

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 26:7-9

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face; hide not your face from me, alleluia.

THE COLLECT

Graciously hear our supplications, O Lord, so that we, who believe that the Saviour of the human race is with you in your glory, may experience, as he promised, until the end of the world, his abiding presence among us. 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. 1:15-17. 20-26

One day Peter stood up to speak to the brothers - there were about a hundred and twenty persons in the congregation: 'Brothers, the passage of scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit, speaking through David, foretells the fate of Judas, who offered himself as a guide to the men who arrested Jesus

- after having been one of our number and actually sharing this ministry of ours.

'In the Book of Psalms it says: Let someone else take his office.

'We must therefore choose someone who has been with us the whole time that the Lord Jesus was travelling around with us, someone who was with us right from the time when John was baptising until the day when he was taken up from us - and he can act with us as a witness to his resurrection.'

Having nominated two candidates, Joseph known as Barsabbas, whose surname was Justus, and Matthias, they prayed, 'Lord, you can read everyone's heart; show us therefore which of these two you have chosen to take over this ministry and apostolate, which Judas abandoned to go to his proper place.' They then drew lots for them, and as the lot fell to Matthias, he was listed as one of the twelve apostles.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps 102:1-2. 11-12. 19-20. R.v.19

R) The Lord has set his sway in heaven.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord; all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. **(R)**

For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. **(R)**

The Lord has set his sway in heaven and his kingdom is ruling over all.

Give thanks to the Lord, all his angels, mighty in power, fulfilling his word. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St John 4:11-16

My dear people, since God has loved us so much, we too should love one another. No one has ever seen God; but as long as we love one another God will live in us and his love will be complete in us. We can know that we are living with him and he is living in us because he lets us share his Spirit. We ourselves saw and we testify that the Father sent his Son

as saviour of the world.

If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him, and he in God.

We ourselves have known and put our faith in God's love towards ourselves.

God is love and anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

cf. Jn 14:18

I will not leave your orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 17:11-19

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. **Glorify to you, O Lord.**

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:

'Holy Father, keep those you have given me true to your name, so that they may be one like us.

While I was with them,

I kept those you had given me true to your name.

I have watched over them and not one is lost

except the one who chose to be lost,

and this was to fulfil the scriptures.

But now I am coming to you

and while still in the world I say these things

to share my joy with them to the full.

I passed your word on to them,

and the world hated them,

because they belong to the world

no more than I belong to the world.

I am not asking you to remove them from the world,

but to protect them from the evil one.

They do not belong to the world

any more than I belong to the world.

Consecrate them in the truth;

your word is truth.

As you sent me into the world,

I have sent them into the world,

and for their sake I consecrate myself

so that they too may be consecrated in truth.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful

with the sacrificial offerings,

that through these acts of devotedness

we may pass over to the glory of heaven.

Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jn 17:22

Father, I pray that they may be one

as we also are one, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Hear us, O God our Saviour,

and grant us confidence,

that through these sacred mysteries

there will be accomplished in the body of the whole Church

what has already come to pass in Christ her Head.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

THE ORDER OF MASS

Whenever the Priest says:

The Lord be with you.

The people reply:

And with your spirit.

Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

And, striking their breast, they say:

through my fault, through my fault,

through my most grievous fault;

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,

all the Angels and Saints,

and you, my brothers and sisters,

to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Or:

Have mercy on us, O Lord.

For we have sinned against you.

Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

And grant us your salvation.

Or:

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:

Lord, have mercy. *Or:* Kyrie, eleison.

Lord, have mercy. Or: Kyrie, eleison.

You came to call sinners:

Christ, have mercy. *Or:* Christe, eleison.

Christ, have mercy. Or: Christe, eleison.

You are seated at the right hand of the

Father to intercede for us:

Lord, have mercy. *Or:* Kyrie, eleison.

Lord, have mercy. Or: Kyrie, eleison.

The Gloria

Glorify to God in the highest,

and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,

we bless you,

we adore you,

we glorify you,

we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King,

O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world,

receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father,

have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,

the Father almighty,

maker of heaven and earth,

of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the Only Begotten Son of God,

born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God,

begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,

and by the Holy Spirit

was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,

and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,

he suffered death and was buried,

and rose again on the third day

in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory

to judge the living and the dead

and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins

and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Or:

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,

the Father almighty,

Creator of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died and was buried;

he descended into hell;

on the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;

from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and life everlasting. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),...

