

Next week: Second Sunday of Advent, Year C

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9

God means to show your splendour to every nation.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 125

*What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.*

Second Reading:

Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

All mankind shall see the salvation of God
In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea,

Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah: A voice cries in the wilderness; Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

Readings for Advent Week 1

Mon	Rom 10:9-18	Mt 4:18-22
	<i>St Andrew</i>	
Tue	Is 11:1-10	Lk 10:21-24
Wed	Is 25:6-10a	Mt 14:29-37
Thu	Is 26:1-6	Mt 7:21,24-27
Fri	Is 29:17-24	Mt 9:27-31
Sat	Is 30:19-26	Mt 9:35—10:1f

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28th/29th Nov

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If you notice something good in yourself, give credit to God, not to yourself, but be certain that the evil you commit is always your own (RB 4: 42-43)

Thursday Mass this week - 5.10pm.

Second Collection today for Arundel cathedral maintenance fund.

EVENTS TODAY

Jam & Chutney Sale for Irundu (and in St Dunstan's next Sunday). WIF Committee members will be on hand at the Jam Sale to answer any questions. A fundraising dinner and Parishioners' Visit to Irundu are also planned for next year.

Prayers for Healing after Mass 10.45-11.15 in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Handel's 'Messiah' this evening

An hour of Advent and Christmas music from Handel's Messiah tonight at 7.30pm in the Abbey Church. Retiring collection for Worth Abbey Outreach Peru. Traidcraft Stall open for Christmas cards & gifts in the Narthex afterwards.

Mass and Prayers for Healing on Wed 2nd Dec at 7.15pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Prayer Vigil for Vocations

You are invited to join the monks in the Abbey on Friday 4th Dec from Compline, 9.00pm, to midnight.

Advent - What's it all about?

The word Advent derives from the Latin word meaning 'coming'. Jesus is coming, and Advent is a season of preparation for His arrival- a feeling of expectancy and joyful anticipation. The first three weeks focus on his coming into our lives today and at the end of time; the 4th week recalls his first coming.

Themes of Advent are Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.

Advent is also intended to be a period of self preparation – a time to look into our hearts to see if we are really ready to welcome Christ back into our world. Would He find us truly prepared for His arrival?

The purple colour associated with Advent is the colour of penance and we are encouraged during Advent to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, something which the Year of Mercy encourages.

A Parish Reconciliation Service will take place on Wednesday 16th December at 7:30pm.

Weekend Masses: Worth Abbey: Saturday 17:00; Sunday 09:30
West Hoathly: Sunday 11.30

Holy Days: Worth Abbey: 08:00, 17:30 [Vigil 19.30]

Weekday Masses: Mon—Fri: 08:00, 17:30 (see above for Thurs); Sat 09.00

Children's Liturgy

Saturday 5th December, 5pm in the Abbey Church. Contact parish@worth.org.uk

Calling All Bakers.....

Cake Sale after Mass on Sunday 13th December in aid of UNHCR fund for the Refugee Crisis in Europe. Donations gratefully received. Contact Christina cfitzs3287@aol.com

Organ Recital for Advent

Sunday 13th December, 7.30pm in the Abbey Church. A glittering selection of music appropriate to the season, with internationally acclaimed musician D'Arcy Trinkwon. Voluntary contributions.

Traditional Carol Service

Sunday 20th December 4pm in the Abbey Church. An hour of carols, readings and organ music, reflecting the Advent Season. Retiring collection for UNHCR. Followed by refreshments. Donations of cakes for the refreshments would be most welcome. Contact Christina cfitzs3287@aol.com

“Refugees Welcome-Crawley”

A new group founded by Worth parent Anna Pincus, to give practical help, and to act as a pressure group, in aid of recently arrived asylum seekers. Contact Anna at RWCanna@gmail.com.

Prayers are requested for:

Stuart Arnold, Clare Butler, Mary Carling, Bertie Fisher, Robin Ingham, Angus & Pat McDonald, Floria Moore, Pat O'Grady, Barry O'Sullivan, Rose Osborne, Grace Peterson, Susan Scoble, Clem Watson, Archie Whitby and Jane Willcox.

