

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 85: 1-3

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

THE COLLECT

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful
to unite in a single purpose,
grant your people to love what you command and to desire
what you promise,
that, amid the uncertainties of this world,
our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is
found.
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 Isaiah

22:19-23

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office,
I remove you from your post,
and the same day I call on my servant
Eliakim son of Hilkiah.
I invest him with your robe,
gird him with your sash,
entrust him with your authority;
and he shall be a father
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
and to the House of Judah.
I place the key of the House of David
on his shoulder;
should he open, no one shall close,
should he close, no one shall open.
I drive him like a peg
into a firm place;
he will become a throne of glory
for his father's house.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps 137:1-3.6.8. R. V8

**R) Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands.**

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. **(R)**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. **(R)**

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 11:33-36

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and
knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or
understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the
Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give
him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from
him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Mt 16:18

You are Peter**and on this rock I will build my Church.**

**And the gates of the underworld can never hold out
against it.**
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this
question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man
is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some
Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,'
he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up,
'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus
replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it
was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father
in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock
I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can
never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom
of heaven; whatever you bind on earth shall be considered
bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be
considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict
orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

O Lord, who gained for yourself a people by adoption
through the one sacrifice offered once for all,
bestow graciously on us, we pray,
the gifts of unity and peace in your Church.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 103: 13-15

**The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord;
you bring forth bread from the earth
and wine to cheer the heart.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Complete within us, O Lord, we pray,
the healing work of your mercy
and graciously perfect and sustain us,
so that in all things we may please you.
Through Christ our Lord.

OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

GOSPEL REFLECTION



There are many reasons why Peter
could be seen as totally unsuitable to
be the first 'vicar of Christ'. He was

impulsive rather than reflective; he
often got the wrong end of the stick
and misunderstood Jesus completely
and, worst of all he denied Jesus when
challenged by local people at the time
of Jesus' arrest and trial. So why did
Jesus choose him to be the rock on
which the Church was built? Because
despite all his obvious failures and
shortcomings, he recognized Jesus for
who he really was, "The Christ, the Son
of the living God." Jesus saw that Peter
had a certain relationship with the
Father and that through that
relationship he had understood who

Jesus was. None of us is called to be
the vicar of Christ, but we are called to
recognize Jesus for who he really is.
And the fact that Jesus chose Peter, a
flawed human being, to lead the
Church, should encourage us to believe
that God loves us 'warts and all'. Our
denials and failures, our shortcomings
and defects do not mean that we
cannot be effective members of the
Church. It is enough to recognize Jesus
for who he really is, ask forgiveness for
our sins, and get on with the task of
loving our brothers and sisters.

**EVANGELII GAUDIUM
(JOY OF THE GOSPEL)****II. TEMPATIONS FACED BY
PASTORAL WORKERS****Yes to the new relationships
brought by Christ**

89. Isolation, which is a version of
immanentism, can find expression in a false
autonomy which has no place for God. But in
the realm of religion it can also take the form
of a spiritual consumerism tailored to one's
own unhealthy individualism. The return to
the sacred and the quest for spirituality
which mark our own time are ambiguous
phenomena. Today, our challenge is not so
much atheism as the need to respond
adequately to many people's thirst for God,
lest they try to satisfy it with alienating
solutions or with a disembodied Jesus who
demands nothing of us with regard to others.
Unless these people find in the Church a
spirituality which can offer healing and
liberation, and fill them with life and peace,
while at the same time summoning them to
fraternal communion and missionary
fruitfulness, they will end up by being taken
in by solutions which neither make life truly
human nor give glory to God.



Holiness for Everyone*

**The Reality of Temptation**

Being tempted, however long temptation continues, cannot make us
displeasing to God. There is no blame attached to being tempted, as we
see in the lives of the saints who all had their struggles. The secret is to
take no pleasure in anything contrary to the will of God. In that way you
will conquer. ...

We cannot always avoid temptation, but we can give or refuse our
consent. Sometimes it will seem that the fire of our love for God is
overlaid by the ashes of temptation, with the love of God barely a tiny
spark underneath. But do not give up. Refuse consent and you will come
out triumphant even if battered. ...

God allows us to be tempted because temptations strengthen us and
help us to grow.

When tempted remain humble and do not rely on your own strength
to win the victory. As long as a person's heart is beating we know that
life continues in the body even if he or she remains unconscious. In the
same way we should examine our heart to see if we have consented to
temptation, and if not then we must know that Jesus the Saviour is with
us, even if we are unconscious of his presence.

