Jubilee Year 2025



# Pilgrims of Hope

# In Touch

Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year C) 29<sup>th</sup> / 30<sup>th</sup> March 2025 No. 1420



# **Dear Parishioners**

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

In particular, I hope that you find it possible to enter fully into this season of Lent as a time of growth, recognising it as God's gift to us to draw us closer to Himself. You will find below many suggestions of activities which you can undertake to make this a fruitful time for yourselves and for others: I think of the Lent groups which have been formed, of the Stations of the Cross each Friday (and please note the Stations for Families which Emily Coughlan has organised for us). And there are various activities of CAFOD through which we can bring some concrete hope to the many in the world who are in so much want.

I should like to share with you some words of Cardinal Pizzaballa, the Latin Patriarch, which he addresses to the Catholics of Israel and Palestine, people of immense courage and strong faith, who are persevering in great hardship. He begins by reflecting on the Cross of Christ: *This is the heart of Easter, this is the place where the great hope of the Church and the world is born and founded: The violent words of rancour and hatred, the presumptuous speeches of conflict and recrimination cannot prevent God from speaking the word of reconciliation in Christ.* 

May Lent, the sacramental sign of our reconciliation, be a new opportunity for us, a renewed gift of the Spirit who leads us into the desert with Christ so that together with him, we can listen once again to the word of grace and forgiveness. Easter, which we will celebrate in forty days, is in fact not simply the memory of a past event, but the living and present memorial of God's grace, which reconciles us with himself in the Cross of Christ and makes us new creatures. Through the power of God, we see a reversal of human criteria in the cross of Christ: from vengeance to forgiveness. It is the paschal transformation of death into life, it is the evangelical overcoming of condemnation through forgiveness.

We need this new word, the word of the Cross, which may seem like foolishness to the powerful and wise of this world and of our time. It is the only word that can reopen paths of hope and peace, by overturning worldly criteria. The Way of the Cross, along which we learn with difficulty, but with joy, the new logic of gift and forgiveness, calls for men and women, young and old, families and children, who are ready to walk it, by renewing their way of thinking and their attitude. Only in this way can we hope for a future in peace.

Please pray for all Christians in the Holy Land, and for all people there who long for peace, that God will bless them. I send my best wishes. Fr Paul

# **Prayers**

Congratulations to Maria and Johnny Welch on the birth of their daughter, Edith Margaret Mary, on 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Please pray for them.

Please continue to pray for our parishioners Beryl McNulty, Lin Eade, Jelly Labto, Sheila Charman, Hal Clarke, Gillian Maher, Krysia Smith, Pamela Bagwell, Terry and Susan Scoble, Sue Pearson, John and Sue Rutherford, Demelza Waring, Liz Hicklin, Helen Sweetman, Jill Carter and Laura Rawlinson.

# A Prayer for Our Earth

Father, we praise you with all your creatures. They came forth from your all-powerful hand; they are yours, filled with your presence and your tender love.

Praise be to you!

Son of God, Jesus, through you all things were made.
You were formed in the womb of Mary our Mother,
you became part of this earth, and you gazed upon this world with human eyes.
Today you are alive in every creature in your risen glory.
Praise be to you!

Holy Spirit, by your light you guide this world towards the Father's love and accompany creation as it groans in travail.

You also dwell in our hearts and you inspire us to do what is good.

Praise be to you!

(This is another prayer by Pope Francis from Laudato Si)

# The Jubilee prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. AMEN

## Please pray for Peace around the World

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)

On **Friday**, **28**<sup>th</sup> **March**, we are asked to pray especially for survivors of sexual abuse.

# **Anniversaries**

**Please pray for the Souls of –** Mgr John Vance, Tom Shann, Evelyn Ticehurst, Bert Rayson, Rev Guy Bowden, Ann Thomas, Edward Lightburn, Tom McGahan, Terry Black, Andrew Martin, Peter Lazarus, Marjorie Burrows, Germaine Garnaud and Julian Dare.

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

# Daily Readings -

Monday – Isa 65:17-21 John 4:43-54

Tuesday – Ezek 47:1-9, 12 John 5:1-3a, 5-16

Wednesday - Isa 49:8-15 John 5:17-30

Thursday – Exod 32:7-14 John 5:31-47

Friday – Wis 3:1a, 12-22 John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday - Jer 11:18-20 John 7:40-53

Next Sunday's Readings: Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year C)

1st Reading – Isaiah 43:16-21 2nd Reading – Philippians 3:8-14

Gospel: John 8:1-11

Let him who is without sin among you, be the first to throw a stone at her.

