

Times of Monastic Liturgy
in the Abbey Church of
Our Lady
Help of Christians,
Worth Abbey

*It is best to arrive at least five minutes
before the commencement times listed.*

Monday - Friday

06:20 Office of Readings

07:30 Morning Prayer

08:00 Said Mass

13:00 Middy Prayer

17:30 Conventual Mass ***

18.45 Evening Prayer

21:00 Compline (Not Thursday)

Saturday

06:20 Office of Readings

07:30 Morning Prayer

09.00 Conventual Mass

13:00 Middy Prayer

18.45 Evening Prayer

21:00 Vigils of Sunday

Sunday

07:30 Morning Prayer

09.30 Sung Mass

18.00 Evening Prayer

*** N.B. Mass at 17.15 on some Thursdays
in School Term. See page 1 or 2 for further
details and other variations.

Weekend Masses:

Worth Abbey:

5.00pm First Mass of Sunday

9.30am (Concelebrated)

West Hoathly:

11.30am at St Dunstan's Chapel

Holy Days of Obligation:

Worth Abbey: Vigil Mass 7.30pm

8.00am, 5.30pm (Concelebrated)

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REGULAR EVENTS IN THE PARISH

Adult Faith Formation - Talks each
month in term time. Contact: John
Cooper Tel: 01342 825540 or E-mail:
cooperjohn888@gmail.com.

Car Share - For requests and volunteers
for getting people to Mass on Sundays:
Contact: Jill Carter Tel: 07836 316525.

Emmaus - Meets at 7.45pm on the
second Wednesday of each month at
St Benedict's. Contact: Jill Carter E-mail:
jill@carterclan.co.uk.

Child Protection Representative - Our
Parish Representative is Rachel Davies
Tel: 0780 169 6354.

Christian Meditation Group - Meets at
8.00pm to 9.00pm each Wednesday in
the Unity Room. Contact: Caterina Brown
E-mail: caterina.brown@ntlworld.com
Tel: 01737 211728.

Confirmation - Courses are run annually
for 14 - 18 year olds. Details will be in
In Touch and on the Parish Website.
Contacts: Julia Newton Tel: 0771 427
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or Alice Pack: Tel: 07798 863108, E-mail:
alice.pack@dsl.pipex.com.

Faith Group - RCIA - For those who are
interested in the Catholic Church meets
weekly in term time to understand what
church membership means. Contact: Fr
James if you would like to join.

Healing Service - First Wednesday each
month at 7.15pm in Abbey Church led
by Fr Rod.

Junior Church - With songs and worship
is available for children: Pre-School in
the Unity Room & those at school, in the
Seminar Room (Choir Vestry). For further
information Contact: Rachel Davies Tel:
0780 169 6354 or E-mail: rfrmaison@
gmail.com.

Lectio Divina - A group meets every
Tuesday evening in Parlour 1 from
8.20pm to 8.55pm. Contact: Fr Aidan
E-mail: amurray@worth.org.uk.

Lost Property - If you have lost anything
recently in the Abbey Church or
anywhere at Worth, ring the Parish
Secretary to make enquiries Tel: 01342
710313.

Marriage Preparation - The Parish runs
two one day courses in the Spring for
all marriages in the twelve months

following. Contact: the Parish Office to
book a place on the next course.

Marian Prayer Group - Meets every 2nd
& 4th Monday of each month at 7.45pm
in the Lady Chapel. Contacts: Fr Rod or
Rachel Davies (07801-696354) or E-mail:
rfrmaison@gmail.com.

Parish Necrology - The list of deceased
is on the Welcome Table in the Narthex.
For alterations and additions Tel: 01342
710315.

Prayers for Healing - A simple liturgy
of Prayers for Healing takes place at
10.45am to 11.15am in the Blessed
Sacrament Chapel, usually on the first
Sunday of the month. Next services - 2nd
November & 7th December.

Prayer Vigil for Vocations to the
Monastery - This takes place on the
first Friday of every month in the Abbey
Church from 9.00pm till 6.00am. Monks
will pray before the Blessed Sacrament
exposed on a half hourly rota through
the night, and look to parishioners and
visitors to support this prayer vigil. Come
at any time during the night or morning
for as little or as long a time as you wish.

