

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 104:3-4

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;  
turn to the Lord and his strength;  
constantly seek his face.

## THE COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,  
increase our faith, hope and charity,  
and make us love what you command,  
so that we may merit what you promise.  
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 Jeremiah

31:7-9

The Lord says this:

Shout with joy for Jacob!  
Hail the chief of nations!  
Proclaim! Praise! Shout:  
'The Lord has saved his people,  
the remnant of Israel!'  
See, I will bring them back  
from the land of the North  
and gather them from the far ends of earth;  
all of them: the blind and the lame,  
women with child, women in labour:  
a great company returning here.  
They had left in tears,  
I will comfort them as I lead them back;  
I will guide them to streams of water,  
by a smooth path where they will not stumble.  
For I am a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my first-born son.

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

## PSALM

Ps 125. R.v3

**R) What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad.**

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,  
it seemed like a dream.  
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
on our lips there were songs. **(R)**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels  
the Lord worked for them!'  
What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad. **(R)**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage  
as streams in dry land.  
Those who are sowing in tears  
will sing when they reap. **(R)**

They go out, they go out, full of tears,  
carrying seed for the sowing:  
they come back, they come back, full of song,  
carrying their sheaves. **(R)**

## SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 5:1-6

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Cf. 2 Tim 1:10  
**Our Saviour Christ Jesus abolished death,  
and he has proclaimed life through the Good News.  
Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

Mark 10: 46-52

The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit.**  
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.  
**Glorify to you, O Lord.**

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said, 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him, 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

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

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Look, we pray, O Lord,  
on the offerings we make to your majesty,  
that whatever is done by us in your service  
may be directed above all to your glory.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Eph 5:2

**Christ loved us and gave himself up for us,  
as a fragrant offering to God.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray,  
perfect in us what lies within them,  
that what we now celebrate in signs  
we may one day possess in truth.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Our Faith on Sunday

## GOSPEL REFLECTION



Jesus's healing miracles such as that of the blind man of today's Gospel always have a deeper meaning than the mere fact of a

physical cure. All of us are spiritually blind to some extent and therefore we all need healing. The first step we need take is that of recognising that our spiritual vision is impaired. The prouder we are, the more difficult it is to accept the fact that we need some help in order to see clearly. Often this awareness comes about through some kind of crisis in our lives. It could be the loss of a loved one, or the loss of a job, or a serious physical illness. It is in moments like these that we

become aware of our mortality and the fragile nature the things we have set our hearts on. Then it becomes a matter of faith. If we have faith we will also receive a new vision of the ways things really are and not as they appeared to be when we were 'blind'.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM  
(JOY OF THE GOSPEL)FORMS OF SUBJECTION  
AND OF SELF-CONTEMPT

51. Certain economically prosperous countries tend to be proposed as cultural models for less developed countries; instead, each of those countries should be helped to grow in its own distinct way and to develop its capacity for innovation while respecting the values of its proper culture. A shallow and pathetic desire to imitate others leads to copying and consuming in place of creating, and fosters low national self-esteem. In the affluent sectors of many poor countries, and at times in those who have recently emerged from poverty, there is a resistance to native ways of thinking and acting, and a tendency to look down on one's own cultural identity, as if it were the sole cause of every ill.

St Teresa's Way of Perfection\*  
SPIRITUAL INEBRIATION

'And wine makes glad the human heart.' This does not mean we should now plan to get drunk. But in another sense, we should all get drunk. 'How wonderful is your cup of drunkenness.'

So in one sense, we should not forbid drunkenness altogether, indeed, as I say, we should get drunk. But we must be aware of where this feeling of drunkenness comes from. I am talking of the feeling that comes from drinking from the wonderful cup of the Lord. The effects of this feeling will be seen in your holy love of justice and in the turning of your mind away from earthly things to heaven.

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



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### WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	23rd		St Wilfrid's	
<b>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Collection for Missio &amp; Lepra)</b>				
Sun	24th	9.00am	St George's -	Bernard Giles 11th Anniversary RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Special Intention
Mon	25th	2.30pm	St George's -	Rosary Group
Tue	26th	10.00am	St George's -	Margaret Madams RIP
Wed	27th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Willie & Mary Kelly Intention
Thurs	28th	10.00am	St George's -	Margaret Gearing RIP- Burial of Ashes
Thurs	28th	11.30am	St George's -	Requiem Mass for Geoffrey Wooller RIP
Fri	29th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Creta O'Neill RIP
Sat	30th		St Wilfrid's -	
<b>All Saints (Collection next week for the Retired Priests')</b>				
Sun	31st	9.00am	St George's -	Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Ruth & Jim Ayres Intention

**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 Line .....Jean Barham-Wyatt Tel: (01323) 842824

**CROSSLINK CHURCHES TOGETHER, HAILSHAM**

**POLEGATE CHURCHES TOGETHER**

Contact: Anne Bowe Tel: 07808 175455  
Contact Care: 07900 823138

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** those who are unwell: Lily May, Edna Andrews, Julliette 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

### Fr Rory Writes:

Again two things:- Are you surprised? When we were in the seminary these two things were given a special emphasis. 1) An awareness that life is a journey with a beginning and most importantly an end. 2) On that journey the importance of our and each story. The church through the liturgy of the word gives us the perfect structure to express this.

Each new year begins in Advent with the liturgy of the Eucharist, to give life to our journey and our story. The heart of this event is the assembly of the faithful. The presence of Christ in His faithful is what gives greatest witness to His presence in our world. To be true to this; is not well, maybe not at all served by seeing it an obligation, a mortal sin if we do not do so.