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands

for the praise and glory of his name,

for our good

and the good of all his holy Church.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The mystery of faith.

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,

and profess your Resurrection

until you come again.

Or:

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,

we proclaim your Death, O Lord,

until you come again.

Or:

Save us, Saviour of the world,

for by your Cross and Resurrection

you have set us free.

The Communion Rite

Behold the Lamb of God...

Lord, I am not worthy

that you should enter under my roof,

but only say the word

and my soul shall be healed.

The Concluding Rites

After the blessing the Deacon, or the Priest, says:

Go forth, the Mass is ended. *Or:*

Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord. *Or:*

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life. *Or:*

Go in peace.

The people reply:

Thanks be to God.



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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	15th		St Wilfrid's	
		Seventh Sunday of Easter (Collection for the Catholic Communications Network Today)		
Sun	16th	9.00am	St George's -	Margaret Madams RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Parish Communities' Intention
Mon	17th		St George's -	
Tue	18th	10.00am	St George's -	Mary Kenward RIP
Wed	19th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	8th Anniversary of Simon Davis RIP
Thurs	20th		St Georges -	
Fri	21st		St Wilfrid's -	
Sat	22nd		St Wilfrid's -	
		Pentecost		
Sun	23rd	9.00am	St George's -	Mary Kenward RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	People of the Parish and Confirmation

St George's Church, Masses are now held on Tuesdays, at 10am and Sundays, 9am Booking is essential - ring 870990. Booking for St Wilfrid's Church: Go to our website www.saintsgeorgeandwilfrid.co.uk, click the link "Book a Mass" on the righthand side of the front page, select your Mass and follow the instructions, or contact the office on 841504.

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.

St Thomas a Becket Nursery School: Tel 01323 725977 **St Thomas a Becket Primary 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) 487212
St George's & St Wilfrid's Finance Committee Treasurers Charles Piegrome & Monika Beaver
Chairperson of the Finance Committee Stephen Murray
ALL CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE ABOVE VIA THE PRIEST'S HOUSE PLEASE
Polegate Hall Hire.....Tel: (01323) 504753
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POLEGATE CHURCHES TOGETHER

Contact: Margaret Piegrome 01323 870990
Contact Care: 07900 823138

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS those who are unwell: Lily May, Edna Andrews, Julliette Lusted, Jennifer Piskac, Margaret Gearing, Joshua Hardy, Peter & Teresa Zurenkas, Anne Holt, Margaret, Lilian Summers, Tom Woodrow-Spencer, Angela Archer, Colleen, Chris Neyenhuizen, Letty Booth and Michael Copper.

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.**
Office Hours Monday 9am-1pm, Wednesday 8.45am-12.45pm & Friday 9am-12.30pm

Continued....

The Tenth Station: **Jesus appoints Peter head of the church.**

With the appointment of Peter, an uneducated fisherman, His work on earth is done. With Peter at its head He commissions the church to carry out His work. His mandate is clear "good trees bear good fruit, and by your fruits you shall know them". There is no magic Formula, and throughout the years there is a very mixed outcome. So the commission given to the church will be the constant challenge until the fulness of time. Again there is no magic.

"We love you Lord Jesus and we trust in you"

At the beginning of the first lockdown the divine office was a help and an inspiration to me, summed up in the hymns from Stanbrook Abbey Hymnal.

Come, Holy Spirit, live in us
With God the Father and the Son,
And grant us your abundant grace
To sanctify and make us one.

The Eleventh Station: **The risen Lord sends the disciples to evangelise all nations.**

As His mission draws near to its end, Jesus makes it very clear that it is good for us that he should go. John 16. 7. "Yet you are sad at heart because I have told you this, still I must tell you the truth: It is for your own good that I am going because unless I go, the advocate will not come to you".

We are very much like the early disciples, a work in progress and some would say without much success. The question of vocations to the priesthood at this time and the great call of the Second Vatican Council leaves us if we are sincere "calling out for the Holy Spirit to come and refresh us, and the hierarchy. From the second verse of the Hymn:

May mind and tongue made strong in love
Your praise throughout the world proclaim,
And make that love within our hearts
Set fire to others with its flame.

The Twelfth Station: **Jesus ascends into heaven to return at the end of time.**

On His way Jesus said to them "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power from the Holy Spirit when He comes on you; and you will be my witnesses to the ends of the earth". Truly it is a time to be open to, indeed to implore the Holy Spirit to transform our lives.