# Parish Events

# **Dates for your Diary**



Saturday, 29th March - Family Stations of the Cross at 10.30am.

**Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April** – Tenebrae, celebrated by the school in the Church at 7.45pm. This is a traditional Lenten devotion. Parishioners are welcome.

**Sunday, 13th April -** Parish Brunch in Compass House after mass.

Monday, 14th April (In Holy Week) - Parish service of reconciliation, from 7.15pm

**Sunday, 27th April** – Family Formation continues.

**Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> July -** We will celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Dedication of our Abbey church, and we hope that you will all be able to join us for this event. Details will follow soon.

**Sunday, 13th July -** We will have our parish picnic after the 9.30 mass. Please make a note of these dates in your diaries.

**Sunday, 7th September** – After mass, a talk by Martin Brown of CAFOD, about the Jubilee year.

**Saturday, 20**<sup>th</sup> **September** - Celebration of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Diocese and the Universal Jubilee Year, for families and friends, on the Ardingly Showground. Free tickets will be distributed through parishes.

# GDWG - Gatwick Detainee Welfare Group

We would love men's clothes and trainers.

Trainers in any sizes please.

Jeans, chinos or tracksuit bottoms (but not suit trousers) in all sizes and t-shirts and jumpers or hoodies in all sizes.

Clothes in Good Condition and freshly laundered please. Clothes can be left in the Parish Office Porch. Thank you so much.

# **Gift Aid Envelopes**

Gift Aid Envelopes for 25/26 will be available for collection from the Narthex at the weekend. Please collect from the Long Table. Thank you.

The Fair-Trade stall has a selection of fair-trade Easter Eggs for sale, including the Real Easter Egg for children, which comes with a 24-page Easter Story/Activity Book

#### **Junior Church**

Junior Church will be having a break.
The Last session will be this **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March**.
Classes will resume on **Easter Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> April**.

### **CAFOD** write:

This Fast Day weekend, your kindness can go even further. **A group of generous donors will match your online gifts up to £80,000, doubling the impact.** If you're able to give, even a small amount can mean twice the hope for families.

# **CAFOD Fundraiser-Brighton and Hove 10k**

This year, our parishioner George Fitzsimons, will be doing CAFOD's 'Big Lent Walk' again. He is also going to run the Brighton and Hove 10k on 6th April to raise funds. Please help him reach his target.

<a href="https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/georges-big-lent-walk-and-run">https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/georges-big-lent-walk-and-run</a>

If there are any other runners in the Parish who might like to join him, he'd love their company and his email address is <a href="mailto:george@fitzsimonsonline.com">george@fitzsimonsonline.com</a>.

### **Activities for Lent**

**Stations of the Cross** will take place each Friday in church at 7.15 pm. This began on March 14<sup>th</sup> and will continue until April 11<sup>th</sup>. They normally last about forty minutes. There will also be **Stations for families** on Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> March, at 10.30, in the church.

There will be **Adoration** in church on Wednesdays from 2.30 till 3.30, as usual.

We also offer **Faith Groups**. The group which is coordinated by Rachel Davies meets on Friday mornings. Please contact Rachel on her mobile: 07801-696-354.

A group will start in Cuckfield on Monday, 10th March at 3:00pm in Cuckfield. Please contact Christie Grieve - <a href="mailto:christiegrieve@gmail.com">christiegrieve@gmail.com</a> This will be led by Christie and Christina Fitzsimons.

A group in Crawley Down. The first meeting is on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> March at 2 pm. Please contact Carol Morice at <u>carolmorice251@btinternet.com</u>.

You might like to look at the material supplied by the Bishops <u>Hope 2025</u>. It will also serve for meditation at home. We also have some booklets.

Please remember the **Service of Reconciliation at Worth** – on Monday, April 14th, at 7.30 pm.

Remembering the Jubilee Year, if you are able to **volunteer your time** to help people in need, please contact Refugees Welcome Crawley - <a href="https://refugeeswelcomecrawley.co.uk/">https://refugeeswelcomecrawley.co.uk/</a>. They write: "We need warehouse volunteers and delivery drivers to sort, pack and deliver clothes from our warehouse, and trustees with a background in either fundraising or volunteer management (and of course an interest in supporting refugees and people seeking asylum)"

Or the Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group - <a href="https://www.gdwg.org.uk/">https://www.gdwg.org.uk/</a>

You might like to volunteer your time with our local SVP group in Crawley - SVP Crawley

These, of course, are just some among many possible ways of helping. You might also visit those who are housebound or who live alone.

