

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Dn 3: 31, 29, 30, 43, 42

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

THE COLLECT

O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven. 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 Amos

6:1. 4-7

The almighty Lord says this:

Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria. Lying on ivory beds and sprawling on their divans, they dine on lambs from the flock, and stall-fattened veal; they bawl to the sound of the harp, they invent new instruments of music like David, they drink wine by the bowlful, and use the finest oil for anointing themselves, but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all. That is why they will be the first to be exiled; the sprawlers' revelry is over.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**PSALM**

Ps 145:6-10. R.v2

R) My soul, give praise to the Lord.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **(R)**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. **(R)**

He upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

6:11-16

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the Lord of lords,

who alone is immortal, whose home is in inaccessible light, whom no man has seen and no man is able to see: to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION****Alleluia, alleluia!**

Jn 10:27

The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 16:19-31

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glorify to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours." "The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Grant us, O merciful God, that this our offering may find acceptance with you and that through it the wellspring of all blessing may be laid open before us. Through Christ our Lord.

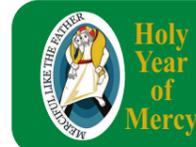
COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 118: 49-50

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

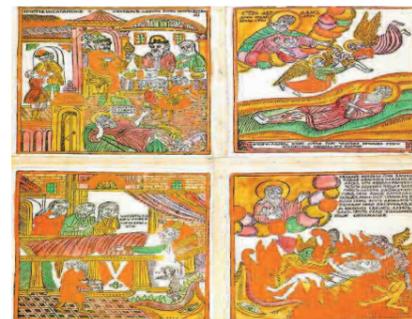
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May this heavenly mystery, O Lord, restore us in mind and body, that we may be coheirs in glory with Christ, to whose suffering we are united whenever we proclaim his Death. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.



OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

GOSPEL REFLECTION



The 'belief' people have in the claims of their religious creed is often contrasted with the 'belief' in the claims made by science. For those people who seek to portray the content of faith and that of science as intellectually irreconcilable, the

term 'evidence-based belief' is exclusively used by them to describe the theoretical, 'unproven' scientific claims that cannot yet be considered proven fact or knowledge. The same people, then, would usually describe religious faith as 'non-evidence-based belief'. But is it accurate or fair to label Christian faith as something that is not based on evidence? Imagine someone you trusted completely, someone you had known for very many years, all your life perhaps, someone you felt you knew inside out, whose

reliability and trustworthiness were guaranteed by the solid friendship you shared, imagine such a friend or even a near relation, such as your father or mother or brother, came to you and told you that something impossible had happened, and not only told you of this impossible event, but told you of it in a manner that displayed absolute conviction and unflinching resoluteness. Would you not believe them? And would not their word constitute authoritative evidence?



Working In Perfect Communion

It is wise to spend the time we have by living God's will to the full in the present moment.

Sometimes, however, we worry about the past or the future. We are concerned about situations or people for whom we cannot do anything at the moment. This is when it becomes difficult to steer the ship of our lives. It takes great effort to keep to the course that God wishes us to have in that particular moment. At such times we need strong willpower, determination, and especially trust in God, sometimes to a heroic degree.

Can I do nothing to resolve a certain complex situation or for a dear person who is sick or in danger? Then I will concentrate on doing well what God wants from me in the present: study, homemaking, prayer, taking care of the children ... God will take care of the rest. He will comfort the suffering and show a way out of that entangled situation.

This way the task is being done by two in perfect communion. It demands from us great faith in God's love for his children. And in turn it gives God a chance to trust that we do our part. This mutual trust works miracles. We will realize that Another has accomplished what we could not do, and that he has done it far better than we could have.

Here and Now: Meditations on Living in the Present by Chiara Lubich and published by New City

EVANGELII GAUDIUM (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



No to the new idolatry of money

56. While the earnings of a minority are growing exponentially, so too is the gap separating the majority from the prosperity enjoyed by those happy few. This imbalance is the result of ideologies which defend the absolute autonomy of the marketplace and financial speculation. Consequently, they reject the right of states, charged with vigilance for the common good, to exercise any form of control. A new tyranny is thus born, invisible and often virtual, which unilaterally and relentlessly imposes its own laws and rules.



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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	24th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Sheila Maria Pickett RIP
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Sun	25th	9.00am	St George's - Flora De Sousa RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid'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 Wilfrid's - Harriet Fairchild RIP
Wed	28th	10.00am	St George's - Mrs Vera Almeida RIP
Wed	28th	6.30pm	St Wilfrid's - Devotions
Thur	29th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Ada Mary Garna RIP
Fri	30th	10.00am	St George's - Holy Souls' Intention
Sat	1st	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention
TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
(Special Collection next Sunday for CAFOD Harvest Fast Day (Friday))			
Sun	2nd	9.00am	St George's - Special Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Michael Bradley 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) 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, Irene Boulstridge, Margaret, Tom and Elizabeth Woodrow-Spencer, Enza Riddiford, Dorothy Hanlon 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, tel.841504 or by hand marked **NEWSLETTER**, to Fr. Rory's House by **9am Wednesday.**

Fr Rory Writes:

