

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 47: 10-11

**Your merciful love, O God,
we have received in the midst of your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name,
reaches the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with saving justice.**

THE COLLECT

O God, who in the abasement of your Son have raised up a fallen world, fill your faithful with holy joy, for on those you have rescued from slavery to sin you bestow eternal gladness. 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 Zechariah

9:9-10

The Lord says this:

'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!
Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!
See now, your king comes to you;
he is victorious, he is triumphant,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will banish chariots from Ephraim
and horses from Jerusalem;
the bow of war will be banished.
He will proclaim peace for the nations.
His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,
from the River to the ends of the earth.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps 144:1-2.8-11.13-14. R.v1

**R) I will bless your name for ever,
O God my King.**

I will give you glory, O God my King,
I will bless your name for ever.
I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever. **(R)**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **(R)**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. **(R)**

The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans 8:9.11-13

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Cf. Mt 11:25

**Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth,
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to
mere children.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Matthew 11:25-30

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

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May this oblation dedicated to your name purify us, O Lord,
and day by day bring our conduct
closer to the life of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Mt 11: 28

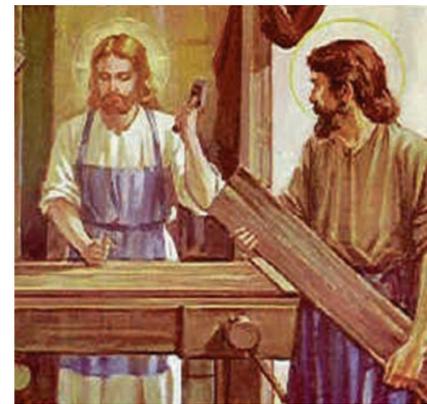
**Come to me, all who labour and are burdened,
and I will refresh you, says the Lord**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, O Lord,
that, having been replenished by such great gifts,
we may gain the prize of salvation
and never cease to praise you.
Through Christ our Lord.

OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

GOSPEL REFLECTION



There are times when feel overburdened, weighed down with tiredness or worry or ill-health; times when we would like to give

up our responsibilities and our commitments. These are the moments when, rather than falling into despair or running away from the situation, we should turn to Jesus: "Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest," he says. We need to understand what it really means to be children with God as our Father. To be a child in the Gospel sense means to throw all our burdens and our concerns into the Father's arms, to abandon ourselves to his love. This is not

always an easy step to take. As adults we tend to want to resolve things ourselves, but if we are honest with ourselves, we have to accept that we often fail in so many things and feel unable to cope with what the world throws at us. This is precisely why Jesus tells us we need to become like little children; little children who, certain of the Father's love, entrust everything to him. To do this requires a step of faith, but if we take that step, we will see life's burdens in another light.

**EVANGELII GAUDIUM
(JOY OF THE GOSPEL)****II. TEMPATIONS FACED BY
PASTORAL WORKERS*****No to a sterile pessimism***

84. The joy of the Gospel is such that it cannot be taken away from us by anyone or anything (cf. Jn 16:22). The evils of our world – and those of the Church – must not be excuses for diminishing our commitment and our fervour. Let us look upon them as challenges which can help us to grow. With the eyes of faith, we can see the light which the Holy Spirit always radiates in the midst of darkness, never forgetting that "where sin increased, grace has abounded all the more" (Rom 5:20). Our faith is challenged to discern how wine can come from water and how wheat can grow in the midst of weeds.



Holiness for Everyone*

Poverty Chastity and Obedience

Obedience consecrates our hearts to God; poverty consecrates our material possessions, while chastity consecrates our bodies to God's service. These are like three branches of the spiritual cross we must carry, and here I am not talking of vowed religious but of all who live a serious Christian life.

Obedience is to live in harmony with the wishes and commands of others. ... Obedience requires life's give and take with an attitude of respect towards all.

Chastity gives us purity of body and radiance of soul. It is necessary for everyone, married or single.

As sexual persons we need to be aware of our dignity as embodied beings and use our bodies in a way consonant with our calling.

A pure heart in a chaste body should be our aim. ...

Poverty consists in being content with what we have and not being jealous or envious of those who have more. If you are rich use your possessions wisely and well, for all are equal in dignity if not in wealth. Don't be attached to what you have, otherwise, if you lose it, you will lose your peace of mind too. Poor people can be rich in love, just as rich people can be poor in spirit. So nobody needs to be a loser!

