

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All peoples, clap your hands.
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

THE COLLECT

O God, who through the grace of adoption chose us to be children of light, grant, we pray, that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth. 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 first book of the Kings 19:16. 19-21

The Lord said to Elijah: 'Go, you are to anoint Elisha son of Shaphat, of Abel Meholah, as prophet to succeed you.'

Leaving there, Elijah came on Elisha son of Shaphat as he was ploughing behind twelve yoke of oxen, he himself being with the twelfth. Elijah passed near to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left his oxen and ran after Elijah. 'Let me kiss my father and mother, then I will follow you' he said. Elijah answered, 'Go, go back; for have I done anything to you?' Elisha turned away, took the pair of oxen and slaughtered them. He used the plough for cooking the oxen, then gave to his men, who ate. He then rose, and followed Elijah and became his servant.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps 15:1-2.5.7-11.R.cf. v5

R) O Lord, it is you who are my portion.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord; 'You are my God.'
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize. **(R)**

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand,
I shall stand firm. **(R)**

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. **(R)**

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians 5:1. 13-18

When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery.

My brothers, you were called, as you know, to liberty; but be careful, or this liberty will provide an opening for self-indulgence. Serve one another, rather, in works of love, since the whole of the Law is summarised in a single command: Love your neighbour as yourself. If you go snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces, you had better watch or you will destroy the whole community.

Let me put it like this: if you are guided by the Spirit you will be

Ps 46: 2

in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! 1 Sam 3:9; Jn 6:68
Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

The Lord be with you. Luke 9:51-62

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

As the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead of him. These set out, and they went into a Samaritan village to make preparations for him, but the people would not receive him because he was making for Jerusalem. Seeing this, the disciples James and John said, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?' But he turned and rebuked them, and they went off to another village.

As they travelled along they met a man on the road who said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus answered, 'Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.'

Another to whom he said, 'Follow me,' replied, 'Let me go and bury my father first.' But he answered, 'Leave the dead to bury their dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.'

Another said, 'I will follow you, sir, but first let me go and say good-bye to my people at home.' Jesus said to him, 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, who graciously accomplish the effects of your mysteries, grant, we pray, that the deeds by which we serve you may be worthy of these sacred gifts. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all within me, his holy name. Cf. Ps 102: 1

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May this divine sacrifice we have offered and received fill us with life, O Lord, we pray, so that, bound to you in lasting charity, we may bear fruit that lasts for ever. Through Christ our Lord.



OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

GOSPEL REFLECTION



Our Lord, the Gospel tells us today, "*resolutely took the road for Jerusalem*", that is, towards his passion and death. Our Lord is God, but also man. No man or woman wants to suffer,

though there are and have been many, non-Christians included, who have faced suffering "resolutely" for the sake of what they wanted to achieve. Our Lord faced suffering *resolutely*, looking forward with determination and courage; steadfastly, fixing his eyes and heart firmly and with love on the goal, the will of his Father, the salvation and glory of the human race. His words to those who wanted to follow him

give us a glimpse of how he saw his own life: no settled home; entirely at the service of the founding of the "*Kingdom of God*"; no time to look back (at his peaceful life with Mary and Joseph); no time to regret or to linger with loved ones or friends; an unswerving purpose. So James and John, beginning then and persevering, put their "*hands on the plough*" and followed their Master.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



V. A MOTHER WITH AN OPEN HEART

47. The Church is called to be the house of the Father, with doors always wide open. One concrete sign of such openness is that our church doors should always be open, so that if someone, moved by the Spirit, comes there looking for God, he or she will not find a closed door. There are other doors that should not be closed either. Everyone can share in some way in the life of the Church; everyone can be part of the community, nor should the doors of the sacraments be closed for simply any reason. This is especially true of the sacrament which is itself "the door": baptism.

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.

Trusting in God

One day I went to the shoe shop. My youngest son needed a pair of shoes, but his size was difficult to find, as it is not very common. I searched the shop until eventually we found them, there they were, the exact size I needed! Not only that, they were a style and colour which were really nice! With my son in my arms and the shoes in my hand I went to the cash desk to pay. It was only at that moment that I remembered that the month's finances hadn't been too good and I wouldn't have enough money. I made my apologies, put the shoes down and left. With tears in my eyes I went to find a friend. I knew that she would be glad of a chat. On the way there I said, "Jesus, I am not asking anything for myself, but for my son!" In my heart I felt certain that he would take care of everything!

When I arrived at my friend's house I hardly had time to greet her when she said, "You won't believe what happened today. I found this pair of shoes that perhaps your son may be able to use! I opened the parcel: not only were they the right size, but they were the exact style and colour of those I had left behind in the shop!"



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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	25th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Special Intention THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Special Collection Today for Peter's Pence) (Holy Day of Obligation (SS Peter and Paul) on Wednesday)
Sun	26th	9.00am 10.30am 3.00pm	St George's - Parish Communities' Intention St Wilfrid's - John Dobson RIP St George's - Healing Mass
Mon	27th	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	28th	9.30am	St Wilfrid's - Paddy McLoughlan RIP
Wed	29th	10.00am	St George's - Josie Norman RIP
Thur	30th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Mary Harrington's Intention
Fri	1st	10.00am	St George's - Holy Souls' Intention
Sat	2nd	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities Intention FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Special Collection next Sunday for The Apostleship of the Sea)
Sun	3rd	9.00am 10.30am	St George's - James Davies RIP 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, Agnes Galt, Margaret Gearing, Joshua Hardy, Peter & Teresa Zurenkas, Anne & Harry Holt, David Thomas, 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, tel.841504 or by hand marked **NEWSLETTER**, to Fr. Rory's House by **9am Wednesday**.

