

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**The Lord is the strength of his people,  
a saving refuge for the one he has anointed.  
Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage,  
and govern them for ever.**

Cf. Ps 27: 8-9

## THE COLLECT

Grant, O Lord,  
that we may always revere and love your holy name,  
for you never deprive of your guidance  
those you set firm on the foundation of your love.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

## FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Job

38:1.8-11

From the heart of the tempest the Lord gave Job his answer.  
He said:

Who pent up the sea behind closed doors  
when it leapt tumultuous from the womb,  
when I wrapped it in a robe of mist  
and made black clouds its swaddling bands;  
when I marked the bounds it was not to cross  
and made it fast with a bolted gate?  
Come thus far, I said, and no farther:  
here your proud waves shall break.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

Ps 106:23-26.28-31. R.v1

**R) O give thanks to the Lord,  
for his love endures for ever.**

Some sailed to the sea in ships  
to trade on the mighty waters.  
These men have seen the Lord's deeds,  
the wonders he does in the deep. **(R)**

For he spoke; he summoned the gale,  
tossing the waves of the sea  
up to heaven and back into the deep;  
their soul melted away in their distress. **(R)**

Then they cried to the Lord in their need  
and he rescued them from their distress.  
He stilled the storm to a whisper:  
all the waves of the sea were hushed. **(R)**

They rejoiced because of the calm  
and he led them to the haven they desired.  
Let them thank the Lord for his love,  
the wonders he does for men. **(R)**

## SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians  
5:14-17

The love of Christ overwhelms us when we reflect that if one man  
has died for all, then all men should be dead; and the reason he  
died for all was so living men should live no longer for  
themselves, but for him who died and was raised to life for them.

From now onwards, therefore, we do not judge anyone by the  
standards of the flesh. Even if we did once know Christ in the  
flesh, that is not how we know him now. And for anyone who is  
in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and  
now the new one is here.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lk 7:16

**A great prophet has appeared among us;  
God has visited his people.  
Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

Mark 4:35-41

The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us  
cross over to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind they  
took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other  
boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves  
were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But  
he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They  
woke him and said to him, 'Master, do you not care? We are  
going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said  
to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all  
was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so  
frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' They were filled  
with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the  
wind and the sea obey him.'

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

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Receive, O Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation and praise  
and grant that, cleansed by its action,  
we may make offering of a heart pleasing to you.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Ps 144: 15

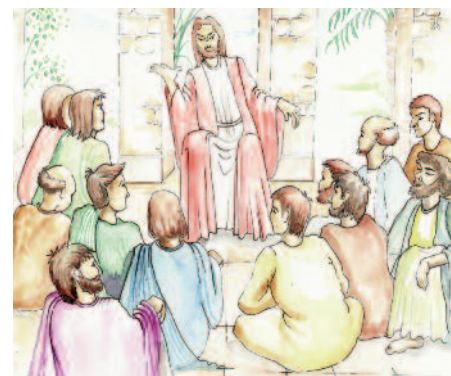
**The eyes of all look to you, Lord,  
and you give them their food in due season.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Renewed and nourished  
by the Sacred Body and Precious Blood of your Son,  
we ask of your mercy, O Lord,  
that what we celebrate with constant devotion  
may be our sure pledge of redemption.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Our Faith on Sunday

## GOSPEL REFLECTION



The disciples were terrified: the boat  
was almost swamped and the storm  
raged. We have here, surely, a  
parable of our own time, the Covid  
scourge. It raged throughout the  
world, in some parts more than  
others; it produced new, threatening

varieties; it challenged medical skill  
and care. Many of us were terrified,  
afraid; many mourned. The  
disciples wake Jesus and he calms the  
storm. Then he rebukes them  
gently, "Why were you afraid?" could  
you not have had faith that, even  
though I was asleep, all would be  
well? Or is he saying, You were right  
to call on me for help, but why with  
fear? Where is your faith in my care  
for you and my power to save? Do  
not be afraid; the universe is in my  
hands - the elements, life and death  
- and I love you. "Do not be afraid;  
only have faith," he says to Jairus,  
when the officials report that Jairus'  
daughter, has died. "Do not be