Please support CAFOD this Lent by participating in one of these fundraising activities:

If you are a keen baker, please help CAFOD by sharing your talents this week!

The Worth School CAFOD Young Leaders need baked goods for a fundraiser that they will hold for their fellow students on Monday 31 March. They would **greatly appreciate our Parish's help in sourcing them with some of our baking.** (No nuts please.). **I can collect any treats we can produce after Mass this weekend of 29/30 March.** If you would like to help CAFOD in this way, please email Kir at <a href="kirsten.horner@yahoo.co.uk">kirsten.horner@yahoo.co.uk</a>.

Another fun and rewarding way to help CAFOD during Lent is to give up a bit of your time on a Wednesday and pop by one of our Coffees for CAFOD. Worth Parish and Worth School's CAFOD Young Leaders are hosting these jointly at Compass House, the building across from the church. They run from 2 to 3.30pm on Wednesdays in Lent and provide tasty baked treats and good conversation. Our CAFOD Young Leaders are an impressive group of Worth School Lower Sixth Formers and you will enjoy meeting them. Each week we will also have a special guest speaker. There is no need to book in advance, just arrive anytime between 2 and 3.30 and donate what you wish on the day. A list of our speakers is below:

**2**nd **April:** George Fitzsimons, CAFOD Treasurer and Trustee will speak (\*Last session with Worth School Young Leaders before Term ends)

**9<sup>th</sup> April:** Father Aidan, member of Worth Abbey's Monks in the City community, will speak on The Hub & Monks in the City, Brighton

**16**<sup>th</sup> **April:** Jenny Finlayson, CAFOD Arundel & Brighton Community Participation Coordinator, will host a reflection session on The Jubilee icon.

You can also donate to CAFOD via the envelopes found in the Narthex or online at CAFOD.org.uk

Thank you, Kir Horner, Worth Parish Volunteer CAFOD Rep

CAFOD Lent reflection: <u>Love for our neighbours</u> CAFOD Daily reflections: <u>Lent Calendar</u>

# **Safeguarding**

Please see this message from the diocesan safeguarding team:

Please see below upcoming dates for our Creating a Safer Environment training sessions (all on Zoom). This training is aimed at PSR's, Group Leaders, and Coordinators of activities in Parishes, who also need to know the elements of our Creating a Safer Environment Policy.

Please email <u>Safeguarding@abdiocese.org.uk</u> to register.

• Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 19:00-20:30

Thursday 8th May 11:00-12:30

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 14:00-15:30

# 2025 Easter Triduum at Worth Abbey timetable

# Thursday 17th April 2025, 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 18th April 2025, Good Friday

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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 19th April 2025, 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 20th April 2025, Easter Sunday

08:30 - 09:00	Lauds
09.15 - 09.45	Confessions
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

#### **Worth Pro Earth**



# International Day of Zero Waste - Sunday 30 March 2025

Humanity's unsustainable production and consumption practices are driving the planet towards destruction.

Households, small businesses and public service providers generate between 2.1 billion and 2.3 billion tonnes of municipal solid waste every year – from packaging and electronics to plastics and food. However, global waste management services are ill-equipped to handle this, with 2.7 billion people lacking access to solid waste collection and only 61-62 per cent of municipal solid waste being managed in controlled facilities. Humanity must act urgently to address the waste crisis.

This year's International Day of Zero Waste emphasises the need for action in the fashion and textile sector to reduce waste and advance circular solutions. Towards zero waste in fashion and textiles.

The rapid growth in textiles production and consumption is outpacing sustainability efforts in the sector, causing severe environmental, economic, and social impacts, particularly in the Global South. Clothing production doubled from 2000 to 2015 and yet, 92 million tonnes of textile waste is produced globally.

This equates to a bin full of clothing incinerated or sent to landfills every second.

Addressing this challenge requires systemic change through sustainable production and consumption, and circular solutions. A zero-waste approach is key to this transition.

Consumers can significantly reduce environmental harm by adopting practices like reuse, repair, and recycling. Shifting away from fast fashion and investing in durable, high-quality clothing not only conserves resources but also honours traditional sustainability approaches.

The private sector must take responsibility by designing products that are durable, repairable, and recyclable, while embracing circular business models that curb chemical pollution, reduce production volumes, use sustainable materials, and help rebuild biodiversity. Innovation and accountability should guide business strategies.

