

Jubilee Year 2025



Pilgrims of Hope

## In Touch

Second Sunday in OT (Year C)  
18<sup>th</sup> / 19<sup>th</sup> January 2025  
No. 1410



Dear Parishioners

I hope that you and your families are well. I send you all my prayers.

This weekend we begin the **Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity**. The cause of Christian Unity may seem today as remote as ever, but no less urgent for that reason. It is clear that Jesus intended us to form one Church, the community of faith which is his Body, and we should always pray and work together for that. In his account of the Last Supper St John gives us a prayer which Jesus offers to his Father on our behalf, sometimes known as his High-Priestly prayer, in which he dedicates his disciples, and all who will become disciples through their work, to his Father: *Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me* (John 17:17-21). Our unity as Christians is vital to the evangelisation of our world, and lack of unity is an obstacle to it.

This week of prayer is given us to encourage our personal prayer and action in forming relationships with Christians of other Churches. The material below comes from the monastic community of Bose in northern Italy. They begin their reflections on Christian Unity from the anniversary this year of the Council of Nicaea, which, in 325, defined belief in Jesus' divinity a central part of the Christian faith. They write: *There is an opportunity to celebrate and draw strength and encouragement from the gift of our shared faith. In these troubled and turbulent times, we can take heart from the endurance of that faith. The Church that gathered in Nicaea was one that had been shaken and wounded by violence and persecution and was therefore close to the suffering of humanity. It was presented with an opportunity for dialogue with the political power which posed difficult choices about how best to share the Good News of the Gospel as faithful disciples of Christ, whose Kingdom is not of this world. In today's polarised world, when trust in the willingness of political powers and authorities, including the Church, to protect the most vulnerable has been undermined, how might a renewal of our commitment to Christian unity contribute to positive change?*

Please see their materials on the Churches Together website: [Week of Prayer for Christian Unity](#)

I send you all my best wishes. Fr Paul

### **Prayers**

Congratulations to Joe and Lizzy Huntley on the birth of their daughter, Olivia, on 22<sup>nd</sup> December

To Dunstan and Emily Pugh, on the birth of their son, Jesse, on 24<sup>th</sup> December.

And to Stella and Joe Russell, on the birth of their twins Francis and Genevieve on 15<sup>th</sup> January.

Please pray for all the babies and their families.

Please continue to pray for our parishioners Jenny Chapman, Gillian Maher, Krysia Smith, Maureen Evans, Joan Wells, Pamela Bagwell, Terry and Susan Scoble, Sue Pearson, John and Sue Rutherford, Demelza Waring, Liz Hicklin, Helen Sweetman, Jill Carter and Laura Rawlinson.

#### **A Prayer for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

*God of hope, you promise that the poor in spirit will inherit the Kingdom of Heaven.*

*Bring new life to those who trust in you.*

*Christ, you know the pain of division, yet in sadness you teach us the way of consolation.*

*Help us to remember that you are the joy that cannot be removed.*

*Jesus, you cast down the powerful, promising to clothe the peacemakers with a glorious robe, calling them the Children of God.*

*Make us bearers of your peace.*

*Christ of mercy and compassion, you forgave the thief who died with you on a cross.*

*Remember us all when you come into your kingdom. AMEN.*

#### **The Jubilee prayer**

*Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us*

*in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled  
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,*

*reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.*

*May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.*

*May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos  
in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth,*

*when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.*

*May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,  
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.*

*May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.*

*To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. AMEN*

#### **Please pray for Peace around the World**

*God of peace, who are peace itself.*

*and whom a spirit of discord cannot grasp, nor a violent mind receive,  
grant that those who are one in heart may persevere in what is good,  
and that those in conflict may forget evil and so be healed.*

*Through Christ our Lord. AMEN*

*(Prayer: Roman Missal, p.1361)*

### **Anniversaries**

**Please pray for the Souls of** – Joan Leslie, Hannah Philipps, Mgr Canon David Donnelly, Althea Davis, Joseph Clarke, Fred Enscoe, Martin Wilkinson, Dom Peter Beazley, Jean Adams, Josephine Wright, Irene Mitchell, Betty Jones and Michael Stimpson.

