

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 26: 1-2

**The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; whom should I dread?
When those who do evil draw near, they stumble and fall.**

THE COLLECT

O God, from whom all good things come, grant that we, who call on you in our need, may at your prompting discern what is right, and by your guidance do it. 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 17:17-24

The son of the mistress of the house fell sick; his illness was so severe that in the end he had no breath left in him. And the woman said to Elijah, 'What quarrel have you with me, man of God? Have you come here to bring my sins home to me and to kill my son?' 'Give me your son,' he said, and taking him from her lap, carried him to the upper room where he was staying and laid him on his own bed. He cried out to the Lord, 'Lord my God, do you mean to bring grief to the widow who is looking after me by killing her son?' He stretched himself on the child three times and cried out to the Lord, 'Lord my God, may the soul of this child, I beg you, come into him again!' The Lord heard the prayer of Elijah and the soul of the child returned to him again and he revived. Elijah took the child, brought him down from the upper room into the house, and gave him to his mother. 'Look,' Elijah said 'your son is alive.' And the woman replied, 'Now I know you are a man of God and the word of the Lord in your mouth is truth itself.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13. R.v2

**R) I will praise you, Lord,
you have rescued me.**

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. **(R)**

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts a moment; his favour through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. **(R)**

The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help. For me you have changed my mourning into dancing; O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians 1:11-19

The Good News I preached is not a human message that I was given by men, it is something I learnt only through a revelation of Jesus Christ. You must have heard of my career as a practising Jew, how merciless I was in persecuting the Church

of God, how much damage I did to it, how I stood out among other Jews of my generation, and how enthusiastic I was for the traditions of my ancestors.

The God, who had specially chosen me while I was still in my mother's womb, called me through his grace and chose to reveal his Son in me, so that I might preach the Good News about him to the pagans. I did not stop to discuss this with any human being, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to see those who were already apostles before me, but I went off to Arabia at once and later went straight back from there to Damascus. Even when after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and stayed with him for fifteen days, I did not see any of the other apostles; I only saw James, the brother of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Cf. Eph 1:17. 18
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds of us.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 7:11-17

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

Jesus went to a town called Nain, accompanied by his disciples and a great number of people. When he was near the gate of the town it happened that a dead man was being carried out for burial, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a considerable number of the townspeople were with him. When the Lord saw her he felt sorry for her. 'Do not cry' he said. Then he went up and put his hand on the bier and the bearers stood still, and he said, 'Young man, I tell you to get up.' And the dead man sat up and began to walk, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Everyone was filled with awe and praised God saying, 'A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.' And this opinion of him spread throughout Judaea and all over the countryside.

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Look kindly upon our service, O Lord, we pray, that what we offer may be an acceptable oblation to you and lead us to grow in charity. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Ps 17: 3

**The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer;
my God is my saving strength.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May your healing work, O Lord, free us, we pray, from doing evil and lead us to what is right. Through Christ our Lord.



OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

GOSPEL REFLECTION



Jesus, in his compassion for the widow of Nain, would seem to be preparing and comforting his own widowed Mother, who would

see her only Son die horribly on the cross and – three days later – see him raised from death! The story of the Widow of Nain harks back to a story of the prophet Elijah: he raised from death the little son of his widowed landlady. Every age has its prophets, who speak for the Lord - as Elijah, and more recently St Faustina. Someone who today seems to write in a prophetic way is Elizabeth Wang, the founder of the Radiant Light Apostolate. In her "Teachings in

Prayer" (2297A), she quotes the Holy Spirit as saying of Our Lady, "Remember that the whole Church... (is) united with us, the Holy Trinity, in celebrating Mary's human achievements as well as her spiritual privileges. Her endurance and perseverance are tremendous causes for rejoicing." The messages of the prophets remain 'unofficial'; but they are gifts from the Lord to encourage us; they stir up our Faith and love, whether in himself or in his beloved Mother.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



IV. A MISSION EMBODIED WITHIN HUMAN LIMITS

44 (*cont'd*) I want to remind priests that the confessional must not be a torture chamber but rather an encounter with the Lord's mercy which spurs us on to do our best. A small step, in the midst of great human limitations, can be more pleasing to God than a life which appears outwardly in order but moves through the day without confronting great difficulties. Everyone needs to be touched by the comfort and attraction of God's saving love, which is mysteriously at work in each person, above and beyond their faults and failings.

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.

Give and it will be given to you

I was living in Poland during some very difficult times in 1980. It was a time of political and economic crisis and inflation was sky high. The shops were empty. Only vinegar and salt were on display on the grocery counters! Meat, sugar, bread and rice were rationed and when they were available there were long queues for them.

It was Easter. Tradition demands that as well as eggs, other foods used to celebrate Easter are also blessed, and among these cooked ham is a must. But where was it to be found? On Easter morning one of our relatives, quite unexpectedly, brought a small piece, which she had found who knows where, which she wanted to share.

But we remembered some of our young friends who we were certain would have very little to put on their table for Easter and we decided to give the ham to them. Later that day the doorbell rang. Someone who knew us wanted to share a little of the ham she had. Who knows how or where or how long it took to queue up to get it. We were happy, but then thought of a family who were very faithful to traditions. After a moment's thought we decided to give this ham to them.

A very short time elapsed and there was another knock on the door. This time we were offered a whole ham! The Gospel is true, "Give and it will be given!"



