

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Ps 53: 6, 8

THE COLLECT

Show favour, O Lord, to your servants
and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace,
that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity,
they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands.
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 Wisdom

12:13. 16-19

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything,
to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.
Your justice has its source in strength,
your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.
You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned
and you expose the insolence of those who know it;
but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement,
you govern us with great lenience,
for you have only to will, and your power is there.
By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people
how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you
have given your sons the good hope
that after sin you will grant repentance.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps.85:5-6.9-10.15-16. R.v5

R) O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice. **(R)**

All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God. **(R)**

But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

8:26-27

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot
choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses
our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who
knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means,
and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are
according to the mind of God.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our mind,
so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.
Alleluia!

Cf. Eph 1:17.18

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:24-43

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

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may
be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While
everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the
wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened,
the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and
said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so,
where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this"
he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and
weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the
darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the
harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect
the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat
into my barn."

He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of heaven is
like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is
the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest
shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and
shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like the
yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it
was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would
never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfill the
prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables and expound things hidden since
the foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples
came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the
field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son
of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the
kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who
sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers
are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt
in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send
his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that
provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing
furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the
virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen,
anyone who has ears!'

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, who in the one perfect sacrifice
brought to completion varied offerings of the law,
accept, we pray, this sacrifice from your faithful servants
and make it holy, as you blessed the gifts of Abel,
so that what each has offered to the honour of your majesty
may benefit the salvation of all.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Ps 110: 4-5

**The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,
has made a memorial of his wonders;
he gives food to those who fear him.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord,
and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries
to pass from former ways to newness of life.
Through Christ our Lord.

OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

GOSPEL REFLECTION



"Through him all things came into being, not one thing came into being except through him." These are the words of St. John the "beloved disciple". Jesus loves his creation: not

only his disciples, not only those he has come to redeem, but every particle of it is near and dear to him. He can use it so easily in his parables – as we hear him doing today, using it so 'naturally' since its 'nature' comes from him. He knows creation, as no-one else does: from the inside out. He knows and we can come to see, how every aspect of creation reflects something of himself, of its Creator: creation's existence witnesses to his; its beauty to his beauty. If flowers are beauty-full, their Maker is Beauty

itself; if men and women are wise, God is Wisdom itself. Not only individually, but in their order, unity, completeness as a universe, they witness to a Maker who outshines them all! If gazing at the night sky can fill me with awe, what must be the awe with which I approach God. Jesus shows us, too, how all physical reality has its spiritual parallel: *"the field is the world...the harvest the end of the world; the reapers are the angels."* No wonder parables fall from Jesus lips so easily and so frequently.

**EVANGELII GAUDIUM
(JOY OF THE GOSPEL)****II. TEMPATIONS FACED BY
PASTORAL WORKERS*****No to a sterile pessimism***

85. One of the more serious temptations which stifles boldness and zeal is a defeatism which turns us into querulous and disillusioned pessimists, "sourpusses". Nobody can go off to battle unless he is fully convinced of victory beforehand. If we start without confidence, we have already lost half the battle and we bury our talents. While painfully aware of our own frailties, we have to march on without giving in, keeping in mind what the Lord said to Saint Paul: "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Cor 12:9). Christian triumph is always a cross, yet a cross which is at the same time a victorious banner borne with aggressive tenderness against the assaults of evil. The evil spirit of defeatism is brother to the temptation to separate, before its time, the wheat from the weeds; it is the fruit of an anxious and self-centred lack of trust.



Holiness for Everyone*

Exercising Self-denial

In self-denial do not begin with outward things such as what you wear or what you eat. Begin with the heart which is the seat of all our actions. What we do takes on the quality of the heart we have within us.

Give Christ first place in your heart then your actions will flow from a Christlike source. Stamp all you do with the name of Jesus. Jesus in your eyes, your mouth, your hands, your whole way of being. Live no longer by your own life, but live with the life of Christ dwelling within you. (Gal 2:20)

Giving you a few brief guidelines I would say: be moderate in all things. Treat the body with respect not harshness. Try not to be choosy about what you eat, but take simply whatever is offered you with a grateful heart. In the same way with sleep: take what you need. If possible go to bed early and rise in good time to greet the day. As to clothes, make sure they are clean and attractive. There is no virtue in looking unkempt. Be adorned above all with graciousness, dignity and a good name.

Remember that it is better to concentrate on the inward rather than the outward and you will not go wrong. God wants us to cherish and promote life, not abuse it - either in ourselves or in others.

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WEEKLY SERVICES

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| Sat | 22nd | 6.00pm | St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME |
| Sun | 23rd | 9.00am | St George's - Kathleen Nolan RIP |
| | | 10.30am | St Wilfrid's - Michael Bradley RIP |
| Mon | 24th | 2.30pm | St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays |
| Tue | 25th | 10.00am | St George's - Smith Family Intention |
| Wed | 26th | 10.00am | St Wilfrid's - Norah Foley RIP |
| Thur | 27th | 10.00am | St George's - Kate & Patrick Walsh RIP |
| Fri | 28th | 10.00am | St Wilfrid's - Norma & Angela Wright RIP |
| Sat | 29th | 6.00pm | St Wilfrid's - Deceased Members of Wood's Family SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME |
| Sun | 30th | 9.00am | St George's - Anne Kelly RIP |
| | | 10.30am | St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention |

1st Thursday 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) 832577
St George's Planned Giving Contact (01323) 870990
St George's & St. Wilfrid's Finance Committee Chairperson of the Finance Committee Treasurers Charles Piegrome & Brian Winter
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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, Margaret Gearing, Joshua Hardy, Peter & Teresa Zurenkas, Anne & Harry Holt, Elizabeth Osbourne, Margaret, Tom and Elizabeth Woodrow-Spencer, Enza Riddiford, Dorothy Hanlon, Margaret Westcar, Jenny Price, Ann Winter and Empress.