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.**

### **Daily Readings –**

Monday – Heb 5:1-10 Mark 2:18-22

Tuesday – Heb 6:10-20 Mark 2:23-28 **(St Agnes)**

Wednesday – Heb 7:1-3, 15-17 Mark 3:1-6

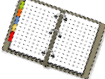
Thursday – Heb 7:25 – 8:6 Mark 3:7-12

Friday – Heb 8:6-13 Mark 3:13-19 **(St Francis de Sales)**

Saturday – Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22 Mark 16:15-18 **(The Conversion of St Paul)**

Next Sunday's Readings: **Third Sunday in OT (Year C)**  
1st Reading – Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10      2nd Reading – 1 Corinthians 12:12-30  
**Gospel:** Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21  
**Today this Scripture has been fulfilled**

*Parish Events*

**Dates for your Diary** 

**This Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January** – Family Formation continues.

**Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January** – Benediction mass with the school at 4.30pm. All parishioners are welcome and there are plenty of seats in the “stalls” or in the balcony. (5.30pm Parish mass will be on as normal)

**Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> September** - Celebration of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Diocese and the Universal Jubilee Year, for families and friends, on the Ardingly Showground. Free tickets will be distributed through parishes in the New Year.

**Charlie and Mark Tibble's House Group Gathering**

A very informal house group gathering in Balcombe on the last Friday of each month. All Worth parishioners are very welcome to come, socialise, relax, have a drink and some snacks and get to know your community better.

Please contact Charlie Tibble at [c.tibble@stwilfrids.com](mailto:c.tibble@stwilfrids.com)  
Next Date: **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025 at 7.30pm**

This Weekend there will be a Second Collection for Pax Christi (World Day of Peace)

**Pastoral Letter**  
Please see link to Bishop Richard's Pastoral Letter  
[Pastoral Letter January 2025](#)

CAFOD send thanks for your generous support on Family Fast Day in October.  
You raised a total of **£445.96**

**Jubilee Year**

CAFOD write: *“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.” Luke 4:18*

**The Year of Jubilee**, 'Pilgrims of Hope' - This special year of forgiveness and reconciliation, invites us to return to a right relationship with God, one another, and all of creation. CAFOD have many resources and opportunities to get involved on our [Jubilee webpage](#) . I wanted to draw your attention to:

**Introducing Jubilee online session – 18<sup>th</sup> January 2025: 10:30am-12 noon.**  
Join us for [An introduction to the Jubilee Year](#) with special guests **Fr Jan Nowotnik**, Director of Mission for the Catholic Bishop's Conference, **Christine Allen**, CAFOD Director, and **Kayode Akintola**, CAFOD's Head of Africa Programmes. Hear how we're celebrating Jubilee as a global Church and how we can be tangible signs of hope, building a better world together throughout this holy year.

[Our Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of hope reflection guide](#) is ideal for groups and individuals deepening faith and renewing hope in Jubilee through four reflection sessions. Guides can be ordered free from the above webpage, (downloadable Leaders' Guide also available).

**The Wisdom of St Benedict**

**14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> February**, Worth Abbey, RH10 4SB (Cost £220). Fr Martin McGee OSB leads this retreat focussing on the spirituality of the Rule of St Benedict, which is a spirituality of the everyday. The retreat will include monastic services and Mass, time for silence; Lectio Divina (sacred reading); reflection, discussion and questions. [Click Here](#) to book



# Come and Sing!

## Vivaldi's *Gloria* at Worth Abbey

### Saturday 1st March 2025

Take part in an afternoon of beauty and joy as Worth Abbey Choir prepares and performs Vivaldi's *Gloria* alongside a professional orchestra. Guests keen to sing are invited to arrive for 1:30pm, and those keen to listen to the performance are invited to arrive for refreshments and the concluding concert from 3:15pm.

Welcome	1.30pm
Rehearsal (for singers)	1.30 - 3.15pm
Refreshments (for all)	3.15 - 3.45pm
Concert	3.45 - 4.30pm

Participation is free-of-charge for both singers and concert-goers.  
Please note that registration in advance is required.

For more information and to register, please visit  
[worthabbeypilgrims.com](http://worthabbeypilgrims.com)

This is our first Worth Abbey Pilgrims event of the year, and it's a wonderful opportunity to experience the joy of singing in a beautiful setting, accompanied by the talented Worth Abbey Choir. Whether you're an experienced singer or just love music, this event promises to be a moving experience.

If you would like to sing, please register your interest as soon as you are able by emailing Edward Dean (Abbey Director of Music) at [edean@worth.org.uk](mailto:edean@worth.org.uk)

If you would like to attend the concert, please contact Kelly O'Hara (Assistant to the Abbot) at [kohara@worth.org.uk](mailto:kohara@worth.org.uk)

We look forward to seeing you there and sharing the magic of Vivaldi's *Gloria* together.  
Participation is free of charge for both singers and concertgoers.  
Parking is available and families are welcome.

## Worth Pro Earth

### Shred your Christmas tree, not your gadgets' urges e-waste charity - Positive News

So the decorations are down, the new calendar is up, and the tree's off to be recycled. But what's planned for the old technology we've replaced this Christmas?

