

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**A great sign appeared in heaven:  
a woman clothed with the sun,  
and the moon beneath  
her feet,  
and on her head a crown of twelve stars.**

Cf. Rev 12: 1

## THE COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,  
who assumed the Immaculate Virgin Mary, the Mother of your Son,  
body and soul into heavenly glory,  
grant, we pray,  
that, always attentive to the things that are above,  
we may merit to be sharers of her glory.  
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 the Apocalypse 11:19, 12:1-6:10

The sanctuary of God in heaven opened, and the ark of the covenant could be seen inside it.

Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve stars on her head for a crown. She was pregnant, and in labour, crying aloud in the pangs of childbirth. Then a second sign appeared in the sky, a huge red dragon which had seven heads and ten horns, and each of the seven heads crowned with a coronet. Its tail dragged a third of the stars from the sky and dropped them to the earth, and the dragon stopped in front of the woman as she was having the child, so that he could eat it as soon as it was born from its mother. The woman brought a male child into the world, the son who was to rule all the nations with an iron sceptre, and the child was taken straight up to God and to his throne, while the woman escaped into the desert, where God had made a place of safety ready. Then I heard a voice shout from heaven, 'Victory and power and empire for ever have been won by our God, and all authority for his Christ.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

Ps 44:10-12, 16. R.v10

**R) On your right stands the queen,  
in garments of gold.**

The daughters of kings are among your loved ones.  
On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.  
Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words:  
forget your own people and your father's house. **(R)**

So will the king desire your beauty:  
He is your lord, pay homage to him.  
They are escorted amid gladness and joy;  
they pass within the palace of the king. **(R)**

## SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 15:20-26

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order; Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!  
Mary has been taken up into heaven;  
all the choirs of angels are rejoicing.  
Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

Luke 1:39-56

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

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? From the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

And Mary said:

'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord  
and my spirit exults in God my saviour;  
because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid.  
Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed,  
for the Almighty has done great things for me. Holy is his name,  
and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him.  
He has shown the power of his arm,  
he has routed the proud of heart.  
He has pulled down princes from their  
thrones and exalted the lowly.  
The hungry he has filled with good things,  
the rich sent empty away.  
He has come to the help of Israel his  
servant, mindful of his mercy  
- according to the promise he made to our ancestors -  
of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'  
Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three  
months and then went back home.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May this oblation, our tribute of homage,  
rise up to you, O Lord,  
and, through the intercession of the most Blessed Virgin  
Mary,  
whom you assumed into heaven,  
may our hearts, aflame with the fire of love,  
constantly long for you.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Lk 1:48-49

**All generations will call me blessed,  
for he who is mighty has done great things for me.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having received the Sacrament of salvation,  
we ask you to grant, O Lord,  
that, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
whom you assumed into heaven,  
we may be brought to the glory of the resurrection.  
Through Christ our Lord.



## OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

## GOSPEL REFLECTION



"..mindful ...of his mercy to  
Abraham and his descendants  
for ever," sings Mary. In exact  
translation, apparently, the  
Hebrew word for mercy, 'hesed'

can be translated 'faithful love',  
or in reference to Jesus,  
"touched to the heart". When  
Jesus meets the sick and  
suffering he is "filled with  
compassion/mercy", "touched to  
the heart". It is the love of God  
for us. So Our Lady, in the joy of  
her heart at the conception of  
her Child, sings of the loving,  
compassionate heart of God; of  
the faithful love of God: "Can a  
woman forget her baby at the  
breast?... Even if these were to  
forget, I shall not forget you."

Our Lady's life was – and is! –

deeply set in confidence in the  
"loving mercy of our God". I say  
"is" because we are today  
celebrating her bodily  
assumption into Heaven; this  
happened long ago, but in effect  
it means that she lives now – and  
forever – body and soul, in the  
Kingdom and glory of Heaven.  
She celebrates and enjoys  
eternally, in her own person, the  
"loving mercy" of her God, the  
final fulfilment of her faithful  
confidence.



## When We Live The Present Moment

*When we live the present moment* we can fulfil all our duties, our crosses become bearable (that is why this practice is advised to those who are approaching death).

*When we live the present moment* we understand God's voice within; the strength of his grace works in us; we can succeed in reaching holiness and we will find ourselves at the evening of each day, and at the evening of our life, rich in good works and acts of charity.

If we fully live the present moment, then we find a sense of dignity about all we do, however small it may be.

When evening comes, we remember these fully lived moments with joy. And should we become aware of imperfections, we entrust these to God whose mercy can correct them.

With this view of life, examining our conscience in the evening becomes much easier. It gains importance and becomes as significant as the exam at the close of our earthly life, in a certain sense even more so. Because, while at the end of our life there is no further remedy, after our daily examination we can try again and take the exam once more the next day, if God gives us the chance.

Then, we can even accept the suffering that our imperfections of passed days brought us and make it bear fruit.

*Here and Now: Meditations on Living in the Present* by Chiara Lubich and published by New City

EVANGELII GAUDIUM  
(JOY OF THE GOSPEL)

51 (cont'd) I take for granted the different analyses which other documents of the universal magisterium have offered, as well as those proposed by the regional and national conferences of bishops. In this Exhortation I claim only to consider briefly, and from a pastoral perspective, certain factors which can restrain or weaken the impulse of missionary renewal in the Church, either because they threaten the life and dignity of God's people or because they affect those who are directly involved in the Church's institutions and in her work of evangelization.