*afraid*", and he restores the child to  
life. The fact that Jesus was asleep in  
the boat, is significant. God can  
seem asleep! He tells us that he waits  
for faith. In Nazareth he "*could work  
no miracles.... he was amazed at their  
lack of faith.*" On other occasions he  
praises faith: having cured the blind  
man at Jericho, he says to him, "*Go,  
your faith has saved you.*"

EVANGELII GAUDIUM  
(JOY OF THE GOSPEL)BROTHERS AND SISTERS ALL  
PANDEMICS AND OTHER  
CALAMITIES IN HISTORY

33. The world was relentlessly moving towards an  
economy that, thanks to technological progress,  
sought to reduce "human costs"; there were those  
who would have had us believe that freedom of the  
market was sufficient to keep everything secure. Yet  
the brutal and unforeseen blow of this uncontrolled  
pandemic forced us to recover our concern for  
human beings, for everyone, rather than for the  
benefit of a few. Today we can recognize that "we  
fed ourselves on dreams of splendour and grandeur,  
and ended up consuming distraction, insularity  
and solitude. We gorged ourselves on networking,  
and lost the taste of fraternity. We looked for quick  
and safe results, only to find ourselves  
overwhelmed by impatience and anxiety. Prisoners  
of a virtual reality, we lost the taste and flavour of  
the truly real".[32] The pain, uncertainty and fear,  
and the realization of our own limitations, brought  
on by the pandemic have only made it all the more  
urgent that we rethink our styles of life, our  
relationships, the organization of our societies and,  
above all, the meaning of our existence.

St Teresa's Way of Perfection\*  
CHRIST AWAKE IN YOU

'I would haste to find myself a shelter from the raging wind and tempest.'  
At times, there is the sea and the storm, and there is nothing you can do  
but cry out: 'Lord, I perish'. Then let him who steps without fear upon the  
waves stretch out his hand. Let him remove your anxiety and confirm his  
strength in you. Let him speak to you within and say to you: 'Turn your  
mind to me, and to what I have suffered.' Perhaps it is an evil brother who  
is causing you grief, or a hostile stranger; but which of these have I not  
suffered?'

Though the storm rages, he saves us from weakness of mind and from the  
storm. Perhaps your ship is tossed about because he is asleep within it.  
While the sea raged, and the boat in which the disciples sailed was tossed  
about, Christ slept. Then finally they saw that among them was sleeping  
the ruler and creator of the winds, and so they approached Christ and  
roused him. He commanded the winds, and all became still. And so it is  
perhaps with good reason that your heart is disturbed, because you have  
forgotten him in whom you believe. You suffer beyond your endurance  
because you do not remember what Christ has done for you. And if you are  
not mindful of Christ, then he sleeps. Arouse Christ and awake your faith.

For Christ slumbers in you if you do not recall his sufferings; but if you are  
mindful of his sufferings, then Christ is awake in you.

For when, with a whole heart, you have considered his sufferings, will you  
not then calmly endure what you suffer, even perhaps rejoicing that  
through your sufferings you bear a certain likeness to your King? So when  
you have begun to be comforted and to rejoice through thinking upon  
these things, he has then arisen, he has commanded the winds, and  
therefore there shall be a great calm. 'I would haste to find myself a shelter  
from the raging wind and tempest.'

\*Augustine of Hippo Edited by Oliver Davies Published by New City



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## WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	19th		St Wilfrid's	
			<b>Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> (Collection for A Day for Life)	
Sun	20th	9.00am	St George's -	Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Alan & Bill O'Rourke RIP
Mon	21st		St George's -	
Tue	22nd	10.00am	St George's -	James Steel RIP
Wed	23rd	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Creta O'Neill RIP
Thurs	24th	10.00am	St Georges -	<b>Birth of St John the Baptist</b> , Special Intention
Fri	25th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Norman & Angela Wright RIP
Sat	26th		St Wilfrid's -	
			<b>Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> (Next Sunday, Collection for Peter's Pence))	
Sun	27th	9.00am	St George's -	Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Kasia Blake-Coggins Intention

**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](http://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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### CROSSLINK CHURCHES TOGETHER, HAILSHAM

### 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, Juliette 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](mailto: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

### Fr Rory Writes:

I have just noticed the beautiful flowers while sitting in the church saying my prayers. All of a sudden it came to my attention how lovely the flowers are, and then I remembered that I was told that they were all from our garden. Thank you Lulu. I have often noticed the flowers with St George's Church, where over the years they have done a wonderful job on the flowers. Unfortunately the sadness is that the church has to be locked because it is so isolated and as such a vulnerable place.

