

# In Touch

24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)  
13<sup>th</sup> /14<sup>th</sup> September 2025  
No. 1438



Dear Parishioners,

I hope that you and your families are all well, and that those of your families who are engaged in studies have started their new term well. This weekend we mark Education Sunday, and pray especially for students and teachers.

During the coming weeks we continue to mark The Time of Creation, instituted by Pope Francis, a season which runs until the Feast of his patron, St Francis, on 5<sup>th</sup> October. Pope Leo, following in the footsteps of his predecessor, has written a message to encourage us to prayer and action for the natural world.

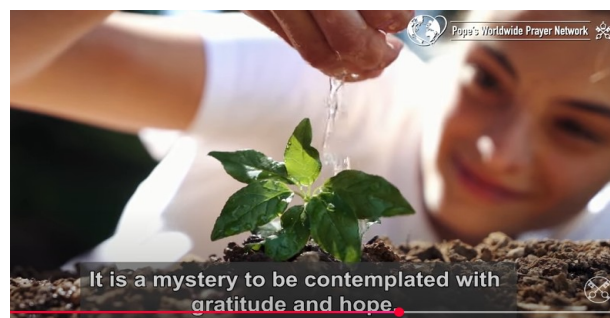
He begins: The theme of this World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, chosen by our beloved Pope Francis, is "Seeds of Peace and Hope". On the tenth anniversary of the establishment of this Day of Prayer, which coincided with the publication of the Encyclical *Laudato Si'*, we find ourselves celebrating the present Jubilee as "Pilgrims of Hope." This year's theme thus appears most timely. In proclaiming the Kingdom of God, Jesus often used the image of the seed. As the time of his Passion drew near, he applied that image to himself, comparing himself to the grain of wheat that must die in order to bear fruit (cf. Jn 12:24). Seeds are buried in the earth, and there, to our wonder, life springs up, even in the most unexpected places, pointing to the promise of new beginnings. We can think, for example, of flowers springing up on our roadsides from seeds that landed up there almost by chance. As those flowers grow, they brighten the gray tarmac and even manage to break through its hard surface. This is the miracle of life, God's gift to us.

He continues : In Christ, we too are seeds, and indeed, "seeds of peace and hope." We all have our part to play. Together with prayer, determination and concrete actions are necessary if this "caress of God" is to become visible to our world (cf. *Laudato Si'*, 84). On all sides, injustice, violations of international law and the rights of peoples, grave inequalities and the greed that fuels them are spawning deforestation, pollution and the loss of biodiversity and extreme natural phenomena... When justice and peace are trampled underfoot, those who are most hurt are the poor, the marginalized and the excluded... These various wounds are the effect of sin.

But, he affirms, Environmental justice is a duty born of faith, since the universe reflects the face of Jesus Christ. Please do pray about all these issues, and reflect on Pope Leo's message:  
<http://bit.ly/4m9XyE4>

Please also see the prayer video which we are offered:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z7elwa8f64g>

I send all of you my prayers and my very best wishes, **Fr Paul**



## MASS TIMES at Worth Abbey:

**Sundays-** 9.30am (family Mass, with choir)

**Mondays to Fridays-** 5.30 pm

**Saturdays:** 5pm (First Mass of Sunday),  
Feast Days 5.30pm Days of Obligation, *see website*

**We will be having a second collection next week, 21 Sept.**  
*for the Evangelii Gaudium Sunday.*

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## **MASS READINGS: (14 - 21 September)**

**Sunday, 14 September** - 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – *Numbers 21:4b-9* 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading - *Philippians 2:6-11* Gospel – *John 3:13-17*  
**Mon** – 1 Timothy 2:1-8; John 19:25-27 **Thu** – 1 Timothy 4:12-16; Luke 7:36-50  
**Tue** – 1 Timothy 3:1-13; Luke 7:11-17 **Fri** – 1 Timothy 6:2c-12; Luke 8:1-3  
**Wed** – 1 Timothy 3:14-16; Luke 7:31-35 **Sat** – 1 Timothy 6:13-16; Luke 8:4-15

**Sunday, 21 September:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – *Amos 8:4-7* 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – 1 Timothy 2:1-8 Gospel – *Luke 16:19-31*

## **Prayers**

**Please pray for the sick of our parish:** Elfriede Huckstep, Severina D'Souza, Rowena Leaney, 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, Jill Carter and Laura Rawlinson. Please also pray for Fr. Kevin Taggart. And, also please pray for the healing of our Diocese Youth Adviser Lizzie Wakeling.