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:

Just one lovely man. It is with great sadness that we hear that Brian Winter has died. He slipped away quietly Wednesday evening. When the news was first announced that Brian was diagnosed with cancer, every ounce of wind went out from my sails. It was only as I realised how Brian was dealing with it and working for the next quiz night, that I felt life could go on.

Many thanks to David and Lulu for all their hard work, ably assisted by John Forde, in creating such a wonderful display of plants and shrubs, making St Wilfrid's church grounds so beautiful. This comes to great expense and hard physical effort on their part, and it is heart-breaking and disappointing to find that a number of the shrubs and rose bushes, including two large potted plants have been stolen, shameful behaviour that beggars belief. If any member of the parish sees anything suspicious please let us know. We are in the process of installing CCTV, and hope that this will help to deter such behaviour. Again, thank you David, Lulu and John.

The application for change of use of the old church is still in process, we are hoping for a conclusion on 10th August to enable us to move forward and hire out the hall. *Fr Rory*

Can Anyone Help? A pair of folding, floral patterned chairs were left behind after the garden party on 5th July. Mine of a similar pattern were taken in error. I would be grateful if you could check your chairs to make sure you have the correct ones. Many thanks Jean Hines Tel: 482020.

BINGO SESSION: starts on Friday September 1st, to be held at St Georges Hall, 7pm for 7.30pm. Please put a note in your diaries.

Back by popular demand at St George's Church Hall, **The Anne Shelton Story** - presentation by her niece, Kelly Richards. This will take place on Sunday 20th August at 3.00pm followed by a vintage tea party. Tickets at £5.00 per person available soon.

St George's flower arrangers/church cleaning/music liturgy - following the recent Leaven Group meeting, in order to ensure better communication, there is now a diary in the sacristy which shows any weddings etc that are booked in at the church. There was a recent wedding this month which meant no flowers had to be bought as the bride arranged flowers for the church. There is another wedding on 1st September (Friday) and it may be that flowers may not be needed again that weekend. Please ensure you check the diary prior to purchasing flowers and also to see when the church is in use. Thank you.

Mother Teresa Group: Unfortunately the meeting planned for August has been cancelled and no further meetings will take place for the foreseeable future.

St. George's Leaven Group - to widen participation the Agenda will be published 2 weeks before each meeting. If you have an item to discuss, please put this on the agenda, which will be at the back of the church. It could be good news, information you wish to share, or a concern to talk about. You will need to attend the meeting to further debate the issue you have raised. Please take this opportunity to share your views with us. At our last meeting the main items we discussed were:- Communication, Health and Safety, the Memorial Garden (in view of Health and Safety advice from the Diocese), Children's Liturgy, the Mass sheets we currently use, Hall Hire, Finance, Publicity and the new Sound System. The Minutes are now available.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Sun 20th Aug Presentation/Vintage Tea Party, St George's Hall, 3pm
Fri 1st Sept St George's Leaven Group Mtg, St G's Church, 6.15pm
Fri 1st Sept Bingo Session, St George's Hall, 7pm for 7.30pm

First Holy Communion 2017 at St Wilfrid's: Please could any child around the age of 7 years old, wishing to do their First Holy Communion in 2018 at St Wilfrid's; please write your contact details on the piece of paper in the Sacristy, we will need child's and parent's name and phone number. The lessons will commence in October 2017.

BE THE FIRST TO LOVE

July 29th in the church hall of Our Lady of Ransom, after the 10 o'clock Mass (10.30). A DVD interview with Focolare founder Chiara Lubich. In this interview, with the clearly moved secular media journalist Sandra Hoggett, Chiara explains the development of a new Christian path, which through the action of grace, had been revealed to her. Out of the bombs of hatred that pulverised her native Trent, the young mystic brought a new charism of love for the Church and for the world. For more info. contact Hanora 01323 490721 or Hanora.desmond@talk21.com

'Dear Church, can you hear me...?' - Saturday 16 September

A chance for Deaf, and hard of hearing and hearing people to work better together. A conference at Victoria Baptist Church 10am to 2.15pm approx. For anyone who is concerned about making the church welcoming and fully accessible to people who are Deaf or experience hearing loss, whether they are Deaf BSL users or lip readers, hard of hearing or hearing. It would be wonderful to welcome at least one representative from every church. For more information look on the website www.hellochurch.co.uk/ or email Daphne Brett on dmbrett@btinternet.com.

Diocesan Mass for Altar Servers: Bishop Richard will preside at Holy Mass for all Diocesan Altar Servers on Saturday 9th September 2017 at 12 noon in Arundel Cathedral. All who have served, all who are serving and anybody who would like to come are welcome to attend. Please bring your cassock and cotta or alb. Mass is followed by light refreshments in the Cathedral Centre (Please bring a packed lunch)

COLLECTIONS: (15th/16th July)

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| St George's | £173.34 |
| Weekly aver./Monthly D/D | £176.50 |
| St Wilfrid's | £436.30 |
| Weekly aver. of DD | £204.60 |
| Attendances: St W's 158 St G's 88 | |

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Bonus Ball:

Sat 15th July

No: 23
Karl Jung

Wed 12th July

No: 18
Josie Denning