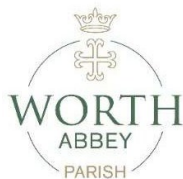




Living Water
Season of Creation 2026

IMMERSION IN LIVING WATER
Ezekiel 47:9, 12



In Touch

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
5th September / 6th September 2026
No. 1479

Dear Parishioners

Welcome to the first post-summer edition of 'In Touch'! I do hope you have had a blessed and refreshing summer. As we move into the new term we look forward to continuing our regular parish groups and programmes. Junior Church starts up again this Sunday and Family Formation on Sunday 20th September. We also have a new programme for the parents of children who have recently been baptised. Called 'Sowers', the first session will be held on Sunday 13th September following the 9.30am mass. Alongside Family Formation there are also two programmes for anyone interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church. These take place on a Monday and Tuesday evening. If you're interested in finding out more about the Catholic church, please do speak to Fr Paul or myself.

I would like to thank in advance all those parishioners, who in different and varied ways help our parish to flourish! If you would like to get involved do let us know.

Liturgical changes – you will now be aware of the changes to the monastic timetable – please see the details printed below. The main change has been to the weekday mass time which is now celebrated at 5pm. I would also highlight Adoration with the monastic community, that now takes place 5.55pm to 6.25pm on a Sunday and the 'Holy Hour' on Friday evenings which will begin now at 7pm – following Vespers. This is a gentle time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament with music, reflections and silence. You would be most welcome to join us!

With every blessing, Fr Rod

Assisted Suicide Bill

Please contact your MP to oppose assisted suicide. The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill is back in the House of Commons and seeks to legalise assisted suicide. It will have its Second Reading and vote on Friday, 11 September 2026. Please write to your MP to make your voice heard and oppose the Bill.

"This bill is wrong in principle," says Archbishop Richard Moth, President of the Bishops' Conference, "It is also deeply flawed and, if passed, could lead to vulnerable people feeling pressured into ending their lives. The Bill has a serious lack of protection for health and social care staff and risks putting many wonderful hospices and care homes in the position of no longer being able to operate. I urge you to write to your Members of Parliament to petition them to vote against the Bill at Second Reading."

You can support the Archbishop's call and contact your MP now as a matter of urgency. Even if you have already done so in the past, please speak up and voice your opposition. The charity Right to Life UK has a simple online mechanism to do this. It takes little more than a few minutes to enter your postcode, make sure the suggested text suits your viewpoint and submit your message to ask your MP to stop this flawed Bill progressing through parliament.

For more information and resources, visit: cbcw.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide ;
righttolife.org.uk/Sept11vote

Mass Times at Worth Abbey:

Sundays - 9.30am (Family Mass, with choir)

Mondays to Fridays - 5pm

Saturdays - 9am & 5pm (First Mass of Sunday)

Days of Obligation - see website

Second Collection - Education Sunday

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Mass Readings: (6 July – 13 July)

Sun 6 Sept: 1st Reading – Ezekiel 33:7-9 2nd Reading – Romans 13:8-10 Gospel - Matthew 18:15-20

Mon – 1 Corinthians 5:1-8; Luke 6:6-11

Thu – 1 Corinthians 8:1b-7,11-13; Luke 6:27-38

Tue – Micah 5:2-5a; Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23

Fri – 1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22b-27; Luke 6:39-42

Wed – 1 Corinthians 7:25-31; Luke 6:20-26

Sat – 1 Corinthians 10:14-22; Luke 6:43-49

Sun 13 Sept: 1st Reading – Sirach 27:30-28:7 2nd Reading – Romans 14:7-9 Gospel - Matthew 18:21-35

Prayers

Your prayers are asked for Stella Higham who died on 25th August. Stella was a faithful parishioner at St Dunstan's for many years. May she rest in peace.

Please pray for the sick of our parish: Michael Wilson, Mary Baker, Paul Pemble, Michael Wall, Krysia Smith, John Maher, John Mulhall, Margaret Ogden, Anne Wise, Mandy Horton, Patricia Horsman, Stella Higham, Jim Tierney, Catherine Elia, Patrick Cambridge, Barry Wingrove, Rowena Leaney, Beryl McNulty, Jelly Labto, Sheila Charman, Gillian Maher, Terry and Susan Scoble, Sue Pearson, John and Sue Rutherford, Liz Hicklin, Jill Carter and Laura Rawlinson. And please pray for the healing of our Diocese Youth Adviser Lizzie Wakeling.