Please pray for the soul of parishioner **Paul Kibble**, who died on August 20. There will be a Requiem Mass on Friday 19th September at 11am at "Jesus Christ Redeemer of Mankind" Catholic church in Cranleigh GU6 7AQ followed by a burial at Wonersh and Blackheath Cemetery, GU5 0RF where Paul will be buried. A reception follows at Barnett Hill Hotel GU5 0RF.

Please continue praying for the soul of *Pope Francis*, and the souls of Michael Finch, Zofia Tywonska, John Ovenden, Matthew Boughton, John Johnson, Mr. Pannett, Nathaniel Lane, Michael McLoughlin, Victor Avico and Janette Curry whose anniversaries are this week. ***Eternal rest grant unto them, oh Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.***



**This week, two new saints were canonized by Pope Leo XIV:**

**St. Pier Giorgio Frassati** was a young advocate for social justice and a member of the Dominican lay community.

**St. Carlo Acutis** was a London-born teenager and dubbed as the first millennial saint, who used his digital skills to expose God's miracles, with the aim of bringing people closer to Jesus.

Here is a **prayer** for all of you, and especially for young members of our parish family, to ask for the **intercession of Saint Carlo:**

*Oh God, You have given us in Saint Carlo, a model of virtue and holiness for our digital age.  
We thank you for making him an inspiration to young people through his devotion to the Eucharist,  
his love for the poor, and his ability to use modern technology and the internet as a means to spread the Gospel.*

*Saint Carlo, a saint from our lifetime, friend of God and servant of the poor,  
Intercede for us before the throne of grace.  
Help us to recognise Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist,  
to use our talents in service of others, and to navigate the digital world with wisdom and clarity.  
Like you, may each of us proclaim that "the Eucharist is my highway to heaven!"  
And inspire us to strive to live in constant communication with Jesus.*

*Guide me to use technology as a tool for evangelization, to bring others closer to Christ through my witness.  
Just as you did, help me to live out, "non io, ma' Dio", meaning "not me, but God; not my will, but God's will;  
not a self-centred focus, but to focus on always glorifying the Lord by my life."*



*Through your intercession, I ask for... [your prayer request].*

*I ask this  
through Jesus Christ,  
our Lord.  
Amen.*

*Our Father...  
Hail Mary...  
Glory be...*





## Worth Parish Community Billboard

### **Tapestry of Faith: 60 Years, 60 Faces, One Parish Community**

Marking Worth's 60 years, we're featuring members whose stories are threads in the rich tapestry of our shared journey. We hope you've been enjoying getting to know some of your fellow parishioners.

As we reach the second half of our 60 faith journeys, we would like to do an **open call to other parishioners who would be happy to also put themselves forward and share their story**. You might not know it yet, but your journey of faith will inspire your fellow parishioners, and give glory to God. Please get in touch with us via [worthabbeyparish@gmail.com](mailto:worthabbeyparish@gmail.com) and we'll send you the list of questions to help us write your testimony.



#### **#30 Mark Bearman**

Mark was born in Surrey and grew up in West Hoathly, living there from the age of 11 before moving to Haywards Heath around 20 years ago. Following studies in economics and financial services, Mark had an early career as a banking supervisor in what is now part of the Bank of England. This was to lead him to work on behalf of the UK and international financial community in Indonesia and the Philippines in the wake of the Asian Financial Crisis, and to later involvement with the US and Canadian banking sectors before work for a global accounting firm as a financial risk consultant.

Mark currently oversees several fora focusing on systemic risk and macroprudential policy (you might need to ask him what this means!), and bank treasury matters for a European organisation, with travel now mostly limited to shorter trips across the continent. In addition, he regularly drives to southern France, where he and his family are continuing to renovate and manage an 'ancient' house near the river Dordogne and the 'sacred city' of Rocamadour, on the pilgrimage route through Lourdes to Santiago de Compostela.

