

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rv 5:12; 1:6

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

THE COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise. 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.
Amen.

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Daniel

7:13-14

I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire be destroyed.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps 92:1-2,5. R.v1

R) The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed; the Lord has robed himself with might, he has girded himself with power. **(R)**

The world you made firm, not to be moved; your throne has stood firm from of old. From all eternity, O Lord, you are. **(R)**

Truly your decrees are to be trusted. Holiness is fitting to your house, O Lord, until the end of time. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

1:5-8

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests

to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega,' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

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Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Mk 11:9,10
Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 18:33-37

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

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it,' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

As we offer you, O Lord, the sacrifice by which the human race is reconciled to you, we humbly pray that your Son himself may bestow on all nations the gifts of unity and peace. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Ps 28:10-11

The Lord sits as King for ever.
The Lord will bless his people with peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having received the food of immortality, we ask, O Lord, that, glorying in obedience to the commands of Christ, the King of the universe, we may live with him eternally in his heavenly Kingdom. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Our Faith on Sunday

GOSPEL REFLECTION



The association of monarchy which has a divine right to rule has a long history. At the time Jesus was alive, the Roman

Emperor certainly had divine status. This high status was almost always abused by monarchs and used to keep them in power by suppressing anyone who might be a threat to that power. The Jews too, who had been expecting the Messiah, were hoping for a king who would lead them out of the oppression of the Roman empire. But, as Jesus says to Pontius Pilate in today's Gospel, his kingdom is not of this world. For the Jewish leaders who wanted to be rid of Jesus, to proclaim himself King of the Jews

was a blasphemy and an offence which merited execution. Jesus came to serve and not be served and his whole life gave witness to this. He associated with public sinners and people of ill-repute. He healed lepers and those on the margins of society. He asks his followers to do the same.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM
(JOY OF THE GOSPEL)BROTHERS AND SISTERS
ALL
HOPE

55. I invite everyone to renewed hope, for hope "speaks to us of something deeply rooted in every human heart, independently of our circumstances and historical conditioning. Hope speaks to us of a thirst, an aspiration, a longing for a life of fulfilment, a desire to achieve great things, things that fill our heart and lift our spirit to lofty realities like truth, goodness and beauty, justice and love... Hope is bold; it can look beyond personal convenience, the petty securities and compensations which limit our horizon, and it can open us up to grand ideals that make life more beautiful and worthwhile". Let us continue, then, to advance along the paths of hope.

St Teresa's Way of Perfection*
GOD IS OUR BREAD

What does it mean when it says: 'And her poor will I satisfy with bread'? We must first be poor, and then we shall be satisfied.

But many Christians are proud and place their trust in this world. They may worship Christ, but they are not satisfied with this. For they have already achieved satisfaction elsewhere, and are rich in arrogance. Of such it is said: 'A rebuke to the rich, and contempt for the proud'. They are rich, so they eat, but they are not satisfied. Of them it says in this psalm: 'All the rich of the earth have eaten and worshipped'. They adore, venerate, and beseech Christ, but they are not filled with his wisdom and justice. Why not? Because they are not poor.

The poor, that is those who are humble of heart, eat as they are hungry, and they are hungry because they fail to find nourishment in this world. Someone who has had enough will spew out what you give them because they are full. Give me rather the one who is hungry, of whom it is said: 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice, for they will be satisfied'. And these are the poor of whom the psalmist says: 'And her poor will I satisfy with bread'. Also, while it says, 'All the rich of the earth have eaten and worshipped', it is elsewhere said of the poor: 'The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him'.

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



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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	20th		St Wilfrid's	
Christ the King (Collection Today for the Maintenance of the Cathedral)				
Sun	21st	9.00am	St George's -	Jean Hines Family Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Michael Bradley RIP
Mon	22nd	2.30pm	St George's -	Rosary Group
Tue	23rd	10.00am	St George's -	Deceased Family & Friends of Yolen & Nicholas Cooray
Wed	24th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	George Holland RIP
Thurs	25th	10.00am	St George's -	Parish Communities' Intention
Fri	26th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Margaret Rose O'Brien RIP
Sat	27th		St Wilfrid's -	
First Sunday of Advent				
Sun	28th	9.00am	St George's -	Paul & John Bree RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Deceased Relatives & Friends of July Davis

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: 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, Michael Copper and Peter Standen.