The Restart Project is a charity working to tackle e-waste, it is encouraging people to reconsider where they take their unwanted gadgets, drawing attention to alternatives that are more environmentally friendly than recycling centres. While our Christmas trees are shredded into organic matter that is great for the soil, when electronics enter the recycling stream, it's a very different story.

"The devices will usually be put into huge shredders, which uses lots of energy and generally fail to recover many of the precious metals and critical raw materials in our devices - materials we need to power the green energy transition", explained Fiona Dear, director of the Restart Project.

The charity recently published a report [The Restart Project](#) revealing that 81% of waste facilities in the UK send all electrical and electronic waste into shredders. Reuse and repair are far more cost-effective, energy-efficient and environmentally conscious options.

The Restart Project, which aims to improve our relationship with electronics and 'to keep electrical products in use for longer and slow the growing mountain of e-waste', supports regular London-based 'restart parties' and networks of repair cafes globally.

There are also numerous projects and businesses across the UK that offer ways to donate old electronics. "Many waste companies and local authorities understand these issues really well." They want to see more reuse happening and they're exploring ways to avoid sending your gadget to the shredder."

See the link to the website for more information: [e-waste Charity](#)

### 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, details of your local repair cafes are below:

Forest Row repair cafe is open on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January, from 10am-1pm at the Forest Row Community Centre, Hartfield Road, Forest Row, RH18 5DZ, visit their website [Forest Row Repair Cafe](#)

Handcross repair cafe is open on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January, 10am-12 noon, High Street, Handcross, Haywards Heath RH17 6BL [Handcross Repair Cafe](#)

Horsham repair cafe is open on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January from 10am-1230pm at the United Reform Church, 45 Springfield Road, Horsham, RH12 1PT, visit their website for more details [Horsham Repair Cafe](#)

Crawley Down & Turners Hill repair cafe is open on Saturday 25 January from 1030am-1230pm, Hophurst Lane, Crawley Down, RH10 4LJ [Crawley Down Repair Cafe](#)

Lindfield repair cafe is open on Saturday 1 February, from 10am-1pm at the United Reformed Church, 52 High Street, Lindfield, West Sussex RH16 2HL, visit their website for more details

[Lindfield Repair Cafe](#)

### A Prayer for Our Earth

*All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.*

*You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.*

*Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.*

*Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.*

*O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this Earth, so precious in your eyes.*

*Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it,  
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.*

*Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain*

*at the expense of the poor and the Earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,  
to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature  
as we journey towards your infinite light.*

*We thank you for being with us each day.*

*Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.*

*Amen.*

*(Pope Francis published this prayer in Laudato Si' and is meant for sharing with all who believe in our Creator God.)*

WPE welcome new members. We meet once a month on a Wednesday at 2pm in St Benedict's. Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 29th January at 2pm**. Please get in touch if you would like to attend.

## *Non-Parish Events*

### **Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Word**

**25<sup>th</sup> January**, 11am-4pm, St Wilfrid's Parish Centre, Burgess Hill.

Join Bishop Richard for talks on the Scriptures, the Lectionary, the Liturgy of the Word and preparing to minister as a reader; includes Lectio Divina & the celebration of Mass. Reserve your place [Here](#)

### **You Can Help Your Marriage**

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse?

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long 'i') helps couples through difficult times in their marriages.

There is no group therapy or group work.

This programme has helped 10s of 1000s of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about Retrouvaille', or to register for the next programme commencing via Zoom

on **27<sup>th</sup> February to 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

Call or text 0788 7296983 Email [info@retrouvaille.org.uk](mailto:info@retrouvaille.org.uk) [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

### **Rethinking Abortion**

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February 10am-5pm at The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley (no cost)**

The Diocese is hosting an event organised by Rethinking Abortion, a national pro-life organisation. Rethinking Abortion will provide educational sessions looking at the lived experience and reality of women that lead them to choose abortion. The aim is to help build understanding and explore how to tactfully and empathetically talk about abortion with those around you in a meaningful way. Attendees will increase their understanding of the full reality of the pro-life agenda, becoming more articulate and effective in holding conversations with those considering this pathway. The day begins with Mass at 10am, followed by a programme of discussion and talks. Please bring a packed lunch. Register your place [Here](#)

If you have questions about the event please contact Formation Advisers,

Tessa; E: [tessa.ricketts@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:tessa.ricketts@abdiocese.org.uk) or Simon E: [simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk).

