

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 67:6-7,36

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

THE COLLECT

O God, protector of those who hope in you,
without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy,
bestow in abundance your mercy upon us and grant that, with
you as our ruler and guide, we may use the good things that
pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever
endure.

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 second book of Kings 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of
God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh
grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But
his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?'
'Give it to the people to eat,' he insisted, 'for the Lord says this,
"They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they
ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps 144: 10-11.15-18. R.v16

**R) You open wide your hand, O Lord,
and grant our desires.**

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 eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. **(R)**

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 4:1-6

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of
your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete
selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to
preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you
together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all
called into one and the same hope when you were called. There
is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father
of all, through all and within all.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.
Alleluia! Lk 7:16

GOSPEL

John 6:1-15

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

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of
Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the
signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and
sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the
Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to
Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?'
He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he
was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would
only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his
disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small
boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that
between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit
down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five
thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave
thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then
did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted.
When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up
the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked
them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from
the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that
he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come
into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come
and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the
hills by himself.

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the offerings
which we bring from the abundance of your gifts,
that through the powerful working of your grace
these most sacred mysteries may sanctify our present
way of life
and lead us to eternal gladness.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Mt 5:7-8

**Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We have consumed, O Lord, this divine Sacrament,
the perpetual memorial of the Passion of your Son;
grant, we pray, that this gift,
which he himself gave us with love beyond all telling,
may profit us for salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.

Our Faith on Sunday

GOSPEL REFLECTION



Jesus makes it very clear and very
often in the Gospels, what is
required of someone who says they
want to follow him. One thing he
doesn't want is half measures. It has
to be all or nothing. In today's
Gospel Jesus gives two examples, one

of the man who discovers a treasure
in a field, sells everything a buys the
field. The other who finds a pearl of
great value and sells all his
possessions to buy it. It is not unlike
when a boy falls in love with a girl,
or vice versa. Each wants to leave
everything just to be with the
beloved. The problem both with
following Jesus and getting married
is that it doesn't work if we don't
give everything. If in marriage we
still try to live as a single person, the
marriage is bound to fail. If we say
we want to follow Jesus but continue
to live like everyone else who has not
made that choice, we will soon find
ourselves in trouble. Often we do

not really think about what a
commitment such as marriage or a
truly Christian life involves. We
brush aside the difficult aspects to
follow our heart. Jesus warns his
potential followers that the only way
to follow him is to take their daily
cross. It is useful to remind ourselves
of this when we seem to have 'hit the
buffers'.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM
(JOY OF THE GOSPEL)BROTHERS AND SISTERS ALL
AN ABSENCE OF HUMAN
DIGNITY ON THE BORDERS

38. Sadly, some "are attracted by Western
culture, sometimes with unrealistic
expectations that expose them to grave
disappointments. Unscrupulous traffickers,
frequently linked to drug cartels or arms
cartels, exploit the weakness of migrants, who
too often experience violence, trafficking,
psychological and physical abuse and untold
sufferings on their journey". Those who
emigrate "experience separation from their
place of origin, and often a cultural and
religious uprooting as well. Fragmentation is
also felt by the communities they leave behind,
which lose their most vigorous and
enterprising elements, and by families,
especially when one or both of the parents
migrates, leaving the children in the country of
origin". For this reason, "there is also a need to
reaffirm the right not to emigrate, that is, to
remain in one's homeland".

The Still Waters of Beauty*
NEW CREATION IN GOD

'O God, you have taught me from my youth.' What have you taught
me? That I ought to remember only your justice. For when I
consider my past life I see what was due to me, and what I received
instead. Punishment was due, but grace was given. Hell was due, but
eternal life was given.

'O God, you have taught me from my youth.' From the very beginning
of my life in the faith in which you had renewed me, you taught me
that there was nothing about my life that allowed me to claim anything
you gave as being owed to me. For no one is converted to God except
from the ways of evil. No one is redeemed except from captivity, and
who can claim, moreover, that their imprisonment was unjust, when
they had abandoned their leader and defected to join a traitor? God is
the leader, and the traitor is the devil. God taught us his commands,
and the devil tempted us to deceit. Why did we hear this prompting to
deceit? Is the devil better than God? Is the one who failed you better
than the one who made you? You believed the devil's promises, and
discovered instead what punishment was threatened by God.

So now we are freed from our captivity, in hope though not yet to
full effect, walking in faith though not yet in full vision, and so the
psalmist says: 'God has taught me from my youth'. From my youth
I have turned to you, and have been renewed by you. I was made by
you, and then made a new creation. I was shaped by you, and then
reformed. I learned that my merits counted for nothing, but that
your grace came to me freely, so that I would think only of your
justice and righteousness.