Most blessed Trinity of love,
For whom the hearts of man was made,
To you be praise in timeless song,
And everlasting homage paid.

Let us really look forward with hope and confidence. Next Sunday we will have two of our young parishioners celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation and please God, on Sunday 11th July at St George's Church and Sunday 18th July at St Wilfrid's Church we will have celebrations for our return to life in our parish.

Alleluia, Alleluia
Give thanks to the risen Lord
Alleluia, Alleluia
Give praise to his name.

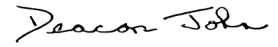
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St George's and St Wilfrid' Churches – two communities, one parish. As we move out of lockdown and look towards the future, we can anticipate sharing events and news once more. This has not been possible for many months, because of staying at home, social distancing - designed to beat the virus that has ravaged the world. Father Rory has worked unstintingly to maintain the status quo in both churches and now there is a chance for us to thank him, by re-forging the links that tie us. There is talk of post-lockdown gatherings, to remember those who sadly have died, to praise the Lord for the miracle of vaccination, whilst enjoying food and drink together. Let us unite in prayer and praise as one parish in appreciation of our Readers, Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers, Stewards and all have who have worked through the pandemic, with the constant support of Father Rory.

Deacon John Writes:

We have heard a lot about 'LOVE' in the readings this Eastertide. This coming Sunday, the last before the great feast of Pentecost, is no exception. The love of God is not easy to explain to children since they are not able to see it for themselves. Yes, we tell them stories about Jesus and take them to Mass but the concept of believing in something they cannot see can be very difficult. However, we do try to give them something they can see - we give unstintingly of our love which has no conditions attached, and is always there for them to see and feel. This is how children learn what love is. This week let us imagine God whispering to each one of us "I will always love you and have always done so. I know you by your name so take courage, trust me to guide you along the path of love. Love for me and for all you meet." Always remember that Jesus prayed for us, loved us and hoped that we will be one with him and live in God's love. We, too, can pray for His love and that we will never fail or forget Him. Let us all think and do like St. Peter did when he said to Jesus, face to face, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you."

So, every day, there is something we can all do: Tell him in your prayers



St George's Children's Liturgy: We are delighted that Children's Liturgy has now returned bi-weekly in St George's Hall. The dates we will be in session are as follows: 23rd May, 6th June, and 20th June. We may return to weekly from July but will be guided by the Covid-19 changes. All children are welcome to the sessions but you must book in advance by contacting Sandra by email at sandraforte40@gmail.com or phone 07791 627368.

St George's First Holy Communion – We are delighted to confirm that on 27th June three of our children will share Communion for the first time at St George's Church. We hope to be able to welcome as many parishioners as possible to attend this service, priority will be given to the families' guests, but there will be space for others. If you wish to attend please contact Margaret Piegrome or Sandra King. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers at this very special time in their Faith Journey.

Confirmation – Plans are currently underway to prepare Catechists to undertake Confirmation instruction for children, who will be in year 10 and above, and wish to take the Sacrament in 2022. More details to follow once a programme has been fully planned by the Catechists and Children's Liturgy team.

Smarties – thank you to all the children who saved their pennies during Lent in their Smartie tubes. The money raised was for us to buy something for Chestnut Tree House. This could buy arts and craft materials, Lego or games, but we want to know what the children would like to buy so please ask them to vote for their preferred purchase and text the choice to Sandra on 07791627368.

Fundraiser for Pax Christi:

In the week from 15 to 21 May, Pax Christi, the Catholic Peace organisation, will be trying to raise funds to make up for lost income due to Covid19. Fausta is having a dance-a-thon, Bruce is delivering a peace message to foreign embassies in London, Matt is cycling 50 miles visiting peace sites, Pat is going on a walk from Victoria to the Peace Pagoda in Battersea Park, Rachel will be cycling for 75 miles, to celebrate Pax Christi's 75th anniversary. More fundraisers are joining the fun.

Please go to their website www.paxchristi.org.uk/register-you-interest/ for details on how you can sponsor them.

2021 - A year of opportunity**An online talk with Christine Allen, Director of CAFOD**

26th May at 7.30 pm, Cost £5

This year the UK will host two major international gatherings: the G7 and the Climate Conference (COP26). Christine Allen will explore ways in which these events could make a difference to our world, especially to the lives of people who live in poverty. She will reflect on the impact of COVID-19 and draw lessons for the future for our interdependence with one another and with our natural world as we seek to recover and heal after the pandemic. You can [book online](#) or T: 01428 642161