Sacrament of Reconciliation - The
sacrament is offered on Sundays before
the 9.30am Mass.

Silent Adoration - 7.00pm to 8.00pm,
Friday evenings in the Blessed
Sacrament Chapel, Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament.

The Rosary is prayed each Saturday
morning at 9.30am in the Lady Chapel,
following the 9.00am Mass.

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The Lord waits for us daily to translate into action, as we should, his holy teachings
(Rule of St Benedict: Prologue, 35)

 **Welcome to all our Visitors** – Please join us in the
Narthex for coffee, tea and a chat after the Sunday morning
Mass. If you would like to gift aid a donation, please pick up a
yellow envelope from the Welcome Desk.

 **First Collection** – Last Weekend amounted to £729.48
(57.20 % Gift Aided). Thank you.

 **This Sunday** – A performance of Gabriel Faure's
beautiful setting of the 'Messe de Requiem' at Worth Abbey
on Remembrance Sunday, 7.30pm. Sung by our own Abbey
Choir, accompanied by D'Arcy Trinkwon on the organ. As in
previous years, there will be a retiring collection for the work of
the Sisters of Grace & Compassion in South India.

 **Final Worth Abbey Talk of the Season** – This will be
on Monday at 7.30pm in the Unity Room. It will be given by
Sr Cathy Jones, a religious of the Assumption, currently
working as Religious Life Promoter in the National Office
for Vocation. Continuing themes from the Vatican Council
document 'Lumen Gentium', her talk is called "Mary In the
Church today: Learning from the woman at the heart of the
Church". Sr Cathy's will be a sensible and thoughtful look at the
significance of Mary and her possible role in the church today.

 **Next Thursday** – 13th November, Mass will be at
6.45pm.

 **Jewish approach to The Old Testament** – Prophecies of
'The Messiah' Talk in St Benedict's on Thursday 13th November
7.30-8.30pm. The speaker is the Rev Rabbi Hershel Rader who
has been the Spiritual Leader of the Brighton & Hove Hebrew
Congregation since 2009. He studied in France, Israel and the
United States before receiving his Rabbinic ordination in 1978.
In 1981 he received his advanced ordination (Yadin Yadin – the

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academic qualification for a Rabbinic Judge). All are welcome.

 **Next Sunday, 16th November** – This is the 33rd
Sunday of Ordinary Time and there will be a retiring collection
for the Arundel Cathedral Maintenance Fund.

 **Monastery News** – Fr Charles hopes to return to Worth
from hospital on Monday. Fr James has fixed up his sabbatical
– after a short holiday in January, he will attend a course
for English-speaking Benedictine Formators in Rome and
Assisi from March to July. This is a course primarily for those
intending to be novice masters and mistresses in Benedictine
houses, but for some, like Fr James, it will be a renewal course
in Benedictine life and thought.

 **Worth School News** – A head teacher will be appointed
before the end of the year, to replace Mr Gino Carminati who
will retire at the end of the summer term 2015.

 **Irundu News** – At the moment six parishioners, including
Fr James, will be leaving on the 17th November for a ten day
visit to our friendship parish in Uganda. The Ebola crisis in West
Africa has caused a raised eyebrow or two about the trip, but Fr
James claims that it is easier to pick up Ebola in London or New
York than in Uganda. London is nearer and there are direct
flights from West Africa to London. Uganda is 3000 miles away
from the crisis area and there are no direct transport links to
East Africa. There is no Ebola in Uganda.

Our appeal to raise £12,000 for the annual
running costs of the Health Centre, which we re-founded five
years ago, is on track. Due to the generosity of our parishioners,
we have reached £7,500 so there is only £4,500 to go. We
offer the appeal flyer again today in the hope that you might
be able to donate five pounds a month (roughly a pound a
week). This is a sacrifice but it is an excellent way of making

a difference and gives the people an opportunity of remaking their lives and their society. There are no administration costs whatsoever and the accounts are monitored quarterly by both the diocese and the District, and there is an annual audit to ensure that every penny of your donation is well spent. This is Worth's own local initiative – it is asking a lot but it is money well spent.

