

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 16:6,8

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

THE COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
grant that we may always conform our will to yours
and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart.
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 prophet Isaiah

53:10-11

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering.
If he offers his life in atonement,
he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life
and through him what the Lord wishes will be done.

His soul's anguish over
he shall see the light and be content.
By his sufferings shall my servant justify many,
taking their faults on himself.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps 32:4-5,18-20,22. R.v2

**R) May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.**

The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. **(R)**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **(R)**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

4:14-16

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest
who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let
go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had
a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with
us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that
we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in
approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from
him and find grace when we are in need of help.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Mk 10:45

The Son of Man came to save,
and to give his life as a ransom for many.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 10:35-45

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus.
'Master,' they said to him, 'we want you to do us a favour.' He
said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said
to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at
your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking,'
Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or
be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?'
They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must
drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be
baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand
or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to
whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant
with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to
them, 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers
lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt.
This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to
become great among you must be your servant, and anyone
who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the
Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and
to give his life as a ransom for many.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant us, Lord, we pray,
a sincere respect for your gifts,
that, through the purifying action of your grace,
we may be cleansed by the very mysteries we serve.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Mk 10:45

**The Son of Man has come
to give his life as a ransom for many.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, O Lord, we pray,
that, benefiting from participation in heavenly things,
we may be helped by what you give in this present age
and prepared for the gifts that are eternal.
Through Christ our Lord.

Our Faith on Sunday

GOSPEL REFLECTION



One of the great consolations for
anyone who, at times, struggles
with their faith, is the fact the
Apostles too often did not

understand Jesus. Today's Gospel
is a typical example. James and
John ask Jesus a favour. They ask
if they sit 'next to' Jesus in his
glory. They seem to think that
simply because Jesus chose them
to follow him, they are entitled to
certain 'privileges'. Jesus sees
straightaway that they are on the
wrong track altogether. So he asks
them if they are willing to drink
the cup that he must drink and be
baptised as he as he must be
baptised. They say that they are,
but in reality they haven't a clue

what this means. So Jesus explains
what it means: serving others and
giving their life for them. It is
something that Jesus asks each
one of us if we really want to be
followers of his. We have one
advantage over the Apostles – we
know what Jesus requires of us.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM
(JOY OF THE GOSPEL)INFORMATION WITHOUT
WISDOM

50. Together, we can seek the truth in dialogue,
in relaxed conversation or in passionate debate.
To do so calls for perseverance; it entails
moments of silence and suffering, yet it can
patiently embrace the broader experience of
individuals and peoples. The flood of
information at our fingertips does not make for
greater wisdom. Wisdom is not born of quick
searches on the internet nor is it a mass of
unverified data. That is not the way to mature in
the encounter with truth. Conversations revolve
only around the latest data; they become merely
horizontal and cumulative.

We fail to keep our attention focused, to
penetrate to the heart of matters, and to
recognize what is essential to give meaning to our
lives. Freedom thus becomes an illusion that we
are peddled, easily confused with the ability to
navigate the internet. The process of building
fraternity, be it local or universal, can only be
undertaken by spirits that are free and open to
authentic encounters.

St Teresa's Way of Perfection*
UNITE YOURSELF TO THE
ETERNITY OF GOD

'How wonderful are your works, O Lord! Your thoughts are too
deep for me to understand.' Now, my brothers and sisters, no
ocean is as deep as the mind of God, who inflicts hardship on the
good and allows the wicked to flourish. In those deeps are
shipwrecked all who lack faith. Do you want to cross these
depths? Then do not turn away from the cross of Christ. You
shall not sink: hold fast to Christ.

What do I mean by this? To help you hold fast he himself was
prepared to suffer hardship on the earth. You have heard in
readings from the prophet how he did not turn his shoulders
away from the whips, nor his face from men's spittle, nor his
cheeks from the blows of their hands. Why should he be willing
to undergo all this, unless it was to bring consolation to those
who suffer?

He could have waited, and raised his body on the last day, but
then you would not have seen him, and would have no grounds
for hope. He brought forward his resurrection in time to quell
any doubts you might have had. Suffer and endure tribulation in
this world, then, and you will reach the same fulfilment as you
saw in Christ.

