

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Cf. Ps 97:1-2

**O sing a new song to the Lord,  
for he has worked wonders;  
in the sight of the nations  
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.**

**THE COLLECT**

Almighty ever-living God,  
constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us,  
that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism  
may, under your protective care, bear much fruit  
and come to the joys of life eternal.  
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

14:21-27

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

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

**PSALM**

Ps 144:8-13.R.cf.v.1

**R) I will bless your name for ever,  
O God my King.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures. **(R)**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,  
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign  
and declare your might, O God,  
to make known to men your mighty deeds  
and the glorious splendour of your reign. **(R)**

Yours is an everlasting kingdom;  
your rule lasts from age to age. **(R)**

**SECOND READING**

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

21:1-5

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe

away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.' Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new'.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION****Alleluia, alleluia!**

Jn 13:34

**Jesus said: 'I give you a new commandment:  
love one another, just as I have loved you.'  
Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL**

John 13:31-35

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

When Judas had gone Jesus said:

'Now has the Son of Man been glorified,  
and in him God has been glorified.  
If God has been glorified in him,  
God will in turn glorify him in himself,  
and will glorify him very soon.  
My little children,  
I shall not be with you much longer.  
I give you a new commandment:  
love one another;  
just as I have loved you,  
you also must love one another.  
By this love you have for one another,  
everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

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

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

O God, who by the wonderful exchange  
effected in this sacrifice  
have made us partakers of the one supreme Godhead,  
grant, we pray,  
that, as we have come to know your truth,  
we may make it ours by a worthy way of life.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Cf. Jn 15:1,5

**I am the true vine and you are the  
branches, says the Lord.  
Whoever remains in me, and I in him,  
bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.**

**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



Love is distinctly human, and charity (agape) is distinctly Christian. The Lord tells us in today's Gospel that it is charity that will be the sign of

Christian discipleship; that it is charity that will most clearly communicate Christ's presence and activity within us. Neither love nor charity is primarily something we feel. It is rather something we do. Love consists of acts of a certain kind, always putting the beloved before ourselves, making sacrifices for them and experiencing the good of the beloved as our principal

motivation. Charity is like love in all respects except that the Beloved is God, both in Himself and in our neighbour, and it is the Beloved who enables, supports and consummates our charity by His grace. By this charity the world will know that God's dwelling is with men; that He has made His home within us; that we are His people and He is God-with-us.

### EVANGELII GAUDIUM (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



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

41. At the same time, today's vast and rapid cultural changes demand that we constantly seek ways of expressing unchanging truths in a language which brings out their abiding newness. "The deposit of the faith is one thing... the way it is expressed is another".<sup>45</sup> There are times when the faithful, in listening to completely orthodox language, take away something alien to the authentic Gospel of Jesus Christ, because that language is alien to their own way of speaking to and understanding one another.

45 JOHN XXIII, Address for the Opening of the Second Vatican Council (11 October 1962): AAS 54 (1962), 792: "Est enim aliud ipsum depositum fidei, seu veritates, quae veneranda doctrina nostra continentur, aliud modus, quo eadem enuntiantur".

### 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 Suspended Contract

It was a time when there wasn't much work at our printing works and every day we asked the Eternal Father for clients. We live in a Christian community and try to give witness to the Gospel.

A young person, visiting our community was struck by what she saw and arranged an appointment with someone who worked for Twentieth Century Fox. He was director of marketing for the whole of Latin America. We were overjoyed. When we met the director, we showed him our range of products and immediately he ordered a print run of thousands of key rings for the premier of a film. We discussed dates, prices, etc. and he promised that there would be work in the future.

We could see that it would cover salaries for the next two months, but before finalising the contract I asked him what the film was about. We soon realised that the film was not in line with our principles and I suspended the contract. The director incredulous and said that he couldn't imagine someone refusing business of this kind. But I remembered the words: "Seek first the Kingdom of God and his justice, and all this will be given you as well." (Mt. 6:33).