I went to sit in the church to reflect upon our situation in light of the government statements this evening on the current situation concerning the virus. Our hopes of returning to normal life are as important as ever and coming to terms with the effect that lockdown had on us and also on me as parish priest has been severe. The implications of visiting someone with such age and health issues is always on my mind. Christmas time was particularly difficult, especially in the end when it was not possible to celebrate our Masses. Please God, we can eventually put all this to rest.

Now we need to restore and please God, develop the life of our parish for our future. We will have a parish finance meeting this Wednesday, just for an initial reflection and establishing priorities and preparing ourselves ready to be fit for purpose for our future. We will be able to address this in the weeks to come.

Our celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation last Saturday was a big step in the right direction. I was especially pleased because of the parents that joined their children to receive the sacrament. It became noticeable years ago to me that most parents sent their children to confession, but did not give the example of doing so themselves. Then it was equally clear that parents were beginning to want to have their children baptised in order to get into our Catholic schools, but seldom or ever would go themselves to church. As the years have rolled on the gap between our catholic schools and their parish gets wider, and catholic teachers have become extremely scarce.

*Fr Rory*

### Deacon John Writes:

Many of us will have been on a boat during a storm. It is often not a comfortable experience! The gospel this Sunday is the familiar one where Jesus actually sleeps while the storm is raging around their boat. The apostles get rather panicky and wake Jesus who in effect says 'what is the problem you men of little faith' and promptly gets the waves and wind to calm down. In times of trouble and distress we should always remember that Jesus is in the boat with us and that, with faith, all will be well eventually.

Last Thursday the gospel of Matthew introduced the Lord's Prayer - the

Prayer for 'forgiveness'. He includes an instruction about 'babbling' on with lots of words. The instruction is saying 'don't do it! Use only necessary words = be short and concise. True forgiveness makes a huge difference to us and if there was more of it the world would surely be a better place!

On Saturday Matthew wrote about anxiety and worry - "why are you anxious about clothes?" Has any one of us never had thoughts which worry us? Worry about the time, have we got enough bread in, enough milk and others, many more serious to us. Whatever the problem, "trust in God" is the answer. Accept that God loves us and he will take care of our worries - so let us all accept God's love - he will care for us and is the perfect antidote for any worry or anxiety that is holding us back from leading a full life - He will change everything.

There is a story told about a visitor to the Vatican who was quite impressed with the beauty and power of the place. He asked Pope John XXIII this question: "How many people do you have working here?" With a twinkle in his eye, the pope replied, "About half of them." Humour is one antidote for worry - it really can make you forget about your worries.

A small farming village was threatened with drought because the rains had failed to arrive. On a hot and dry Sunday, the priest told his congregation, "There isn't anything that will save us except to pray for rain. Go home, pray, believe, and come back next Sunday ready to thank God for sending rain." The people returned to church the following Sunday. As they sat down the Pastor gently rebuked them. "We can't worship today because you do not yet believe," he said. "But we prayed" they protested, "and we do believe." "Believe?" he responded. "Then where are your umbrellas?"

*Deacon John*

**Update:** St Wilfrid's and St George's - Friendly lunchtime meal at the Treacle Mine, Midday Thursday 24th June. I have been in touch with the Treacle Mine in view of the latest lockdown rules extended to 19th July. If the weather is good, then no problem we can eat outside under the awnings. If the weather is not good then it will be eating inside with up to 6 people per table (no flitting from table to table or changing seats) - that I will find difficult! Nevertheless, we will overcome these problems and have a lovely "Get Together". We must start socialising again and meeting up with friends, something Fr Rory is very keen to do. I **must** have definite numbers of people going ASAP before Tuesday 22nd June. Please get in touch with Joan on 07873390944. Look forward to meeting up with you all again. I shall have my famous bell with me!

