

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 104:3-4

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

THE COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
increase our faith, hope and charity,
and make us love what you command,
so that we may merit what you promise.
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 Jeremiah

31:7-9

The Lord says this:

Shout with joy for Jacob!
Hail the chief of nations!
Proclaim! Praise! Shout:
'The Lord has saved his people,
the remnant of Israel!'
See, I will bring them back
from the land of the North
and gather them from the far ends of earth;
all of them: the blind and the lame,
women with child, women in labour:
a great company returning here.
They had left in tears,
I will comfort them as I lead them back;
I will guide them to streams of water,
by a smooth path where they will not stumble.
For I am a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my first-born son.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps 125. R.v3

**R) What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.**

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. **(R)**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. **(R)**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. **(R)**

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

5:1-6

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Cf. 2 Tim 1:10

**Our Saviour Christ Jesus abolished death,
and he has proclaimed life through the Good News.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Mark 10: 46-52

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

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said, 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him, 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Look, we pray, O Lord,
on the offerings we make to your majesty,
that whatever is done by us in your service
may be directed above all to your glory.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Eph 5:2

**Christ loved us and gave himself up for us,
as a fragrant offering to God.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray,
perfect in us what lies within them,
that what we now celebrate in signs
we may one day possess in truth.
Through Christ our Lord.

OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

GOSPEL REFLECTION



In the economy of salvation the human body plays a vital role. Tertullian says that 'flesh is the hinge of salvation'. My body is not just a shell for the soul, a kind of clothing for the real me;

my body is truly part of myself; I am my soul and my body. Our Lord makes His own human body the means through which He communicates His saving love to us, His healing and His forgiveness. Furthermore, He makes his saving purpose known through the healing He performs on the human bodies of the sick and the suffering with whom He comes into contact.

Today a blind man is cured of his physical disability, but Our

Lord goes further than physical restoration. He restores the whole person and so re-creates us, fashioning a new creature conformed to Himself. 'Go; your faith has saved you'. We might also translate this, 'your faith has healed you'. It is through faith, which is an act of soul, that the whole person, body included, is fully restored to the divine image and likeness that we have been created to reflect and express.

**EVANGELII GAUDIUM
(JOY OF THE GOSPEL)****I. A CHURCH WHICH GOES FORTH**

21. The Gospel joy which enlivens the community of disciples is a missionary joy. The seventy-two disciples felt it as they returned from their mission (cf. Lk 10:17). Jesus felt it when he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and praised the Father for revealing himself to the poor and the little ones (cf. Lk 10:21). It was felt by the first converts who marvelled to hear the apostles preaching "in the native language of each" (Acts 2:6) on the day of Pentecost. This joy is a sign that the Gospel has been proclaimed and is bearing fruit. Yet the drive to go forth and give, to go out from ourselves, to keep pressing forward in our sowing of the good seed, remains ever present. The Lord says: "Let us go on to the next towns that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out" (Mk 1:38). Once the seed has been sown in one place, Jesus does not stay behind to explain things or to perform more signs; the Spirit moves him to go forth to other towns.

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

On a wall in the Oratory at Birmingham, which was founded by Blessed John Henry Newman, a small stone tablet erected in his memory bears the inscription *ex umbris et imaginibus in veritatem*, meaning 'out of shadows and images into the truth'. Blessed John Henry had written about the moment of death in his poem *The dream of Gerontius*, evoking the astonishment of a soul that has honoured and pondered God throughout life when it is actually faced with the divine reality. Today's Prayer after Communion similarly directs our attention to the moment when we shall enter God's presence after our death. In it we pray that that will be a moment of welcome, the beginning of an eternal share in the divine life for us. Newman knew this prayer, for it formed part of the Mass in his day as in ours. Perhaps it influenced his famous poem.



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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	24th	6.00pm	St George's - Donor's Intention THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Sun	25th	9.00am	St George's - Elsie Burbage RIP
		10.30am	St George's - Parish Communities' Intention
Mon	26th	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	27th	10.00am	St George's - Jan Zyelewicz Anniversary RIP
Wed	28th	12.00noon	St George's - Requiem Mass for Elsie Burbage RIP
Thur	29th	10.00am	St George's - P J Kelly RIP
Fri	30th	10.00am	St George's - Mrs Mary Brown RIP
Sat	31st	5.30pm	St Wilfrid's - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation
Sat	31st	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - In Thanksgiving
			ALL SAINTS (Special Collection Next Sunday for The Retired Priests Fund)
Sun	1st	9.00am	St George's - Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Frank Winter RIP
		<i>1st Friday of the month: 9.30am</i>	St George's - <i>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) 509047
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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, Josephine Coleman, Elizabeth Osbourne, John Dodson, Irene Boulstridge, Mary Scales, Margaret, Tom and Elizabeth Woodrow-Spencer and Enza Riddiford.