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



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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	24th		St Wilfrid's	
			Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Sun	25th	9.00am	St George's -	Eucharistic Service
				First Communion Breakfast
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Brian Winter RIP
				First Communion Breakfast
Mon	26th		St George's -	
Tue	27th	10.00am	St George's -	Eucharistic Service
Wed	28th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Michael Wilson RIP
Thurs	29th	11.45am	St Wilfrid's -	Margaret Westcar 1st Anniversary RIP
Fri	30th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Holy Souls' Intention
Sat	31st		St Wilfrid's -	
			Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Sun	1st	9.00am	St George's -	Tim Piegrome RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Parish Communities' 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, 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
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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

Fr Rory Writes:

Suddenly I am presented with an extra window of opportunity for prayer: Jesus, Mary, Joseph, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Divine Love of God. It also gives me a window of opportunity to share with thousands of children who have suddenly had to isolate for two weeks when someone in their school bubble is diagnosed to have the COVID virus. Then to be isolating in a house that you know has someone with the virus make it clear; that obviously I do not want to catch that virus. So I am regularly testing and keeping as much as possible out of harms way. It certainly highlights the decisions that are made, and the rules to be enforced. That is why in the seminary training the amount of time that is given to "The Rule", the classic is "The exception proves the rule". Unfortunately of late, and particularly to do with the virus, and indeed with quite a lot of other things that the rules are so poor, that the exception opens the way to something else becomes the new rule. So there can be no exception.

Please God, for His greater fatherly care and a great "thank you" for all the help and support that we get and is given. This help and support is at the heart of life is love, and for all the love that is expressed and given to me, I am truly grateful.

So to begin with the masses this weekend, and the fact that it coincides with our Children's First Holy Communion Breakfast is very providential. To come back to share and to give thanks. This is greatly important as we relax to church, as efforts are being made to return to normal life, can be an incredible opportunity, lets say it truthfully loud and clear "it will raise the risks and windows of opportunity to get things wrong", yes maybe some feel we need to say it again. But it is much more important to see it as a window of opportunity "to get things right". Sometimes even in the midst of a pandemic, human dignity becomes important, and to get it right proves how Jesus sums it up. "Good trees, bear good fruit". May our children who have just received their First Holy Communion grow up in Christian communities of faith that gather to celebrate one wonderful gift of the mass with the communities at St George's and St Wilfrid's.

Plans are beginning: so we with God's help can prepare and coordinate our development together, and please God, we will grow from strength to strength. So please help me to do my job much better, and I am sure you all agree with me "that it can be done". We need to reach out again to each other. Lets do so with the help of God.



Deacon John Writes:

Are you able to recognise the God-given signs in your lives? One way of doing this is to examine your conscience and try to see God's presence in yourself and in others. Look for the presence of God's hand in any of the small and big events in our lives. Look for his care behind some event that has occurred. Open your ears to hear His message which has been sent to you through a stranger or a friend or perhaps through nature. If you read the Bible either regularly or from time to time you should find His message in something you read. Let it sink into your mind and adjust your life in accordance with what you have read.

Let us all try during this coming week to open our hearts to God and be receptive to His Spirit through our active participation in the liturgy, instead of looking for signs in television or our neighbours.

The parable of the sower which we heard in the daily readings this week was intended as a warning to those who were listening to be attentive and to the apostles to be hopeful receivers, living out Jesus' teachings and ideas. The sower is God, while we, the Church, are the teachers. The seed sown is the word of God, which has a cutting edge like "a sharp sword" and a purifying and strengthening power like "fire and hammer". The hardened soil on the foot path represents people with minds closed because of laziness, pride, prejudice, or fear. The soil on rock represents emotional types of people who go after novelties without sticking to anything and who are unwilling to "put down roots" surrendering their wills to God. The soil filled with weeds represents people addicted to evil habits and evil tendencies and those whose hearts are filled with hatred, jealousy, and greed. They are interested only in acquiring money by any means and in enjoying life in any way possible. The good and fertile soil represents well-intentioned people with open minds and clean hearts, earnest in hearing the word and concentrate on putting it into practice.

Let us all try this week to become the good soil and produce hundred-fold yields by hearing, faithfully taking it on board and daily cultivating the word of God we have received, so that the Holy Spirit may produce His fruits in our lives.



