

# IN TOUCH

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**Hour by hour keep careful watch over all you do, aware that God's gaze is upon you,  
wherever you may be (Rule of St Benedict 4: 48-49)**

**Fr Paul writes:**

We offer some lines from the Easter address by Pope Francis for your reflection. (Please go to the web site for the full text and video.) In his message Pope Francis thinks especially of those most in need. May this be an inspiration to us all as we consider how we can undertake the CAFOD Livesimply programme, and live in solidarity with the poor and disadvantaged.

Dear Brothers and Sisters, a Happy and Holy Easter!

The Church throughout the world echoes the angel's message to the women: "Do not be afraid! I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised... Come, see the place where he lay" ( Mt 28:5-6).

This is the culmination of the Gospel, it is the Good News par excellence: Jesus, who was crucified, is risen! This event is the basis of our faith and our hope. If Christ were not raised, Christianity would lose its very meaning; the whole mission of the Church would lose its impulse, for this is the point from which it first set out and continues to set out ever anew. The message which Christians bring to the world is this: Jesus, Love incarnate, died on the cross for our sins, but God the Father raised him and made him the Lord of life and death. In Jesus, love has triumphed over hatred, mercy over sinfulness, goodness over evil, truth over falsehood, life over death.

That is why we tell everyone: "Come and see!" In every human situation, marked by frailty, sin and death, the Good News is no mere matter of words, but a testimony to unconditional and faithful love: it is about leaving ourselves behind and encountering others, being close to those crushed by life's troubles, sharing with the needy, standing at the side of the sick, elderly and the outcast... "Come and see!": Love is more powerful, love gives life, love makes hope blossom in the wilderness.

Help us to overcome the scourge of hunger, aggravated by conflicts and by the immense wastefulness for which we are often responsible.

Enable us to protect the vulnerable, especially children, women and the elderly, who are at times exploited and abandoned.

Comfort all those who cannot celebrate this Easter with their loved ones because they have been unjustly torn from their affections, like the many persons, priests and laity, who in various parts of the world have been kidnapped.

Comfort those who have left their own lands to migrate to places offering hope for a better future and the possibility of living their lives in dignity and, not infrequently, of freely professing their faith.

We ask you, Lord Jesus, to put an end to all war and every conflict, whether great or small, ancient or recent.

Lord, we pray to you for all the peoples of the earth: you who have conquered death, grant us your life, grant us your peace!

**livesimply**

*Compassionate and loving God,  
you created the world for us all to share,  
a world of beauty and plenty.  
Create in us a desire to live simply,  
so that our lives may reflect your generosity.  
Creator God,  
You gave us responsibility for the earth,  
a world of riches and delight.  
Create in us a desire to live sustainably,  
so that those who follow after us  
may enjoy the fruits of your creation.  
God of peace and justice,  
You give us the capacity to change,  
to bring about a world that mirrors your wisdom.  
Create in us a desire to act in solidarity,  
so that the pillars of injustice crumble  
and those now crushed are set free. Amen.*

**Linda Jones / CAFOD**

**Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> May**, Mass at 6.45 pm

**Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> May**, Feast of St Dunstan

**Presentation and Baptism.** Lana Perry will be presented by her parents, Jenni and Chris, at the 9.30am Mass this Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> May, and baptised here on Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> May. Please pray for Lana, her family and godparents.

**Please remember in your prayers** – Mike Goodridge for recovery of health.

**Anniversaries** - Please pray for the souls of Mrs Neve; Anita Weston-Burt; Emma Brackpool; Russell Brailey; Charles Wilson. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.

**Vacancy for Parish Secretary: Closing date 26<sup>th</sup> May.** Please post CV and covering letter, marked "Application for Parish Secretary" to Fr Paul Fleetwood, OSB, Parish Priest, Worth Abbey Parish, Paddockhurst Road, Turners Hill, West Sussex RH10 4SB. Job Description available at [www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk](http://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk) or email [parish@worth.org.uk](mailto:parish@worth.org.uk)

## PARISH DIARY DATES

**Traidcraft Easter Raffle:** Will the gentleman named **Diego** please contact the parish office to claim the prize he won in the raffle.

**Irundu update:** Cynthia Haynes writes that they have identified 3,200 families in need of support as a result of the famine. She has arranged to purchase supplies of maize and cassava to help them. Thank you very much for your generous support in our recent appeal.

**First Holy Communion 2017/18:** Classes begin Sept 2017, for children who will turn 8 years old by May 2018 and older. For details or to register, please contact Rachel Davies on 07801-696354 before the end of July. We are looking for volunteers to support our First Holy Communion candidates and their families. There are a variety of roles related to welcoming and hospitality. It would mean giving up a couple of hours on a Saturday morning from 10.30 am (dates to be confirmed) to set up, welcome and provide refreshments. We would also love to hear from you if you are interested in joining the catechists. Please contact Fr Paul.