The Year of Consecrated Life – This year, beginning on the first Sunday of Advent, was promulgated by Pope Francis early on in his pontificate. In this diocese, all the religious communities are invited to a special Vespers to mark the beginning of this special year. It will be attended by Archbishop Peter Smith of Southwark and Apostolic Administrator of our Diocese. A warm invitation is extended also to all our parishioners and friends at 3.00pm on Saturday 6th December.

Lourdes Pilgrimage Next Year – The dates are from 30th July to 7th August 2015. See the poster on the parish noticeboard. Booking forms will be available in January but if you would like to go and can't afford it, or are a nurse and would like to go to help, please contact the Lourdes office immediately. This pilgrimage is a wonderful introduction to Lourdes and can be a once in a lifetime experience for all.

Outreach Peru Volunteers – Over the next six months, Fr Alex is working at reviving and re-launching Outreach Peru. He would be delighted to hear from anyone willing to help him with advice, research and undertaking mini-projects or general admin E-mail: dalex@worth.org.uk or Tel: 01342 710 328

Congratulations to Worth parishioner Dr John Higgs who has been awarded an MA in Canon Law by Heythrop College, University of London.

Dates for your Diary : **30th November** (1st Sunday of Advent): Handel's Christmas Music at 7.30pm in aid of Friends of Peru; **14th December** (3rd Sunday of Advent): Organ recital of Seasonal Music by D'Arcy Trinkwon at 7.30pm; **21st December** (4th Sunday of Advent): Traditional Carol Service at 4.00pm.

Worth Abbey TRAIDCRAFT – Stall Catalogues and sample packs of Christmas cards on display in the Narthex after Sunday Mass. Patricia and Philippe will be on hand to

take your orders.

Links to Diocesan News/Events: aandblog.blogspot.co.uk; www.abdiocese.org.uk, www.dabnet.org (Festival 50 Volunteers required).

Day of Prayer and Healing – Saturday 15th November 10.20am-4.20pm at Chilworth Abbey. Keynote Speaker Sr Maria Natella, OP. Please bring a packed lunch. St Augustine's Abbey, Sample Oak Lane, Chilworth, Nr Guildford GU4 8QR (chilworthbenedictines.com).

Angel Tree – There are around 200,000 children in England and Wales with a parent in prison. Angel Tree supports prisoners in their family relationships by providing a way for them to give Christmas presents to their children. Each gift is sent as though it is from the parent in prison and is accompanied by a personal message written by the parent for their child. If you would like to make a financial donation, contact: Prison Fellowship, PO Box 6822, London, SW1P 9WR Tel: 020 7799 2500 www.prisonfellowship.org.uk/what-we-do.

Anniversaries: Please pray for the souls of: Bob Perry, Dom Eric Booker, Judith Wright, Noreen Short, Bridie Ricketts, John Hicklin, Michael Keating, Christine Genders, Brian Haynes, Philipa Edwards, Victoria Sheppard, Myrtle Buckland, Geoffrey Teal and Carolyn Pickering. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.

Next Week's Gospels:

Monday - Luke 17:1-6 St Leo the Great;

Tuesday - Matthew 25:31-49 St Martin of Tours;

Wednesday - Luke 17:11-19;

Thursday - All Saints of the Order of St Benedict;

Friday - Luke 17:26-37;

Saturday - Luke 18:1-8.

God be in My Head

God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in my eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at mine end, and at my departing.

(from the Sarum rite)

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Work for the Lord! God gives talents to each one of us and they must be used in his name. We cannot relax our efforts but must continually do all in our power to work as children of the light. A good wife is a blessing in the family. We should all be a blessing in the family of God.

First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31

She does her work with eager hands.

A perfect wife—who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 127(128):1-5. R.v.1

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

You have shown you can be faithful in small things, come and join in your master's happiness.

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned

his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third is one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness". Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness". Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."

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