Please continue praying for the soul of Fr. Kevin Taggart. Please pray for the souls Alexandra Church, Charles Hurdman, Michael Burke, Matthew Lovell, John Blake, Anton Wasylkiw, Charlie Kirk and Georgette Groombridge whose anniversaries are this week. ***Eternal rest grant unto them, oh Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.***

Worth Parish Community Billboard

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This Fairtrade Fortnight and beyond, opt for 'Fairtrade'; choose to advocate for climate justice, support farmers who are at the forefront of climate change, protect our planet, and safeguard the future for generations to come.



Parish Activities and Announcements

Enlarged Service Sheets for Conventual Mass

For any parishioners with sight issues, there will be enlarged service sheets available at the East Door of the Abbey Church.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES...

Saturday 5th September – There will be no 9am morning Mass. Mass will be with the school at 11am.

Sunday 6th September – First Junior Church of this term

Friday 11th September - Jill Carter's funeral will take place at 2pm in the Abbey Church. All Welcome.

Sunday 20th September – Family Formation will begin again

AND OUR REGULAR ACTIVITIES...

Sacrament of Reconciliation – Sundays 8.45am - 9.15am in the church, or by appointment with Fr. Paul / Fr Rod

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – Fridays 3.45 to 4.45pm; Friday 7pm to 8pm 'Holy Hour'; Sunday 5.55pm – 6.25pm before Vespers. Every 1st Sunday of the month from 10.30am to 11am following the Sunday 9.30am Mass.

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

Christian Meditation - Unity Room, 7-8pm, 4th Wednesday of the month

Healing Service - 4th Sunday of the month 10.45am to 11.15am in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

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 3rd Sunday. New parishioners, all families welcome!

Car Parking on Sunday mornings:

Please do keep the parking spaces adjacent the church piazza, for less mobile parishioners. Could we also keep the parking area directly outside of Compass House free for residents and groups using the building. Many thanks.

Curious about the Catholic Church? Would you like to find out more about it!

We now have a group 'up and running' for young adults who would like to hear more about the Catholic Church or who are interested in becoming Catholic.

The next meeting of the group will be on Monday 7th September at 7.15pm in the Parish Office.

Please do contact the parish office or speak directly with Fr Rod or Fr Paul if you would be interested in finding out more about the group. You would be most welcome to join us!



Adoration at Worth Abbey

Friday Adoration - afternoons 3.45pm to 4.45pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel – Please do contact Fr Rod or the parish office, if you would be interested in supporting this time of Adoration.

Friday Evening 'Holy Hour' - 7pm to 8pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. You are most welcome to come and join in a time of adoration, reflection and music.

Sundays - 5.55pm to 6.25pm with the monks



Sowers Faith Formation Group: Sunday 13th September

Welcoming parents with their babies and toddlers (ages 0–3) as they begin their journey of faith together in Worth Abbey Parish.

Sowers is a special gathering for parents with their newly baptised babies and toddlers. Led by team leader Lucy, it offers a gentle, supportive space for parents to network, share fellowship, and prepare their young children to eventually become Mustard Seeds as they grow up together in our parish community.

Sessions take place immediately after the 9.30am Sunday Mass and last for 30 minutes.

Afterwards, all parents, babies, and toddlers are warmly invited to join us for the Parish Sunday Brunch at Compass House for food and fellowship!



Family Formation: starting up again on Sunday 20th September!

Other Activities and Announcements

Arundel & Brighton Young Adults Retreat days in the Diocese - standard ticket price £20

Young Adults (18-35) from across the UK are invited to join the Youth team from the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton for Retreat Days in parishes across the diocese. An opportunity to meet other young adults outside of your own parish community for fellowship, formation and faith. The theme for our year of Young Adult retreats is ***"You also are my witnesses, because you have been with me" (Jn 15:27)***. From Pope Leo XIV's message for the 40th World Youth Day.