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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	4th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - In Honour of Our Lady TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Sun	5th	9.00am 10.30am	St George's - In Thanksgiving - Jean Haines St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention
Mon	6th	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	7th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Gaynor Family Intention
Wed	8th	10.00am	St George's - Josie Mulhonnand RIP
Thur	9th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Michael Ryan RIP
Fri	10th	10.00am	St George's - Special Intention
Fri	10th	2.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Requiem Mass for Norman South RIP
Sat	11th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Special Collection next Sunday for A Day for Life)
Sun	12th	9.00am 10.30am	St George's - Elizabeth Shepherd 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:

Two very important events: First, the Healing Mass at St George's for the sick and housebound of our parish is at 3pm on Sunday 26th June. A lot of extra help is required because this is a very special and worthwhile event. Please make an extra effort to remember our sick and housebound. It could be a very important opportunity to suggest to someone in need how beneficial and helpful to use this occasion, because each year it has been such a successful event. An opportunity to return to the well and to "taste and see that the Lord is good".

The second event is the United Nations Lunch at St Wilfrid's, after the morning Mass on Sunday 26th June at 12pm. This has been such a successful event, an opportunity to socialize and also to experience some great food. It has been a very helpful fund raiser for the new church, now it is needed to provide a new kitchen and toilets for the hall. Donations for the tombola stall are greatly appreciated.

A very sincere thank you for all who helped to prepare our children's First Communion and their follow up breakfast parties. Also, grateful thanks for the Children's Liturgy Group at St George's for once again organising an outing to Abbots Wood.

Fr Rory

The First Holy Communion Mass at St George's last Sunday was a wonderful occasion for the seven children, their families and the congregation. Thanks are especially due to Cathy, Marie and Mary for preparing the children and parents in the weeks leading up to making their First Holy Communion.

The families were most appreciative for all the work put in both at First Holy Communion preparation and at Children's Liturgy. The children were very prayerful on such an important day in their lives, and each one of them read a prayer from the lectern towards the end of Mass.

This Sunday the First Holy Communion Breakfast will be held in the hall after the 9am Mass at St George's. Everyone is invited to join the children in this celebration.

Worth Abbey: 8th – 14th August 2016: Are you going into year 9-13 this September? If so, we would like to invite you to a week for teenagers at Worth Abbey from the 8-14th August. Over the week we will be exploring what it means to follow Jesus as young people in our world. There will be inspiring talks, lively discussions, creative workshops, sports and games, yummy food and time to chill out and enjoy the beautiful surroundings of Worth Abbey. During the week we will have lots of different experiences of prayer together such as praise and worship, praying with the Monks and we will also have Mass throughout the week. This week is a wonderful opportunity to make new friends and to relax after a busy term! For more information about the week contact francarbone.youthwork@outlook.com and/or to book contact toc@worthabbey.net. Bursaries are available by request. Booking deadline: 25th July.

Summer Fayre: Saturday 18th June 12 – 4pm, St Thomas a Becket School is holding its annual Summer Fayre. This year's theme is "**All Around the World**", with live music, variety of world food, international dance performances, inflatable's, grand prize raffle and much more. More information to follow. Raffle prizes are currently being requested, if you or a company you are linked with can help please contact Sandra on 07791 627368.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Sun 5th June Thanksgiving Mass/Holy Com B/fast, St G's, 9am
Mon 6th June St Wilfrid's Fundraising Meeting, Parish Centre, 7.30pm
Tue 7th June St Wilfrid's Leaven Group Mtg, Parish Centre, 7.30pm
Wed 8th June Mother Teresa Group Mtg, St George's Hall, 2.30pm
Wed 8th June St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm
Wed 15th June St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm
Sat 18th June Summer Fayre, St Thomas a Becket School, 12-4pm
Wed 22nd June St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm
Sun 26th June United Nations Lunch, St Wilfrid's, After 12pm Mass

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.

St Wilfrid's Fundraising Meeting in the Parish Room at 7.30pm on Monday 6th June. The main topic the United Nations Lunch. If you are involved in this event please do come along.

Pictures available to view on our website at www.saintsgeorgeandwilfrid.co.uk of our **Visit to Gournay en Bray** (our Twin Town in France), arranged with Hailsham Churches Together. Also, our **First Holy Communion Service** at St Wilfrid's.

Brighton Celebrate Weekend 2016: Celebrate is a non-residential weekend for all ages and takes place on Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th June at Cardinal Newman School, Hove, BN3 6ND. Our theme is: 'Act justly, love mercy, walk humbly with your God' Micah 6:8

Celebrate weekends are very special. Families and single people, young and old come together in a vibrant atmosphere to celebrate the love of God. Together we experience the best Christian teaching, worship and drama. Join us for daily Mass, inspirational teaching, workshops, streams for children, teenagers and young adults, together with opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. For more information and where you can book www.celebrateconference.org/weekends/brighton

Dedication Mass - St Wilfrid's Church: If anyone would like a copy of the digital pictures (not prints), please contact David Hoad on 01323 849909, donations accepted to the building conversion to the Hall. Thank you.

COLLECTIONS: (28th/29th May)

St George's	£237.54
Missionary Endeavour	£TBC
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D	£176.50

St Wilfrid's	£295.73
Missionary Endeavour	£93.69
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60

Attendances: St W's 146 St G's 139

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Bonus Ball:

Sat 28th May

No:
No Winner

Wed 25th May

No: 16
Teresa Bradley