

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 138: 18, 5-6

**I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.**

THE COLLECT

O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life. 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 10:34. 37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps 117:1-2.16-17.22-23. Rv.24

**R) This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad.**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.' **(R)**

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. **(R)**

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. **(R)**

SECOND READING*(an alternative may be read)*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians 3:1-4

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sequence

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;
and Christ, the undefiled,
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.
Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!
Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.
Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.
The tomb the Living did enclose;
I saw Christ's glory as he rose!
The angels there attesting;
shroud with grave-clothes resting.
Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.
That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**Alleluia, alleluia!**

1 Cor 5:7-8

**Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed;
let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

John 20:1-9

(an alternative may be read)

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

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Exultant with the paschal gladness, O Lord,
we offer the sacrifice
by which your church
is wondrously reborn and nourished.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

1 Cor 5:7-8

**Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;
therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread
of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.**

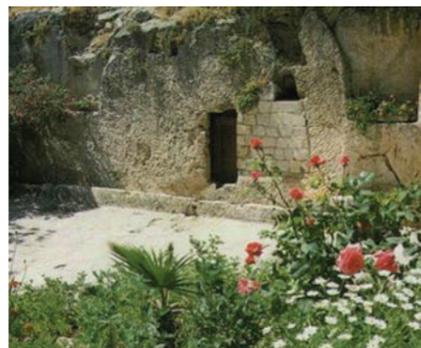
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Look upon your Church, O God,
with unfailing love and favour,
so that, renewed by the paschal mysteries,
she may come to the glory of the resurrection.
Through Christ our Lord.



OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

GOSPEL REFLECTION



When Peter and John run to the tomb what they see is very 'bodily' evidence and a sign of hope for all time: the abandoned grave clothes: the sign of the final resurrection of

all humanity. God loves this created, material, earthly universe of his so much that he has promised to renew it - all of it! Isaiah prophesied, speaking for God, "For as the new heavens and the new earth I shall make will endure before me - it is Yahweh who speaks - so will your race and name endure". St. Peter assures us, "We have a sure hope, and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade

away, because it is being kept for you in the Heavens". And he continues, "What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home". The prophecy is seen fulfilled in the Book of Revelation, the last book of the New Testament: "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth... the One sitting on the throne spoke, Now I am making the whole of creation new".

**EVANGELII GAUDIUM
(JOY OF THE GOSPEL)****III. FROM THE HEART OF THE GOSPEL**

39. Just as the organic unity existing among the virtues means that no one of them can be excluded from the Christian ideal, so no truth may be denied. The integrity of the Gospel message must not be deformed. What is more, each truth is better understood when related to the harmonious totality of the Christian message; in this context all of the truths are important and illumine one another. When preaching is faithful to the Gospel, the centrality of certain truths is evident and it becomes clear that Christian morality is not a form of stoicism, or self-denial, or merely a practical philosophy or a catalogue of sins and faults. Before all else, the Gospel invites us to respond to the God of love who saves us, to see God in others and to go forth from ourselves to seek the good of others. Under no circumstance can this invitation be obscured!

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.

The Geography Exam

I was studying for my teaching diploma and had to take one last geography exam, which consisted of a practical lesson given to children in front of a panel, on a subject of my own choice. I was well prepared on the agriculture of a region in Spain and I had lots of teaching aids, so that the children would be able to see and better understand what I was talking about.

I was waiting for my turn. At a certain moment another student teacher asked me which subject I had prepared. I explained and showed her what I had with me. She told me that she too had chosen the same lesson but didn't have anything to show to the children and, realising how important it was, asked me for one or two things. Even though I tried to love Jesus in her, she was the person with whom I had the least rapport; on many occasions she had been very offhand with me. She came from a higher class and didn't do anyone any favours and so I didn't particularly like her. She would have been the last person I would have given anything to. Besides this I was worried that if I had less material, my own presentation wouldn't be so good. It was a difficult moment for me, but I remembered throughout that it was Jesus, and felt that I had to love her as myself. I gave her half of what I had.

I remember the happiness I felt within. It was pure joy: I had been able to love Jesus despite everything! The moment of the exam came. I gave my presentation with what I had left. When the marks were announced I realized that I had the highest. Was Jesus happy then?



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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	26th	8.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Holy Saturday Parish Communities' Intention
EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD			
Sun	27th	9.00am	St George's - Jack & Margaret Gearing's Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Mary Patricia Smith RIP
Mon	28th	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	29th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Edwin Eddy Hoskins RIP
Wed	30th	10.00am	St George's - Mrs Vera Almeida RIP
Thur	31st	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Jim Cleary RIP
Fri	1st	10.00am	St George's - Mary Catherine Cooray RIP
Sat	2nd	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER			
Sun	3rd	9.00am	St George's - Elizabeth Shepherd RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Maureen Clarke

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
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ALL CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE ABOVE VIA THE PRIEST'S HOUSE PLEASE
Polegate Hall Hire.....Tel: (01323) 504753
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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'Hara, 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, tel.841504 or by hand marked NEWSLETTER, to Fr. Rory's House by 9am Wednesday.