Governments play a critical role by enforcing Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) schemes, regulating harmful chemicals, investing in recycling infrastructure, and incentivising sustainable business models to drive the transition to a circular economy.

Find out more at the United Nations UN Zero Waste Day

### **REPAIR CAFES**

Repair cafes aim to reduce waste by encouraging a repair culture in the community. A repair can save time, money and waste. If you have something that needs fixing, just pop into your local repair cafe, details of your local repair cafes are below:

Horsham repair cafe is open on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March from 10am - 1230pm at the United Reform Church, 45 Springfield Road, Horsham, RH12 1PT, visit their website for more details: <u>Horsham Repair Cafe</u>

Reigate Repair Cafe is open on Saturday 29th March from 11-2pm at 3a The Facade, Holmesdale Road, Reigate, RH2 0BB. Visit their website for more information: Reigate Repair Cafe

Merstham Repair Cafe is open on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April from 3-5pm at 2b Portland Drive, Merstham, RH1 3HY, visit their website for more information: Merstham Repair Cafe

Lindfield repair cafe is open on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April from 10am - 1pm at the United Reformed Church, 52 High Street, Lindfield, West Sussex RH16 2HL, visit their website for more details: <u>Lindfield Repair Cafe</u>

Dorking Repair Cafe Church Street, Dorking RH4 1DW, is open on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April from 10.30am–1pm. Visit their website for more information; Dorking Repair Cafe

WPE welcome new members. We meet once a month on a Wednesday at 2pm in St Benedict's.

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday**, **22**<sup>nd</sup> **April at 2pm**.

Please get in touch if you would like to attend.

# A GIVE A LIFT - SHARE THE JOURNEY THIS LENT A A A

This Lent, why not offer a simple act of charity that could make a big difference? We are launching **"Give a Lift"** – a Lenten initiative to help your fellow Worth Abbey parishioners get to Mass during the remaining Sundays of Lent and the Easter Triduum.

If you have space in your car, or if you need a lift to Mass, we invite you to sign up! It's a beautiful way to live out Jesus' call to love our neighbours, build community, and get to know other members of our parish who live near you.

# A How it works:

- 1. Add your name to the **Give a Lift** sign-up sheet at the welcome table in the Narthex OR email worthabbeyparish@gmail.com. Please give us your name, the name of your town or village, and your mobile number let us know if you can offer a lift or if you need one.
- 2. We'll add you to a private WhatsApp Group. Only those who sign up to the **Give a Lift** Lenten initiative can access this. Those who need a lift and those who can offer a lift can find each other in this private group. A volunteer from the parish will be overseeing the WhatsApp Group throughout Lent.
- 3. Once matched, you can separately arrange a time and meeting point via private WhatsApp message and enjoy the journey together! It might be a good idea to say hello at the narthex the Sunday before, so you know who you're travelling with.

This is more than just a practical help—it's a chance to deepen our parish community, share stories, and make new connections as we walk together towards Easter.

As Jesus reminds us, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40)

Sign up today and make this Lenten Season a time of love, service, and shared faith. Let's journey together! (Please see sign up sheet in the Narthex)

Abbey Events

# A Worth Community Pilgrimage to Vézelay, France

We are delighted to announce a Worth Community Pilgrimage to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of La Basilique de Vézelay, Burgundy, **from October 26th to 30th**, 2025.

This trip is organised by Chris Wyles and supported by Worth School, Worth Abbey Pilgrims, Worth Society, and Worth Parish.

Located just a couple of hours southeast of Paris, Vézelay offers a unique opportunity to experience a place of profound spiritual beauty. During the pilgrimage, Worthian and experienced guide Christopher Kelly will guide us through the Abbey, showcasing its stunning architecture and symbolic use of light. He will also organise visits to other notable sites of interest in the area.

# Included in the Ticket (£130.00):

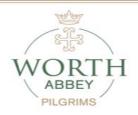
A welcome meal on the first eveningGuided tours and workshops in VézelayA celebration meal on the final night

To register your interest and for further information, please email <u>Vezelay@worth.org.uk</u> or visit <u>Worth Pilgrims - Vezelay October 2025</u> to reserve your place.

Travel and Accommodation: Whilst this is a special and spiritually enriching group pilgrimage opportunity, we understand that participants will be coming from various areas and may like to choose their own place to stay in Vézelay, so we ask that you please make your own transport and accommodation arrangements.

We will be glad to help by providing recommendations in due course.