**Feast of St Dunstan 19<sup>th</sup> May.** *Legend of St Dunstan & The Devil.* Dunstan was a talented metalworker, who had been having great success spreading the gospels around the south of England, to the increasing annoyance of the Devil. One day, disguised as a beautiful young woman, the Devil visited Dunstan in his forge, in a failed attempt to seduce him. The Devil was unmasked when his prancing around the room revealed hooves beneath the billowing skirts. Dunstan calmly took a large pair of red-hot tongs from the blazing fire and clamped them hard on the Devil's nose, whose screams could be heard from three miles away as his wings unfurled and he shot into the sky in uncontrollable agony..!! The story is said to be a metaphor for the notion of wrestling with one's demons and the triumph of good over evil.

**Episcopal Ordination,** Fr John MacWilliam, former Worth School student, has been appointed Bishop of the Diocese of Lghouat, which covers a huge area of the Algerian Sahara. Fr John has served as a White Father for many years in North Africa. His Episcopal Ordination will be held here in the Abbey Church at 2pm on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May. You are most welcome to attend. (Please note that the First Mass of Sunday will be celebrated at the usual time of 5 pm.)

**Meditative Walk** during Refugee Week, around the grounds of Worth Abbey, with prayer, and with the Lampedusa Cross. Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> June, beginning at 3 pm, from the Narthex, followed by Mass at 5 pm, with prayers for refugees, and then supper. Please let us know if you can come. Everyone welcome to all or part of this.

**Summer Concert in the Abbey Church** Parishioners and friends are invited to the Summer Concert by Worth students, taking place in the Abbey Church on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm. Students are keen to showcase the pieces they have been working on this year and the standard of musicianship will be high. The programme, which is expected to last about an hour and ten minutes, will include orchestral favourites as well as a lighter repertoire from the Concert Band and the school's stylish sax ensemble, plus fabulous solo viola playing from a student who has a place at the Royal Academy of Music for this September. Entrance is free for all. Refreshments will be served in the Narthex after the concert.

## OTHER EVENTS:

**Meals for the Homeless in the Friary Hall.** Next date Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> meeting at 11.30 am. Please contact Ashwin Soni if you can help [ashel@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ashel@hotmail.co.uk)

**Archbishop of Canterbury's Global Prayer initiative** - Plan, prepare, pray and act....The Archbishop of Canterbury is encouraging Christians of all denominations to #Pledge2Pray as part of global prayer movement *Thy Kingdom Come*, a time of focused prayer from 25<sup>th</sup> May – 4<sup>th</sup> June. Last year more than 100,000 people joined with the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to pray in the 10 days between Ascension and Pentecost. This year even more are expected to

join in. Pledge to pray at [www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global); [thykingdomcome@lambethpalace.org.uk](mailto:thykingdomcome@lambethpalace.org.uk)

**CAFOD 'Just One World' General Election Action:** This general election, call for a better future for our global family. Let us be inspired by the words of Pope Francis, "Love makes itself felt in every action that seeks to build a better world." Please email your parliamentary candidates and ask them to commit to tackle poverty, climate change and to build a fairer future for all. Visit [www.e-activist.com/page/8526/action/1](http://www.e-activist.com/page/8526/action/1)

**Crawley InterFaith Network Speaker Evening:** 18<sup>th</sup> May 7-9pm 'Commonalities between the Abrahamic Religions', Michael Harris: Eastbourne Faiths Forum / World Congress of Faiths. The Orchard, 1-2 Gleneagles Court, Brighton Rd Crawley, RH10 6AD. Contact Iyad Daoud [contact@crawleyinterfaith.net](mailto:contact@crawleyinterfaith.net) Tel: 01293 883372

**Crawley InterFaith Network:** Visit to the London England Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ and Latter Day Saints, West Park Road, Newchapel, Surrey, RH7 6HW. Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 12-2pm. It is essential to register with Mrs Najma Osman [najma.zaynah@gmail.com](mailto:najma.zaynah@gmail.com) CIFN website: [www.crawleyinterfaith.net](http://www.crawleyinterfaith.net)

**Hate Crime Team:** This charity supports people who experience Hate crimes. They are looking for volunteers from different community groups, including BME communities. Contact Iyad Daoud Tel: 01293 883372

**Chilworth Day of Praise and Healing,** around the theme *The Kingdom of God a Hidden Treasure*, given by Fr Joseph Edattu VC. Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May, St Augustine's Abbey, Chilworth, GU4 8QR. The day begins with Mass at 10.20 am. Two talks will divide the Day, with refreshments and lunch, Divine Mercy Devotion, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Sacrament of Healing and departures at 4.20 pm. Come to part, or all of the day. [www.chilworthbenedictines.com](http://www.chilworthbenedictines.com)