Fr Rory Writes:

EASTER GREETINGS

Fr Rory

St George's Social Committee - next meeting Saturday 2nd April, 10.00 am in the hall.

Indian Mass: will be celebrated by Fr Cyril at 4pm on Easter Sunday afternoon at St Wilfrid's Church. All welcome.

St George's Children's Liturgy will be holding a cake sale after Mass on Sunday 17th April to raise money towards the First Holy Communion breakfast and the Abbots Wood picnic. Please give them your support.

St Patrick's Day Bash: A really big thank you to all who helped and contributed towards this special event and to all who supported and helped raise the grand total of £242.10. Thank you.

St George's Children's Society: will be holding a coffee morning on Friday 8th April at 10.30am after Mass. Sales table and raffle. All welcome.

Foodbank Easter Holiday Club: Hailsham foodbank is piloting a 'Holiday Meals' programme for the Trussell Trust which gives a free activity and meal to families in need during the Easter and Summer holidays. The club is being called 'The Holiday Shack' and will be at the Children's Centre, Hailsham East Community Centre, Vega Close, Hailsham. The club will run 10.45-1pm with volunteers from 10-1.30pm on Thursday 31 March, Friday 1 April, Tuesday 5, Thursday 7 and Friday 8 April. If you would be interested in helping out maybe with setting up tables for meals/activities, serving meals, and clearing away afterwards as well as being around to chat to families do speak to **Julie Coates** on **07474 671350** or email her on info@hailsham.foodbank.org.uk.

Thank you to all who made soup and/or helped in any way with the Lent soup lunches at St George's. They were very much appreciated for their hard work.

Churches Together, Polegate:
Sonrise, the celebration of Christ's rising from the dead – Easter Sunday, at Butts Brow, 6.30 a.m. Breakfast will be served afterwards at St John's Church.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers: please collect these for our Catholic School, St Thomas a Becket. They enable the school to exchange them for sport equipment. They can be passed on via a parishioner who has a child at the school or via the Children's Liturgy team on Sunday morning.

Catholic Bible School : Nutbourne : Scripture Saturday
The Sacraments and the Scriptures led by Fr Andrew Moss (A&B priest). Saturday, April 2, 2016. Suggested donation £15 to cover costs. 10:00am to 3:00pm. Farm Lane, Nutbourne, Chichester, PO18 8SD. For more details see www.catholic-bible-school.org/events

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

Divine Mercy Sunday in this The Year of Mercy: The annual Holy Hour of Adoration will be held at St Mary Magdalene's, Bexhill-on-Sea at 2.30pm on Sunday 3rd April. The Order of Service and details may be viewed on the displayed poster. The devotions will be followed by complimentary afternoon tea in the hall.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND, OCTOBER 2017: Sacred Heart Parish in Hove are running a Holy Land Pilgrimage for 18-35s during October half term 2017. It is open to people from around the Diocese and will be a comprehensive pilgrimage, taking in areas including Galilee, Cana, Nazareth, the River Jordan, Mount Tabor, Capernaum, Jericho, the Dead Sea, Bethlehem, Jaffa and many others. A fantastic chance to make some new friends and to learn more about your faith in the land where it all started! You can download an application pack via the Facebook page at Facebook.com/HolyLand2017<<http://Facebook.com/HolyLand2017>>. For more information, contact YPPHL2017@gmail.com<<mailto:YPPHL2017@gmail.com>>.

Alpha: Christianity, Boring? Irrelevant? Untrue? A Chance to Question, Discuss and think about Your Beliefs and The Questions of Life. Ancey Junior School Hall, Sutton Avenue, Seaford. Beginning Friday 15th April, 12 Sessions, Supper 7pm End 9pm. For further information, ring 07594 456441. You will be most welcome.

1st Communion Mass at St Wilfrid's will be at the 10:30am Mass on 22nd May.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Wed 30th March St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm
Sat 2nd April St George's Social Committee, St George's Hall, 10am
Wed 6th April St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm
Fri 8th April St G's Children's Society Coffee Morning, 10.30am
Wed 13th April Mother Teresa Group Mtg, St George's Hall, 2.30pm
Sun 17th April St G's Children's Liturgy Cake Sale, after Mass
Sun 22nd May 1st Communion Mass, St Wilfrid's Church, 10.30am
Sun 29th May 1st Communion Mass, St George's Church, 9am

COLLECTIONS: (19th/20th March)

St George's	£219.66
Easter Flowers	£87.96
Weekly ave./Monthly D/D	£176.50
St Wilfrid's	£375.36
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's 186 St G's 106	
Thank you for your continued generosity	
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Bonus Ball:

Sat 19th March
No: 22
Margaret Sinnott

Wed 16th March
No: 1
Loretta Fry