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### WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	13th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Mrs Angela Wright RIP <b>THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>
Sun	14th	<b>9.00am</b> 10.30am	St George's - Parish Communities' Intention St Wilfrid's - Michael & Bridget Kitts Intention 51st Wedding Anniversary
Mon	15th	11.30am	Funeral Service for Mary Scales RIP (Eastbourne Crematorium)
Mon	15th	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	16th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Felix Herbert Chelwyn RIP
Wed	17th	10.00am	St George's - Mrs Margaret Boots Intention
Thur	18th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Leon Fielder RIP
Fri	19th	10.00am	St George's - Mrs Kitty Baker RIP
Sat	20th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Mrs Vera Almeida RIP <b>TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
Sun	21st	9.00am 10.30am	St George's - Philip & Aleyekutty RIP St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention

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, 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.**

## Article written by David Hoad - Visit to Twin Town in France (Gournay-en-Bray)

You will, I am sure have found the recent events in France deeply disturbing, especially the murder of Fr. Jacques. When I first heard the news it referred only to a town in northern France. My thoughts immediately turned to the community of Gournay-en-Bray that I visited with a group of Christians for the Feast of Pentecost. This trip was organized by Paul Simmons of the Hailsham house churches and our group composed of 12 people representing: St Mary's, St Peter and St Paul, Hailsham Community East, and St Wilfrid's.

Our journey started with an early morning departure on the Newhaven ferry to Dieppe, followed by a short drive to Gournay-en-Bray. Accommodation was provided by a number of local French families. Anne and I stayed with Claude and Arlette, who were very generous and hospitable hosts. They live in a wonderful traditional cottage, far from the hustle and bustle of modern living, where the only noises were grazing cattle and the occasional braying donkeys.

The principle purpose of our trip was a United Service on the Sunday afternoon, where we participated in a bilingual Pentecostal Prayer Service. We enjoyed acapella singing from the local choir, who were dressed in colourful African style dress. We prayed for the needs of our communities and wider world, for peace and social justice. Paul had composed a song especially for the occasion and Steve Woods delivered a thought-provoking homily on the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The event was concluded by a tour of the Church, followed by a community buffet and entertainment provided by our hosts.

Whilst I would not have chosen to go to France in the first instance, I am so pleased that we went. We have made many new friends and experienced God's love and generosity through both our communities here in Hailsham and Gournay-en-Bray. This Feast of Pentecost will be one that we will remember for many years to come. To supplement this brief summary you can find, on our website, a series of pictures that gives a flavor of this trip. Anne & David Hoad

**Songs of Praise, 18th September, at 4.00 p.m. in St George's Church.** This year we are hosting the Songs of Praise for Churches Together, Polegate. All are welcome to attend this joyful celebration of the Christian Faith. Refreshments will be served in the Hall afterwards. Each church is asked to provide one hymn that is special to a member of the congregation. If you have a favourite, please tell Margaret Piegrome before the 21st August, so we can make our selection and inform the organist.

**Eastbourne Catenians** raised over £1000 towards St Gregory's new roof at their recent sell-out barn dance. Many thanks to all who supported this very successful and enjoyable social occasion.

**St George's Choir practice** - there will be no choir practice during August. We will resume again on Saturday 17th September at 10.00 am.

**Celebration of Life Event:** The family of Sue Sullivan, a parishioner who has died recently, invite you to a Celebration of Life Event at Litlington Tea Gardens on Monday 15th August from 12noon to 5pm.

**"Rehabilitation or Forgetting Prisoners?"**. Monday 5th September, Talk by Canon Keith Pound, former Chaplain General, Prison Service England, Scotland & Wales. 7pm for 7.30pm – 9pm. St Mary Magdalene Church Hall, Magdalene Road, Bexhill TN40 1RH (opposite Bexhill railway station.) Organised by Eastbourne and Bexhill Newman Association. Entrance free. All welcome. Contact either Alex Mthobi (07957 632208) or Edward Echlin (01424 219788) for more information.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

**Mon 15th Aug** St Wilfrid's Fundraising Meeting, Parish Centre, 7.30pm  
**Wed 17th Aug** St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm  
**Wed 24th Aug** St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm  
**Wed 14th Sept** Mother Teresa Group Mtg, St George's Hall, 2.30pm  
**Sat 17th Sept** St George's Choir Practice, St George's Church, 10am  
**Sun 18th Sept** Songs of Praise, St George's Church, 4pm

**Fundraising Meeting - St Wilfrid's:** There is a Fundraising Meeting on Monday 15th August at 7:30pm in the Parish Centre. This is an important meeting as we are planning for the Race Night on Friday 23rd September and we need a few more volunteers to help organise this event.

### Bring the Bible to life In collective worship – Church and School in Partnership

Open the Book is joining with Chichester Diocese to offer free training for clergy, children and family workers, and members of the congregation. Whether you have some training or none this will give you a good foundation for starting a team and getting active in your local school...

**Time:** Doors open for registration at 9.30am for a 10.00am start and the day ends at 3 pm

**Refreshments:** Tea and coffee provided, please bring a packed lunch

**How to book your place:** Please email [enquiries@openthebook.net](mailto:enquiries@openthebook.net) and include the event date, and your name or call 01793 418355

We have several venues to choose from:

- 17th Aug - St Leonard's Church of England Primary Academy  
St Leonard's-on-Sea
- 18th Aug - St Michaels Church Hall, Chichester
- 13th Sept - The Church of St Peter & St Paul, Hellingly
- 14th Sept - All Saints CEP School, Horsham
- 19th Oct - Balcombe CEP School, Haywards Heath

### COLLECTIONS: (6th/7th August)

<b>St George's</b>	£213.11
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D	£176.50
<b>St Wilfrid's</b>	£322.86
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's 133 St G's 96	

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### Bonus Ball:

#### Sat 6th August

No: 8  
Bob Waters

#### Wed 3rd August

No: 5  
Sylvia Winter