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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	8th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Special Collection Today for The Apostleship of the Sea)
Sun	9th	9.00am	St George's - Chris Fenn RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Leon Fielder RIP
Mon	10th	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	11th	11.00am	St George's - Requiem Mass for Mrs Johanna Cox
Wed	12th	9.00am	St Wilfrid's - Audrey Guest RIP
Thur	13th	10.00am	St George's - Private Intention
Fri	14th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Teresa McDermott RIP
Sat	15th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Arthur Robinson RIP
			FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Sun	16th	9.00am	St George's - Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Donor's Intention

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 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, 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.**

Fr Rory Writes: (Part 2 of 2)

Following on from last week: Amelie Bandalés prayer of offering:

Act of Offering

O Jesus receive my poor offering. Jesus you have given yourself to me, and now let me give myself to you.

I give you my body, that I may be chaste and pure.

I give you my soul, that I may be free from sin.

I give you my heart, that I may always love you.

I give you my every breath that I shall breathe, and especially my last.

I give myself in life and in death, that I may be yours for ever and ever.

Jr Rory

Apostleship of the Sea

Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. Today's second collection is for Apostleship of the Sea (AoS), the Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. This collection is vital to enable it to continue its work, so please give generously and remember seafarers in your prayers. Thank you. To donate online please visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk Where does your money go? For every £1 you give to AoS, we spend: 77p directly on seafarers' welfare, 4p on governance and administration, 19p on generating more funds to continue our work.

Back by popular demand at St George's Church Hall, **The Anne Shelton Story** - presentation by her niece, Kelly Richards. This will take place on Sunday 20th August at 3.00pm followed by a vintage tea party. Tickets at £5.00 per person available soon.

Evenings of Reflection with Bishop Richard 2018:

Thursday January 18th - St John's Church, Horsham, Thursday February 8th - St Joseph's Church, Epsom, Thursday February 22nd - St Michael's Church, Worthing, Saturday March 3rd - St John's Seminary, Wonersh, Saturday March 10th - St Mary Magdalene's, Bexhill. All evenings run from 7pm to 9pm. **BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL.** Contact Jack.Regan@dabnet.org

Diocesan Wedding Anniversaries Mass: If you are celebrating a significant wedding anniversary this year please join Bishop Richard to give thanks for the gift of marriage. 12noon on Saturday 7th October 2017, at Arundel Cathedral, London Road, Arundel, BN18 9AY. Followed by a drinks reception in the Cathedral Centre. Family members welcome. For a booking form please contact the Diocesan Marriage and Family Life Secretary, Rosie Read: Tel: 01293 651161 or email rosie.read@dabnet.org

Friends of EDGH: are still collecting milk bottle tops to help raise money for hospital equipment. Please help them by bringing in your washed red, blue and green bottle tops and place in the container provided in both church porches. Thank you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Thurs 13th July Mother Teresa Group Mtg, St George's Hall, 2.30pm
Thurs 10th Aug Mother Teresa Group Mtg, St George's Hall, 2.30pm
Sun 20th Aug Presentation/Vintage Tea Party, St George's Hall, 3pm

Power to Be: Every child has the power to achieve great things. But one in six people live without electricity. This holds children back from reaching their full potential. Join CAFOD's Campaign and speak up for local renewable energy to help families around the world lift themselves out of poverty. Go to Cafod.org.uk/powertoBe for more information.

'Dear Church, can you hear me...?' - Saturday 16 September

A chance for Deaf, and hard of hearing and hearing people to work better together. A conference at Victoria Baptist Church 10am to 2.15pm approx. For anyone who is concerned about making the church welcoming and fully accessible to people who are Deaf or experience hearing loss, whether they are Deaf BSL users or lip readers, hard of hearing or hearing. It would be wonderful to welcome at least one representative from every church. For more information look on the website www.hellochurch.co.uk/ or email Daphne Brett on dmbrett@btinternet.com.

Diocesan Mass for Altar Servers: Bishop Richard will preside at Holy Mass for all Diocesan Altar Servers on Saturday 9th September 2017 at 12 noon in Arundel Cathedral. All who have served, all who are serving and anybody who would like to come are welcome to attend. Please bring your cassock and cotta or alb. Mass is followed by light refreshments in the Cathedral Centre (Please bring a packed lunch)

COLLECTIONS: (1st/2nd July)

St George's	£212.40
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D	£176.50
St Wilfrid's	£258.63
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's	153
St G's	76

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Bonus Ball:

Sat 1st July
No: 6
Michael Winner

Wed 28th June
No: 44
Anne O'Rourke