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:

Please God, for this weekend. It is the Feast of Christ the King, youth weekend; but normally known as the 34th week of the year, and the end of the churches year. So next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent. I have long believed that this Sunday should evolve to become one of the Great Feasts like Christmas, Good Friday, Easter and Pentecost, and in the end, the greatest Feast of all when "Christ returns in glory". This Sunday we will celebrate it to the best of our abilities with a special celebration of First Holy Communion at St George's, a result of the coronavirus pandemic.

Now it is important to highlight events for Advent. After harvest time, the most important gift we are left with is seeds, to be sown to provide for the year; and years to come. Pope Francis has called for a special Synod, to respond to the life of the church at this time. The time for this consultation has been extended and its importance is really great. Through real prayer and effort I hope we will address this

For the Four Sundays:

First Sunday: "Call to Synod". Ideas on how we might address this most welcome.

Second Sunday: "The ministries of the church". How they enrich and develop the life of our church.

Third Sunday: "Be reconciled to God". Confession as I knew it and spent hours at this time in the confessional box when I was first ordained.

Fourth Sunday: "Hope, Aspiration, Visions". For the community, local church ecumenism and gracefully challenging those who have high office in the life of the church.



SYNOD OF BISHOPS – not just for Bishops BUT FOR YOU.

The Pope says that the Synod represents the main road for the Church, called to renew herself under the action of the Spirit and by listening to the Word.

The ability to imagine a different future for the Church and her institutions, in keeping with the mission she has received, depends largely on the decision to initiate processes of listening, dialogue, and community discernment, in which each and every person can participate and contribute.

Our Diocese is starting this listening process during December 2021, with a number of questions shared directly with parishes. The Diocese will also share the Synod questions on its website <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/synod>

The Synod provides us with an opportunity to be creative about who we engage with; are there people who are housebound you could talk to over the phone? Could you use the Diocese's upcoming Junior Synod resources to engage the children of your parish and help them feel included? Perhaps you could set up your own group, using the materials to be provided soon by the Diocese?

Deacon John Writes:

This short quotation said a lot to me. I hope you like it!

Eyes to See by Frank Topping

Lord, give me eyes to see in the light you shed upon the world. Let me see the magic of common place things. Let me see the mystery of creation in the sky that goes on being endless day after day. Let me see the wonder of creation in the families of birds that have flown for thousands of years across endless miles of sea, guided by what? Let me see the whole of creation in a blade of grass, and the reason for it all in an act of kindness.



St Wilfrid's Church: Advent Penitential Service and First Confession for our 7 candidates on Saturday 11th December at 5 pm. **Rehearsal for Nativity Mime at Christmas Eve Mass** will be Saturday 18th December at 11 am, Children from St Wilfrid's and St George's are all welcome to take part in this special part of the Mass.

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.

Bereavement Book:

The Bereavement Book will be available in St George's Church, until the end of November for anyone who wants to add names of their deceased relatives and friends. Please pray for the deceased and their families during November.

Christmas Carol Concert at St George's - The South Downs Singers are a community choir based at our hall in Polegate. The choir has used the hall since it first began more than 20 years ago. They support local charities through concerts held up to three times a year. This year has been very difficult for the choir due to the Covid pandemic and, once the green light was given to rehearse again, they met up and used the car park to begin with! Now back in the hall, their Christmas Carol concert this year will be held at St George's Church on Saturday 4th December at 3.30 pm. It will be a perfect opportunity to begin your preparation of Christmas with a beautiful selection of carols and seasonal music. Tickets are priced at £8.00 available from Shirley or Kelly at St George's, or ring 01323 504753 to book.

