

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,
and shall sing to you,
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

Ps 65:4

THE COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
who govern all things,
both in heaven and on earth,
mercifully hear the pleading of your people
and bestow your peace on our times.
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

62:1-5

About Zion I will not be silent,
about Jerusalem I will not grow weary,
until her integrity shines out like the dawn
and her salvation flames like a torch.

The nations then will see your integrity,
all the kings your glory,
and you will be called by a new name,
one which the mouth of the Lord will confer.
You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord,
a princely diadem in the hand of your God;
no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken',
nor your land 'Abandoned',
but you shall be called 'My Delight'
and your land 'The Wedded';
for the Lord takes delight in you
and your land will have its wedding.
Like a young man marrying a virgin,
so will the one who built you wed you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride,
so will your God rejoice in you.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps. 95:1-3,7-10.R.v3

**R) Proclaim the wonders of the Lord
among all the peoples.**

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
O sing to the Lord, bless his name. **(R)**

Proclaim his help day by day,
tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. **(R)**

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name. **(R)**

Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

12:4-11

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are
all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord;
working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the
same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in
which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by
the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction
given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given
by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through
this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy;
another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues
and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work
of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to
different people just as he chooses.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Cf. Jn 6:63,68

**Your words are spirit, Lord,
and they are life:
you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

John 2:1-11

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

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus
was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited.
When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the
wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They
have no wine.' Jesus said, 'Woman why turn to me? My hour has
not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he
tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant
for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews; each could
hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the
jars with water,' and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out
now' he told them, 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the
steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no
idea where it came from — only the servants who had drawn the
water knew — the steward called the bridegroom and said,
'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper
sort till the guests have had plenty to drink; but you have kept
the best wine till now.'

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at
Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples
believed in him.

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant us, O Lord, we pray,
that we may participate worthily in these mysteries,
for whenever the memorial of this sacrifice is celebrated
the work of our redemption is accomplished.
Through Christ our Lord.

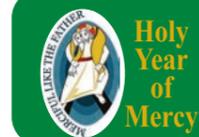
COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 22:5

**You have prepared a table before me,
and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pour on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love,
and in your kindness
make those you have nourished
by this one heavenly Bread
one in mind and heart.
Through Christ our Lord.



Holy
Year
of
Mercy

OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

GOSPEL REFLECTION



At Cana we witness the first
of Jesus' signs, the changing
of the water into wine, a
miracle performed at the
behest of his mother for the
sake of sparing the

embarrassment of the hosts
of the wedding feast. It is the
first public use of the power
of the Holy Spirit by Our
Lord, whom He calls upon and
manifests in order to glorify
God. Later on, when we
encounter the other miracles,
we shall see that each has the
specific, primary purpose of
glorifying God, whilst any
effects leading to faith are
strictly consequent upon this.
They all glorify God because
it is God's Power, the Spirit of
Power, which they make

manifest. After the
resurrection, that same Power
is poured out upon the
Church and distributed
among her members in a great
variety of different ways.
These are called the charisms,
and they are all from the one
Spirit of Power, who enables
and energises the great
variety of tasks to be done, all
for the one Lord who has let
His glory be seen so that the
world might believe in Him.

**EVANGELII GAUDIUM
(JOY OF THE GOSPEL)****II. PASTORAL ACTIVITY AND CONVERSION**

An ecclesial renewal which cannot be deferred

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In his [the Bishop's] mission of fostering a
dynamic, open and missionary communion, he
will have to encourage and develop the means
of participation proposed in the Code of
Canon Law,³⁴ and other forms of pastoral
dialogue, out of a desire to listen to everyone
and not simply to those who would tell him
what he would like to hear. Yet the principal
aim of these participatory processes should
not be ecclesiastical organization but rather
the missionary aspiration of reaching
everyone.

34 Cf. Canons 460-468; 492-502; 511-514; 536-537.

**Monsignor Bruce Harbert –
Thoughts on today's Mass**

'Though many, we are one body, for we all
partake of the same loaf', says Saint Paul, and
today's Prayer after Communion develops that
thought. We read in the Acts of the Apostles
that the earliest Christians in Jerusalem after
Jesus' Resurrection, who met regularly for 'the
breaking of bread and the prayers', held all
things in common, so that they were 'one mind
and one soul'. Though our communities are
much bigger and more scattered now, it is still
true that the Mass is the sign and the cause of
the Church's unity - the Church makes the Mass
and the Mass makes the Church. At every Mass
we ask God to 'gather her (i.e. the Church) into
unity', and today we pray that God will make
'one in mind and heart' those he has nourished
with the one heavenly bread. What can you do
to make that unity more real?



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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	16th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Irene Wyatt RIP SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Special Collection Today for Pax Christi) (Special Collection Next Sunday for Catholic Association for Racial Justice)
Sun	17th	9.00am 10.30am	St George's - John Bree RIP St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention
Mon	18th	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	19th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - John Barnes Intention
Wed	20th	10.00am	St George's - Aileen Connors RIP
Thur	21st	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Olive Reilly and Maureen Penford RIP
Fri	22nd	10.00am	St George's - Michael Daly Anniversary RIP
Sat	23rd	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Special Collection Today for Catholic Association for Racial Justice)
Sun	24th	9.00am 10.30am	St George's - John & Anne Winters Intention St Wilfrid's - Michael Perry 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) 509047
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, Betty O'Hora, Peter & Teresa Zurenkas, Anne & Harry Holt, David Thomas, Michael Bradley, Elizabeth Osbourne, John Dodson, Irene Boulstridge, Mary Scales, Margaret, Tom and Elizabeth Woodrow-Spencer, Enza Riddiford and Vera Almeida.