Growing up and living in one of the villages surrounding Worth Abbey, Mark had an awareness of the monastery and school and he started joining livestreamed masses during the Covid pandemic which led to him exploring the parish in person at the end of the lockdown, and to his being received into the Roman Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil mass in 2023. Mark is a member of the Parish Finance Committee and sometimes appears for Universal Prayer and Reading, and he has the privilege of being a Eucharistic Minister.

"From the very beginning, the sense of welcome, inclusion and belonging has been deeply meaningful to me. The enveloping peace in the Abbey Church is quite unique and my faith has been deepened and expanded through Alpha and RCIA courses, in addition to regular Sunday mass and friendships through these and other parish activities," Mark shares with a warm smile.

Mark treasures the sense of community that continues to grow in the parish. He looks forward to sharing in the life of the Church, and contributing wherever he can to the warmth and vibrancy that makes this parish so special.

**A prayer, saint, or bible verse that inspires you?** Saint Fabian – Pope from 236 to 250. He was a layman, some reports suggest a farmer, who was elected in miraculous fashion. He was to send seven bishops to Gaul to spread the Christian faith.

**What activities do you enjoy?** I tend to enjoy most things associated with being outdoors. Gardening is a particular favourite and I also enjoy a walk or cycle ride whenever possible. I am in addition a keen reader.

**What plate of food brings the best memories?** I suppose in terms of memories it would be a S.E.Asian dish such as Nasi Goreng or Rendang. I am also very keen on steak frites whether in England or France.

#### **A cherished memory of being part of this parish?**

My reception into the Roman Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil Mass in 2023 – the spiritual experience and the support of the monastery and parish were exceptional.

#### **What are your hopes and prayers for the future of our parish?**

That it will continue to remain a place over the coming decades where all might find welcome, a sense of their being valued, and nurture to promote individual and collective spiritual growth and development.



#### **#31 JACKIE MALLINDER**

Growing up in Surrey as the eldest of four, Jackie discovered early on that music would always be at the heart of her life and faith. "My grandmother and mother both played the piano, and my aunt was a church organist. My father loved plainsong—he would sing, and I would accompany him on the family piano." By the time she was a young girl, she was already playing the organ at her parish church, where plainsong shaped the liturgy.

At St Philomena's Convent School, the nuns soon spotted Jackie's gift and asked her to play for school Masses and celebrations. Music continued to open doors: at eleven, she won a junior scholarship to study piano and organ at Trinity College, London, and later went on to the Guildhall School of Music and Drama. Teaching followed in Surrey and Kent.

Life's next chapter brought marriage to Paul in 1987 and, later, a move to California for his work. There, Paul and Jackie's family life flourished outdoors, and their three children grew up in

the Catholic faith of a new and vibrant parish—one that began in a shopping mall before a new church was built. *“We often think back to those uplifting liturgies,”* she smiles.

Returning to Surrey, Jackie spent a few years teaching part-time before retiring to enjoy life with their grandchildren. Worth Abbey, though, had been in her heart for much longer: *“I first visited just after it was built in 1975. I was in awe of the circular shape and the views across to the South Downs—it made a lasting impression.”* Now a member of the parish since just last year, she serves as both a Eucharistic Minister and Welcomer, roles which she describes as giving her *“a spiritual renewal in life.”*

Her faith has deepened through the people she meets at Worth: *“Sharing our spiritual journeys together in the Narthex after Mass has been uplifting for me.”* And in times of loss, especially through the death of her parents, her faith has been an anchor. *“I am grateful for all they sacrificed for me—and for passing on to me their Catholic faith.”*

When you see Jackie at the narthex—welcoming the Faithful before Mass, or enjoying a tea or coffee afterwards—do take a moment to say “hello.” It could lead to a delightful ten minutes sharing a little about each other’s journey of faith.

<b>A prayer, saint, or bible verse that inspires you?</b> St. Teresa of Avila’s prayer “Let Nothing Disturb You...” is my daily prayer.	<b>What activities do you enjoy?</b> I enjoy playing piano at home, composing music and accompanying a sing-a-long group for senior citizens once a month. I love walking from our home into the countryside with my husband Paul.	<b>What plate of food brings the best memories?</b> A special chicken dish recipe my grandmother gave me which is now a fond favourite of my children and grandchildren.
<b>A cherished memory of being part of this parish?</b> Hearing Widor’s Toccata played on the abbey organ, with its triumphant sound and wonderful acoustics.	<b>What are your hopes and prayers for the future of our parish?</b> I hope the wonderful community spirit of our parish continues to grow.	



