

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Ps 118: 137, 124

**You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;  
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.**

**THE COLLECT**

O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance. 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 book of Wisdom

9:13-18

What man can know the intentions of God?  
Who can divine the will of the Lord?  
The reasonings of mortals are unsure  
and our intentions unstable;  
for a perishable body presses down the soul,  
and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.  
It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth,  
laborious to know what lies within our reach;  
who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?  
As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom  
and sent your holy spirit from above?  
Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened  
and men been taught what pleases you,  
and saved, by Wisdom.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.****PSALM**

Ps 89:3-6.12-14.17. R.v1

**R) O Lord, you have been our refuge  
from one generation to the next.**

You turn men back into dust  
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'  
To your eyes a thousand years  
are like yesterday, come and gone,  
no more than a watch in the night. **(R)**

You sweep men away like a dream,  
like grass which springs up in the morning.  
In the morning it springs up and flowers:  
by evening it withers and fades. **(R)**

Make us know the shortness of our life  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?  
Show pity to your servants. **(R)**

In the morning, fill us with your love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:  
give success to the work of our hands. **(R)**

**SECOND READING**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philemon 9-10. 12-17

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do

anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.****GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jn 15:15

**I call you friends, says the Lord,  
because I have made known to you  
everything I have learnt from my Father.  
Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL**

Luke 14:25-33

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

O God, who give us the gift of true prayer and of peace,  
graciously grant that through this offering,  
we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty  
and, by partaking of the sacred mystery,  
we may be faithfully united in mind and heart.  
Through Christ our Lord.

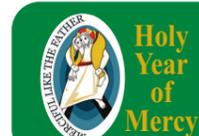
**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Cf. Ps 41: 2-3

**Like the deer that yearns for running streams,  
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;  
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Grant that your faithful, O Lord,  
whom you nourish and endow with life  
through the food of your Word and heavenly Sacrament,  
may so benefit from your beloved Son's great gifts  
that we may merit an eternal share in his life.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.



Holy Year of Mercy

# OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

## GOSPEL REFLECTION



Very few people – if any – get through life without trouble and sorrow afflicting them at some point. Everyone has their “cross” to bear – even if it is only living with oneself! These

are the crosses Jesus is referring to; that we must carry willingly if we wish to follow him. Jesus' way is, we know, “the way of the cross”. All the same, what is the point he is making with his examples of kings “marching to war” and men “building a tower”? He seems to be urging his followers to realise that they cannot possibly follow him “under their own steam”, so to speak: they do not have the resources or the right mind. They MUST

put all their confidence in him, in the help of his Holy Spirit, in grace. They are sheep following their shepherd. As St Thomas the Apostle said to Jesus at the Last Supper, “Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way” Jesus said, “I am the Way...” The Way – and also Truth and Life. Christians must have the mind of Christ and live in him if they are to follow him on the way of the cross.

**HERE AND NOW****A Note Of Dignity**

If people begin – or begin again – to live the present moment well, you will notice with time that their actions have taken on a note of dignity, even if they didn't set out to do so. You can see that person's only and supernatural support: love for God.

This festive note, which characterizes such persons' every action, gives colour to their lives. As a consequence, their inner lives gain ever more focus.

Many things can be said of them: in prayer they are immersed in God, in company free and cheerful, in their duties precise, with themselves demanding; towards everyone they are like a brother or sister, with those in their care exacting; they are merciful with those who fall and convinced of their own nothingness and God's all-powerfulness; often dissatisfied with their own accomplishments, they are always ready to hope and begin again.

It is precisely this consistent beginning again which is a great help to us, who are weakened by original sin. It gives us a sense of continuity, even as we do a great variety of things. It gives a sense of holiness, little at first, but then more and more.

Because holy is the one who lives no longer in self, in the will of the self, but is transferred instead into the will of Another.

*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 an economy of exclusion**

53 (cont'd) Human beings are themselves considered consumer goods to be used and then discarded. We have created a “throw away” culture which is now spreading. It is no longer simply about exploitation and oppression, but something new. Exclusion ultimately has to do with what it means to be a part of the society in which we live; those excluded are no longer society's underside or its fringes or its disenfranchised – they are no longer even a part of it. The excluded are not the “exploited” but the outcast, the “leftovers”.



