

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON
Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

Cf. Ps 65:1-2

THE COLLECT

May your people exult for ever, O God,
in renewed youthfulness of spirit,
so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption,
we may look forward in confident hope
to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection.
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

2:14. 22-33

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always,
for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me.
So my heart was glad
and my tongue cried out with joy;
my body, too, will rest in the hope
that you will not abandon my soul to Hades
nor allow your holy one to experience corruption.
You have made known the way of life to me,
you will fill me with gladness through your presence.'

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ; he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps 15:1-2.5.7-11. R.v11

R) Show us, Lord, the path of life.

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 first letter of St Peter

1:17-21

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Cf. Lk 24:32

Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us.
Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 24:13-35

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us; they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them.

Now while he was with them at the table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Receive, O Lord, we pray,
these offerings of your exultant Church,
and, as you have given her cause for such
great gladness,
grant also that the gifts we bring
may bear fruit in perpetual happiness.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Lk 24: 35

**The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus
in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Look with kindness upon your people, O Lord,
and grant, we pray,
that those you were pleased to renew by eternal mysteries
may attain in their flesh
the incorruptible glory of the resurrection.
Through Christ our Lord.

OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

GOSPEL REFLECTION



“Jesus of Nazareth who proved he was a great prophet...” There are many people today, even Christians, who are happy to accept Jesus as “a great prophet”; but they cannot – will

not? – make the step of Faith and believe that he is God, the Son of God. It is certainly clear that the two disciples on their way to Emmaus had not reached that point. Until that moment after the resurrection, had they in fact had it demanded of them? Looking back at the story we can see that Jesus was putting forward his claim to Sonship and therefore to Divinity, throughout his public ministry. We are told that the

Pharisees accused him of blasphemy “Because he spoke of God as his own Father and so made himself God’s equal”. Or again, when Jesus forgave the sins of the paralytic, “Who can forgive sins but God alone?” The disciples were indeed slow to believe; but as a result of their conversation with the ‘stranger’ on their way to Emmaus, their “eyes were opened”: they needed Jesus, for Faith is always a gift offered.

**EVANGELII GAUDIUM
(JOY OF THE GOSPEL)****II. TEMPATIONS FACED BY
PASTORAL WORKERS**

76(cont'd) They [Christians giving their lives in love] help so many people to be healed or to die in peace in makeshift hospitals. They are present to those enslaved by different addictions in the poorest places on earth. They devote themselves to the education of children and young people. They take care of the elderly who have been forgotten by everyone else. They look for ways to communicate values in hostile environments. They are dedicated in many other ways to showing an immense love for humanity inspired by the God who became man. I am grateful for the beautiful example given to me by so many Christians who joyfully sacrifice their lives and their time. This witness comforts and sustains me in my own effort to overcome selfishness and to give more fully of myself.



Holiness for Everyone*

Patience and Courage

The first steps in the way of holiness concern a healing of our former bad habits and sins. Healing takes time. It is a gradual process, ... [but] victory is assured for those who persevere. Begin with a good confession, an overview of your whole life, and firmly resolve to live more fully for God. Just resolving to get by with as little effort as possible is not a good sign! Free your heart and be joyful in giving. Those who go the whole way draw strength from their determination to hold nothing back. Think how God has chosen you and loved you from the beginning. Think of the love of Jesus Crucified, his mercy and goodness; and so put the past behind you and give yourself unreservedly into the hands of the God who loves you so tenderly. In this way you will make a definitive break with your past sins and open yourself to a new future with confidence.

As we grow in the gift of self, so we become more sensitive even to small faults. It is the result of the light of the Holy Spirit shining in our lives. Any sin, even a small one, sullies us and weakens our devotion. We must however be specially on our guard against remaining attached to any sin, no matter how small it may seem to be.

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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	29th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Martin Malone RIP THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (Special Collection Next Sunday for The Education of Future Priests)
Sun	30th	9.00am	St George's - John Maguire RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention
Mon	1st	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	2nd	11.00am	St George's - Requiem Mass for Grace Vercelli RIP
Wed	3rd	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Patrick McGovern RIP
Thur	4th	10.00am	St George's - Jack Gearing RIP (Hall in use for Council Elections)
Fri	5th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Holy Souls' Intention
Sat	6th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - In Honour of Our Lady FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Special Collection Today for The Education of Future Priests)
Sun	7th	9.00am	St George's - Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Michael Bradley RIP
<i>1st Thursday of the month: 9.30am St George's - 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) 832577
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, Margaret, Tom and Elizabeth Woodrow-Spencer, Enza Riddiford, Dorothy Hanlon, Margaret Westcar, Brian Winter and Ann 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:

Very Grateful: The right man was in the right place; and it turned out to be a great blessing for the building of the new church at St Wilfrid's. Just retiring from a life time of work in the health and safety department within the building industry, Brian Dowsett offered his services, for free, to help us to carry out the new building. Many hours, competent, capable and responsible always prepared to go the extra mile and his contribution also to the arts and architecture, as well as carrying out practical tasks was a real godsend. Now having to move, he is a great loss, and leaves us with a very difficult replacement to make. We owe him a great debt of gratitude, and the loss of his personality and diligence will be felt for a long time. The members of the development project have expressed their appreciative thanks.

