

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

THE COLLECT

O God, who by the mystery of today's great feast sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation, pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit across the face of the earth and, with the divine grace that was at work when the Gospel was first proclaimed, fill now once more the hearts of believers. 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
2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps 103:1.24. 29-31. 34. R.cf v30

R) Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are.
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. **(R)**

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. **(R)**

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. **(R)**

Wis 1:7

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
12:3-7. 12-13

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 20:19-23

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant, we pray, O Lord,
that, as promised by your Son,
the Holy Spirit may reveal to us more abundantly
the hidden mystery of this sacrifice
and graciously lead us into all truth.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Acts 2:4,11
They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, who bestow heavenly gifts upon your Church, safeguard, we pray, the grace you have given, that the gift of the Holy Spirit poured out upon her may retain all its force and that this spiritual food may gain her abundance of eternal redemption. Through Christ our Lord.

OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

GOSPEL REFLECTION



Today's Gospel reading is a brief but very important one. Jesus had promised his disciples that when he returned to the Father he would

send his Holy Spirit to them. As often in the Gospel, the disciples were taken by surprise, even though Jesus had promised or forewarned them of something. Jesus was no longer with them. The disciples felt alone and afraid and so had hidden themselves away from the Jews, in fear of their lives. Knowing how they were feeling, Jesus appears before them and bestows his peace upon them to calm them down and to prepare them for the long-promised gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus 'breathed on them'. The word 'breathe' is often associated with the Holy Spirit. A breath is something gentle and

silent, but it is also life-giving - without breath we cannot live. Without God, we are spiritually dead and we need the gentle breath of the Holy Spirit to revive us. Jesus says to the disciples: "Receive the Holy Spirit," and immediately goes on to speak about the forgiveness of sins. At first glance it may seem rather incongruous to link the Holy Spirit with sin. But on reflection, the life of God cannot grow in us if we are burdened with sin. All of us, if we want to receive the life-giving breath of the Spirit, need first to make an offering of our sins to God.

**EVANGELII GAUDIUM
(JOY OF THE GOSPEL)****II. TEMPATIONS FACED BY
PASTORAL WORKERS*****No to selfishness and
spiritual sloth***

81. At a time when we most need a missionary dynamism which will bring salt and light to the world, many lay people fear that they may be asked to undertake some apostolic work and they seek to avoid any responsibility that may take away from their free time. For example, it has become very difficult today to find trained parish catechists willing to persevere in this work for some years. Something similar is also happening with priests who are obsessed with protecting their free time. This is frequently due to the fact that people feel an overbearing need to guard their personal freedom, as though the task of evangelization was a dangerous poison rather than a joyful response to God's love which summons us to mission and makes us fulfilled and productive. Some resist giving themselves over completely to mission and thus end up in a state of paralysis and acedia.



Holiness for Everyone*

Thoughts about Mass and the Sacrament

The Eucharist is the most important act of prayer, the greatest mystery of the Christian faith. Do all you can to be present at it every day.

Go to Confession regularly and be particular about examining yourself on how and why you sin. Try to have a sincere sorrow for sin, and be straight and honest in looking at your motives as well as your actions.

When you receive Communion prepare yourself beforehand and make a fervent thanksgiving afterwards. Jesus humbles himself to become our food. It is a time when he is most loving and tender, ready to heal and console those who approach him.

By adoring and feeding upon beauty, purity and goodness in the Eucharist, you yourself will become beautiful, pure and good in your turn. Make yourself at home with the Eucharistic Lord and you will be transformed.

If you cannot be present at Mass in body because of other obligations, then try at least to be present in spirit. In the same way, if for some reason you cannot receive Holy Communion, then make a spiritual communion in your heart. The Eucharist is solid food. Receive It well. Receive It regularly.

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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	3rd	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Private Intention PENTECOST SUNDAY (Special Collection Next Sunday for The Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese)
Sun	4th	9.00am	St George's - Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Marie Kelly RIP
Mon	5th	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	6th	10.00am	St George's - Jack Gearing RIP
Wed	7th	11.00am	St Wilfrid's - Requiem Mass for Mrs Josephine Frances Sands
Thur	8th	10.00am	St George's - Joseph Aloysius Silva RIP
Fri	9th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Requiem Mass for Michael Graham RIP
Sat	10th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Flora De Sousa 1st Anniversary RIP THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (Special Collection Today for The Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese) (Special Collection next Sunday for A Day for Life)
Sun	11th	9.00am	St George's - Brenda Troy RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities 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 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.**

David Hoad Writes:

We have a great opportunity to rejoice and celebrate as Churches Together, Polegate, the venue of the Pentecost Service is at Trinity Church at 6pm. Christians together at Hailsham, joining the Crosslink Churches coming together to celebrate Pentecost Sunday, with hymns and songs chosen from across the churches. Looking forward to greeting you there. As our parish communities here, this weekend we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost. The disciples received the gift of the Holy Spirit, and in doing so were transformed from their fearful and insecure state into the missionary leaders of the infant church. The eminent Scottish theologian, William Barclay, describes Pentecost as the birthday of the Christian Church.