Booking for retreat days is available through the events page of the Diocesan website at the following churches:

- St Wilfrid's Parish, Burgess Hill on Saturday 26th September 2026 [Young Adults' Retreat \(26-Sep-2026\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)
- St Richard's Parish, Chichester on Saturday 7th November 2026 [Young Adult Retreat \(07-Nov-2026\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)
- Arundel Cathedral of Our Lady & St Philip Howard, Arundel on Saturday 23rd January 2027 [Young Adults' Retreat \(23-Jan-2027\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

The day will include guest speakers, discussion groups, Mass, a shared lunch (included in the ticket price) and workshop sessions including Lectio Divina, Spiritual Direction and Scripture art. Any questions about these events should be directed to Bex Driver, Diocesan Youth Project Officer E:bex.driver@abdiocese.org.uk



OPPOSE ASSISTED SUICIDE

UNITE IN PRAYER AND COMPASSIONATE ACTION

The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill is back in the House of Commons and seeks to legalise assisted suicide. This would undermine the **sanctity** and **dignity** of human life.

We are against this Bill in principle and it remains deeply flawed and dangerous in practice.

There will be a vote on Friday, 11 September 2026 - please contact your MP asap.

Act Now!

Use your smartphone camera to scan the **QR code** to visit the Bishops' Conference website.

There you will find resources to help you **contact your MP**, read the reasons why we oppose assisted suicide, explore FAQs, and more.



SCAN ME

Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales
39 Eccleston Square, London, SW1V 1BX

Every Mile Matters

Run, raise and make a difference to ensure no one faces pregnancy alone



life

Life is a pregnancy support charity. We're inviting people of all abilities to get involved. Whether you love running, prefer walking, or are completely new to it, you're welcome to join us in supporting Life in 2027. Your support could help a women feel like motherhood is possible, help a grieving family with baby loss and so much more.

London Marathon
In April 2027, are you looking for a new challenge or new charity to support.

London Landmarks Half Marathon
Run London's famous landmarks April 2027.

Local runs
Whether it's a 5k, 10k or marathon, we have a local event for you.

To find out more contact Life's Fundraising Team.
fundraising@lifecharity.org.uk | 01926 312272
www.getinvolved.lifecharity.org.uk/fundraising-events/



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Join the Catholic Medical Association!

Whether you are a doctor, nurse, student, or allied professional — if you are a Catholic in healthcare, join us to grow in fellowship, prayer and formation together.

For more information & upcoming events, visit:
<https://catholicmedicalassociation.org.uk>





The Catholic Medical Association is keen to welcome new members!

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Find out more here W: catholicmedicalassociation.org.uk

Childminder Needed

Looking for a reliable person with their own car to be able to pick up 2 children (age 6 and 10) from Lingfield and take them home to Copthorne at 3:30pm and stay with them until max 8pm. It would be on ad hoc basis 5-6 days a month (any day except Thursday), rota given well in advance. Pay £20/hour.

Please get in touch with Ida on 07845456873 for more information.

Marriage Anniversaries Mass – Saturday 3 October at Arundel Cathedral

Whether you are celebrating a special anniversary or simply giving thanks for your marriage this year, come and join us for our annual celebration of the joys and grace of sacramental marriage.

Mass will be celebrated at 11.30am. There will also be a wonderful opportunity to renew your wedding vows during Mass. This will be followed by a small drinks' reception in the Cathedral Centre. Family and friends are very welcome. The Cathedral and Centre are wheelchair friendly.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact Deacon Simon South, Marriage and Family Life Adviser at E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk.

To book your free place, you can scan the QR code on the poster or go to the Events page of the Diocesan website W: www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES MASS



Sat 3 Oct
11:30am - 2:00pm
Arundel Cathedral

THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ARUNDEL & BRIGHTON

Mental Health Awareness training – Saturday 17th October 10-3pm at The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley – cost £40

Thanks to the support of Mental Health England, we are able to offer this "Mental Health Awareness" training, to explore the realities, symptoms and impact of living with these many debilitating conditions. One of the challenges that we are experiencing in our modern world is the growing number of people, of all ages, experiencing the darkness and challenge of various mental health conditions.

