

IN TOUCH

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8th/9th July 2017

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Respect the elders and love the young

(Rule of St Benedict 4: 70-71)



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Fr Paul writes:

Last weekend I had the pleasure of taking part in a meeting of the Crawley Interfaith Forum, (CIFN), with parishioner Tara Balcombe. I'm most grateful to her, for her account which we copy below. Do please look for her photos of this most enjoyable event which you'll find on our website.

Sometimes at the meetings of CIFN, we are offered a talk about elements of different people's faith – both the theology which underlies it and also highly personal accounts of how their faith sustains their lives. But on this occasion the emphasis was different – an opportunity to enjoy one another's company, to form friendships and to meet families relaxing together. In their document, *Meeting God in Friend and Stranger*, the Bishops discern four different ways of engaging: the first, and perhaps most basic of all, is what the Bishops call *The Dialogue of Life*. They write: *This is when people of different religions simply try to live in an open and neighbourly way with one another, in the same town or street, or in the same place of work...When believers practise this out of their own faith-conviction, it is a most effective form of dialogue.*

This is clearly something which we can all practise and enjoy, and, in a society in which religious faith is often regarded as out of place or even harmful, it becomes increasingly important for us to support one another and to learn about the riches of one another's faith. Crawley is unique in this part of the county, for here we have the opportunity to meet men and women from almost every major religious tradition – Hindus, at their beautiful and newly completed temple in Langley Green; Muslim – both Sunni, with mosques in Broadfield and Langley Green, and also Ahmadiyya at their mosque in Langley Green; and Sikhs at their temple in West Green.

We have had parish visits to most of these communities, and also to Synagogues in Brighton; and if anyone would like to visit again, please do get in touch and we'll organise another visit. Meanwhile do look at the Bishops' document * on the website, and Tara's photos – and forgive the lack of photos of the Zumba dancing !

Tara writes:

Having seen the item from In Touch about the Interfaith gathering this past Saturday, July 1st, I decided to go with a friend. Although a free event, we were all treated to a nice buffet lunch and we had the opportunity to socialise with interesting people there.

Following this we had a lovely afternoon which included doing circle dancing to peace songs from different religions, and then watching various groups perform songs, dances, music and poems from their own religions and culture.

We saw a large group of Muslim children sing several songs about Allah and peace; three girls from a Christian church do a dance to a song; a gospel choir sing several lively songs, and a group of Indian musicians and singers perform prayer songs.

We met interesting people and had some stimulating conversations at tea break as well.

I believe that I was the only parishioner from Worth Abbey there aside from Father Paul (and the only one to witness him dancing to a Zumba piece!!) , but I can recommend in future for others to attend upcoming Inter-Faith events to broaden horizons and have an enjoyable experience in the process!

(Tara Balcombe)

Links:

Crawley Interfaith Network: www.crawleyinterfaith.net

Nostra Aetate:

www.vatican.va/archive/hist_councils/ii_vatican_council/documents/vat-ii_decl_19651028_nostra-aetate_en.html

* Download the document at: www.cbcew.org.uk/content/download/34848/.../file/meeting-god-friend-stranger.pdf

Thursday, 13th July, Mass 5.30pm.

Weekday Masses 8am and 5.30pm.

Second Collection this weekend for Apostleship of the Sea.

Prayers for Healing – half hour service this Sunday, 2nd July in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel after 9.30am Mass.

Anniversaries - Please pray for the souls of Roger Talbot; Brian Hawkins (Former Worth Novice); Valerie Bailey; Monica Perkins; Roger Nangle Vaughan; Daniel Heggerty; Alan Hook; Beatrice Blackaller; John Fawls; Tony Howes; (Lay Community); Eddie Dolman; Eileen O'Dwyer; Jennie Manktelow; Lilian Baker; Bob Mabey; Denis Townsend. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.

PARISH DIARY DATES

Grateful thanks from Erica Ballard to all who encouraged and supported her successful skydive last Sunday, for children's charity Barnardo's. Please see the parish website for further details and to see the video of Erica's jump

11th July is the Feast of St Benedict, Patron of Europe. Masses at 8am and 5.30pm

Fr Paul will be away from 10th to 14th July, and from 26th August to 9th September.

Maria will be away from 31st July till 6th August.