**March for Life" in Birmingham,** Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May. This year is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Abortion Act and over 8 million babies' lives have been lost since 1967. Good Counsel are arranging 3 coaches from London and many others are being arranged from around the UK. Visit [www.goodcounselnetwork.com](http://www.goodcounselnetwork.com) or phone 0207 723 1740

**Sponsored Bike Ride** 6<sup>th</sup> June-13<sup>th</sup> July – Les Whittaker is undertaking a 1500 mile route from the Memorial for Unborn Children, East Grinstead to Fatima, Portugal, to celebrate and support the Message of Fatima in its Centenary and in memory of the 8.7 million unborn babies killed since the passing of the 1967 Abortion Act. If you wish to sponsor Les, please visit [justgiving.com/crowdfunding/fatima100](http://justgiving.com/crowdfunding/fatima100).

#### SAVE THE DATE:

**Walking with God:** A residential weekend of Inspiration and Sharing for All Abilities and Ages at Worth Abbey. Friday evening 9<sup>th</sup> June - lunchtime Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June. Contact Emily Westlake [emcat76@hotmail.com](mailto:emcat76@hotmail.com); Tel: 07947103781 "Act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with your God" Micah 6:8

**Horsham Amnesty** Presentation of "Asylum Monologues" at the Hawth studio, Crawley on 20<sup>th</sup> June, 7.30pm. Based on interviews with three asylum seekers, it tells their stories, in their own words, as if the three were in conversation. Box Office 01293 553636. Info at [www.amnesty.org.uk](http://www.amnesty.org.uk)

**Brightlights Festival:** annual live music event for Catholic young adults (16-30) Alton Castle in Staffordshire, June 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>. Visit [brightlights.org.uk](http://brightlights.org.uk), call 0300 075 0115 or find us on social media T/FB/IG

**Understanding CAFOD Just One World Afternoon** - find out about CAFOD's work overseas and how we are trying to end poverty. Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July at English Martyrs' Church Hall, Horley RH6 8AR, 2:30- 4:30pm. Cakes and tea provided so please let us know if you would like to come (for catering purposes) [arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk](mailto:arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk) or call Martin or Jo at the Arundel and Brighton CAFOD volunteer centre 01483 898866.

**Annual National Justice & Peace Conference:** 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> July at The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire on 'A Sabbath for the Earth and the Poor': The Challenge of Pope Francis. Contact: [admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk](mailto:admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk)

#### REGULAR EVENTS IN THE PARISH

**Adoration:** Friday evenings 7.00- 8.00pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Reflection, music and silence. **Confessions (Sacrament of Reconciliation)** Sundays 9.10-9.30am before Mass. **Marian Prayer Group** - 2nd/4th Monday NEW TIME 7.30pm, Lady Chapel. **Lectio Divina** - Tuesdays 8.20pm, for 30 mins, Parlour 3 (entry from the Narthex). Followed by Compline. **Mass with Prayers for Healing** (1st Wednesday) 7.15pm Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Next date 7<sup>th</sup> June **Christian Meditation Group in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel** 7.45pm (for prompt start at 8pm) to 8.45pm followed by Compline. Next dates 31<sup>st</sup> May, 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> June, 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> July. Contact: Gabrielle Joyce: 01342 326118/Caterina Brown: 01243 554001. **Vigil for Vocations** (1st Friday) 9.00pm to midnight in the Abbey Church. Next date 2<sup>nd</sup> June. **Children's Liturgy** (1st Saturday) Next date 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 5pm. **Sunday Prayers for Healing** Once a month, there is a half hour Service of Prayers for Healing in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel after 930 Sunday Mass. All welcome! Next dates NO June, 2<sup>nd</sup> July. **Bereavement Session:** Next date Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June. St Benedict's 10-11.30 am. Clare and Marian invite you to drop in for support, a chat, a cuppa and cake. If you are unable to attend and would like us to include your bereaved or deceased loved ones in our prayers at the beginning of our session please email the Parish Office with details.

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**Next Sunday's readings:**

**First reading – Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17**

Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah to them. The crowds with one accord listened eagerly to what was said by Philip, hearing and seeing the signs that he did, for unclean spirits, crying with loud shrieks, came out of many who were possessed; and many others who were paralysed or lame were cured. So there was great joy in that city.

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit (NRSV)

**Second reading – 1 Pet 3: 15-18**

..but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit.. (NRSV)

**Gospel – John 14: 15-21**

'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'. (NRSV)

Monday, 15<sup>th</sup>: Acts 14: 5-18; John 14: 21-26

Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup>: Acts 14: 19-28; John 14: 27-31

Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup>: Acts 15: 1-6; John 15: 1-8

Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup>: Acts 15 : 7-21; John 15: 9-11

Friday, 19<sup>th</sup>: Acts 15: 22-31; John 15: 12-17

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>: Acts 16: 1-10; John 15: 18-21

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