The Worth Pro Earth Newsletter, November 2026

Conference of the Parties 31 (COP 31)

COP 31 - the annual UN climate change conference runs from 9th-20th November in Antalya and, as usual, the eyes of the world should be watching. In reality the proceedings are likely to be followed only by those with a pressing interest in the subject, but it's important that we acknowledge the significance of this gathering as the need to take action on the climate increases with every passing year.

This conference is jointly hosted by Turkey and Australia and it will be interesting to see how the joint venture is run. One of the most urgent matters to resolve has to do with how the changes needed to manage and adapt to a changing climate will be financed. Those who have seen the People's Emergency Briefing - shown by WPE in October - might remember the final segment of the film where an economist reviews the costs of mitigation and adaptation. No space here to outline this but in essence the costs may seem large but are heavily outweighed by the benefits. And, like many other areas of life on this planet, the costs are increasing and will continue to do so. Moreover many 'solutions' available to us now - such as regenerative agriculture - may become completely unattainable if we wait too long.

Climate finance is at the top of the agenda for this COP and with good reason as at COP 29 in Azerbaijan in 2024 developed nations pledged to triple their investment in supporting developing nations from $100 billion to $300 billion. In practice many of these countries have since slashed their aid budgets and doubtless there will be arguments, obfuscations and delay. There are legitimate concerns that COPs have been hijacked by lobbyists and representatives of fossil fuel companies. Nonetheless, many worthwhile initiatives will emerge, and it is a great forum for education and dialogue. Imperfect though they undoubtedly are, COP's, under the auspices of the UN, are the only global gatherings which address the critical issue of climate change, and we must hope that some much-needed initiatives emerge from Turkey this November.

Are you Emergency Ready?

From severe weather to cyber attacks, emergencies can disrupt the services you rely on. Being ready for 3 days helps you manage while support reaches those most in need. Doing this is easier than you might think. You could have some of the items at home already. You don’t need to do it all at once. Build up your readiness gradually over time by taking it step by step, and picking up an extra item or two when you can. See the Be Ready Checklist at the following link: Be-Ready-Checklist

Events to help you care for Our Common Home this month

The People's Emergency Briefing

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**
For anyone who didn't get a chance to see the screening recently held at Worth, there are further opportunities in the local area to see it.

The People's Emergency Briefing Film Screening - Tuesday 10 November at 7pm - Forest Row

Holy Trinity Church, Forest Row, RH18 5AF - Tuesday 10 November at 7pm
Click on the following link for more details and to register your attendance PEB - 10 Nov - Forest Row - Register to Attend

The People's Emergency Briefing Film Screening - Wednesday 18 November at 7pm - Burgess Hill

The Kings Centre, 33-35 Victoria Road, RH15 9LR - Wednesday 28 November at 7pm, doors open at 6.30pm
Click on the following link for more details and to register your attendance.
PEB - 18 Nov - Burgess Hill - Register to Attend

The People's Emergency Briefing Film Screening - Friday 20 November at 7.30pm - Reigate

Reigate Community Centre (Reigate Methodist Church), RH29AE - Friday 20 November at 7.30pm. Doors will open from 7pm. Access is via the community centre, which is the entrance behind Reigate Methodist Church. The film showing will begin from 7.30pm. Click on the link to register your attendance
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Ask your MP to join the Parliamentary Call for a televised briefing introduced by the PM and delivered by independent experts. https://www.nebriefing.org/take-action

Help plant the First Trees in the Anniversary Orchard

We are looking for volunteers to help plant the first batch of apple trees in the new Worth Anniversary Orchard on **Saturday 21st November**. Whether you enjoy digging, planting, staking, watering, or simply being part of a community project, there will be plenty of jobs for all abilities. Tools and refreshments will be provided. This is a wonderful opportunity to help create a lasting legacy for future generations and contribute to a space that will help sustain and enrich our community for years to

come. If you are able to help, please let Emma Hickmott know by emailing ehickmott@worth.org.uk

Fairer World Lindfield 'Our Better Nature' Talk - Wednesday 18 November 1900-2100 The Bent Arms, Lindfield RH16 2HP free event, requires registration
Fairer World Lindfield are thrilled to present an evening with Tony Whitbread (Ecologist, Trustee of the Knepp Wildland Foundation & President of the Sussex Wildlife Trust) who will be giving an informal 'Our Better Nature' Talk.

Join them as they explore how to build a **resilient future** for our community in today's changing world. They will dive into the current **state of our climate and nature**, focusing on the challenges we face and the importance of respecting **planetary boundaries**.

This event is FREE to attend. Booking by Eventbrite or contact: fairerworldlindfield@gmail.com Book your spot

Horsham Fairtrade Christmas Market
Saturday 28 November 10am - 4pm
St John's RC Church Hall, Horsham

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 7th November from 10am-1pm
United Reformed Church, 50 High Street, Lindfield, RH16 2HL
Lindfield Repair Cafe
Horley - Saturday 14th November from 1130am-230pm
St Wilfrid's Church Hall, Horley Row, Horley RH6 8DF
Horley Repair Cafe
Forest Row - Saturday 21st November from 10am-1pm
Forest Community Centre, Hartfield Road, Forest Row, RH18 5DZ
Forest Row Repair Cafe
Handcross - Saturday 21st November from 10am-12pm
High Street, Handcross, Haywards Heath RH17 6BL
Handcross Hardware & Craft
Crawley Down & Turners Hill - Saturday 28th November 10am-12pm
The Glebe Centre, Crawley Down
Crawley Down Village - The Crawley Down & Turners Hill Repair Cafe
Horsham - Saturday 28th November 10am-230pm
United Reform Church, 45 Springfield Road, Horsham, RH12 2RG
Horsham Repair Cafe

Prayer for Our Common Home

Laudate Deum, O God we praise you,
for the world sings of your infinite love.

Forgive us our failure to agree a way forward
to protect this earth and our children's future.

Guide our leaders to set aside their own interests
in the interest of us all and grant us all the courage
to turn our concern into change.

Strengthen our faith, and let us never lose hope so together we may rise up
responding to the urgent call of your people and all creation. Amen. (CAFOD)

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 Wednesday 11th November at 2pm. Please get in touch if you would like to attend at parish@worth.org.uk