**Bereavement Mass:** A decision has been made to change the date of our Bereavement Mass from Sunday 4th July, a new date will be established and we will let you know as soon as possible. We are looking forward to this taking place as it will be so helpful because for many there has been much sadness and indeed loss, so it is important to pray for one another and when we can to support each other.

**St Wilfrid's Memorial Plaque:** If anyone would like any names put on our second memorial plaque, please could they be forwarded by email to [ssgeorge.wilfrid@btinternet.com](mailto:ssgeorge.wilfrid@btinternet.com) or phone 01323 841504. Thank you.

**St Wilfrid's First Holy Communion:** Please remember and keep in your prayers our 10 First Holy Communion Candidates who will be celebrating their First Holy Communion on the 10th July at 10:30am.

**St Wilfrid's First Holy Communion breakfast** will be on Sunday 25th July at 10:30am.

**St Wilfrid's Children's Liturgy will restart in September:**

St Wilfrid's First Holy Communion Introductory meeting will be in September. If your child would like to receive their First Holy Communion 2021/2022 please email your name, child's full name and contact details to the church email. Any queries please see Annette or Teresa.

**St George's Children's Liturgy:** We are delighted that Children's Liturgy has now returned bi-weekly in St George's Hall. 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](mailto:sandraforte40@gmail.com) or phone 07791 627368.

**St George's First Holy Communion** – We are delighted to confirm that on 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Are you aged 18-30? CAFOD** offers a gap year programme called Step into the Gap. As part of the 10-month programme, you will be based in either a youth retreat centre, university chaplaincy or a secondary school chaplaincy team gaining new skills, developing as a leader and gaining work experience. Accommodation and travel expenses are included. Full time placements include stipends. Find out more information including how to apply at [www.cafod.org.uk/gapyear](http://www.cafod.org.uk/gapyear)

**Fighting Modern Slavery – Steering Group:** The latest edition of the Fighting Modern Slavery Newsletter is available to download here [Modern Slavery Newsletter Issue 3 \(website-files.com\)](http://Modern Slavery Newsletter Issue 3 (website-files.com)) and also from the diocesan website [www.abdiocese.org.uk](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk)  
The Steering Group is seeking individuals to be parish/deanery Modern Slavery Awareness Ambassadors. More information on what this voluntary role entails from Rosie Read at [rosie.read@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:rosie.read@abdiocese.org.uk)

**CAFOD:** This year, the UK will host the 'COP26' climate talks in Glasgow in November. Many of the world's poorest countries are struggling to cope with the effects of climate change such as increased droughts, floods and cyclones. We need world leaders to put the poorest people at the heart of their talks and the UK has a critical role to play as host. Please sign our petition to the Prime Minister at [cafod.org.uk/reclaim](http://cafod.org.uk/reclaim). Groups from parishes across our diocese are also meeting their MPs locally, to let them know how strongly we feel as Catholics about protecting our earth and helping our sisters and brothers around the world. Further details can be found here: [Parliament in your Parish | CAFOD](#). Please consider holding a meeting with your MP too.

**Day for Catechists** Saturday 25 September, Worth Abbey. A gathering of Catechists from around the Diocese, to share our experiences and offer support and resources. The day ends with mass with Bishop Richard. To book contact [ruth.gerun@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:ruth.gerun@abdiocese.org.uk)

**FINDING STILLNESS: The Open Cloister @ Worth Abbey**

Tuesday 24th-Thursday 26th August 2021

An experimental hybrid retreat where you are invited to come and stay at Worth or join the retreat online. For further information or to book your place online go to: [www.worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreats](http://www.worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreats) Enquiries: [toc@worth.org.uk](mailto:toc@worth.org.uk)

**New Group for Catholic Young Adults** launches this week. Please tell anyone you know who is 18-35 years old to get in touch with [lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk) to find out more.

**Dawn Mass:** Thursday 24th June, Seaford Head Car Park at 4.50am. To offer Mass for an End to the Pandemic and a New Dawn of Salvation for the Church and World.  
Feast of the Birth of John the Baptist. The Dawn of Salvation. Followed by shared BBQ breakfast (Please bring something to share).