Everyone loves a "Teddy Bear". We have been given quite a few to sell, plus good items donated by Ann and David Hoad that belonged to their daughter "Hannah" a "larger than life" character to all who knew her. She has been a sad loss in our community and in her honour they have given us toys and teenage items to sell and the money raised will go to the "Lourdes Fund", so more children can go to this "special place" that Hannah loved and looked forward to every year. The goods and teddies will be on sale in our hall after Mass this Sunday. Please take the time to pop in and purchase something "Christmas is coming" in her honour. Thank you.

We have an opening for a Parish Treasurer and this will involve around 5-8 hours work a month. Please contact Jackie at ssgeorge.wilfrid@btinternet.com for further details about the role and the application process. Closing date for applications will be Thursday 2nd December 2021.

Please make a note in your diaries of our over 50's Activities:

This week - Thursday 25th November, 2pm, Afternoon Tea & Fun in our hall. Homemade cakes/scones, sandwiches, plus "French gourmand", fancy "bite size cakes/biscuits in English", all for £3. We have a small raffle, 50p per ticket. Do come and join us.

Christmas Lunch at Kings Head - Horsebridge: Thursday 9th December, in the function room, 12noon. Three courses plus tea/coffee, mince pies and crackers, £18 including tip. Please pay the £18 when booking, I will give you a copy of the menu so you can make your choice, to make it easier on the day for the chef and us. I have had many bookings already and so advise you to book soon. Our friends from St George's are invited of course and many have booked already. Lets make it a jolly good Christmas lunch enjoyed by all of us from both parishes, plus our non catholic friends. If transport is a problem please contact Joan 07873390944.

Thursday 30th December, 2pm in our Hall for Afternoon Tea: We have decided to make this a pre New Years Eve Party, special homemade food, music, games suitable to our age group!! Crackers, goody bags and special raffle. The cost for this will be £5 and I can assure you it will be worth every penny - come on lets party!

All these events are open to St Wilfrid's and St George's plus any friends are most welcome of course. Please contact Joan 07873390944 or after Sunday and Wednesday Mass in the Hall.

"ENRICHING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH": a series of talks at Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church, Eastbourne. A chance to enrich and deepen our understanding of our faith.

Tuesday, 30th November: 'Jesus: who do people say I am? What the New Testament tells us - also the Early Church' Speaker: John de Waal.

Monday, 6th December: 'Gaudete! and the gift of Christian Joy.' Speaker: Fr Tristan.

Tuesday, 14th December: 'COP 26 and its aftermath.' Speaker: Barbara Echlin.

Sessions will be in the Parish Centre (accessed from the church car park) from 7.30 – 8.30pm - with a break halfway for refreshments. All are welcome to all or any of the talks!

Hailsham Foodbank: During November they will be having their annual Tesco National collection in Hailsham. They need volunteers to man the collection point and below you will see the link for people to sign up. A member of the foodbank staff will be manning collections at all times along with the volunteers. https://doodle.com/poll/vdttig6n4br5tn5y?utm_source=poll&utm_medium=link

St Wilfrid's Church - Notices at Mass on Sunday. If you require a notice read out after Mass please email Alan by Saturday mornings. alanjozwik@gmail.com

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 and I will add you to the next rota which will start in February 2022.

Friends of St Thomas a Becket CP School..... Calling all businesses.... Do you own or work for a business which might be interested in supporting us by way of a Christmas raffle prize donation? If so, please get in touch via email ptfa@stthomasbecket.e-sussex.sch.uk

CAFOD School Volunteers needed!

Looking for a new challenge?

Could you visit schools in your local area to deliver assemblies and workshops about CAFOD's work and encourage young people to take action, fundraise and pray with CAFOD?

No experience necessary. Full support, resources and regular training provided.

As well as using your skills to help the poorest people in the world volunteers are inspired by young people, it strengthens their faith, develops their communication and presentation skills, plus much more. If this of interest and you would like more information, please contact either: **Jenny Finlayson**, Community Participation Coordinator for Arundel and Brighton Diocese, email:

arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk Tel: 01483 898866 Mobile: 07710 094448 or **Mike Dean** Education Volunteer Coordinator for Arundel and Brighton Diocese email: mdean@cafod.org.uk

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

Sunday 14th November 2021

St George's Attendances: 61 St Wilfrid's Attendances: 97