New copy of Refugee Tales – coming soon to the Parish Bookshop

Prayers for Healing: Once a month, there is a half hour Service of Prayers for Healing in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel after 9.30 am Sunday Mass. All welcome! The next dates are 6th August and 3rd September.

Junior Church – the last class this term is Sunday 16th July. We resume on 10th September.

No Children's Liturgy in August/September

The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation) 15th August. Parish Mass on the day, 7.30pm

1967 and all that... Fr Stephen's Golden Jubilee Invitation: On Saturday, 19th August, Fr Stephen will be celebrating his Golden Jubilee of priestly ordination. The true date is 16th December but our custom is to celebrate Jubilees, whatever the actual date, in the summer. There will be a Mass at 11am, followed by drinks and nibbles. Fr Stephen advises that the weather will, of course, be fabulous!

First Holy Communion 2017/18: Classes begin September 2017, for children who will turn 8 years old by May 2018 and older. Contact Rachel Davies on 07801-696354 ****Please register before the end of July****

Welcoming and hospitality volunteers needed to support our First Holy Communion candidates and their families. We would also love to hear from you if you are interested in joining the catechists. Please contact Fr Paul.

Confirmation 2018 Our next programme will run over 2 years, with a youth Alpha programme for those aged 13 to 14, during 2017-18. We aim to meet monthly on a Sunday afternoon with food, starting at 3 pm and finishing with prayer at 5.30 pm in the Unity room by the East door of the Abbey Church.

The Full Confirmation preparation will begin in Sept 2018 with Confirmation in the Spring of 2019. For details, visit uk.alpha.org/youth; email Theresa Hobson-Frohock, tree@waitrose.com or speak to any Catechist or Fr Paul.

OTHER EVENTS:

“Laudato Si” Encyclical/The Global Catholic Climate Movement. With the release of 'Laudato Si' in 2015, Pope Francis issued a powerful message on our moral responsibility to care for creation. For the full text, visit www.catholicclimatemovement.global/laudatosi/ or to see Pope Francis' video on Care for Creation, visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=akK7diU4Kgc

Power to Be: Join CAFOD's Campaign and speak up for local renewable energy to help families around the world lift themselves out of poverty. Visit www.cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Power-to-be

Green Christian - Ordinary Christians, Extraordinary Times. We are responsible for our impact on God's creation as a whole. Green Christian helps members to understand and relate these responsibilities to their faith. Visit www.greenchristian.org.uk; www.facebook.com/ChristianEcologyLink; www.facebook.com/groups/greenchristian or email info@greenchristian.org.uk. Information also available on the parish website.

Methodist Modern Art Collection exhibition entitled 'Walking on Water'; Haywards Heath Methodist Church & Haywards Heath URC until 16th July. Admission is free.

The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) is designed for people who are engaged in the communication of their Catholic Faith, whether directly or indirectly. Open to catechists, people involved in liturgical work and other interested adults. Visit www.brs-ccrs.org.uk or call 0207 901 1900

Brighton Celebrate Weekend: Non-residential weekend for all ages, 15th/16th July, Cardinal Newman School, BN3 6ND Details from Nick and Helen Wells at brightoncelebrate@gmail.com; www.celebrateconference.org/brighton

Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor - The response of the Church in Latin America to Pope Francis' Call Saturday, 15th July, 10.45 am - 12.30 pm, Christ, Prince of Peace Church Hall, Weybridge KT13 8JD. Talk by Fr Peter Hughes, who has spent most of his life working with the poor in Lima, Peru. Simple lunch to follow. Please confirm if you can come: jlewry@cafod.org.uk

Last ENCOUNTER evening of the summer (for 15-30s): Friday 21st July at St Wilfrid's School, Crawley, 7.30pm. Refreshments, live music, inspiring talk, and a powerful experience of Adoration. A great chance to make some new friends and deepen your faith. Guest speaker this month is Gillian Regan. Search 'ENCOUNTER Crawley' on Facebook.