We explained to the members of our community what had happened. They were happy that we had been faithful to our principles, even though it would mean a great effort to go on. We didn't have to wait long for God's answer. The next day the telephone rang and we were offered a year's work printing children's T-shirts with our own designs.



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### WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	23rd	10.00am	St George's - Gretta Mary Aitkins RIP
Sat	23rd	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention
<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>			
Sun	24th	<b>9.00am</b>	St George's - Mrs Flora De Sousa's Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Michael Burke RIP
Mon	25th	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	26th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Greta Mary Aitkins RIP
Wed	27th	10.00am	St George's - Martin Waldron RIP
Thur	28th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - John Dodson RIP
Fri	29th	10.00am	St George's - Vera Almeida RIP
Sat	30th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - In honour of Our Lady
<b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>			
<b>(Special Collection next Sunday for The Catholic Communications )</b>			
Sun	1st	9.00am	St George's - Burbage Family Intention
		10.30am	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, 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 LIGHT OF CHRIST HAS COME INTO OUR WORLD.**—Our architect Simon Franks has captured this lightness and brightness in the architecture; a light, bright entrance to the church with a sense of warmth which the presence of Christ brings to our world. At the same time, care and concern have been taken to capture as much as possible all the good from our past. This is expressed in the baptismal font, and on the sanctuary, in the presence of the Altar, the Lectern and Tabernacle. The devotional life of the church is depicted in the Stations of the Cross, the Statues and, in this week, with the Feast Day of St, George, an opportunity at this centenary time, to commemorate the sacrifice of those who lost their lives in the war, by bringing into the church the commemorative monument of St. George on this day. Already the church has been very well received by the people from our town; our evangelical friends remarking with favour on the witness to the street by the light shining “on the” or better understood, they would say “from the Cross”.— ‘By his wounds we are healed’. We truly look forward to our first celebration of Pentecost in our new church. Our deepest hope captured in prayer is for a new Pentecost with 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”. We pray for a new generation with a focus upon witnessing to our faith. Then in shared devotions, above all in shared ministry, the life of our church will bear witness to our Christian Faith.

*Fr Rory*

**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.

**Eastbourne Food Bank – St George’s contributions** have always been received with many thanks. Please continue with your generosity during Spring and Summer as there are still many families needing donations of preserved foods.

**The St George's Children's Liturgy cake sale** held after Mass last Sunday raised £66.21, we are delighted and thank you all very much for your generosity. The funds will be used for a celebration breakfast the week after the first Holy Communion and any remaining will go towards resources. Thank you.

**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.

During the Lent and Easter season St. George's has raised £611.17p for CAFOD. HM Government has promised to double whatever parishes raise so this sum is worth £1,222.00 which will go towards providing clean water supplies to some of the poorest villages in Africa and to supporting refugee families and young children in Lebanon and Greece. The Lent fast day raised £227 and the rest of the money came from the efforts, time and money of parishioners. This is a good result for our small parish thanks to your generosity. If anyone wants to start collecting again there are triangular boxes on the windowsill at the rear of the church though money in any container is appreciated! Ellen

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

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**  
**Wed 27th April** St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm  
**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  
**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

Ann would like to thank the people who supported her by agreeing to take part in the Dedication Service: Laurence and the choir, the Readers, David and Josie Denning, Sasha and James for bringing the Offertory gifts to the altar, Jean and team for arranging the beautiful flowers and David who looked after all the practical arrangements with Bill's help. Also a thank you to Brian and Bill for delivering the speeches before and after the Service.

**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 Pilgrimages:

**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.

<b>COLLECTIONS: (16th/17th April)</b>	
<b>St George's</b>	£TBC
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D	£176.50
<b>St Wilfrid's</b>	£429.73
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Education of Priest's	£115.21
Attendances: St W's 199 St G's TBC	
<b>Thank you for your continued generosity</b>	
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**Bonus Ball:**  
**Sat 16th April**  
No: 54  
No Winner  
**Wed 13th April**  
No: 21  
Maeve O'Rourke