The mass as a "celebration" the presence of Christ with us. Before the 2nd Vatican Council Mass was seen as a very liturgical event with a strict discipline, where the language was Latin, mostly unknown to those in attendance who were there saying their prayers. With the emphasis on celebrating His presence, and refocusing on its first celebration by Jesus on the night He was betrayed.... He celebrated His Last Supper with His instruction "Do this in remembrance of me". Let us become far more faithful to this. *Fr Rory*

### Deacon John Writes:

During this week we heard a Gospel which talks to us of the qualities of being a good servant. Jesus was speaking to all of his followers, which includes us, when he said "blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival." We must never consider being a servant as being a demeaning term. We are privileged to be able to act as servants of Jesus. We must remember that, as Fr James McKarns wrote in a recent article I read, Jesus is our Lord, Rabbi, Teacher and Master. We must always be available to him even though we do not know what his plans are for us. I think we all have our own agendas but sometimes we must put them on hold so that we can follow whatever plans the Master has for us so that we can all say, as Mary said "Thy will be done". We really should be saying "Speak Lord ; your servant is listening."

There have been some notices in recent newsletters which are good examples of how we can be servants if we really listen and decide that we can be servants to the Lord. I have read that we need more people willing to write the Bidding Prayers - it only comes round about once every two months and does not need a computer.

We are also in need of people to volunteer with the counting of the collection. This would be once a month if four volunteers come forward. It does involve two people every week for about an hour and a trip to the Bank in Eastbourne. Please come forward if you can to help in this important work.

There are many other areas in which we need volunteers to help, such as welcomers and readers in church. Why not give it a try! There is a line in the Gospel this Sunday which says "Master, I want to see." We all need to see, to see His presence in what we do, for ourselves, others, the church and in the people we meet. I hope and pray that we will all "see" and do those things which we possibly can. So if you can help in any way to assist Fr Rory and those who already do, please phone or email Jackie on 01323 841504 or [ssgeorge.wilfrid@btinternet.com](mailto:ssgeorge.wilfrid@btinternet.com). If you have already volunteered then I wish to thank you sincerely on behalf of Fr Rory, myself and the community. Thank you for reading this and, hopefully, for volunteering in either community. *Deacon John*

**Blessing of the Graves:** After the 10am Mass on Tuesday November 2nd, Deacon John will bless the graves in the Memorial Garden at St George's and then go onto Willingdon Cemetery. Fr Rory will bless the graves after the 10am Mass on Wednesday November 3rd in the Memorial Garden at St Wilfrid's and then go onto Hailsham Cemetery.

### Lepra 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. Lepra 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.

**St George's Suggestions box** – there is a suggestions box in the porch where parishioners should give ideas of social activities they would like organised during 2022 and beyond. These may be activities/events we have run in the past or entirely new ideas, the more the merrier! Once we have the suggestions we will look to plan a programme of activities (probably 4-6 over the year). We do need help with events though so if you are happy to be involved as well as attend your suggested event please do indicate this on the suggestion form. Events can't run without helping hands.

**Thank you** – Our thanks to Thomas and Alen whose technical know-how has enabled us, at St George's Church, to undertake livestreams recently for the First Communion in June and most recently Ann Eamer's requiem. We hope to continue providing livestreams for Sacraments and Funeral Masses as it is a wonderful way to ensure that as many family and friends as possible can celebrate these special occasions from afar. Our next livestream will be on Christ the King Sunday November 21<sup>st</sup> when seven of our younger parishioners will receive the Sacrament of First Communion. The livestream will be able to be accessed via the church website [www.saintsgeorgeandwilfrid.co.uk](http://www.saintsgeorgeandwilfrid.co.uk).

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

**Bereavement Mass at St Wilfrid's:** This will take place on Sunday 14th November 2021 at 3pm.

**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.

**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. [jeanbarha21@gmail.com](mailto:jeanbarha21@gmail.com) Tel: 842824.

**Altar Servers' Albs:** 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 Albs 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.

**Bidding Prayer Rota:** We are currently looking for more people to help with the Bidding Prayers for Mass at the weekends. If this is something you would like to do, please email Jackie on [ssgeorge.wilfrid@btinternet.com](mailto:ssgeorge.wilfrid@btinternet.com) and I will add you to the next rota which will start in February 2022.

**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.

#### **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** will resume in November, there are no marked prices just pay what you feel the item is worth. Money raised will be used for Children's Liturgy resources, parish social events and Charitable giving. If you have any new or nearly new items suited for sale at the table please leave in porch clearly marked Table sale.

#### **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.

**A message from CAFOD: Thank you for supporting our Climate Crisis Appeal** for our recent Family Fast Day. Every donation helps us in our work and is gratefully received. [cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis](http://cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis)

**Please pray for the success of the upcoming UN climate talks in Glasgow, COP26, from 31 October to 12 November.** There are prayer cards at the back of church; please do take one and pray that that world leaders will put the needs of marginalised communities around the world, those most affected by climate change, right at the heart of these climate talks. For more information see [cafod.org.uk/COP26](http://cafod.org.uk/COP26)

*May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 and instill in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the most vulnerable.*

**Computers for Charities:** Free Training. Cfc is offering training to anyone unemployed or needing to reskill. Computer Hardware training is on offer. Deadline for applications 30th November. For application form. Email: [admin@computersforcharities.org](mailto:admin@computersforcharities.org) Tel: 01323 848588. Spaces are limited.