### #32 Paul Mallinder

Born in Kent in 1958 and baptised into the Catholic faith, Paul grew up with three older siblings. As a teenager, he found joy and depth in retreats at Allington Castle with the Carmelites—experiences that nurtured his prayer life and gave him a deeper understanding of scripture. Around the same time, another passion began to take shape: computers. *“At 18, with the help of a few fellow ‘nerds’ and some specialised magazines, I built my very first home computer,”* he proudly shares with a smile. Paul eventually went on to train as a development engineer, working on early military computers.

Alongside his love of technology was a growing love of faith. He enjoyed poring over the Jerusalem Bible, especially the explanatory notes. He also felt called to discern God’s plan for his life more deeply. Bringing both his books and his computer, he entered St John’s Seminary to study for the priesthood, gaining a Bachelor of Theology in 1986, before discerning a different path. The following year, he married Jackie, whom he calls his soulmate, and together they began their life’s adventure.

Work took the family to California in 1996, where Paul was involved in the design and development of early hardware and software for the internet. Today, life is rooted in Tadworth, surrounded by their three children, and three grandchildren.

Worth Abbey has become a spiritual home, with its solemn Eucharistic celebrations, fellowship, and the beauty of its choir. Since becoming a parishioner in 2024, Paul has been active in the parish as a Welcomer, Reader, and Eucharistic Minister. *“Meeting so many people in the Narthex after Mass has made me feel part of a parish fully alive,”* he says.

Paul’s faith continues to deepen through the liturgy and the teaching of the monks. It has also given him strength to face challenges, especially in a world shaped by moral relativism. *“The ‘rights’ and ‘wrongs’ on questions from abortion to end of life are often handled by others saying, ‘it all depends on the situation.’ By deepening my Catholic understanding of the common good, I can cope with this much more easily these days.”*

Looking back, Paul sees how faith and curiosity have always walked hand in hand—from building early computers to exploring the depths of Scripture. Now, with family close by and a parish home at Worth Abbey, he treasures the chance to keep learning, serving, and sharing the joy of faith with others.

<b>A prayer, saint, or bible verse that inspires you?</b> The Our Father prayer and Thomas Merton’s famous book - “The Seven Story Mountain”	<b>What activities do you enjoy?</b> I enjoy Linux open-source development, Python programming and various Raspberry Pi projects. I go on country walks most days and enjoy surfing YouTube for anything to do with biblical archaeology.	<b>What plate of food brings the best memories?</b> A chicken dish recipe passed down through my wife’s family.
<b>A cherished memory of being part of this parish?</b> Being welcomed by Fr Paul when he was wearing his red hat and joking with him about being a new Cardinal!	<b>What are your hopes and prayers for the future of our parish?</b> I pray for the well being of the Worth Abbey Monastic community on whom we depend as a Parish. Long may they thrive.	

Our Parish is committed to safeguarding all children and vulnerable groups within its community. Parish safeguarding reps are Charles and Ann McCarthy, with email [sg1.worth@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:sg1.worth@abdiocese.org.uk) Please report safeguarding concerns to the Diocese T: 01293 651148.

## Parish Activities & Announcements

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES...

**14 September, Sun.** – Parish Brunch resumes. All members of the parish are welcome! **New volunteers also most welcome!**

**20 September, Sat.** - **60th Anniversary and Jubilee Celebrations of our Diocese.** Please contact Fr Paul if interested.