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:

Thanks be to God for our parish party on Sunday. Just a lovely afternoon and evening, most enjoyable. For me, a much needed and please God, greatly appreciated tonic. When I mentioned it at an old parish, it just highlighted how blessed we are with the amount of persons who volunteer and are willing to help to do so much work. A really, really great thank you to all of them.


Peace Sunday 17th January 2016

The work of Pax Christi is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Our vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, we work with all who share our values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice.

A Very Big Thank You from Friends of the Holy Land

Life in the Holy Land gets harder, the need for your help grows daily. Since FHL was established just six years ago to help and support the Christian people and communities in the Holy Land, life has gradually become more and more difficult for them. So your help has been much appreciated. Here at FHL we regularly hear of increasing concern about developments across the Middle East, and of the pressures that prompt Christians to consider emigration, for the chance of a better life, and to see their children grow up in peace. FHL's principal objective is the maintenance of a secure and thriving Christian community there, so we must do more to ensure that can happen. We cannot allow the Holy Land to become a museum of a Christian past. Thank you again.

Churches Together, Eastbourne Day of Prayer, is being held at the **Winter Gardens, Eastbourne, on 23rd January between 9.30 and 17.00 hrs.** The focus is on activities within geographical areas, with Polegate, Jevington and Willingdon taking the morning session. There is a Keynote Talk by Les Isaac, of Street Parsons, between 11 am and 12 noon. There are interactive Prayer Stations and many opportunities to share views and to pray with other Christians.

Week of Christian Unity - St. John's Church, Polegate is holding a Service on Sunday, 24th January, at 6.30pm for all Christian Churches in Polegate. Please do your best to attend this important event.

CAFOD are appealing for unwanted, old or broken jewellery and watches, so if you have anything similar to get rid of please leave it at the rear of St George's Church. Thank you Ellen B.

St George's Choir Practice: Saturday 23rd January in St George's Church at 10.00am. All welcome.

Saturday January 30th: HCPT Quiz night at OLR. Come and enjoy the fun and raise money to take disabled children to Lourdes this Easter. You can make teams of 6 if you wish. For tickets £5 please phone 07976748141.

Malayalam Mass: We are all invited to attend the Malayalam Mass to be celebrated for our Indian friends in St Wilfrid's Church on Saturday 30th January at 10am. This is a wonderful expression of our faith. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Healing & Forgiveness: Friday 26th February - Sunday 28th February 2016, Led by Dr Stephanie Thornton C.Psychol, AFBPsS At St Cuthman's Retreat & Meeting Centre, Cowfold Road, Coolham, RH13 8QL. For more information e-mail enquiries@stcuthmans.org or telephone 01403 741220.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Wed 20th Jan St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm
Sat 23rd Jan St George's Choir Practice, St George's Church, 10am
Wed 27th Jan St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm
Fri 29th Jan Friday Group Mtg (Bereavement Gp), St W's Hall 10.30am
Sat 30th Jan St George's Social Committee Mtg, St G's Hall, 10am
Sat 30th Jan Malayalam Mass, St Wilfrid's Church, 10am

The first Coffee Morning for the Friday Group (Bereavement Support Group) for this year will be held on Friday 29th January in the Church Hall from 10.30am to 12 noon. This is not only a mutual support group but also a social meeting. If you have been bereaved, live alone or have recently moved into the area and wish to meet people from the church/town please come along. You will receive a great welcome.

Our appreciation and a big thank you to Dorothy Blake who is retiring as sacristan at St Wilfrid's, Hailsham. She has looked after our priests, the sacristy and St Wilfrid's Church for over 25 years. She is one of a small number of parishioners who has attended mass in all four of the Hailsham churches. She has a good knowledge of the Liturgical needs of the Church learned by listening to the various priests she has served. We owe her a debt of gratitude for a job she has carried out faithfully over the years. Thank you Dorothy for all you have given to the life of our church and may you have a well earned retirement.

St Wilfrid's 2016 - Sales Table: Yes we are up and running at last! In our church hall. Any goods suitable for table top sales only please, i.e. Unwanted gifts etc. Goods may be left in the hall or church porch, clearly marked "table top sale", so start clearing out now. The sales table will be open after Sunday and Weekday Masses and Social Functions.

Hailsham Foodbank: are holding a foodbank social morning at Christchurch (Ropemaker Centre, Ropemaker Park) on Saturday 30th January, 10am-12noon. It would be lovely if you could join us for tea/coffee and cakes for us to say "Thank You" for all your hard work and commitment to the foodbank over the last year. It is an opportunity for all the volunteers to come together, have a chat, see what's been happening and what our plans for the future are. RSVP Julie Coates at info@hailsham.foodbank.org.uk so we know how many cakes to get!

COLLECTIONS: (9th/10th Jan)

St George's	£241.78
Weekly ave./Monthly D/D	£176.50
St Wilfrid's	£200.32
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's 173 St G's 108	
Thank you for your continued generosity	
If you pay tax please use gift aid envelopes.	

Bonus Ball:

Sat 9th January
 No: 48
 Jan Megan
Wed 6th January
 No: 13
 Peter Dromgoole