Birthdays remind me of relationships. When we celebrate birthdays of our family and friends we are showing our love and appreciation for that person. However, there are times when we need to examine our relationships with those around us. This concept was explored during our recent Parish Retreat Day at Worth Abbey in April through the parable of the Prodigal Son. Jesus asks us to examine our relationship with our heavenly Father and our brothers and sisters. By extension this has clear implications for our Parish community. With this in mind Fr Rory and the Leaven Group are organizing a Name Tag Sunday on 18th June. During the Masses for this weekend we are encouraging everyone to wear a nametag with your name clearly visible in order to start the process of developing stronger relationships within the parish. We do hope that you will support this initiative to create new and genuine friendships. In this way we hope to build strong and robust foundations for the Holy Spirit to work in us all. David Hoad

Ministers of Holy Communion in both communities please note: If you did not renew your promises to the Ministry on Holy Thursday please make every effort to do so on the weekend of Corpus Christi, Sat June 17th/Sunday June 18th, when there will be another opportunity to renew your promises at each Mass. See Fr Rory as soon as possible if you are unable to do this.

Please come to the **Garden Party** at no 3 Broad Road on Wednesday 5th July at 2.30pm. There will be a sales table, cakes, marmalade and jam, and a raffle. We hope you will join us, all monies will go to the Polegate Children with Cancer Fund.

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.

Churches Together, Polegate. The venue of the Pentecost Service on 4th June is now changed to **Trinity Church at 6.00pm.** NOT St Wilfrid's as suggested planned.

Parish Annual Children's Liturgy outing to Abbots Wood: Children from both communities were joined by children's liturgy leaders and helpers, parents and grandparents at the annual picnic and fun day at Abbots Wood on Sunday 21 May 2017. We were blessed with great weather and it was a very happy occasion, where much fun was had by all. Make a note of Sunday May 20 2018, the date of next year's outing.

Our Lady of Fatima Centenary celebrations at Arundel Cathedral. Saturday 1st July.

As part of the celebrations to mark the 100 years since the apparitions of Our Lady in Fatima, the statue of Our Lady of Fatima and relics of Saints Jacinta Marto and Francisco Marto (recently canonized by Pope Francis), are travelling around the country. They visit Arundel Cathedral on 1st and 2nd July. The entrance Procession is starting at 10.30am with Mass at 11am on 1st July. All welcome.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Sun 4th June Pentecost Service, Trinity Church, 6pm
Sun 25th June United Nations Lunch, St Wilfrid's Hall, after Mass
Sat 1st July Summer Fayre, St Thomas a Becket, 11.45am
Wed 5th July Garden Party, 3 Broad Road, 2.30pm
Thurs 13th July Mother Teresa Group Mtg, St George's Hall, 2.30pm
Sun 20th Aug Presentation/Vintage Tea Party, St George's Hall, 3pm

United Nations Lunch: will take place at St Wilfrid's on Sunday 25th June after Mass in the hall/garden. Donations for the tombola will be gratefully received, please leave in the church porch, marked 'tombola'. Thank you.

Roll up...Roll up...**Saturday 1st July St Thomas a Becket School** Summer Fayre with Circus Pazaz opens 11.45am 3 x one-hour circus shows, tickets on sale w/c 12th June - £5, under 3s free. Also included, Arena Displays & Fancy Dress Comp, Bar, BBQ, Filipino, Indian & Italian Food, Inflatables, Raffle, Bottle Tombola (donations welcomed), Face Painting and much more... a fun-filled day for all!
 Gate entry free for those not attending a circus performance.

Lourdes Tea Party:

Sunday 4th June from 11.30am - 1.30pm.
 All past and present pilgrims are invited to the Eastbourne Arundel and Brighton Lourdes Pilgrimage Tea party at Our Lady of Ransom church hall. Please bring a cake to share and invite your fellow pilgrims. Any questions please call Helen French 07816785940.

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, Womersley, Saturday March 10th - St Mary Magdalene's, Bexhill. All evenings run from 7pm to 9pm.
BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL. Contact Jack.Regan@dabnet.org

Ecumenical Service: Pentecost Sunday 4th June, a special service will take place at The Parish Church - St Mary's, Hailsham at 6.30pm. It is in the form of Songs of Praise with suggestions coming from different churches, ours being "Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart and Shine, Jesus Shine". In the life of recent events, it is important that we as Christians should pray more together and try to be a greater sign of unity and peace. For us this is a very important occasion. Please support it if you can.

COLLECTIONS: (27th/28th May)

St George's	£270.60
Catholic Communications	£93.28
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D	£176.50
St Wilfrid's	£324.05
Catholic Communications	£TBC
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's	144
St G's	88

Bonus Ball:

Sat 27th May
 No: 33
 Karl Jung
Wed 24th May
 No: 37
 Bridie Cleary