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### WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	3rd	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Michael Bradley RIP <b>TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> (Special Collection next Sunday for The Catholic Education Service)
Sun	4th	9.00am	St George's - Paul Bree RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention
Mon	5th	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	6th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Charlotte & Francis Gaynor RIP
Wed	7th	10.00am	St George's - Elizabeth Shepherd RIP
Thur	8th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Mrs Mary Kennedy RIP
Fri	9th	10.00am	St George's - Mrs Vera Almeida RIP
Sat	10th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Deceased Members of Dobson Family <b>TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> (Special Collection Today for The Catholic Education Service) (Special Collection Next Sunday for Home Mission Sunday)
Sun	11th	9.00am	St George's - Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Caroline Hunt 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 Line .....Jean 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, 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](mailto:ssgeorge.wilfrid@btinternet.com), tel.841504 or by hand marked **NEWSLETTER**, to Fr. Rory's House by **9am Wednesday.**

Fr Rory Writes:

### Gardens of Remembrance

We are very blessed to have our Garden of Remembrance at St George's. I think it is very important to highlight the remembrance aspect. I believe that there is a distinct difference from a cemetery, where an important awareness is the mortal remains of the persons buried there. We all remember the Liturgy of Ash Wednesday "Remember man thou art, but dust and unto dust thou shall return". But the act of remembrance places the true focus "our true home is in heaven where Christ is". So I think that the maintenance of the garden as a place for quiet prayer, of spending time in a helpful, peaceful environment is most important. To be able to place an appropriate plant/plaque in remembrance is also important.

As we are about to begin a new year of faith in the life of our church, it is my hope that the greatest emphasis can be placed on life. This is at the heart of the message that Jesus desired to bring. "I have come so that you may have life and have it to the full". Please God, over the last few years we have been attempting to put it solid foundations and that we are now ready to build. Through the coming weeks different parts of the body that is the church can be highlighted. Most important to it all is prayer and devotions. A strong emphasis is placed upon Lectio Divina and each week we will have an opportunity to share in this in order to strengthen our faith.

To be cont.....

**St George's Leaven Group Meeting** is on 7th September at 6.15 pm in the church. **Please note change of date!**

**Catholic Bible School : Eastbourne : Scripture Saturday**  
Luke- A Gospel of Mercy and Joy led by David Beresford  
Saturday, September 10, 2016. 10:45am to 1:30pm. Suggested donation £10 to cover costs. Held at Our Lady of Ransom Hall, Grange Road, Eastbourne, BN21 4EU. For more details see [www.catholic-bible-school.org/events](http://www.catholic-bible-school.org/events)

**"Rehabilitation or Forgetting Prisoners?"**. Monday 5th September, Talk by Canon Keith Pound, former Chaplain General, Prison Service England, Scotland & Wales. 7pm for 7.30pm – 9pm. St Mary Magdalene Church Hall, Magdalene Road, Bexhill TN40 1RH (opposite Bexhill railway station.) Organised by Eastbourne and Bexhill Newman Association. Entrance free. All welcome. Contact either Alex Mthobi (07957 632208) or Edward Echlin (01424 219788) for more information.

**Listening with the Ear and Heart:** A residential retreat led by Bishop Richard Moth of Arundel and Brighton. Thursday 15th September to Friday 16th September 2016 at St Cuthman's Retreat Centre. The retreat will focus on teaching and practical experience of Lectio Divina. Cost £110.00  
Please call 01403 741220 (Mon-Fri 9am - 6pm) or email: [stcuthmans@dabnet.org](mailto:stcuthmans@dabnet.org) for more information.

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

**Wed 7th Sept** St George's Leaven Group Mtg, St G's Church, 6.15pm  
**Wed 7th Sept** St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm  
**Wed 14th Sept** Mother Teresa Group Mtg, St George's Hall, 2.30pm  
**Wed 14th Sept** St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm  
**Sat 17th Sept** St George's Choir Practice, St George's Church, 10am  
**Sun 18th Sept** Songs of Praise, St George's Church, 4pm  
**Wed 21st Sept** St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm

Bring the Bible to life  
In collective worship – Church and School in Partnership

Open the Book is joining with Chichester Diocese to offer free training for clergy, children and family workers, and members of the congregation. Whether you have some training or none this will give you a good foundation for starting a team and getting active in your local school...

**Time:** Doors open for registration at 9.30am for a 10.00am start and the day ends at 3 pm

**Refreshments:** Tea and coffee provided, please bring a packed lunch

**How to book your place:** Please email [enquiries@openthebook.net](mailto:enquiries@openthebook.net) and include the event date, and your name or call 01793 418355

We have several venues to choose from:

13th Sept - The Church of St Peter & St Paul, Hellingly

14th Sept - All Saints CEP School, Horsham

19th Oct - Balcombe CEP School, Haywards Heath

**Apple Picking Weekend:** Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th September, 10am to 4pm. St Cuthman's, Cowfold Road, Coolham. Bring the family and enjoy a day helping us to pick and press our apples in our Edwardian Orchard. There will be Worship, workshops and music. The day is FREE, donations are welcome. Tea and cake will be served to our volunteers. Please feel free to bring lunch to share. Telephone to book a place on 01403 741220 (Mon - Fri, 9am - 6pm).

#### COLLECTIONS: (27th/28th August)

<b>St George's</b>	£TBC
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D	£176.50
<b>St Wilfrid's</b>	£TBC
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's TBC	St G's TBC

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#### Bonus Ball:

**Sat 27th August**

No:  
TBC

**Wed 24th August**

No:  
TBC