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



PARISH COMMUNITIES OF

ST GEORGE



Eastbourne Road
Polegate

Parish Priest: Fr. Rory Kelly

South Road, Hailsham, East Sussex BN27 3JG
Tel: (01323) 841504 or Deacon John (01323) 486280
(Answerphone service available on both numbers)
Email: ssgeorge.wilfrid@btinternet.com
Website: www.saintsgeorgeandwilfrid.co.uk

ST WILFRID

South Road
Hailsham



The Arundel & Brighton Diocesan Trust is a Registered Charity No. 252878

WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	16th		St Wilfrid's	
Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Next Sunday, Collection for Missio)				
Sun	17th	9.00am	St George's -	Holy Souls' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Parish Communities' Intention
Mon	18th	2.30pm	St George's -	Rosary Group
Tue	19th	10.00am	St George's -	
Tue	19th	2.00pm	St George's -	Requiem Mass for Ann Eamer
Wed	20th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Margaret & John Forde's Intention
Thurs	21st		St George's -	
Fri	22nd		St Wilfrid's -	
Sat	23rd		St Wilfrid's -	
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Collection for Missio)				
Sun	24th	9.00am	St George's -	Bernard Giles 11th Anniversary RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Special Intention

St George's Church, Masses are on Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10am and Sundays, 9am. Weekly attendance is now possible; please notify Sandra, 07791627368 or sandraforte40@gmail.com if you are returning on Sundays to ensure social distancing can be in place if needed. **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 Gerry Palmer
ALL CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE ABOVE VIA THE PRIEST'S HOUSE PLEASE
Polegate Hall Hire.....Tel: (01323) 504753
Hailsham Hall Hire Tel: (01323) 841504 - Mon, Wed, Fri Morning or email at above address
Prayer LineJean Barham-Wyatt Tel: (01323) 842824

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, Joshua Hardy, Peter & Teresa Zurenkas, Anne Holt, Margaret, Rosie Tuson, Dee Challis, Lilian Summers, Tom Woodrow-Spencer, 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 9am-1pm & Friday 9am-12.30pm

Deacon John Writes:

The parable of the sower which we heard in the daily readings recently 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 footpath 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, or 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.

Deacon John

Fr Kieran: What a breath of fresh air it was to have Fr Kieran with us while Fr Rory was having a well earned vacation from us to his family in his beloved Tipperary in Ireland. They are good friends and good friends always help each other out.

A Big Thank You Father for stepping in and saying Mass for us during the last couple of weeks, especially the last Mass here for a while on our "Feast of St Wilfrid" the Healing Mass with Benediction to follow, which really set our "grey cells" thinking! A lovely experience. The extra Healing Mass which was well received and the Benediction, I cannot remember the last time we participated singing the "Latin" Hymns, brought back memories. Thank you Father, you are always welcome among us. May God bless and keep you in his love.

Ministry of Consolation:

I would like to make you all aware, again, of our new Ministry on Consolation – instigated by Bishop Richard.

The Ministry of Consolation has been set up to support anyone who has a loss of any sort – whether bereavement, employment or any other sort of loss. This is a 'listening' Ministry where people can speak freely and confidentially, about these issues, wherever they feel comfortable. You can speak on a one-to-one basis, or as a group, to the Representative – who is currently Sue Longridge for St Wilfrid's. There are Leaflets/booklets and contact cards to be able to get in touch with Sue, on the Reception Desk in Church. Father Rory is fully aware, and supports this Ministry. Please do call Sue, in confidence, on 07921 152444 or 01825 873175.

Leprosy Appeal - Sunday 24th October

Today 600 people will be diagnosed with leprosy, more than 50 of these will be children. Over 7 million people are currently affected by leprosy across the world. Evidence shows over 3 million people are living with undiagnosed leprosy. Over 4 million people are living with a life-changing disability caused by leprosy. Although curable, many people are unable to access treatment, even though the cure is free. Leprosy works to find, treat and rehabilitate these hidden people and promote their rights in India, Bangladesh and Zimbabwe.

Our mission is to beat leprosy - so that all cases are easily diagnosed and treated and leave no disability or discrimination. We are working towards a day when leprosy no longer destroys lives; with your support we can achieve this sooner.

Please help us beat leprosy - even the smallest contribution can help treat and rehabilitate people trapped by this disease.

