

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.**

Cf. Ps 16:15

THE COLLECT

O God, who show the light of your truth to those who go astray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the faith they profess are accounted Christians the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honour. 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 book of Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps. 68:14.17.30-31.33-34.36-37.R.cf.v33

**R) Seek the Lord, you who are poor,
and your hearts will revive.**

This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.

In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me. **(R)**

As for me in my poverty and pain
let your help, O God, lift me up.
I will praise God's name with a song;
I will glorify him with thanksgiving. **(R)**

The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in their chains. **(R)**

For God will bring help to Zion
and rebuild the cities of Judah.
The sons of his servants shall inherit it;
those who love his name shall dwell there. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians 1:15-20

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead,

so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Jn 10:27
**The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice,
says the Lord,
I know them and they follow me.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Luke 10:25-37

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

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus, 'do this and life is yours.'

But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one, who took pity on him' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go, and do the same yourself.'

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Look upon the offerings of the Church, O Lord, as she makes her prayer to you, and grant that, when consumed by those who believe, they may bring ever greater holiness. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 83: 4-5

**The sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for her young:
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.**

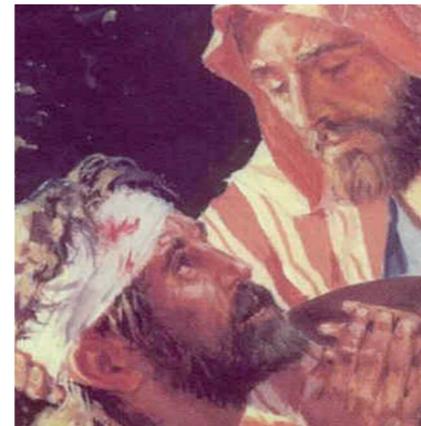
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having consumed these gifts, we pray, O Lord, that, by our participation in this mystery, its saving effects upon us may grow. Through Christ our Lord.



OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

GOSPEL REFLECTION



In today's Gospel, Our Lord reveals to us the pure, super-

natural quality of charity. This theological virtue is that gift of God that habituates us to loving Him and Him-in-our-neighbour. Such love is uncontainable by its very nature, indeed it is at the same time both infinitely self-diffusive and infinitely inexhaustible. It is blind to the feeble distinctions of the flesh, such as race or social standing. Charity slices through such separations like an arrow flying from heart to heart,

recognising the same divine image in the target as in the archer. Our Lord responds to the question 'Who is my neighbour?' by asking 'How am I myself a neighbour?' It is 'the one who took pity' on another who proves himself to be a neighbour, and such pity, if we only wish it, is apt to being raised up and transformed into supernatural charity through the action of the Holy Spirit, making it eternal and life-giving.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



V. A MOTHER WITH AN OPEN HEART

48. If the whole Church takes up this missionary impulse, she has to go forth to everyone without exception. But to whom should she go first? When we read the Gospel we find a clear indication: not so much our friends and wealthy neighbours, but above all the poor and the sick, those who are usually despised and overlooked, "those who cannot repay you" (Lk 14:14). There can be no room for doubt or for explanations which weaken so clear a message. Today and always, "the poor are the privileged recipients of the Gospel",⁵² and the fact that it is freely preached to them is a sign of the kingdom that Jesus came to establish. We have to state, without mincing words, that there is an inseparable bond between our faith and the poor. May we never abandon them.

⁵² BENEDICT XVI, Address to the Brazilian Bishops in the Cathedral of São Paulo, Brazil (11 May 2007), 3: AAS 99 (2007), 428.

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.

Our Father God

I live in Rio Grande, a city in Brazil, and I have been married for more than twenty-five years. When I was pregnant with my fourth daughter, I was living in a small house where there was no more room for another bed. I was feeling very apprehensive and frightened for the future. We had very little money and often had difficulty making ends meet. But my faith in God told me not to worry, but to cast all my cares into the Father's heart, who cares even for the birds of the air...

My husband and I reminded ourselves of what Jesus says in the Gospel, that whatever we ask for, united in his name, he will give, and so that's what we did.

