

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Cf. Is 48:20

**Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;  
proclaim to the ends of the earth:  
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.**

**THE COLLECT**

Grant, almighty God,  
that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy,  
which we keep in honour of the risen Lord,  
and that what we relive in remembrance  
we may always hold to in what we do.  
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 Acts of the Apostles

15:1-2. 22-29

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

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

**PSALM**

Ps 66:2-3.5-6.8.R.v4

**R) Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.**

O God, be gracious and bless us  
and let your face shed its light upon us.  
So will your ways be known upon earth,  
and all nations learn your saving help. **(R)**

Let the nations be glad and exult  
for you rule the world with justice.  
With fairness you rule the peoples,  
you guide the nations on earth. **(R)**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.  
May God still give us his blessing  
till the ends of the earth revere him. **(R)**

**SECOND READING**

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

21:10-14. 22-23

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at

each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jn 14:23

**Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,  
and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.'  
Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL**

John 14:23-29

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,  
and my Father will love him,  
and we shall come to him  
and make our home with him.

Those who do not love me do not keep my words.

And my word is not my own:

it is the word of the one who sent me.

I have said these things to you  
while still with you;but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,  
whom the Father will send in my name,  
will teach you everything  
and remind you of all I have said to you.Peace I bequeath to you,  
my own peace I give you,a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you.  
Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.

You heard me say:

I am going away, and shall return.

If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am  
going to the Father,  
for the Father is greater than I.I have told you this now before it happens,  
so that when it does happen you may believe.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.****PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord,  
together with the sacrificial offerings,  
so that, purified by your graciousness,  
we may be conformed to the mysteries of your mighty love.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Jn 14:15-16

**If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,  
and I will ask the Father and he will send  
you another Paraclete,  
to abide with you for ever, alleluia.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Almighty ever-living God,  
who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ,  
increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal Sacrament  
and pour into our hearts the strength of this saving food.  
Through Christ our Lord.



# OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

## GOSPEL REFLECTION



Today's Gospel makes it clear that morality for those reborn in baptism springs from our love of Christ. "If anyone loves me he will keep my word." "Those

who do not love me do not keep my words." In the new and eternal covenant 'written' in Christ's blood, what we are to do and what we are to avoid are no longer spelled out for us by an external, written Law, but spring freely from the human soul possessed by the Holy Spirit. The new 'law' is 'written' upon man's heart; that is to say, Christian morality is principally discovered in the wisdom gained through the Church's attentiveness to human nature

as redeemed, restored and elevated by the grace won for us by Christ. The scars left by sin can hinder the free flow of this wisdom, which is why God gives us so many helps to overcome them: Sacred Scripture, church councils (like that of Jerusalem in today's readings), the Magisterium, and—inspiring them all—the Holy Spirit, the Advocate who reminds the Church of all that Christ has said to her.

### EVANGELII GAUDIUM (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



#### IV. A MISSION EMBODIED WITHIN HUMAN LIMITS

41 (*cont'd*) With the holy intent of communicating the truth about God and humanity, we sometimes give them a false god or a human ideal which is not really Christian. In this way, we hold fast to a formulation while failing to convey its substance. This is the greatest danger. Let us never forget that "the expression of truth can take different forms. The renewal of these forms of expression becomes necessary for the sake of transmitting to the people of today the Gospel message in its unchanging meaning".<sup>46</sup>

<sup>46</sup> JOHN PAUL II, Encyclical Letter *Ut Unum Sint* (25 May 1995), 19: AAS 87 (1995), 933.

### 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 Special Bicycle

One of our children who is seven has always been attentive to the needs of others, especially to those of other children in the world.

One day when he received twenty-five Euros from his older brother and he decided to set it aside for a mountain bike.

A few months later, at table, we were talking about the situation of some families and their children who were in great difficulty. Without saying a word, my son went to find his moneybox, gave all that it contained, and was very happy.

At times we had spoken to him about the words in the Gospel, "Give and it will be given", of how God gives to us when we give generously. We had emphasised that the words, "will be given" may mean the gift of joy that we feel in our heart. We did this so that he would not expect anything else. But clearly, this was not God's thought. A couple of days later, out of the blue, a friend telephoned to ask if we needed a mountain bike, because he had received two. One was fine, but the other was too big for their eldest son. You can imagine what joy there was in our house. It was the best bicycle we'd ever seen!



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### WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	30th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention
<b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>			
(Special Collection Today in response to a request directly from Pope Francis in support of the Church in the Ukraine)			
(Special Collection next Sunday for The Catholic Communications Network)			
Sun	1st	9.00am	St George's - Mary Simmons RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Brian Winter's Intention
Mon	2nd	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	3rd	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Teresa Hepworth RIP
Wed	4th	10.00am	St George's - Mrs Elizabeth Shepherd RIP
Thur	5th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Angela Lelliot RIP
Fri	6th	9.30am	St George's - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Fri	6th	10.00am	St George's - Liturgy of Word and Eucharist
Sat	7th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Peter Quinlan RIP
<b>THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD</b>			
(Special Collection Today for The Catholic Communications Network)			
Sun	8th	9.00am	St George's - Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Laurence Rigamonti RIP
<i>1st Friday of the month: 9.30am St George's - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation</i>			

**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, Betty O'Hora, Peter & Teresa Zurenkas, Anne & Harry Holt, David Thomas, Michael Bradley, 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:**

The Dedication was a lovely occasion. A time to say Deo Gratias. Thanks be to God, and to keep our focus, God is love, let us love one another. A time for saying thanks to many for so much achieved, to the master of ceremonies for liturgy and music, obviously the Bishop and the priests, all involved in the project and above all "in our parish communities". Let us be attentive to what Bishop Richard said about "hoping to have the church open". This does not mean just opening up an empty building, although a Church can never be empty when the presence of the Blessed Sacrament is in that place.

