman@sky.com</u> If you would like to join us please contact Jenny Chapman by email or speak to her after Mass any weekend.

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

Bible Study Group – 11am on Mondays in St Benedict's (Parish Office). Please contact Jenny Chapman. <u>jenny chapman@sky.com</u> Please contact Jenny chapman if you think you might like to join the group.

Worth Abbey Parish is committed to safer recruitment. Arundel and Brighton Diocese and Worth Abbey Parish are committed to safeguarding all children and vulnerable groups at risk within its community. The Diocese aims to embed a culture of safeguarding to prevent abuse and to provide support to individuals who have been hurt by abuse, taking the necessary actions to reduce the likelihood of further harm.

Our Worth Abbey Parish Safeguarding Reps are Charles and Ann McCarthy Email: sg1.worth@abdiocese.org.uk