The training is being highly subsidised, and tickets are just £40 per delegate (usual price £120).

If you have any questions about this training do not hesitate to contact Deacon Simon South, Marriage and Family Life Adviser at E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk. To book your place go to the Events page of the Diocesan website W: www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events



Crawley Deanery Youth & Confirmation Collaborative Meeting - Saturday 12th September

Are you involved in youth ministry, confirmation preparation, or simply passionate about passing on the faith to young people? Join us on Saturday 12th September from 12pm to 3pm at St John the Evangelist, Horsham. We are bringing people together from across the Crawley Deanery to collaborate on new, innovative ways to help our young people build a lasting foundation in discipleship. Come and help us shape the future of youth ministry in our deanery!

Who should attend? Current youth leaders and Confirmation catechists, young people who want to help shape their own ministry, School staff, teachers, and chaplaincy team members, anyone with insights, ideas or a passion for seeing young people grow in faith.

No prior expertise in parish planning is required; just a willingness to listen and help explore what a supportive community for our youth should look like. Come along and help us lay a strong foundation for the next generation. We look forward to seeing you there!

Retrouvaille - Marriage in a rut? Or need help with deeper issues?

Retrouvaille has helped thousands of couples find hope and healing in their marriage.



Next dates: 2- 4 October 2026 W: www.retrouvaille.org.uk/info T: 07887 296983

Mary's Meals film – Lettie

If you can spare some time in your day, please watch the new film from the charity Mary's Meal. In the 38-minute film Lettie tells her story – from a 10-year-old in Malawi facing hunger and forced to leave school to care for her siblings – to a healthy, educated mother providing for her own family. Her story is testament to what faith and compassion can achieve – and how access to food and education can transform not just one life, but generations to come.

Watch Lettie online: <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/our-story/books-and-films/lettie-film>



Our Parish is committed to safeguarding children and vulnerable groups within its community. Safe-guarding reps are Charles and Ann McCarthy.

Report safeguarding concerns to the Diocese 01293 651148 or via email: sg1.worth@abdiocese.org.uk



At **In Touch**, we'd love to hear from you—what you've enjoyed reading, what you'd like to see more (or even less!) of, and any ideas for improvement. This is our parish community newsletter, and our hope is that it offers both inspiration and a useful service.

If you have any announcements, articles, or activities you would like us to publish in In Touch we need you to send them the Friday before the intended publication date please.

Please do get in touch! worthabbeyparish@gmail.com

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Parish Office: Maria Stribbling - 01342 710313

Parish Office Email: parish@worth.org.uk

Parish Website: www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk

Nighttime emergencies only: 01342 710331

Cheques to be made payable to Worth Abbey Parish **Online banking payments** - Account 61076892 Sort Code 40-05-20

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

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



The Worth Pro Earth Newsletter, September 2026



Living Water

Season of Creation 2026

IMMERSION IN LIVING WATER

Ezekiel 47:9, 12

The Laudato Si theme for this year's Season of Creation is Living Water. And how apt that theme is for many people in the world this year. We have experienced months of extreme heat and wildfires all over Europe, a stark reminder that Europe is warming at 4 times the average rate of other continents. In Sussex we have a hosepipe ban, and 70% of our country is in drought. As we go to press the Guardian reports that the Government is about to issue an official warning that we should stock up on bottled water and tinned food. In tandem with this there are warnings of food shortages because of anticipated poor harvests for some staple crops.

It's difficult to be witness to these events and warnings but let us derive hope and strength from the message from Pope Leo. He encourages us to embrace the journey 'from the desert to the garden, from division to communion and from violence to peace'.

Worth Pro Earth is organising several activities during the Season on Creation (September 1st to October 4th), in addition to those taking place in our local communities or running nationwide. We hope you will find something of interest to help Care for Our Common Home.

Message from Pope Leo for the Season of Creation: <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/creation/documents/20260815-messaggio-giornata-curacreato.html>

Events at Worth to Care for Our Common Home this Season of Creation

Throughout the Season of Creation in the Narthex: Laudato Si display

Please take a moment to read and reflect on the themes of the display.

