

Introduction to Worth Abbey † The Open Cloister for Prospective Employees

The Open Cloister invites retreatants to seek God within the peace and companionship of Worth Abbey. With its modern facilities and tranquil environment, *The Open Cloister* offers retreat and engagement, contemplation and challenge, solitude and companionship.

[The Open Cloister](#) is run by the monks of [Worth Abbey](#). As a Roman Catholic Benedictine community, we live out a monastic tradition focused on the search for God in prayer and community living.

Close to the Abbey Church, *The Open Cloister* is the space where we share our own search for God with others who are also seeking God in their daily life. It represents our commitment to respond to the spiritual needs within our contemporary society.

Cloisters are usually 'closed'; this one is open, in the sense that retreatants, both men and women, are invited to take up the rhythm of the monastic day, which is structured around the community's prayer and liturgy.

Many people have responded to the TV series "[The Monastery](#)", filmed here at Worth Abbey. So many retreatants come to Worth Abbey for their first ever retreat or contact with a church or religion. Anyone who seeks a closer relationship with God, within the setting of a Roman Catholic monastic community, is most welcome.

The Open Cloister runs a regular [programme of retreats](#) in St Bruno's House, a retreat house providing residential accommodation and catering for up to 36 people, and in Compass House, which has a day centre and self-catering accommodation for up to 16 people.

All employees of *The Open Cloister* are an important part of the team together with monks and other retreat leaders who, together, create a good, and often life-changing, experience for all our visitors.

Compass House



*St
Bruno's
House*

