

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Cf. Ps 47: 10-11

**Your merciful love, O God,  
we have received in the midst of your temple.  
Your praise, O God, like your name,  
reaches the ends of the earth;  
your right hand is filled with saving justice.**

**THE COLLECT**

O God, who in the abasement of your Son have raised up a fallen world, fill your faithful with holy joy, for on those you have rescued from slavery to sin you bestow eternal gladness. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**FIRST READING**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

66:10-14

Rejoice, Jerusalem,  
be glad for her, all you who love her!  
Rejoice, rejoice for her,  
all you who mourned her!

That you may be suckled, filled,  
from her consoling breast,  
that you may savour with delight  
her glorious breasts.

For thus says the Lord:  
Now towards her I send flowing  
peace, like a river,  
and like a stream in spate  
the glory of the nations.

At her breast will her nurslings be carried  
and fondled in her lap.  
Like a son comforted by his mother  
will I comfort you.  
And by Jerusalem you will be comforted.

At the sight your heart will rejoice,  
and your bones flourish like the grass.  
To his servants the Lord will reveal his hand.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**

Ps. 65:1-7.16.20.R.v1

**R) Cry out with joy to God all the earth.**

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,  
O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise.  
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! (R)

'Before you all the earth shall bow;  
shall sing to you, sing to your name!  
Come and see the works of God,  
tremendous his deeds among men. (R)

He turned the sea into dry land,  
they passed through the river dry-shod.  
Let our joy then be in him;  
he rules for ever by his might. (R)

Come and hear, all who fear God.  
I will tell what he did for my soul.  
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer  
nor withhold his love from me. (R)

**SECOND READING**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians 6:14-18  
The only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. It does not matter if a person is circumcised or not; what matters is for him to become an altogether new creature. Peace

and mercy to all who follow this rule, who form the Israel of God. I want no more trouble from anybody after this; the marks on my body are those of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, my brothers. Amen.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION****Alleluia, alleluia!**

Jn 15:15

**I call you friends, says the Lord,  
because I have made known to you  
everything I have learnt from my Father.  
Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL**

Luke 10:1-12. 17-20

The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit.**  
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*(For shorter form, read between [ ])*

[The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit. He said to them, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road. Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, "Peace to this house!" And if a man of peace lives there, your peace will go and rest on him; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer, for the labourer deserves his wages; do not move from house to house. Whenever you go into a town where they make you welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are sick, and say, "The kingdom of God is very near to you."'] But whenever you enter a town and they do not make you welcome, go out into its streets and say, "We wipe off the very dust of your town that clings to our feet, and leave it with you. Yet be sure of this: the kingdom of God is very near." I tell you, that on that day it will not go as hard with Sodom as with that town.'

The seventy-two came back rejoicing. 'Lord,' they said 'even the devils submit to us when we use your name.' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Yes, I have given you power to tread underfoot serpents and scorpions and the whole strength of the enemy; nothing shall ever hurt you. Yet do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you; rejoice rather that your names are written in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

May this oblation dedicated to your name  
purify us, O Lord,  
and day by day bring our conduct  
closer to the life of heaven.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Ps 33: 9

**Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Grant, we pray, O Lord,  
that, having been replenished by such great gifts,  
we may gain the prize of salvation  
and never cease to praise you.  
Through Christ our Lord.



# OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

## GOSPEL REFLECTION



Today's liturgy almost constitutes a second 'Laetare' Sunday, as the theme of rejoicing is very prominent in the readings, as

also in the Collect. It is the rejoicing born of peace after strife. The first reading is in the form of a hymn, which deals with a personified Jerusalem, described as a loving mother who suckles and comforts her children. Her children are the happy inhabitants of Jerusalem, who are exhorted to rejoice in their knowledge of the peace that flows through her like a river. The rejoicing continues into the psalm, in which God's mighty deeds on behalf of His people

are lauded; but now the joy becomes more concentrated, being distilled into the individual as he soars up to God on the wings of thankfulness 'for all that God has done for my soul'. 'He has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld His love from me.' St Paul teaches that peace and mercy are given to those who are created anew in Christ, who form the New Israel by manifesting Christ crucified in their lives, even in their very flesh.

### EVANGELII GAUDIUM (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



#### V. A MOTHER WITH AN OPEN HEART

47 (cont'd) The Eucharist, although it is the fullness of sacramental life, is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak.<sup>51</sup> These convictions have pastoral consequences that we are called to consider with prudence and boldness. Frequently, we act as arbiters of grace rather than its facilitators. But the Church is not a tollhouse; it is the house of the Father, where there is a place for everyone, with all their problems.