On Wednesday evening we had our first occasion of prayer and devotion. With the special months of October and November on our door step, we must focus on the ageless value of prayer and true devotions, which always lend themselves for adaptation. We had a lovely occasion at St George's Church on Sunday afternoon, based upon Songs of Praise. Knowing that I was getting special brownie points by missing an important match of "real football". The Lord rewarded me (and the GAA) as it was a drawn game, so it will be played again next Sunday. At the beginning of the service of Songs of Praise, I mentioned my first experience of them over forty years ago, when I would look in and share with our then housekeeper "Edith". When our parish priest, Fr Jim Kenny, developed Parkinson's illness, they moved to St George's at Polegate, where they were well received, again almost forty years ago. They came to replace a very well known priest, Fr John Flanagan. I then said there is something precious and timeless about songs of praise. Each congregation chose a hymn and gave their story as to why they chose it, and it worked out very well. Please God, we may be able to do this successfully in Hailsham, as we do not have many occasions of shared services. Like the buses these tend to come in pairs, as I also attended a service at St Mary's for the Licensing of Revd Rory Graham as Associate Vicar for the Benefice of Hailsham on Tuesday 20th September.

Fr Rory

Kingdom Come, an evening of worship and prayer is taking place at 7.30 pm at the New Hope Baptist Church, on Saturday, the 1st October. Address: New Hope Baptist Church, 16, Beach Road, Eastbourne.

Saturday October 15th: 6.45pm for 7.15pm. Redshirt Annual Quiz in the Parish Centre. Tickets £6 each on sale after Mass next Sunday or from the Parish Office, or please ring Berni 647661 or Maura 430532. Donations of raffle prizes would be gratefully received.

Bingo: 7th October in St George's Hall, 7pm for 7.30pm start, all proceeds to Polegate Charity, Children with Cancer Fund.

Holy Communion at St George's: for any children who are seven now or next year, it is time to receive instruction for Holy Communion which will start in the new year 2017. Please get in touch with Fr Rory or myself Cathy Hollingdale.

DABCEC - 15th October, 2016: 10am-3.30pm, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley. £5 registration. Bring your own lunch. A day of reflection on the Scriptures, sharing in prayer, of meeting others and learning about Lectio Divina. For more info/register contact 07979 180859 or email LCSBbookings@gmail.com

St George's Churches Together celebration of Songs of Praise, was very successful. The hymns chosen were uplifting and reasons for the choices were warmly presented by members of all the churches present. Two solos were enjoyed, Dawn Cooke and Shirley McCann sang beautifully and very movingly and the Rev Chris Styles of St. Wilfrid's Church spoke eloquently about the need for forgiveness and the importance of unity among Christian peoples. The delightful service was followed by delicious cakes and tea for some 70 people who came from all the churches in the area.

Warm and grateful thanks to all who baked such delicious cakes, served our friends and neighbours and washed dishes on this great occasion. Without you these important events could not take place. Many, many thanks.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Sun 25th Sept Harvest Festival, St George's Church
Sun 25th Sept St George's Vintage Tea Party, St G's Hall, 3pm
Wed 28th Sept St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm
Wed 5th Oct St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm
Fri 7th Oct Bingo, St George's Hall, 7pm for 7.30pm start
Wed 12th Oct Mother Teresa Group Mtg, St George's Hall, 2.30pm
Wed 12th Oct St George's Leaven Grp Mtg, St George's Hall, 6.15pm

St Wilfrid's Car Park: Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th October, St Wilfrid's car park will be closed due to the tree surgeons carrying out their contract to remove the tree. Sorry for any inconvenience that this may cause.

Grandparents Day: St Richard's - 6th October 2016. On Thursday 6th Oct we invite all Grandparents into St Richard's to celebrate Grandparents week in the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton. The day will begin at 9.30am and consist of Mass followed by refreshments and then our pupils will then take you on tour of the school concluding at 12.45pm. If you would like to attend please ask your grandchild to collect a letter from Jo in the Chaplain's Office or contact Jo directly on 07424 713170 Ext 126 or missdoylej@strichardsc.com

St Wilfrid's Rosary: Come and join us for the Rosary at St Wilfrid's on Tuesdays and Thursdays before Mass. There are leaflets "How to Pray the Rosary" in the church porch - and help yourself to a Rosary.

Ivy House - Walk for Dementia..... Along the Eastbourne Seafront. All are welcome. Sunday 16th October, start: 11am at Holywell, finish: At your leisure! Bring friends, family, pets, scooters, mobility scooters, whatever you need to join us in our walk for dementia. Appropriate clothing and footwear should be worn. Participants take part at their own risk. To find out more email or phone us on 01323 431801, care@ivyhouse-dementiacare.com

The Mustard Seed Mission, who collect our filled shoe boxes for despatch to Eastern Europe, as LOVE IN A BOX, have changed their address and phone number since the leaflets were printed and we gave them out last weekend. The new address and phone number is: The Mustard Seed Mission, 23 Kings Drive, Eastbourne, BN21 2UJ. Telephone 01323 505787. The e-mail address is correct on the leaflets. The Mother Teresa Group will collect and take them from both churches in November.

COLLECTIONS: (17th/18th Sept)

St George's	£177.37
Home Mission	£106.85
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D	£176.50
St Wilfrid's	£307.30
Home Mission	£56.43
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's 120 St G's 98	
Thank you for your continued generosity	
If you pay tax please use gift aid envelopes.	

Bonus Ball:

Sat 17th September

No: 37
Gareth Jones

Wed 14th September

No: 28
John Forde