OUR LADY SEAT OF WISDOM

Advent Reconciliation and study day, Saturday 5 December 2015 10.30 – 4.00. At Dominican Missionary Sister's convent, 4 Gossops Green Lane, Gossops Green, Crawley RH11 8BJ with speaker: Sr Valery Walker OP. Please bring food for a shared lunch. £5.00 towards costs 01293 524067

Last Call for Traidcraft Christmas card and gift orders...

See Philippe and Patricia after 9.30 Mass this Sunday. Why not also take the opportunity to browse the stall's range of fairly traded chocolate (!) and gifts (ideal stocking fillers).

Abbey Bookshop News

The bookshop stocks a wide selection of books, cards and gifts, including booklets and prayer cards to celebrate the forthcoming Year of Mercy. Also Christmas cards from Aid to the Church in Need and from Embrace, which tackles poverty and injustice in the Middle East.

Parish tithing.

The parish endeavours to gift 10% of its offertory income to other charities and causes. In 2015 we will have disbursed £8,000. The Tithing committee met on 11th November and agreed to the following:
£1,000 to the Wellspring Community in Brighton (working with young people).
£500 to BVIH - Brighton Voices in Exile
£500 to the Ben McNicol Trust, to set up a house for families visiting children being treated in the Marsden hospital.
£500 to the Passage for homeless.
£500 to Open Doors UK - support to Christians in Syria.

SAVE THE DATE:

- Thursdays **Prayers for Refugees** All Saints Crawley Down 12 - 6pm
- 29th Nov **Climate Change March** in London on eve of Paris talks. With CAFOD; www.cafod.org.uk, 12-6pm
- 29th Nov, 7.30pm. Christmas Music from the Messiah, Abbey Consort, in aid of **Outreach Peru**
- 4th—6th Dec **Teenage Retreat @** Worth for Yrs 7—9 What Christmas is really about. TOC@worth.org.uk
- 5th Dec, 5pm Vigil **Children's Liturgy**
- 6th Dec, Ecumenical service 10:30 in St Leonard's, Turners Hill
- 13th Dec **Organ Recital** for Advent 7.30pm in the Abbey Church
- 16th Dec, Parish **Reconciliation Service**, for Advent 7:30—8:30pm
- 16th—20th Dec **The Nativity** play at Wintershall Details: 01793 418299
- 18th Dec **Encounter**, 15-30's 7-9pm, St Wilfrid's. Christmas Party.
- 20th Dec, 4pm — Worth Abbey **Parish Advent Carol Service**

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- 16th Jan, 10am to 4pm Justice & Peace Assembly at DABCEC
- 17th Jan: “Overcome indifference and win Peace”. Peace Sunday
- 18th-25th Jan: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - “Salt of the Earth”
- 27th Jan: Holocaust Memorial Day
- 27th Feb: A&B Youth Festival, St Joseph's, Redhill, 6:30 to 10:30pm

REGULAR EVENTS IN THE PARISH

Prayers for Healing - First Sunday of the month 10:45-11:15.

Marian Prayer Group

2nd/4th Mon, 7:45pm, Lady Chapel

Lectio Divina

Tuesday, 8:20pm, Parlour 3

Mass & Prayers for Healing First Wednesday of the month, 7:15pm

Faith Group—RCIA

New enquirers invited.

Christian Meditation Group

Wed, 8:00pm, Unity Room. Next sessions; 25th Nov & 9th Dec.

Silent Adoration Friday 7.00pm

Vigil of Prayer for Vocations

with adoration. First Friday of the month, 9pm to midnight.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, 9:30 to 10:00am
Sunday before 9.30am Mass

Rosary Saturday, 9.30am

CAFOD In the Harvest Fast collection, you gave £864 which together with Gift Aid (at 72%) makes a total gift of £1,019. Thank you very much indeed.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Cliff Pugh and also of Dr Ivor Haire, Susan Law, Andy Girdwood, William Avery Wright, John Davidson, Allan Cameron-Willson, Amy Constable, Revd Rupert Studd, Peter Lovell, Agnes Greenstreet, Trevor Adams, Jane Stimson and Dr Ronald Matthews.

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