Our emphasis must begin with the light shining from the cross, as we remember that "by his wounds we are healed", and with the celebration of a new Pentecost, God's Holy Spirit pouring out God's grace upon us, so that, sincerely and joyfully we can live out what is really important "A life of Christian faith".

This week: We have been asked as a direct request from Pope Francis, that we respond to the grave situation facing the Ukrainian people, the Holy Father has wished to draw the attention of the faithful to the tragic consequences of the ongoing conflict, overlooked by many.

Next week a priest will be making an appeal on behalf of "The White Fathers" for the Missionaries of Africa.



**St George's Plant Fair and Coffee Morning:** Saturday 21st May at 10.00 am.

**St George's Choir Practice** will take place on Saturday 28th May at 10.00 am.

**St George's Vintage Tea Party** - a big thank you to the team who provided sandwiches, cakes, a brain teasing quiz, and waited on all our guests to provide a warm and welcoming atmosphere. £171.67 was raised towards our projector and screen for the hall. Thank you to all who supported the event.

**St George's Social Committee** - meeting will take place on Friday 13th May at 11.00 am in the hall.

**For the attention of all Gift Aid Donors:** On 6th April 2016 some changes to tax allowances became effective. Please remember that you must have paid sufficient Income/Capital gains tax that is at least equal to the amount reclaimed on all your Gift Aid donations to charities. If you have paid insufficient tax you will have to repay the shortfall. If you need tax advice please contact either your tax office or professional tax adviser.

**Special Thoughts:** Many people from St George's who have been involved with Contact Care and Churches Together over the years will be sad to hear of the death on Saturday 23 April of Sheila Baldwin. Sheila was an active member of St John's Church, Polegate. She was a quiet, unassuming lady, who did much for the Christian unity locally. She will be sadly missed by many people in the Polegate area. Please remember her in your prayers.

**Talk organised by the Newman Association, all welcome:** Monday 16th May 2016 at Christ The King Parish, Eastbourne, 3 Princess Road, BN23 6HT. 7pm for 7.30pm sharp start - 9pm  
TOPIC: The Migrant Conundrum  
Speaker: Rev Fr Neil Chatfield

**The First Holy Communion Mass at St George's** will be at the 9am Mass on Sunday 29th May.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

**Wed 4th May** St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm  
**Wed 11th May** Mother Teresa Group Mtg, St George's Hall, 2.30pm  
**Wed 11th May** St George's Leaven Group Mtg, St G's Church, 6.15pm  
**Wed 11th May** St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm  
**Fri 13th May** St George's Social Committee, St George's Hall, 11am  
**Sat 21st May** St G's Plant Fair/Coffee Morning, St G's Hall, 10am  
**Sun 22nd May** 1st Communion Mass, St Wilfrid's Church, 10.30am  
**Sat 28th May** St George's Choir Practice, St George's Church, 10am  
**Sun 29th May** 1st Communion Mass, St George's Church, 9am

**Please Help** we have a beautiful new Church and a growing community and we desperately need more welcomers, singers for the choir, readers and ministers of the Eucharist. Please come forward and give some of your time to make our community grow in faith, caring and friendship. Please see Ann, David or Jean. Thank you.

A **special thank you** from all at St Wilfrid's to Lesley and Ephraim Crowe for the donation of the white and gold tablecloths which were used at the dedication reception.

**St Wilfrid's Readers** please pick up their new rotas from the table in the church porch. Ann

**The Jubilee Year of Mercy 2015-2016:**

Bishop Richard encourages everyone in the Diocese to make a Pilgrimage to the places where Holy Doors are situated. The goal of our pilgrimages is to come to the Father so as to receive his mercy; then to offer the same mercy that we have received. An important symbolic act performed by pilgrims is to pass through the Holy Door.

The Knights of St Columba have arranged the following Pilgrimage:

**Sunday 1st May.** 3pm. Rosary and Benediction at the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, West Grinstead. A bus will pick up pilgrims from Christ the King at 1.30pm, Our Lady of Ransom at 1.45pm and Polegate crossroads at 2pm. Cost £13 each. Please contact David 423323 to book a seat or to obtain further details.

**Bonus Ball:** There are lots of numbers available for both the Saturday and Wednesday Bonus Ball. Anyone interested in one please see Bill or Mick. Thank you.

**1st Communion Mass** at St Wilfrid's will be at the 10:30am Mass on 22nd May.

**Friends of EDGH:** are still collecting milk bottle tops to help raise money for hospital equipment. Please help them by bringing in your washed red, blue and green bottle tops and place in the container provided in both church porches. Thank you.

**COLLECTIONS: (23rd/24th April)**

<b>St George's</b>	£146.47
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D	£176.50
<b>St Wilfrid's</b>	£332.96
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's 150 St G's 78	
<b>Thank you for your continued generosity</b>	
If you pay tax please use gift aid envelopes.	

**Bonus Ball:**

**Sat 23rd April**  
No: 24  
Margaret Forde

**Wed 20th April**  
No: 28  
John Forde