Sunday September 27th 9:30am, Worth Abbey: Harvest Mass

You are kindly asked to donate, if you can, a piece of home grown or locally sourced fruit or vegetables, which will be offered at the altar by the children in the parish during mass. These

perishable items will be collected that weekend only. You are also encouraged to donate non-perishable items in the usual bins provided. See below.

Sunday September 27th after 9:30am mass, on the Piazza, Worth Abbey:

Tree seed collection

Join members of WPE is gathering and identifying suitable trees for collection by the Piazza. Then take them home to plant and care for your seedling.

Saturday October 3rd, at 3:30pm – 4:30pm in the Unity Room, Worth Abbey: Screening of the People’s Emergency Briefing short film

People’s Emergency Briefing is an eye-opening film on the climate crisis bringing together nine leading UK scientists and experts with the latest evidence and why it matters for things like extreme weather, food security, health and the cost of living. The film is based on the National Emergency Briefing in Westminster ([National Emergency Briefing](#)) featured by ITV, Channel 4 and The Times) with appearances from Chris Packham, Deborah Meaden among others. [Watch the trailer](#)

WPE will be screening the People’s Emergency Briefing on Saturday 3rd October starting at 3:30pm in the Unity Room. This will conclude in time for attendees to join the 5pm vigil Mass, after which refreshments will be served. Please RSVP here [People's Emergency Briefing screening - the Unity Room, Worth Abbey. Saturday October 3rd – Fill in form](#)

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Food banks

Food bank donations provide emergency relief for people facing severe financial hardship, reduce local hunger, and support community resilience. Local food banks urgently need non-perishable food to help vulnerable individuals facing hardship. Worth Abbey has collection bins at the entrance to the Abbey Church where you can leave your donations.

Strengthening the Community

- Local support: Giving locally helps neighbours through sudden crises, job loss, or unexpected bills.
- Reducing waste: Donating surplus goods helps keep edible, safe food out of landfills and puts it to good use.

What to Give

- Long-life foods: Tinned meat, fish, vegetables, fruit, pasta sauces, UHT milk, and long-life juice.
- Dry goods: Rice, pasta, oats, and breakfast cereal.
- Non-food items: Toilet paper, soap, shampoo, toothpaste (note: infant formula is generally not accepted)
- Non-perishable food items, tinned goods, and essential toiletries.

Where to Donate

- Worth Abbey has collection bins at the entrance to the Abbey Church where you can leave your donations.

Local and National events to help You care for Our Common Home this month

Thursday 10 September 6:30pm | Online Everyday Plastic Book Club: Change Everything with Natalie Bennett

Join Everyday Plastic for their next virtual Book Club webinar as they welcome former Green Party leader Baroness Natalie Bennett to discuss her inspiring book, [Change Everything](#). Together, they'll explore how bold ideas, collective action and political change can help build a fairer, healthier future for people and planet.

This special conversation will also shine a spotlight on the Nature's Rights Bill - a Bill championed by Natalie in the House of Lords that seeks to recognise that nature has inherent rights to exist, thrive and regenerate. As the climate, nature and plastic crises become ever more urgent, we'll discuss what this could mean in practice, why it matters, and how each of us can help drive meaningful change.

Whether you've read *Change Everything* cover to cover, are just getting started, or are simply curious about how we can create a better future together, everyone is welcome! Expect an engaging conversation full of fresh ideas, practical hope and the chance to put your questions directly to Natalie. [Register Now](#)

Until Sunday 27 September: Environment and Climate Change consultation

West Sussex County Council have produced two draft action plans which focus on the things they believe need to be addressed locally in the coming years. They focus on:

- Climate change mitigation - reducing the amount of carbon produced and released into the atmosphere, e.g. from transport, homes, and businesses
- Climate change adaptation - preparing for the impacts of an increasingly changing climate - such as longer and more frequent heatwaves and more severe flooding.