**27 September, Sat.** – Mass for Altar Servers (12 noon, Arundel Cathedral)

**4 October, Sat.** - Celebrating the Vision: 50 Years of Francis Pollen's Worth Abbey Church, 10:30am at the Abbey Church

**11 October, Sat.** - Marriage Anniversaries Mass (11:30am, Christ the Prince of Peace, Weybridge KT13 8JD)

**1 November, Sat.** – Day of Reflection for Ministers of The Eucharist (11am-4pm, Christ the Prince of Peace, Weybridge)

### AND OUR REGULAR ACTIVITIES...

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** – Sundays 08.45–09.15am in the church, or by appointment with Fr. Paul.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** – **Wednesdays 2:30-3:30pm, resuming 17 September;** Sundays 6.30pm after vespers, and **every first Sunday of the month, 10:30am right after Mass, starting 5 October.**

**Rosary Group** – Mondays 7:10-8pm in the church after vespers. Please contact Rachel Davies: 07801 696354.

**Lectio Divina** – Tuesdays at 8pm via Zoom. Please contact Jenny Chapman [jenny\\_chapman@sky.com](mailto:jenny_chapman@sky.com). All are welcome!

**Christian Meditation** - Unity Room, 7-8pm, 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month: **24 September**, 22 October, 26 November

**Vigil for Vocations** – Every first Friday of the month at 8.30-9pm, after compline.

**Bible Study Group** – Mondays, 11am at St Benedict's (Parish Office). Please contact the Parish Office.

**Family Faith Formation** – Monthly, every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday; **resumes 21 September. New parishioners, all families welcome!**



### We are All Called to Serve!

*"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." (1 Peter 4:10)*

**This month, we've opened a round of sign-ups for our parish ministries. Please say "yes!" to the call to serve God. We hope to hear from many of you!**

Our parish is much more alive when each parishioner shares their unique gifts. Whether it is proclaiming the Word, welcoming people at the door, singing in the choir, helping with the altar, working with our children and young people, or supporting our hospitality ministries — there is a place for you. The bible reminds us: *"Do not neglect your gift, which was given you."* (1 Timothy 4:14)

**Ministry is not just about "helping out." It is discipleship in action** — a way to live out our baptismal calling and to bring Christ's love into the heart of our parish. God calls each one of us to *"serve one another humbly in love."* (Galatians 5:13)

As our Parish evolves on our 60th year, we're calling for a renewal of active participation to keep the momentum. *"The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few."* (Matthew 9:37) Here are ministries you can get involved with:

**1. Liturgy and Sacraments:** **Altar servers** (children and adults welcomed), **readers of the Word**, writers who draft the Universal Prayers, **Eucharistic Ministers**, **Abbey Choir**, **Junior Church**, **flower arrangements** group, and the **Welcome Ministry**. There are rotas for all these services so parishioners are not serving every week, except for the choir which does not use a rota system but instead allows members its members to join whenever they are available.

**2. Family Faith Formation:** **Mustard Seed** (3-5), **All Saints** (aged 6-8), **Faith Alive** (9-12), **Inspired** (13-15), **parents' group**. We meet every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, and volunteers are encouraged to help the group leaders in facilitating the lessons and activities, with the aim of helping our youngest parishioners and their families grow in faith through community.



**3. Hospitality and Parish Socials:** **Hosting House Group/s**, **Sunday Refreshments Team**, **Fair Trade stall**, monthly **Parish Brunch Social** team (2nd Sundays of the month, after Mass), and **Parish Wine and Cheese Social** team (one Saturday a month, after Mass)

**4. Prayers and Adoration:** **Bible Study Group** (Mondays), **Rosary Group** (Mondays), **Lectio Divina** (Tuesdays), **Eucharistic Adoration** (Wednesdays and Sundays, including immediately after Sunday Mass), **Vigil for Vocations** (first Fridays), the new **Worth Intercessory Team**, and **Christian Meditation** (monthly).

**5. Community and Communications:** writers and contributors for our **In Touch newsletter**, online parish interface (website and socials), the **Worth Pro-Earth**, **RCIA** and **Alpha courses**, **food bank** and **giving to charities**.

**We invite you to prayerfully consider where—not whether or not—God may be calling you to serve.** Let your answer be: *“Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.”* (Psalm 40:8–9). To learn more about a ministry you are interested in, please speak with Fr. Paul. If you already have an idea of where you might bring your talents, skills and time to good use, please email [worthabbeyparish@gmail.com](mailto:worthabbeyparish@gmail.com) and we will point you to the leader of that particular ministry.

### **An Announcement from Abbot Mark: Worth Abbey and Brighton Saint John the Baptist**

In January 2026, Fr Peter and Fr Patrick will move to Brighton to join Fr Aidan at St John the Baptist. At the same time, Fr Gabriel and Br Anthony will move back to Worth Abbey from SJB Brighton.