For more information about Vezelay please visit <a href="https://vezelay-visiteur.com/en/">https://vezelay-visiteur.com/en/</a>



# LENT TALKS at Worth Abbey

Finding God in the Everyday by Fr Martin McGee on Saturday 5th April at 10.30am in the Spencer Building of Worth School

Fr Martin will draw upon the teachings of the Rule of St Benedict to help us meet Christ in the everyday moments of our lives. He will share insights from the lives of the nineteen Algerian martyrs and encourage reflection on how the Lord meets us in our daily experiences.

Join us for this enriching talk by Fr Martin McGee and discover how to find God in the everyday

# TIMINGS:

10.30am Arrival and Coffee in the Abbey Church
11.00am Fr Martin's Talk, Spencer Building, Worth School
12.00pm Light Lunch (optional at a cost of £5)
1.00pm Midday Prayer

If you are interested in attending please let Kelly O'Hara know by emailing kohara@worth.org.uk or calling 01342 710370

A Place of Beauty and Joy

### **Young Adults' Easter Retreat**

17th - 20th April, Worth Abbey, RH10 4SB (Cost: £200; subsidy available).

The monastic community at Worth invite young adults to join them for the celebration of our salvation through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The retreat is preceded by a Cross Walk from Brighton to Worth (13th – 17th April) which is bookable separately. <u>Click Here</u> to find out more.

Non-Parish Events

# <u>**Iubilee prayers**</u>

2025 is a Jubilee year in the Church, with the theme *Pilgrims* of Hope. These prayers seek God's help as we work to make this hope a reality. Pray with Us

### **Call for Debt Justice**

Join the Church's call, led by Pope Francis, for action on the global debt crisis in this Jubilee Year. Sign the petition

## Proclaim the Word: A richer table of God's word

**2<sup>nd</sup> April, 7pm, online.** In this talk, Fr Adrian Graffy explains how the readings from all parts of Scripture are arranged in the "order of readings". The talk is both for readers and for all who cherish the Liturgy of the Word. Watch online <a href="here">here</a>. No booking necessary.

# Men's Way of the Cross: Over the Cliffs and through the Night

11<sup>th</sup> April, 9pm-6am, Eastbourne, BN21 4EU. Men are invited to join Eastbourne Parish for a 5-6 hour walk of prayer over the South Downs Beachy Head Trail. Rediscover yourself and reflect on your God-given purpose on this earth. Begins with registration, Adoration and Confessions (English and Polish) at Our Lady of Ransom Church. Ends with breakfast. Click here for more information.

# **Pilgrim Cross Walk to Walsingham**

Holy Week 2025, various starting points. An inclusive Easter pilgrimage for all Christians. Whether joining virtually or walking for one, three or seven days, the pilgrimage has options to suit all physical abilities, ages and levels of faith. Walkers build community with those they walk alongside and the communities who host them.

The journey culminates on Good Friday in Walsingham. Click here to find out more.

The **Laudato Si Movement**, celebrating their tenth anniversary, offer resources to accompany us on our journey through Lent.

As we enter the season of Lent, let us come together in prayer, reflection, and action to deepen our commitment to restoring our world. We are excited to share with you curated resources to guide you through this transformative season. Let's walk this journey with the understanding that **Hope Rises with Every Small Step**—each prayer, each action, and each commitment brings us closer to healing our Earth.

# March monthly prayer guide

Our March prayer guide focuses on "For Families in Crisis to Find Hope in the Gift of Creation." In times of hardship, nature can be a source of healing and renewal. We invite you to reflect and pray for families facing difficulties, that they may find comfort in the beauty and resilience of God's Creation. download here

### 🛠 Lenten Resources

We've gathered resources to help guide your personal and communal Lenten practices, including reflection prompts, action suggestions, and meaningful prayers that align with the teachings of Laudato Si'. These materials will support your journey towards a more sustainable and compassionate future. <a href="Download Lent Calendar">Download Lent Calendar</a>

# <u>Jubilee Year Diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham</u>

With Bishop Richard from 6th - 8th June (Cost inc. travel, accommodation & food).

People across our community of faith are invited to mark the 60th Anniversary of our diocese and Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee Year, by joining a summer pilgrimage to Walsingham. To find out more & book <u>Click Here</u>

# **Theology & Integral Ecology**

New Approaches to our Planetary Crisis, **24**<sup>th</sup> – **25**<sup>th</sup> **April**, Oxford (Cost: £35-£75). A conference seeking to deepen and extend theological approaches to the contemporary planetary crisis through examination of the integral ecology paradigm. It will feature a prestigious line-up of speakers.