The consultation summary document gives an overview of both plans and explains why climate change mitigation and adaptation are both equally important. The consultation will gather views on the draft plans and help them make sure they are the right fit for local communities. Proposed

actions include supporting energy efficiency improvements to buildings, enabling people to switch to greener travel options such as electric vehicles, encouraging community solar energy projects, and increasing the use of sustainable drainage systems. The You can read the plans and share your views by visiting the engagement hub via the following link:

<https://yourvoice.westsussex.gov.uk/climatesurvey>

18 - 21 September: Great UK Waterblitz by Earthwatch

Water companies have dumped hundreds of thousands of tonnes of untreated sewage into England's rivers and, along with toxic chemicals and waste washing off farms, it's polluting our rivers, lakes, and streams so badly that they're making people sick.

A new Clean Water Bill is heading to Parliament. But before it becomes law, polluters will do everything they can to weaken it. That's why thousands of us are testing our local rivers, lakes, and streams. Together, we will gather the evidence politicians can't ignore, making the case for a law that finally protects our waters.

Are you concerned about water pollution? So are we. Will you test your local waterway? Get your free testing kit and let's help protect our waters! This summer, Avaaz, together with Earthwatch, is hosting thousands of people across the UK to test the health of our rivers, lakes, and streams. More information on the website: [Earthwatch](#)

Here is how:

1. Order your FREE testing kit: Thanks to donations from Avaaz members, your kit is free.
2. Earthwatch will post it straight to your door. It has everything you need!
3. You test your local river, stream, or lake - anytime between 18–21 September. It's fast and easy, and you'll have a dedicated WhatsApp community to answer questions.
4. You upload your test results to a secure online form.
5. Together, we'll turn our findings into headlines and take them straight to politicians.

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, check out their website before you visit, as you may need to book a slot.

This month's cafes are:

Lindfield - Saturday 5th September from 10am-1pm

United Reformed Church, 50 High Street, Lindfield, RH16 2HL

[Lindfield Repair Cafe](#)

Horley - Saturday 12th September from 1130am-230pm

St Wilfrid's Church Hall, Horley Row, Horley RH6 8DF

[Horley Repair Cafe](#)

Forest Row - Saturday 19th September from 10am-1pm

Forest Community Centre, Hartfield Road, Forest Row, RH18 5DZ

[Forest Row Repair Cafe](#)

Handcross - Saturday 19th September from 10am-12pm

High Street, Handcross, Haywards Heath RH17 6BL

[Handcross Hardware & Craft](#)

Crawley Down & Turners Hill - Saturday 26th September 10am-12pm

The Glebe Centre, Crawley Down

[Crawley Down Village - The Crawley Down & Turners Hill Repair Cafe](#)

Horsham - Saturday 26th July 10am-230pm

United Reform Church, 45 Springfield Road, Horsham, RH12 2RG

[Horsham Repair Cafe](#)

Season of Creation 2026 Prayer

Living Water

Holy God, whose Spirit hovered over the waters at the beginning, we gather as part of your community of all creation, thirsty for your grace. We give thanks for the gift of water, the veins of our common home, that sustains the cedar and the whale, the pasture and the city. We are grateful for the local waters that nourish our homelands and our fellow creatures. We give thanks that in your well-watered garden, every drop is a sacred testament to your love.

Yet, we confess that we have treated this gift as a mere commodity. We have choked the seas with our waste and watched the warming tides rise in judgment. We lament the cracked earth of the drought-stricken and the salty tears of the climate refugee. Melt our frozen hearts, O God, and let the waters of repentance flow.

Lord of all Life, you promised that wherever the river flows, everything shall live. Stir in us a calling to care for the waters — to protect the watershed, defend the rights of water, and honor the dignity of the thirsty. May your Word be a spring within us, gushing forth for the healing of the nations.

May God our Father who brought water from the rock sustain us in the desert. May Christ our Lord who is Living Water refresh us for the work of restoration. And may the Holy Spirit carry us on currents of grace until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Amen.

Do give us your feedback

Do you have a spare 5 minutes? We would love to get some feedback on whether you have interacted with Worth Pro Earth. Please follow the link below and tell us your thoughts! [Worth Pro Earth feedback form - Fill in form](#)

Join us

WPE welcomes new members. We meet once a month in St Benedict's, the next meeting is Tuesday 22nd September at 2pm. Please get in touch if you would like to attend at parish@worth.org.uk