Fr Rory Writes:

As our parish and school year draws to a close, "thanks be to God", is an important acknowledgement. Always it recognises the rough with the smooth and expresses a thanksgiving for all its benefits, grace and favours received. As the life and needs of our parish move on, so must our response. The saying, where there is a will, there is a way, and where there is goodwill, there are better ways.

Our parish structure, with many parts working together to build up the Body of Christ, His church, continues to develop. The Parish Finance Committee established in Canon Law has a special importance. So oversight for Health and Safety with Child Protection will be part of its remit. A small group drawn from the two parish committees will be established for oversight, along side our leaven committees. In the past I have known this to be called the "Salt Group", but we may find a better term. A re-focus for our leaven group is ongoing, and its way will depend upon the mass community which it serves.

Fr Rory

Syrian Refugee Crisis – an important update from **the Arundel and Brighton Diocese** is being held on the **14th July, at 8.00 pm, at Our Lady of Ransom, Eastbourne**. Presentations will be made by Aidan Cantwell of the Diocese, showing how the Church in our area is helping refugees. Our support is vital. Please contact Margaret Piegrome for more details re: travel needs, etc.

St George's Hall will be having a new lock on the door. Key holders have a huge responsibility in ensuring church property is secure when they leave the building. It is also important for safety reasons that the hall administrator is aware of who is in the hall and when. Church group leaders and hall hirers will be given a new key and asked to sign for them and the days/times they will be in the hall. Jackie will be made aware of this information and keep a copy in the parish office. Please **DO NOT** make copies of the hall key without speaking to the hall administrator. A deputy key holder should be appointed by each group and the key passed to them when the main key holder is not available. Deputies will also be required to sign the book. Thank you for your co-operation in ensuring the hall is both safe and secure at all times.

Father Rory invites you to **A Garden Party at St George's Church** for all parishioners on **Saturday, the 16th July, at 2.30pm**. There is **no charge**, this is a "thank you" to you all for your continued support and prayers. Tickets are limited, so if you wish to come please put your name on the lists in both churches – don't delay. Tickets are awarded on "first come, first served" basis. Tea will be served, scones, cream and jam, with sizzling sausages also available. There will be a Pimms Tent, soft drinks and happy conversation with your friends. Should the weather be unkind, we will gather in the church hall. Do come!!

St George's Children's Fund: The coffee morning raised £187. and is going to the Polegate Children with Cancer Fund. A really big thank you to everyone for their support.

Dress Maker Wanted: An experienced dress maker who would make home visits for measurements and fittings. Urgently required by lady who is housebound. Please phone 07976 356192. Thank you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Sun 26th June United Nations Lunch, St Wilfrid's, 12pm
Wed 29th June St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm
Mon 4th July St Wilfrid's Fundraising Meeting, Parish Room, 7.30pm
Wed 6th July St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm
Wed 13th July Mother Teresa Group Mtg, St George's Hall, 2.30pm
Sat 16th July Garden Party, St George's Church, 2.30pm

The Annual St Wilfrid's United Nations Lunch is being held on the 26th June after Mass at 12pm. Tickets are on sale after Masses for this very enjoyable event. £5 for over 9's and adults, £3 for children 8 and under. We are also asking for bottles and unwanted gifts for the tombola. Please leave with the welcomers or duty Sacristan.

Hailsham Foodbank: The Summer Tesco national collection is being held at North Street Tesco between 9-5 on Friday 1 and Saturday 2 July. This is a significant collection for both food and the money we get back from Tesco as a percentage of what we collected. If you are able to help please sign up via the doodle poll link <http://doodle.com/poll/egsx65sp8ve4abvi> It's really easy, you just fill in your name and click on the slot(s) you are able to help with - if you don't have internet access just ask a friend. Many thanks, Julie Coates - Hailsham foodbank.

Volunteers: After the success of the Easter pilot of the Holiday Meals club as a More Than Food initiative for Hailsham foodbank, we are running this again during the summer holidays. The club is at Hailsham East Children's Centre on Tues, Thurs and Fri between 10.45am-1pm for the first 5 weeks of the school holidays - w/c 25 July, 1, 8, 15 & 22 August. If you are able to help with this, please contact Julie at info@hailsham.foodbank.org.uk. You can commit to as few or as many sessions as you are able. If you have a particular skill/activity you could share at the club please also let me know - all ideas welcome. The whole family come along so volunteers are there mostly to set up, interact with the families during the morning and help serve the meal (before enjoying one yourself!).

The Eastbourne & Bexhill Newman Association Invites all parishioners to a Cheese & Wine Party at the Parish Room, Our Lady of Ransom at 7.30pm on Thursday 30th June 2016. Address is: 2 Grange Road, Eastbourne, BN21 4EU. **FREE ADMISSION.**

It would be helpful if you could let John Carmody know if you are coming by contacting him either on 01323 726334 or email: johnmh22@outlook.com

COLLECTIONS: (18th/19th June)

St George's	£232.54
A Day for Life	£55.30
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D	£176.50
St Wilfrid's	£316.51
A Day for Life	£55.40
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's 168 St G's 94	
Thank you for your continued generosity	
If you pay tax please use gift aid envelopes.	

Bonus Ball:**Sat 18th June**

No: 47
Jillian Dowsett

Wed 15th June

No:
No Winner