Click Here to find out more.

# <u>Iubilee for Youth - Pilgrims of Hope</u>

# Rome 28th July - 4th August 2025

A pilgrimage for young adults aged 18-30 to celebrate this special year of forgiveness and reconciliation. Join with other like-minded people, as we travel to the beautiful city of Rome for opportunities to hear from, and pray with, Pope Francis on the theme of Hope. Including flights, half-board hotel and entry to events, the Diocese is offering this trip for only £995. Contact [formation@abdiocese.org.uk] to find out more.

# Please appeal against the UK Aid cuts

Bishop Stephen Wright, chair of CAFOD, the Bishops' Conference's official aid and development agency, has criticised Prime Minister Kier Starmer's announcement on defence spending and cuts to Official Development Assistance (ODA), saying lives will be lost as a result of this decision. He said:

"Aid cuts cost lives. With so many in the world suffering the impacts of poverty, climate change and conflict – not least in Ukraine, Sudan and the DRC – cuts to international aid removes a lifeline for many of our poorest sisters and brothers.

"Decisions made in the UK have very human consequences around the globe. Families unable to grow food because of the climate crisis, children not able to go to school, and people going untreated and unvaccinated for curable diseases. Reducing aid not only increases suffering, but it also makes the world less safe for all of

"This year is a Jubilee Year for the Church – a time of hope, journeying together, and resetting injustices, not a time for turning our backs on those in need. The government shouldn't be balancing the books at the expense of the poorest communities around the world."

# **Contact your MP.**

CAFOD has a mechanism to enable you to contact your MP to let them know you oppose these cuts, and that it's more critical than ever that the UK supports the world's most vulnerable communities.

Visit the CAFOD site to **Contact your MP** 

#### Christine Allen, director of CAFOD, writes:

"This decision by the British government to reduce ODA from 0.5% to 0.3% means that, in some of the most vulnerable places on earth, more people will die and many more will lose their livelihoods.

"Coming so soon after the USAID freeze, this is another lifeline being pulled away from those in desperate need, at a time when the world feels increasingly precarious.

"The UK has a choice to make: to support those in need or turn our backs on them. What we decide speaks to the very core of who we want to be as a society.

"If we are seeing the decline of aid to support the world's most vulnerable communities, then the government must redouble its efforts to reform the global debt system, to enable those most in need to emerge from poverty."

# 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: Families and young children

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

or use our QR code.



# Parish Priest: Fr Paul Fleetwood (Mobile: 07764 260216)

Parish Office- Secretary: Maria Stribbling - 01342 710313 (Mon-Fri 9am – 1pm) Fr Paul - (when Maria unavailable) – 01342 710351

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In Touch: If you would like anything to appear in 'In Touch', please contact Maria Stribbling at <a href="mailto:parish@worth.org.uk">parish@worth.org.uk</a> (by Wednesday 10am)

Safe Spaces: 0300 303 1056 Web: <a href="www.safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk/">www.safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk/</a> Email: <a href="mailto:safespaces@victimsupport.org.uk/">safespaces@victimsupport.org.uk/</a>

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 (Please check Website)

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. Also, 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 contact Rachel Davies: 07801 696354.

**Lectio Divina** – Tuesday evenings at 8pm via Zoom. Please contact Jenny Chapman jenny\_chapman@sky.com if you would like to join us, please contact Jenny Chapman by email or speak to her after Mass any weekend.

**Christian Meditation Group** – 7.00pm in the Unity Room, please contact Richard by email <a href="mailto:rbrownd1@gmail.com">rbrownd1@gmail.com</a>. Next Date-23<sup>rd</sup> April.

**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 the Parish Office

**Charlie and Mark Tibble's House Group Gathering** - A very informal house group gathering in Balcombe on the <u>last Friday of each month at 7.30pm</u>. All Worth parishioners are very welcome to come, socialise, relax, have a drink and some snacks and get to know your community better. Please contact Charlie Tibble at <u>c.tibble@stwilfrids.com</u>. Next Date: **Friday 25**th **April.** 

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

Please report any concerns about safeguarding directly to the Diocese, or, in an emergency, call the police on 999. If you are concerned about the welfare of a child or adult at risk, do not delay in contacting the police.

Telephone 999 if a child or an adult is believed to be in immediate danger.

If you need to contact our Safeguarding Office you can do so here:

T: 01293 651148 E: safeguarding@abdiocese.org.uk