



The Worth Pro Earth Newsletter, October 2026

Why is repair important?

When you throw an item away, you're not only wasting the product itself but also wasting the land, energy and raw materials that went into producing it. While recycling can help reduce the amount of general waste, the process still consumes valuable resources. This is why waste prevention is so important. If you can repair or reuse an item to extend its life, you're not just saving the item - you're also conserving precious natural resources!

What is a Repair Café?

A repair café is a free meeting place where people can bring things to be repaired by volunteers in their local community. This can include things such as:

- Clothes, furniture, electricals, bikes, clocks, lights, ceramics, toys

Repair cafés aim to waste less, share skills and create a more sustainable society. Did you know, West Sussex is home to over 20 repair cafés? To see a full list and their contact information, visit our [community climate action map](#). See below for a local list of Repair Cafes.

For more information on repair cafés, see the following link: [The Big Fix](#)

WORTH PRO EARTH event for the Season of Creation

The People's Emergency Briefing - Saturday 3rd October

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](#)

Hosted by Worth Pro Earth as part of the parish celebration of the Season of Creation, there will be a screening the People's Emergency Briefing on Saturday 3rd October from 3.30pm - 4.30pm in the Unity Room. After the screening you are invited to attend the Vigil mass at 5pm followed by refreshments and discussion in the Unity Room.

Please use the following link to register your attendance [RSVP link](#)

Film Screening of
**THE
PEOPLE'S
EMERGENCY
BRIEFING**

Get the latest facts
from the UK's top
experts



How is climate change
affecting our homes,
gardens, health, household
budget and water supplies.
And how can we respond?

**Saturday October 3rd
3:30 - 4:30pm
The Unity Room
RSVP via the QR Code**



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If you have any queries please contact the parish office.

Things you could do for Our Common Home this month

Fairtrade Fortnight - 21 September - 4 October 2026

Monday 21st September marked the commencement of Fairtrade Fortnight. Over three decades of collaboration have established the Fairtrade mark as a leader in creating life-changing impacts for farmers and workers globally. Are you aware that cocoa, bananas and coffee may soon become significantly harder to find on our shelves? Climate change is increasingly making the cultivation of these crops more challenging. Coupled with profoundly unjust trade practices, the communities that produce these crops are being driven to the edge. The Worth Abbey Fairtrade stall offers an extensive range of Divine chocolate. Divine is the sole chocolate company worldwide that is 100% 'Fairtrade' and owned by cocoa farmers. While 'Fairtrade' guarantees that farmers receive a fairer price for their cocoa and additional income to reinvest in their communities, ownership of the company allows farmers to share in Divine's profits and have a more substantial voice in the cocoa industry. 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.

Climate Toolkit

A new [on-line Climate Toolkit](#) has been created by Community People with tips and advice on being more sustainable around subjects such as money, technology and food. It's specifically designed for community groups and charities and free for anyone to use.

Events to help You care for Our Common Home this month

Virtual Book Club - Baroness Natalie Bennett

In September, Everyday Plastics hosted a Book Club event and invited former Green Party leader Baroness Natalie Bennett to chat to us about her book [Change Everything](#).

It was an inspiring and hopeful conversation about some of the big ideas the book raises – from rethinking our economy and political systems, to exploring new ways of living and participating in democracy.

Natalie's vision challenges us to imagine what is possible when we put people, planet and collective wellbeing at the heart of change. Last week, she reminded us that creating meaningful change isn't just about individual choices. It's about changing the systems around us, elevating community voices, and imagining a future that truly works for people and planet. Watch the full recording at the following link: [Change Everything](#)

Virtual Book Club - Dr Joycelyn London - 8 October

Join Everyday Plastics on **Thursday 8 October** at 630pm when they talk to [Dr Joycelyn Longdon](#), award-winning environmental justice technologist about her new book [Natural Connection](#).

It promises to be an interesting discussion about what Indigenous wisdom, marginalised voices and our relationship with nature can teach us about creating a better future. Register at the following link: [Register here](#)

Fossil Fuel - Sign the Petition

We are at the heart of the **Season of Creation**, launched on September 1st across the entire continent with a vibrant ecumenical spirit, with over 300 events in our continent alone.

As we welcome this stream of Living Water that renews the Earth, we invite you to take concrete action by signing [the petition launched by 350.org](#) and supported by Laudato Si' Movement as a partner — to demand a permanent tax on the huge profits of fossil fuel companies.

This is one of the key demands of the [Europe, Be Faithful campaign](#), launched by LSM in May with the support of 170+ Christian organisations.

Sign and share the petition to EU finance ministers by **October 7th** to make a difference!

National Badger Day - 6 October 2026

Badgers are iconic mammals, and we are lucky to have them around in this country. Small changes in perspective and simple actions go a long way towards sustainable and friendly human-badger co-existence.

Badger Trust's 'Living with Badgers' guide is for anyone interested in badger-human co-existence, including those of us who may currently be experiencing unwelcomed encounters with badgers. [Living with Badgers](#)

Badgers and gardens

If you can, creating safe areas for displaced wildlife helps to keep the species and their ecosystems healthy. So if you have a sett in your garden, the easiest thing to do is be patient and enjoy watching these key ecosystem engineers at work. Remember that badgers and their setts are protected, and disturbing them is illegal.

Watch a 12 minute film about badgers [Badger Trust film](#)

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 3rd October from 10am-1pm

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

[Lindfield Repair Cafe](#)

Horley - Saturday 10th October from 1130am-230pm

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

[Horley Repair Cafe](#)

Forest Row - Saturday 17th October from 10am-1pm

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

[Forest Row Repair Cafe](#)

Handcross - Saturday 17th October from 10am-12pm

High Street, Handcross, Haywards Heath RH17 6BL

[Handcross Hardware & Craft](#)

Crawley Down & Turners Hill - Saturday 24th October 10am-12pm

The Glebe Centre, Crawley Down

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

Horsham - Saturday 31st October 10am-230pm

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

[Horsham Repair Cafe](#)

Prayer for Our Common Home

Generous God, we praise and thank you

for the gifts that you have given us:

the fruits of the harvest and the joy of your love.

Free us from the fear that leads us to store up more than we need.

Fill our hearts with gratitude which moves us to share what we have.

Show us how to plant seeds of hope and together reap a better world,

where each and every person can share in the fullness of your love.

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 meetings are [Tuesday 6th October](#) and [Tuesday 10th November at 2pm](#). Please get in touch if you would like to attend at parish@worth.org.uk