St Wilfrid's Community Lunch at the Treacle Mine - 12 noon on the 5th August:

After our very successful meal together in June, we have decided to have another on Thursday the 5th August at 12 noon at the Treacle Mine. If you are interested, please contact Joan tel: 07873390944. We invite all our friends from St George's and St Wilfrid's and look forward to seeing you there. The latest date for confirming your place will be Sunday 1st August. Please don't leave it to the last date as I have to confirm ASAP with the management at the Treacle Mine. Thank you.


St George's First Communion Catechists have decided to run the 'I Belong' programme for 12 sessions from 12th September the children will then all be prepared and ready to make their First Communion on the Feast of Christ the King Sunday 21st November. This programme is only for any children who have missed out on taking the sacrament over the last two years due to Covid restrictions and will be in school year 4 or above from September 2021. If anyone would like to register an interest in being part of this programme please contact Sandra on 07791627368 or email sandraforte40@gmail.com

Volunteers are needed at St Wilfrid's: There are forms being handed out after Mass and are available on the table in the church porch, listing the areas where we need your help. Please consider very carefully as to where you can contribute to the successful running of our church and community, Please return to the presbytery.

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.

Margaret Westcar 1st RIP Anniversary - Thursday 29th July at 11:45am, Requiem Mass St. Wilfrid's Church

It is my beloved Mum, Mrs Margaret Westcar 1st RIP Anniversary on Thursday 29th July 2021. So I have arranged with Fr Rory to do a Requiem Mass In Celebration of my beloved beautiful Mum  Life & family life. All dear parishioner friends are welcome to attend this Mass celebration.

Redundant iPads and Laptops are desperately needed by the Gatwick Detainees' Welfare Group. An IT company has agreed to 'clean' devices to remove any data. These devices can enable a person whether in detention or after release, to help themselves; to access classes for speakers of other languages, to communicate with friends, family, our staff, their volunteer visitor and to access resources such as Food Banks and to join our post detention services. Contact Josie at: josiewade@gdwg.org.uk. Thank you.

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 Enquiries: toc@worth.org.uk

Diocesan Youth Service – 40th Anniversary Celebration – 4 September 2021 - Arundel Cathedral - We are delighted to be able to celebrate our Youth Service, which has impacted many people in the last four decades and we want to invite anyone who has ever attended an event hosted by the service to come along and join the festivities. Whether it was a Maryvale Retreat, a World Youth Day Pilgrimage, Youthgather, Lourdes Redshirts, or you are a member of our new online community BeCome, or one of our other virtual networks, everyone will be welcome to give thanks for all that has been done and to pray for the success of the Youth Service in the future. Reminisce with old friends, and meet new friends in person (not just on a screen!). A thanksgiving Mass will be said by Bishop Richard, followed by a chance to chat over refreshments. Please click [here](#) for more information and to register.

CCRS - The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) is beginning again in our Diocese this September. The course is designed for teachers in Catholic schools, for Catechists and for anyone who would like to grow in understanding as they live their Catholic faith. The CCRS offers a very flexible and accessible way of learning, it includes some online content and is made up of eight modules: six core and two specialist modules. Each module involves ten hours of course time and an assignment. For more information or to register your place please [contact our Formation Adviser](#)

Beginning Experience Weekend:

If you are single again following divorce, separation or the death of your partner, a residential weekend to help you to heal will be held from 8th to 10th October 2021 at the Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex. If you would like more details, please ring Freda 01322-838415 or Maura 07795-498445 or email besouthofengland@gmail.com.

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.

Joke of the Week:

A young man saw an elderly couple sitting down to lunch at McDonald's. He noticed that they had ordered one meal, and an extra drink cup. As he watched, the gentleman carefully divided the hamburger in half, counted out the fries, one for him, one for her, until each had half of them. Then he poured half of the soft drink into the extra cup and set that in front of his wife. The old man then began to eat, and his wife sat watching, with her hands folded in her lap. The young man decided to ask if they would allow him to purchase another meal for them so that they didn't have to split theirs. The old gentleman said, "Oh no. We've been married 50 years, and everything has always been and will always be shared, 50/50." The young man then asked the wife if she was not going to eat, and she replied, "It's his turn with the teeth."

One of our parishioners at St George's, Ros Burke, joined forces with her neighbours to create an entry for the Willingdon Scarecrow Competition held recently. Their hard work paid off as they won first prize! They generously donated their prize money to a local charity, Children With Cancer, who were thrilled. Ros and her neighbours attended a photoshoot and she is currently enjoying her celebrity status - look out for photo in the Eastbourne Herald!