<sup>51</sup> Cf. SAINT AMBROSE, *De Sacramentis*, IV, "I must receive it always, so that it may always forgive my sins. If I sin continually, I must always have a remedy"; "Those who ate manna died; those who eat this body will obtain the forgiveness of their sins"; SAINT CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA, *In Joh. Evang.*, IV, "I examined myself and I found myself unworthy. To those who speak thus I say: when will you be worthy? When at last you present yourself before Christ? And if your sins prevent you from drawing nigh, and you never cease to fall – for, as the Psalm says, 'what man knows his faults?' – will you remain without partaking of the sanctification that gives life for eternity?"

### GLIMPSES OF GOSPEL LIFE

These brief experiences from all over the world show how, when we try to put the words of the Gospel into practice, things happen. God is never outdone in generosity, and these personal stories show in many different ways how true that is.

#### A New Water Mattress

I work in a government department which is responsible for helping the disabled. One day I was asked to contact a family, which was in a difficult situation, to see if I could do anything. I rang the husband and he explained that his wife had a malignant tumour and was in urgent need of a water mattress.

I set about looking for one, but it proved very difficult. Whenever a situation like this occurs I think that it is Jesus in that particular person, who has a need, and I try to help them. But this time in spite of having done all I could, I hadn't found anything. The family were becoming very anxious and also bit annoyed with me. One morning, while I was on the bus going to work, I decided to ask Jesus find a water mattress for me. I felt a certain that he would respond and I left everything in his hands.

In the afternoon, after a directors' meeting in the department where I work, I was called over. The directors wanted to give me a parcel. It contained a new water mattress! Not only that, but also a very good cream for the lady who was ill!

Together with a colleague I rushed to the family and you can imagine with what joy and gratitude they were received.



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### WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	2nd	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention <b>FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <b>(Special Collection Next Sunday for The Apostleship of the Sea)</b>
Sun	3rd	<b>9.00am</b>	St George's - James Davies RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Michael Bradley RIP
Mon	4th	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	5th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Norman South RIP
Tue	5th	1.00pm	St George's - Requiem Mass for Fiora Martha DeSousa RIP
Wed	6th	10.00am	St George's - Ministry of Word & Eucharist
Thur	7th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Ministry of Word & Eucharist
Fri	8th	10.00am	St George's - Ministry of Word & Eucharist
Sat	9th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities Intention <b>FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <b>(Special Collection Today for The Apostleship of the Sea)</b>
Sun	10th	9.00am	St George's - Elizabeth Shepherd RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Norman South RIP

*1st Friday of the month: 9.30am St George's - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation*

**IMPORTANT:** Going into hospital? Would like a visit from the Catholic Chaplaincy? Ring 417400, ext 4145 and leave a message for the Catholic Chaplain. Please also let Fr Rory know. Catholic Mass in the hospital Chapel every Friday at 3pm.

**St. Thomas a Becket Infant School:** Tel 01323 726004 **St. Thomas a Becket Junior School:** Tel 01323 737221  
**St Richard's Catholic College, Bexhill:** Tel 01424 731070

**New to the Parish or would like to get back in touch but not sure how?** Please complete the welcome form available in the porch and/or make yourself known to Fr. Rory. *It would be great to get to know you and offer any help.*

### USEFUL PARISH INFORMATION

St Wilfrid's Planned Giving Contact (01323) 847014  
St George's Planned Giving Contact (01323) 870990  
St George's & St. Wilfrid's Finance Committee Treasurers Charles Piegrome & Brian Winter  
Chairperson of the Finance Committee Peter Dromgoole  
**ALL CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE ABOVE VIA THE PRIEST'S HOUSE PLEASE**  
Polegate Hall Hire.....Tel: (01323) 504753  
Prayer Line .....Jean Barham Tel: (01323) 842824

**CROSSLINK CHURCHES TOGETHER, HAILSHAM**  
Contact: Ann Fielder 01323 843361

**POLEGATE CHURCHES TOGETHER**  
Contact: Margaret Piegrome 01323 870990

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** those who are unwell: Lily May, Maureen Barnard, Jennifer Duder-Rumsey, Edna Andrews, Juliette Lusted, Jennifer Piskac, Agnes Galt, Margaret Gearing, Joshua Hardy, Peter & Teresa Zurenkas, Anne & Harry Holt, David Thomas, Elizabeth Osbourne, Irene Boulstridge, Mary Scales, Margaret, Tom and Elizabeth Woodrow-Spencer, Enza Riddiford and Brian Winter.

**PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER THOSE NAMED IN THE BOOKS IN OUR CHURCHES**

**Newsletter items:** Please send to Jackie at [ssgeorge.wilfrid@btinternet.com](mailto:ssgeorge.wilfrid@btinternet.com), tel.841504 or by hand marked **NEWSLETTER**, to Fr. Rory's House by **9am Wednesday**.