Annual Conference 2017 National Justice and Peace Network. *A Sabbath for the Earth and the Poor:* The Challenge of Pope Francis. 21st-23rd July, Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire. admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk

The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network-the new name for the Apostleship of Prayer. Visit www.popesglobalprayer.net

Pilgrimage of Reparation and Consecration, Church of Our Lady of Consolation & St Francis, Park Lane, West Grinstead, RH13 8LT led by Fr David Goddard. 22nd July 12-4.15pm. Contact Jayne.lock1@gmail.com/ 07816 422851

Invitation to Crawley Interfaith Network “Faith and Wellbeing”: 27th July, 7-9pm, Civic Hall, Crawley, RH10 1UZ. Admission free. Contact Iyad Daoud - contact@crawleyinterfaith.net 01293 883372. Visit www.crawleyinterfaith.net

SAVE THE DATE:

Day of Reflection for Readers, led by Bishop Richard: The Sacred Heart Church, Cobham, KT11 1AA, 16th September, 11 am to 4 pm (packed lunch needed). Talks on the Scriptures, the Lectionary and its use in the Liturgy, the Liturgy of the Word, preparing to read, using microphones. Lectio Divina. Mass. Booking essential. Spaces limited. Contact: ruth.gerun@dabnet.org 01293 651164.

Annual Formation Day for Grandparents: Thursday 21st September, Worth Abbey, 10 am to 3 pm (packed lunch needed). Fr Stephen Ortiger, and Elizabeth O'Shea, Parenting Expert, explore how grandparents can support their grandchildren in dealing with their perceptions of failure. No charge but donations welcome to cover costs. Contact rosie.read@dabnet.org 01293 651161

Austin Ivereigh – well known biographer of Pope Francis – will be speaking about his spirituality and Evangelii Gaudium and Laudato Si, Saturday, October 7th (a.m.), ending with lunch. And Susy Brouard, who leads the CAFOD Livesimply team, will be speaking about this programme, on Saturday, November 18th (a.m.) ending with lunch.

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, 7.30pm, Lady Chapel. **Lectio Divina** - Tuesdays 8.20pm, for 30 mins, Parlour 3 (entry from the Narthex) then Compline. **Mass with Prayers for Healing** (1st Wednesday) 7.15pm Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Please note that there **will not be** a Wednesday evening service in July of August. The next 1st Wednesday healing service, will take place on 6th September at 7.15pm in the Unity Room. All welcome. **Christian Meditation Group in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel** 7.45pm for 8pm start to 8.45pm followed by Compline. Next dates 12th, 26th July. Contact Gabrielle 01342 326118/Caterina 01243 554001.

Vigil for Vocations (1st Friday) 9.00pm to midnight in the Abbey Church. Next date 4th August. **Children's Liturgy** (1st Saturday) **No Children's Liturgy in August/September.** **Sunday Prayers for Healing** Once a month, there is a half hour Service of Prayers for Healing in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel after 9.30 am Sunday Mass. All welcome! The next dates are 6th August and 3rd September. **Bereavement Support:** Marian & Clare are available to meet you either at St Benedict's or to visit you at home. Please telephone the team via the Parish Office or email clare_harper@hotmail.com; marian.imhasly@gmail.com. **Mothers Prayer Group** at St Dunstan's every Tuesday 12 – 2pm. All mothers are welcome, of all faiths and none.

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If you are unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact Fr Paul.

Next Sunday's readings: Sunday 15

First reading – Isa 55:10-11

Second reading - Rom 8: 18-23

Gospel – Matt 13: 1-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!'

Then the disciples came and asked him, 'Why do you speak to them in parables?' He answered, 'To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. For to those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. The reason I speak to them in parables is that "seeing they do not perceive, and hearing they do not listen, nor do they understand." With them indeed is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah that says: "You will indeed listen, but never understand, and you will indeed look, but never perceive. For this people's heart has grown dull, and their ears are hard of hearing, and they have shut their eyes;

so that they might not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and understand with their heart and turn—and I would heal them." But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. Truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it.

Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty. (NRSV)

Mon 10th: Gen 28: 10-22; Matt 9: 18-26

Thurs 13th: Gen 44: 18-21, 23-29; 45: 1-5; Matt 10: 7-15

Tues 11th: Prov: 2, 1-9; Matt 19 : 27-29

Fri 14th: Gen 46: 1-7, 28-30; Matt 10: 16-23

Weds 12th: Gen 41: 55-57; 42: 5-7; 17-24 Matt 10: 1-7

Sat 15th: Gen 49: 29-32; 50: 15-26; Matt 10: 24-33

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