You can find out more about the day here: <http://www.marchforlife.co.uk/rethink-abortion/>

### **Applications for Lourdes 2025 now open**

Applications for this summer's Pilgrimage to Lourdes (**25<sup>th</sup> -31<sup>st</sup> July by air**),

**24<sup>th</sup> July -1<sup>st</sup> August by coach/jumbulance**) are now open on our website. Our pilgrimage to Lourdes is one of the most significant pastoral events in our annual diocesan calendar, with hundreds of members of our diocesan community visiting the Grotto together each year.

We travel to France with more than 700 pilgrims, including those who are sick, disabled, frail or elderly and need our help to make the pilgrimage. Our pilgrimage is "Love in Action" and we journey to Lourdes to serve each other and to renew our commitment to walk with Jesus Christ with the help of Our Lady and St Bernadette. Is Our Lady calling you to Lourdes in 2025? [visit our website](#) to make your online application and find out more.

### **Jubilee for Youth - Pilgrims of Hope**

**Rome 28<sup>th</sup> July - 4<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

A pilgrimage for young adults aged 18-30 to celebrate this special year of forgiveness and reconciliation. Join with other like-minded people, as we travel to the beautiful city of Rome for opportunities to hear from, and pray with, Pope Francis on the theme of Hope. Including flights, half-board hotel and entry to events, the Diocese is offering this trip for only £995. Contact [[formation@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:formation@abdiocese.org.uk)] to find out more.

## **For other regular items, please see the website:**

For readings, see Universalis: [Universalis](#)

Parish Leadership Team: [Parish Leadership Team](#)

Our Facebook page: [Parish Facebook](#)

Children's Junior Church liturgy: [Families and young children](#)

Diocesan Family Materials: [Family Materials](#)

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or use our QR code.



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Nighttime emergencies only: 01342 710331

Any cheques to be made payable to – Worth Abbey Parish

Payments can be made via online banking - Account – 61076892 Sort Code – 40-05-20

In Touch: If you would like anything to appear in 'In Touch', please contact Maria Stribbling at [parish@worth.org.uk](mailto:parish@worth.org.uk)  
(by Wednesday 10am)

Safe Spaces: 0300 303 1056 Web: [www.safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk/](http://www.safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk/) Email: [safespaces@victimsupport.org.uk](mailto:safespaces@victimsupport.org.uk)

If you are unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion at home, or if you have any prayer intentions, please let Fr Paul know.

## **REGULAR EVENTS IN THE PARISH**

**Mass Times** - Saturday: 9.00 am (Concelebrated) and 5.00 pm (First Mass of Sunday),  
Sunday: 9.30 am.

Daily Mass: 5.30 pm (Concelebrated), Holy Days of Obligation (Please check Website)

Feast Day: 5.30 pm.



**Confessions (Sacrament of Reconciliation)** – In the Church, Sundays 08.45am – 09.15am (If anyone cannot come at this time, please make a special appointment with Fr Paul)

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** – Every Sunday at 6.30pm in the Church, after vespers.

**Rosary Group** – Mondays in the Abbey Church after Vespers – 7:10pm until 8:00pm. Please contact Rachel Davies: 07801 696354.

**Lectio Divina** – Tuesday evenings at 8pm via Zoom. Please contact Jenny Chapman [jenny\\_chapman@sky.com](mailto:jenny_chapman@sky.com) if you would like to join us, please contact Jenny Chapman by email or speak to her after Mass any weekend.

**Christian Meditation Group** – 7.00pm in the Unity Room, please contact Richard by email [rbrownd1@gmail.com](mailto:rbrownd1@gmail.com)  
Next Dates – 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 26<sup>th</sup> February, 26<sup>th</sup> March and 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

**Vigil for Vocations** - (1st Friday). After Compline 8.30pm - 9.00pm.

**Bible Study Group** – 11am on Mondays in St Benedict's (Parish Office). Please contact the Parish Office

Worth Abbey Parish is committed to safer recruitment. Arundel and Brighton Diocese and Worth Abbey Parish are committed to safeguarding all children and vulnerable groups at risk within its community. The Diocese aims to embed a culture of safeguarding to prevent abuse and to provide support to individuals who have been hurt by abuse, taking the necessary actions to reduce the likelihood of further harm.

Our Worth Abbey Parish Safeguarding Reps are Charles and Ann McCarthy  
Email: [sg1.worth@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:sg1.worth@abdiocese.org.uk)

Please report any concerns about safeguarding directly to the Diocese, or, in an emergency, call the police on 999.

**If you are concerned about the welfare of a child or adult at risk, do not delay in contacting the police.**

**Telephone 999 if a child or an adult is believed to be in immediate danger.**

If you need to contact our Safeguarding Office you can do so here:

T: [01293 651148](tel:01293651148) E: [safeguarding@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@abdiocese.org.uk)