**Fr Rory Writes:**

Next week is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be a second collection for Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church in Great Britain. It provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. As it is wholly dependent on voluntary donations, please give generously. For more information about its work, visit [www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk](http://www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk)

AoS provides chaplains in ports around the world. Its international nature is illustrated by AoS in Great Britain teaming up with AoS in South Africa to help it develop its network of ship visitors. AoS has been serving seafarers in South Africa since the early 1930s. It works in three ports, Durban, Cape Town, and Port Elizabeth, and is planning to establish a presence in Saldana Bay, a port that contains a fish factory and a direct rail link to local mines.

Fr Herman Giraldo, the AoS chaplain to the port of Durban, also runs two parishes and is director of a children's orphanage. He hopes to go to the Philippines to learn Tagalog to help him communicate better with Filipino seafarers.



**Syrian Refugee Crisis** – an important update from **the Arundel and Brighton Diocese** is being held on the **14th July, at 8.00 pm, at Our Lady of Ransom, Eastbourne**. Presentations will be made by Aidan Cantwell of the Diocese, showing how the Church in our area is helping refugees. Our support is vital. Please contact Margaret Piegrome for more details re: travel needs, etc.

**St George's Hall** will be having a new lock on the door. Key holders have a huge responsibility in ensuring church property is secure when they leave the building. It is also important for safety reasons that the hall administrator is aware of who is in the hall and when. Church group leaders and hall hirers will be given a new key and asked to sign for them and the days/times they will be in the hall. Jackie will be made aware of this information and keep a copy in the parish office. Please **DO NOT** make copies of the hall key without speaking to the hall administrator. A deputy key holder should be appointed by each group and the key passed to them when the main key holder is not available. Deputies will also be required to sign the book. Thank you for your co-operation in ensuring the hall is both safe and secure at all times.

Father Rory invites you to **A Garden Party at St George's Church** for all parishioners on **Saturday, the 16th July, at 2.30pm**. There is no charge, this is a "thank you" to you all for your continued support and prayers. Tickets are limited, so if you wish to come please put your name on the lists in both churches – don't delay. Tickets are awarded on "first come, first served" basis. Tea will be served, scones, cream and jam, with sizzling sausages also available. There will be a Pimms Tent, soft drinks and happy conversation with your friends. Should the weather be unkind, we will gather in the church hall. Do come!!

**Dress Maker Wanted:** An experienced dress maker who would make home visits for measurements and fittings. Urgently required by lady who is housebound. Please phone 07976 356192. Thank you.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

**Mon 4th July** St Wilfrid's Fundraising Meeting, Parish Room, 7.30pm  
**Wed 6th July** St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm  
**Wed 13th July** Mother Teresa Group Mtg, St George's Hall, 2.30pm  
**Wed 13th July** St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm  
**Sat 16th July** Garden Party, St George's Church, 2.30pm  
**Wed 20th July** St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm

**ETHIOPIA FOOD CRISIS:**

Extreme weather shifts, part of the El Niño effect, mean severe drought has left millions of people in Ethiopia in need of emergency food aid. 400,000 children are already suffering from malnutrition and we need to act now to prevent a far more terrible crisis. Please pray for those who are suffering and please give to the collection via [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk) for CAFOD's emergency humanitarian response.

**Volunteers:** After the success of the Easter pilot of the Holiday Meals club as a More Than Food initiative for Hailsham foodbank, we are running this again during the summer holidays. The club is at Hailsham East Children's Centre on Tues, Thurs and Fri between 10.45am-1pm for the first 5 weeks of the school holidays - w/c 25 July, 1, 8, 15 & 22 August. If you are able to help with this, please contact Julie at [info@hailsham.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@hailsham.foodbank.org.uk). You can commit to as few or as many sessions as you are able. If you have a particular skill/activity you could share at the club please also let me know - all ideas welcome. The whole family come along so volunteers are there mostly to set up, interact with the families during the morning and help serve the meal (before enjoying one yourself!).

**Apple Picking Weekend:** Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th September, 10am to 4pm. St Cuthman's, Cowfold Road, Coolham. Bring the family and enjoy a day helping us to pick and press our apples in our Edwardian Orchard. There will be Worship, workshops and music. The day is FREE, donations are welcome. Tea and cake will be served to our volunteers. Please feel free to bring lunch to share. Telephone to book a place on 01403 741220 (Mon - Fri, 9am - 6pm).

**Mahatma Gandhi 1869-1948:**

It's the action, not the fruit of the action, that's important. You have to do the right thing. It may not be in your power, may not be in your time, that there'll be any fruit. But that doesn't mean you stop doing the right thing. You may never know what results come from your action. But if you do nothing, there will be no result.

**COLLECTIONS: (25th/26th June)**

<b>St George's</b>	£TBC
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D	£176.50
<b>St Wilfrid's</b>	£TBC
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's TBC St G's TBC	
<b>Thank you for your continued generosity</b>	
If you pay tax please use gift aid envelopes.	

**Bonus Ball:**

**Sat 25th June**  
 No:  
 TBC

**Wed 22nd June**  
 No: 37  
 Bridie Cleary