Recently we had a letter from Bishop Richard, encouraging us to take a collection for our twinned Diocese in Peru who are experiencing hardships because of weather conditions at this time. So we will have a collection for them after our Masses.

Fr Rory

St George's Plant Fair will take place on Saturday 20th May from 10.00 am. Any donations of plants and garden tools or decorative pots welcomed on the day. Please do support this venture as a great deal of hard work goes into putting the fair on.

The Mother Teresa Group are to hold a Bring and Buy sale on Thursday 11th May from 2.30pm. There will be goods for sale including cakes, biscuits, books, jigsaws, a raffle. All are welcome to help us raise money for charities. We support the Mustard Seed in Eastbourne, the Missionaries of Charity, and the Homeless in Brighton.

'ENCOUNTER' Evenings for 15-30s starting in East Sussex

The popular ENCOUNTER programme, which has been running successfully for a few years now, will be starting in Bexhill on Friday May 12th. ENCOUNTER is an evening event for young Catholics, designed to let them deepen their faith in a friendly environment, together with people their own age. Evenings typically involve some food (snacks), live music, Adoration, and an inspiring talk. We are delighted to have David Beresford as our guest speaker for the first evening. David is the Director of the Catholic Bible School. The first evening will be on Friday May 12th, 7.30 to 9.30pm in the Hall at St Mary Magdalene's. Entry is free. For more information, search 'Catholic ENCOUNTER' on Facebook.

'Thy Kingdom Come' - Sunday 28 May

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement, which invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. Justin Welby says: 'We are invited to make a lasting difference in our nations and in our world, by responding to God's call to find a deep unity of purpose in prayer'. **Christians in the Eastbourne area have an opportunity to come together in worship and prayer in an inter-church event at the Kings Centre, Edison Road BN23 6PT at 7 pm.** Find out more how you, your family or your church might respond.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Thur 11th May Mother Teresa Group Mtg, St George's Hall, 2.30pm
Sat 20th May Plant Fair, St George's Church, 10am
Sun 21st May Children's Liturgy Outing, Abbott's Wood, 12 midday
Sat 27th May Indian Mass, St Wilfrid's Church, 10am

An Indian Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, 27th May, at 10.00am in St Wilfrid's Church. Everyone is welcome to attend.

St Thomas A Becket PTA invites you to Murder Mystery show on Friday 19th May.

Venue – Junior School Hall, Tutts Barn Lane, doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start. A Two course supper is included. Tickets £7.50 on sale from Mon 16th May from school office or £10 on the night. All proceeds go to the schools fundraising. ADULT ONLY 16+

The Children's Liturgy outing to Abbott's Wood will be held on Sunday 21st May from 12 midday.

All children and their families from both communities are welcome. Please note there is a charge for the car park.

WINE AND CHEESE SOCIAL with a topic: "A COMPLETE LAYPERSONS GUIDE TO SOME SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERIES OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY" All Are Welcome

Guest Speaker: Rev Fr Raglan Hay-Will

Date: Thursday 25th May 2017

Time: 7 for 7.30pm

Venue: Christ The King Parish Room, 3 Princess Road, Eastbourne, BN23 6HT

Any queries, contact Alex 07957632208

Students from Brighton and Sussex Universities are more than welcome

St Thomas a Becket School are collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers in exchange for some valuable school resources. If you have any please leave them on a table in the porch.

Help Required: The Parish is in need of a Health & Safety Officer. Duties to include monthly checks of fire extinguishers, exits and the church alarm with records to be maintained. It would take about 45 minutes of someone's time per month. Anyone who can help please contact Fr Rory, David Hoad or Bill O'Rourke for further information.

COLLECTIONS: (22nd/23rd April)

St George's	£206.09
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D	£176.50
St Wilfrid's	£225.08
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's 130 St G's 100	
Thank you for your continued generosity	
If you pay tax please use gift aid envelopes.	

Bonus Ball:

Sat 22nd April
No: 24
Margaret Forde
Wed 19th April
No: 45
Ann Fielder