Also in January, Fr Roderick (who returns from Sussex University at the end of 2025) will become Parish Priest at Worth Abbey, joining Fr Paul.

### **Blessing Our New St. Benedict Sculpture**

On Sunday, August 24, just after Mass, our parish family and members of the Benedictine Lay Community gathered for the blessing of our new St. Benedict sculpture.



The pristine sculpture, depicting St. Benedict kneeling in prayer, feels as though it has always belonged here at Worth Abbey.

The sculptor, Richard Watts, himself a member of the Lay Community, shared a reading and a few words before Abbot Mark led the blessing.

It was a beautiful moment of shared faith and community.



We invite you to pause and reflect on this new addition whenever you enter our beautiful church, as you pass through the Holy Water font, asking St. Benedict to pray for us.



### **Fairtrade Fortnight - 22 September - 5 October 2025**

Monday, 22 September, is the start of Fairtrade Fortnight, over 30 years of working together has made the Fairtrade mark a leader of life-changing impact for farmers and workers across the world.

The Worth Abbey Fairtrade stall carries a large selection of Divine chocolate. Divine is the only 100% 'Fairtrade' chocolate company in the world, owned by cocoa farmers. Choose 'Fairtrade' this Fairtrade Fortnight and beyond; choose to fight for climate justice, for farmers on the front line of climate change, for our planet and for future generations. Read about Fairtrade in WPE's September newsletter.



**Worth Intercessory Team:** Are you looking for a **new** way to serve God? Are you a young adult (or any age, really) finding it difficult to pray regularly? Or a busy mum with a young family with very little time? Are you one of our less mobile parishioners, who would like to do something for others? Do you believe in the power of prayer? You are all welcome!

*"For where two or more are gathered in my name, there I am in their midst."* – Mt 18:20

Next month, we'll be starting a new prayer group: the Worth Intercessory Team (WIT). We'll meet on Zoom once a month, midweek, for 45 minutes, creating a welcoming space to pray together.

We hope to structure each Intercession Session with: (1) Praying the News: for world events and the people affected, (2) Praying for the Church: for the Pope and our wider faith family, (3) Prayers for the Parish: for the sick, the dead, and our parish prayers. This is a chance to grow in prayer, deepen parish connection, and make a difference—without leaving your home. If you'd like to join please email [worthabbeyparish@gmail.com](mailto:worthabbeyparish@gmail.com). We look forward to praying with you!

### **Bible Study Group: new study**

From September we will be working through "The Gospel Of St John", which is a theological work rather than a narrative. We're looking forward to engaging with this very different kind of literature and would welcome anyone who would like to join us. We meet Mondays, 11-12:30 at St Benedict's. Please contact Cathy Agius [euphemia.cs@gmail.com](mailto:euphemia.cs@gmail.com) for more info.

**Is your son or daughter a Confirmation Candidate? Are they attending or will be attending the Family Faith Formation group 'Inspired'?** Bishop Richard will host Evenings of Reflection for teenagers between January and March in different churches across the diocese. Please reach out to Fr. Paul or our Family Formation lead for more information.

## **Social Action Activities for Parishioners**

### **Take Part in CAFOD's Gaza Crisis Appeal – An Update.**

Starvation is spreading across Gaza. As the Israeli government's siege starves the people of Gaza, people are being killed at food distribution sites. More lives are being lost each day. The UK government is right to condemn Israel's current actions in Gaza and suspend trade negotiations with Israel. But this is far too little. Please tell your MP that the UK must take more decisive action. Click <https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/174977/action/1> or donate: <https://cafod.org.uk/give/donate-to-emergencies/gaza-crisis-appeal>

CAFOD writes, "In the last month alone, the generosity of Catholics in England and Wales:

- (1) Supported 1,400 households with cash assistance, enabling families to meet their most urgent needs with dignity and choice.
- (2) With a new supply of chronic illness medications, helped ensure these life-saving treatments reach patients who need them.
- (3) Helped Caritas Jerusalem provide healthcare services to displaced families, despite recent damage to their building in Deir al Balah. Our support contributes to this resilience, helping ensure patients can still access treatment in the midst of disruption.
- (4) Will help to feed 2,000 people over the next month through local partners who has sourced food supplies such as flour and rice.