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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	26th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Mrs Flora De Sousa RIP
			TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Sun	27th	9.00am	St George's - Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Paddy O'Rourke RIP
Mon	28th	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	29th	10.00am	St George's - Kate & Patrick Walsh RIP
Wed	30th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Teresa McDermott RIP
Thur	31st	10.00am	St George's - Johanne Lorraine & Family RIP
Fri	1st	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Holy Souls' Intention
Sat	2nd	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention
			TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
			(Special Collection next Sunday for The Catholic Education Service)
Sun	3rd	9.00am	St George's - Paul Bree RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Michael Bradley RIP

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 Primary School: Tel 01323 726004 **St. Thomas a Becket Primary 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 Treasurers Charles Piegrome & Monika Beaver
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, 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.**

HOLIDAY HUMOUR

"But how did the other ear get burned?": On Sunday morning, a man showed up at Church with both his ears terribly blistered, so his pastor asked, "WHAT happened to YOU?" "I was lying on the couch watching a ball game on TV while my wife was ironing nearby. I was totally engrossed in the game when she went out, leaving the iron near the phone. The phone rang, and keeping my eyes on the TV, I grabbed the hot iron and put it to my ear". "How dreadful", gasped the pastor. "But how did the other ear get burned?" "Well, you see, I'd no sooner hung up and the guy called back!"

"But on the other hand..." Three of the clergy - a Lutheran, a Catholic, and an Episcopalian - ended up at the Pearly Gates one day. It was St. Peter's day off, so Jesus was administering the entrance exam. "The question is simple", he said. "Who do you say that I am?" The Lutheran stepped forward and began, "The Bible says . . ." but Jesus interrupted and said, "I know what the Bible says; who do you say that I am?" The Lutheran said, "I don't know", and fell through a trap-door to that other place. The Catholic stepped forward and began, "The Pope says . . ." But Jesus interrupted him and said, "I know what the Pope says; who do you say that I am?" "I'm not sure", said the Catholic, and promptly fell through the trap-door to that other place. Jesus turned to the Episcopalian and asked, "Who do you say that I am?" The Episcopalian replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God!" Then, just as Jesus smiled and gestured for the Pearly Gates to be opened, the Episcopalian continued, "but on the other hand..."

St George's Leaven Group: The agenda will be posted up at the back of the church from the **20th August** until after Mass on the **27th August**, to give everyone the chance to include an item they wish to raise. Remember, if you add an item, you must attend the meeting on **1st September**.

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.

Eastbourne Catenians Sponsoring Good Citizens at St Thomas a Beckett School: The annual Good Citizens award, sponsored by Eastbourne Catenians, was presented to Erin Todd from St Thomas a Beckett Junior School. Many of you will remember that Erin had her long hair cut short so that the hair could be used to make wigs for children who had lost their hair due to chemotherapy treatment. Erin donated the sponsorship money she collected to St Wilfrid's Hospice, thus benefiting two worthy charities. The award was presented to her by Mike Woods, President of the Eastbourne Catenians. She received books which she selected, a framed certificate, and a silver cup inscribed with her name, which is displayed in the school. Erin is a member of St George's Children's Liturgy Group. Well done Erin.

Annual Formation Day for Grandparents: Thursday 21st September, in the beautiful setting of Worth Abbey, from 10 am to 3 pm (packed lunch needed). Fr Stephen Ortiger, and Elizabeth O'Shea, Parenting Expert, will explore how Grandparents can support their Grandchildren in dealing with their perceptions of failure. No charge but donations welcome to cover costs. Please book by contacting Rosie on 01293 651161. rosie.read@dabnet.org <<mailto:rosie.read@dabnet.org>>

Friends of EDGH: Please remember to save all your stamps. These can be left in both the church porches for collection. Thank you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

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
Sat 9th Sept Tea Party, St Wilfrid's Church Hall, 3.30pm
Sun 10th Sept Memorial Mass for Brian Winter, St Wilfrid's, 10.30am

Memorial Mass: There will be a Memorial Mass for Brian Winter at St Wilfrid's Church on Sunday 10th September at 10.30am by the Catenians.

Tea Party: St Wilfrid's will be hosting a tea party for the parish on Saturday 9th September at 3.30pm. All welcome.

First Holy Communion 2018 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.

CAFOD Meeting: Please come and join us on Saturday 23rd September from 10 to 11:30am, at Christ the King Church Eastbourne, BN23 6HT. This year's Harvest Fast day is focussing on El Salvador and the challenges facing farmers there, which is quite fitting as it is 100 years since the birth of Blessed Oscar Romero. Everyone is welcome. For more information please contact Martin arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk or call 01483 898866.

Have you considered becoming a School Governor? Anney Primary School in Seaford has vacancies for several Foundation Governors – practising members of the local Catholic community, appointed by Bishop Richard to support the Catholic ethos of the school. Gospel values underlie all aspects of life of Anney School, so governors have the opportunity to contribute according to their experience and interests – for example finance, or building maintenance. You might like to attend 'Taste and See – a meeting for prospective Foundation Governors' – at DABCEC, Crawley on Monday 25 September 19.00 – 20.30. Book online <http://www.abeducationsservice.org.uk/Courses/>. If you would like to know more about the role, contact Kathy Dawson (Clerk to Governors) kathytheclerk@dawson.myzen.co.uk (07876 241349).

COLLECTIONS: (19th/20th August)

St George's	£TBC
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D	£176.50
St Wilfrid's	£TBC
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's TBC St G's TBC	
Thank you for your continued generosity	
If you pay tax please use gift aid envelopes.	

Bonus Ball:

Sat 19th August
No: TBC

Wed 16th August
No: 54
Fr Rory