A few days later, one of our neighbours, who knew about my pregnancy, came bringing some things belonging to her grandchild. There was even a cot and a mattress. It was the answer.

Following this, keeping faithful to the will of God and offering to him with patience all the disapproval among family and friends every time we had a baby, we have always felt God's fatherhood, who in a thousand different ways has looked after our needs. So it was for our other three children. And when we had to find money to improve our house, God provided. Now our older children are grown up have started working. We have never been well off, but truly we have never wanted for anything.



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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	9th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Special Collection Today for The Apostleship of the Sea)
Sun	10th	9.00am 10.30am	St George's - James Davies RIP St Wilfrid's - Michael Bradley RIP
Mon	11th	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	12th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Wed	13th	10.00am	St George's - Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Thur	14th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Fri	15th	10.00am	St George's - Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Sat	16th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - David Simmons RIP (1st Anniversary) SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Sun	17th	9.00am 10.30am	St George's - Rosamm Paily RIP St Wilfrid's - Sheila Maria Pickett

Fr Rory is offering Mass for Parish Communities'

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 LineJean 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, tel.841504 or by hand marked **NEWSLETTER**, to Fr. Rory's House by **9am Wednesday.**

Fr Rory Writes:

Glad to be on holiday, and many thanks for all your prayers and good wishes.

God bless.



Apostleship of the Sea - Sea Sunday

Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. Today's second collection is for Apostleship of the Sea (AoS), the Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. This annual collection is absolutely vital to enable it to continue its work, so please give generously and remember seafarers in your prayers. Thank you. For more information on the work of AoS, please visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

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.

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!!

St George's Weekday Readers: St George's is looking for new weekday readers. Please phone Margaret Neville on 483504 if you would like to go on the readers list from 1st August 16. Thank you.

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 for CAFOD's emergency humanitarian response.

The **Knights of St Columba** invite all Catholic men to their next meeting on Monday 12th June at 7pm at Christ the King Parish Rooms, Langney. For more information please contact David on 423323 or Bob on 847014.

Wednesday Bonus Ball - St Wilfrid's: Just a reminder that the renewal list for the Wednesday Bonus Ball draw is in St Wilfrid's Church Porch.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

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
Wed 27th July St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm
Mon 15th Aug St Wilfrid's Fundraising Meeting, Parish Centre, 7.30pm

Thank You: Many thanks to all who helped in any way to make the UN Lunch so successful, (particularly Theresa and Sasha and all those who helped with the delicious food). The amount raised towards renovating the hall was £1236.49, congratulations to all concerned.

Special Ministers: Day of Reflection led by Bishop Richard, Saturday 1st October 2016, St Wilfrid's Church, Burgess Hill, 11am - 4pm, Bring a packed lunch. Contact David Hoad, St Wilfrid's and Margaret Piegrome, St George's to confirm your place. Places are limited so please confirm asap.

Hailsham and District Branch Royal British Legion are holding a Parade and Service on Sunday 10th July 2016. This is one of many that is to be held throughout the United Kingdom in the period from 1st July to the 18th November to mark the Battle of the Somme in which so many gave their lives and others severely injured. The Parade is to commence at 10.30am adjacent to the Charles Hunt Centre/Age UK in the Car Park going to the Hailsham War Memorial in the High Street. The Service is to be held at Hailsham War Memorial at 10.45am. All Organisations and members of the Public are cordially invited to attend.

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. 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!).

COLLECTIONS: (2nd/3rd July)

St George's	£161.28
St George's (25th/26th June)	£245.54
Peter's Pence	£62.37
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D	£176.50
St Wilfrid's	£238.21
St Wilfrid's (25th/26th June)	£259.57
Peter's Pence	£87.66
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's 137 St G's 83	
Thank you for your continued generosity	
If you pay tax please use gift aid envelopes.	

Bonus Ball:

Sat 25th June
 No: 16
 Bill O'Rourke
Sat 2nd July
 No: 13
 Maeve O'Rourke
Wed 29th June
 No: 2
 Mary Van Breda