**As starvation sets in, your donations are helping to keep people alive.**

*"Christ is not absent from Gaza.*

*He is there - crucified in the wounded, buried under rubble,  
and yet present in every act of mercy, every candle in the darkness,  
every hand extended to the suffering."*

-Cardinal Pizzaballa (Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem)

### **Season of Creation**

🌱 This month, until Oct 4, Christians around the world unite for the **#SeasonOfCreation** — a global time of prayer and action to care for our common home. This year's call is "To hope and act with Creation." 🌱

The Caritas Diocese of Brentwood developed resources, which we can use, including: Daily Reflections for each day of the Season of Creation, a Novena to St Francis of Assisi, and Changing habits day by day. To access these resources, visit: <https://bit.ly/45ZsWR3>. Many thanks to the Worth Pro-Earth who shared this information!



## Other Announcements & Activities



**Festival of Hope - 20 Sept.** Ardingly Grounds. Limited tickets available w/ Fr. Paul. It will be an amazing opportunity for us to be uplifted and inspired in faith, and equipping us with tools that will enable us to help the Church as we move forward in mission.

Our Diocese is keen to welcome families! There have been questions raised about a youth stream. The talks will be suitable for both

teenagers and adults. There will be family friendly breakout spaces for the little ones.

*This is a once in a lifetime opportunity. We find ourselves at a key point in the history of our Church... looking with hope towards the future at a time when we face great change, challenge and an increasingly secular society.*

### Ministry of Consolation

Grief and loss bring many challenges and impacts us all in very different ways. Would talking with a trained bereavement befriender be of help to you in your grief journey? You are not alone, and we are here to listen. For more info, please contact Marriage and Family Life Adviser Deacon Simon South via [simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk)

### Our diocese are looking to hire a Finance Manager:

Role: Finance Manager (qualified accountant: CIMA, ACCA or ACA), full-time, permanent

Salary: £60,000 to £65,000

Location: The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley

Application deadline: 18 September

Details: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers/finance-manager>

Pls email Sarah Kilmartin at [coo@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:coo@abdiocese.org.uk)

### High Weald Walking Festival - Guided Walks at Worth Abbey: Tuesday 16th & Thursday 18th September

Walks begin at 10:30am – please arrive by 10:00am

Meeting point: The Piazza at Worth Abbey

Running from 13–21 September, this annual celebration of one of England's most beautiful landscapes features over 50 free guided walks across Kent and Sussex and we're proud to be among them! Led by Fr Patrick, our guided walks offer a peaceful and enriching journey through the Worth Estate, including its ancient woodlands, tranquil gardens, and historic grounds. Fr Patrick will be joined by local experts who will share insights into the estate's trees, wildlife, and natural heritage.

Walks will last approximately 1.5 to 2 hours and include some uphill paths and uneven terrain, so sturdy walking shoes are recommended. Refreshments will be available from our charming Tuk-tuk on the Piazza before the walk, and afterwards, all are warmly invited to join the Monastic Community for Midday Prayer at 1:00pm. Well-behaved dogs on leads are welcome. These walks are popular, so please book your place in advance at <https://www.highwealdwalks.org/>

### You might have missed these previous announcements:

**50 Years of Francis Pollen's Worth Abbey Church** – 4 October, 10:30am, Abbey Church. (See p.8, *In Touch* 7 Sept.)

**Building the Domestic Church:** Parents are the Primary Teachers of the Faith – 4 October, St.Philip Howard Centre Crawley. Book via: <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/og9uwr1i> (See p.8, *In Touch* 7 Sept.)

**Marriage Anniversaries Mass** – 11 October, Christ the Prince of Peace, Weybridge. (See p.8, *In Touch* 7 Sept.)

**Mass for Altar Servers** – 27 October, 12nn, Arundel Cathedral. (See p.8, *In Touch* 7 Sept.)

**Worth Community Pilgrimage to Vézelay, France** – 26-30 October (See *In Touch* 20 April edition for more information)

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*If you're unable to go to Mass and would like to receive Communion at home, or if you have prayer intentions, pls contact Fr Paul*