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.**

Deacon John Writes:

Next weekend will see the beginning of November, the month which is perhaps associated in our minds with bonfires and Guy Fawkes. On a more sombre and personal note, it is also the month in which we remember those who have died. We start with All Saints on November 1st and then with All Souls on the 2nd. Mass will be at St George's at 10am on Monday 2nd and will be followed by blessing of the graves in the Memorial Garden at St George's and then at Willingdon Cemetery at about 11am by Deacon John. Fr Rory will bless the graves at Hailsham Cemetery at about 11am. Our prayers for those who have died, especially our own loved ones, serve to console ourselves and enable us to connect with them and to share a continuing warm comforting presence with them. May they all rest in peace.

Deacon John

Bishop's Collection for Retired Priests

At present, we have 32 retired priests cared for by the Diocese. They have each given many decades of service to the people in the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton. Although a priest "retires" from parish duties he is still in ministry and may, if he wishes, assist parishes with his services.

We want to help our retired priests to live independent lives for as long as possible. So the Diocese provides accommodation and pastoral care. As time goes on a retired priest, like any other aging person, may require more and more assistance to continue living at home. The Diocese ensures he receives all necessary personal and pastoral care. Eventually he may need to move to a residential or nursing home. The Diocese helps locate suitable accommodation.

Caring for the elderly, we all know, is costly but is something we do not want to skimp on. In 2014, the Diocese spent £253,000 on our retired priests. So please help by giving generously to the Retired Priests collection. Your donation can also be Gift Aided and the tax rebate benefits your parish.

St Anne's Day Centre: Once again we are collecting goods to be taken to St Anne's Day Centre for the Homeless. During November there will be collecting boxes in both churches for our usual range of goods which are distributed to the people who depend on St Anne's to assist them in their need, especially at Christmas time. We are aware of your continued generosity in providing goods for the Food Banks to which both parishes contribute regularly. However, we know many people are willing to give to those who have no home and so we ask you if you would give, via either parish, to provide goods as here listed: Good quality clean clothing for men and women, (not necessarily new). New underwear for men. Socks, gloves, hats and scarves for both men and women. Toiletries such as shampoo, shower gel, deodorants, soap, flannels. Also needed by the Centre are beakers, teaspoons, soup bowls and spoons. Much in demand are coffee, tea, sugar, packet soups and other dry goods.

Beetle Drive Fun Evening In Aid Of St Wilfrid's New Church Building Project.

Where: St George's Church Hall

When: 7pm, Friday 20th November

Organised by: Eastbourne Catenians

Cost £10. per person to include pizza and a glass of wine or soft drink. More information to follow. Make a note in your diary and keep this date free.

Christmas Cards are on sale at the back of St George's church.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Wed 28th Oct St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm
Wed 4th Nov St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm
Wed 11th Nov Mother Teresa Group Mtg, St George's Hall, 2.30pm
Wed 11th Nov St George's Leaven Group Mtg, St G's Church, 6.15pm
Wed 11th Nov St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm
Fri 20th Nov Beetle Drive, St George's Church Hall, 7pm
Sat 21st Nov St George's Choir Practice, St George's Church, 10am

Refugees: If you use a PC, on the Home Page of the A&B Website you will find a podcast of an interview with Bishop Richard Moth answering questions on the plight of the Refugees coming into Britain and offering suggestions as to how all parishes can assist these very needy people. He suggests that a small team be set up find parishioners to help in three main categories:

- Those who are willing to offer accommodation, temporary or longer term.
- Those who have skills to offer – teaching English, reading, Legal Assistance, Financial assistance, etc.
- Those who have a wide knowledge of their particular area and could direct the refugees to organisations which would give help and advice, clothing, bedding, etc.

St Wilfrid's Old Benches: A limited number of the old church benches are available for sale. Amount of £100. per bench has been suggested, if you are interested please contact Fr Rory/ Office on Tel: 841504.

First Holy Communion Children - St Wilfrid's: Please could you leave the details of any children around 7 years of age with Annette. Please include parents names, child's name and contact number. Thank you.

Bonus Ball: The Wednesday and Saturday Bonus Ball both have 10 more numbers available. Please see Michael Bradley if you are interested. Thank you.

COLLECTIONS: (17th/18th October)

St George's	£194.90
Missio Collection	£187.90
Weekly ave./Monthly D/D	£176.50
St Wilfrid's	£191.21
Missio Collection	£163.43
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's 99 St G's 90	
Thank you for your continued generosity	
If you pay tax please use gift aid envelopes.	

Bonus Ball:

Sat 17th October

No 36

Michael Copper

Wed 14th October

No 35

Fr Rory