LOVE IN A BOX:

At St George's we are getting into gear for this year's Love In A Box campaign. There are leaflets and a small number of ready wrapped shoe boxes for collection at the back of the church, please help yourself. For the month of October the sale table will have a range of little extras for you to take to "bolster your box" and add to your shoebox. These are NOT for sale, help yourself. All boxes to be returned by Sunday 14th November please. If you're not able to make up a box yourself, you might consider making a donation towards the cost of transport as each lorry costs £4,000.

St George's table sale is being run by Children's liturgy, suitable second-hand items to sell are needed, books, toys, puzzles, China etc. Please leave donations at the back of church clearly marked. Fundraising will be used for Church groups and social activities for the parish.

Margaret Gearing's Ashes will be buried at St George's on Thursday 28th October after Mass.

Ann Eamer: Ann's Funeral Mass will be on Tuesday 19th October at 2pm in St George's Church.

Tea/Coffee at St Wilfrid's: Did you know we are serving tea/coffee and biscuits/cakes after the 10.30am Mass every Sunday. Do pop in and meet some new friends and get to know your parishioners, we are a very friendly lot and we welcome you. There is an Honesty Pot if you would kindly make a donation to cover the cost of these refreshments. Thank you.

We look forward to meeting you, also don't forget our 'Sales Table' is up and running - plenty of bargains to be had. Please leave suitable gifts for the table in the porch, marked 'Sales Table' please. We are still hoping for someone to come forward to take on the very rewarding job of keeping our Altar Servers Alb's fit for the important job they do for us. If you can't contact David Hoad - who teachers them, then call or see Annette who helps us with the "Children's Liturgy". Tel: 849732, thank you in anticipation.

Lunches at Kings Head - Horsebridge: At our parish lunch in October we decided on two dates; 1st - Thursday 4th November at 12noon and 2nd - Our Christmas Special Thursday 2nd December at 12noon. There are two lists for your name please, circulating either at the back of the church or in the hall on Sundays after Mass. The November date is £11, pay on the day, but the "Special Christmas Menu" we require payment when putting your name on list please. The price is £18 which includes a 3 Course Meal, Mince Pies, Tea/Coffee and Tip. The restaurant needs your choice of menu beforehand, so when you pay you will be given a copy of the menu to keep, but please let us have your choice first. Thank you. Of course our friends from St George's are very welcome to join us.

Afternoon Tea for our over 50's: After our successful "Afternoon Tea" for our over 50's. The next date is Thursday 28th October at 2pm in St Wilfrid's Church Hall. We have a few surprises for you all! So do come and enjoy yourselves.

Right to Life.org.

We are currently hiring for a number of positions across media, public affairs, digital and operations.

In particular we are looking urgently to fill positions in our Public Affairs team.

If this is of interest to you or you know of someone who might be interested, please see the notice in the porch that gives details of the positions available. We are expecting another attempt from the abortion lobby later this year that will change abortion in the UK.

www.righttolife.org.uk/jobs/

St Wilfrid's Church - Notices at Mass on Sunday. If you require a notice read out after Mass please email or phone Jean by Saturday mornings. jeanbarham21@gmail.com Tel: 842824.

St Wilfrid's Ministries:

We are looking to expand our volunteer team here at St Wilfrid's so when you are leaving Mass please pick up a volunteers form and see if there is anything you would be able to help with. We are very short on volunteers due to the fact that most of our volunteers come from the older members of our church community.

Carbon Monoxide Alarms: Now everyone is starting to turn on their heating at home, please make sure you have adequate Carbon Monoxide Detectors installed to keep you safe.

Altar Servers Alb's: We are still asking someone to come forward to take on the task of keeping these "fit for the job" undertaken by our very able altar servers. You may have noticed they are growing so much that their alb's need letting down, so we don't see an expanse of leg! David Hoad is the man who is training them, if you cannot find him then please contact Annette on 849732 or Joan on 07873 390944. Please consider this very worthwhile job very rewarding, thank you.

A well loved parishioner, Chris Jones, at St George's was kind enough to leave a gift in her will to the church. Our Sacristans, Angela and Cathy, chose a much needed new altar cloth to be made in her memory. Chris will always be remembered when the altar cloth is used.

St Wilfrid's - Sales Table: Yes, we are up and running, one table all goods 50p, another table all goods £1. Come and browse/buy after Mass on Sunday over a cuppa! The table will be left out all week as many of the people attending other events in our hall have requested. The 'honest pot' will be there also of course.

St George's Church: Christmas cards are now on sale at the back of the church.