

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Cf. Ps 17: 19-20
**The Lord became my protector.
He brought me out to a place of freedom;
he saved me because he delighted in me.**

THE COLLECT
Grant us, O Lord, we pray,
that the course of our world
may be directed by your peaceful rule
and that your Church may rejoice,
untroubled in her devotion.
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 27:4-7
A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus
In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind,
so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.
The kiln tests the work of the potter,
the test of a man is in his conversation.
The orchard where a tree grows is judged on the quality of
its fruit,
similarly a man’s words betray what he feels.
Do not praise a man before he has spoken,
since this is the test of men.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM Ps.91:2-3,13-16. R. Cf.v2

R) It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night. **(R)**

The just will flourish like the palm tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **(R)**

Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **(R)**

SECOND READING 15:54-58
A reading from the first letter of St Paul
to the Corinthians

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and
when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words
of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory.
Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now
the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law.
So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord
Jesus Christ.
Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep
on working at the Lord’s work always, knowing that, in the Lord,
you cannot be labouring in vain.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Cf.Acts 16:14
Alleluia, alleluia!
**Open our hearts, O Lord,
to accept the words of your Son.**
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 6:39-45
The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus told a parable to his disciples: ‘Can one blind man guide
another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not
superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be
like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your
brother’s eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can
you say to your brother, “Brother, let me take out the splinter
that is in your eye,” when you cannot see the plank in your
own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and
then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is
in your brother’s eye.
‘There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a
rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told
by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather
grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from
the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is
bad from the store of badness. For a man’s words flow out of
what fills his heart.’

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS
O God, who provide gifts to be offered to your name
and count our oblations as signs
of our desire to serve you with devotion,
we ask of your mercy
that what you grant as the source of merit
may also help us to attain merit’s reward.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Cf. Ps 12: 6
**I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me,
sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Nourished by your saving gifts,
we beseech your mercy, Lord,
that by this same Sacrament
with which you feed us in the present age,
you may make us partakers of life eternal.
Through Christ our Lord.

THE ORDER OF MASS

Whenever the Priest says:
The Lord be with you.
The people reply:
And with your spirit.

Penitential Act
I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have
failed to do,

And, striking their breast, they say:
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Or:
Have mercy on us, O Lord.
For we have sinned against you.
Show us, O Lord, your mercy.
And grant us your salvation.

Or:
You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:
Lord, have mercy. *Or:* Kyrie, eleison.
Lord, have mercy. Or: Kyrie, eleison.
You came to call sinners:
Christ, have mercy. *Or:* Christe, eleison.
Christ, have mercy. Or: Christe, eleison.
You are seated at the right hand of the
Father to intercede for us:
Lord, have mercy. *Or:* Kyrie, eleison.
Lord, have mercy. Or: Kyrie, eleison.

The Gloria
Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

**We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

The Nicene Creed
I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Or:
The Apostles’ Creed
I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

All bow
**born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.
The Liturgy of the Eucharist
Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),...
**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good
and the good of all his holy Church.**

The Eucharistic Prayer
The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right and just.

Kneel
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The mystery of faith.
**We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.**

Or:
Stand
When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.

Or:
Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.

The Communion Rite
Behold the Lamb of God...
**Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.**

All bow
The Concluding Rites
After the blessing the Deacon, or the Priest, says:
Go forth, the Mass is ended. *Or:*
Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord. *Or:*
Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life. *Or:*
Go in peace.

The people reply:
Thanks be to God.

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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	26th	St Wilfrid's		
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, Fasting and Abstinence)				
Sun	27th	9.00am	St George's -	Joseph & Rose Falkner
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Betty Ellison RIP (1st Anniversary)
Mon	28th	2.30pm	St George's -	Rosary Group
Tue	1st	10.00am	St George's -	Parish Communities' Intention
Wed	2nd	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Ash Wednesday , Margaret & John Forde's Int
Wed	2nd	12noon	St George's -	Ash Wednesday , Roger Costello RIP
Thurs	3rd	10.00am	St George's -	Mary King RIP
Fri	4th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	A T Mathew
Sat	5th	St Wilfrid's -		
First Sunday of Lent (Friday is Lent Fast Day)				
Sun	6th	9.00am	St George's -	Michael Barry RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Parish Communities' Intention
		3.00pm	St George's -	Stations of the Cross

Confessions on request at anytime or before and after Masses at St Wilfrid's and St George's Church

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 Monika Beaver
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POLEGATE CHURCHES TOGETHER

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

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS those who are unwell: Lily May, 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, Michael Copper, Peter Standen and Richard Stimpson.

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:

First and foremost, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

I am profoundly grateful to our parish team for leading our response to Pope Francis request for a Synod. In life there are occasional moments of great grace. For me, number one was Pope John 23rd and his call for the Second Vatican Council, and now Pope Francis with his call for a Synod.

As the team presents us with the response from our parish, we are presented with two most important opportunities. **Lent**; this special season which always brings back to my thoughts one of my first parish priests, Mgr Tim Rice, with his statement "Lent means Spring", and because he was a great enthusiast for the 2nd Vatican Council, he always used it as a focus for a particular theme from this Vatican Council with the awareness that Spring is a time of new life "lambs in the field" and growth.

Because Lent has sprung upon us, and the implications of where we are in response to the virus, we have no great plan in place. The other side is "it is a window of opportunity" and because our team has offered to spring into this window, I am confident that this is what is best for us. I will also consult with Deacon John on how to make the best use of this great season.



Deacon John Writes:

This Sunday we are encouraged as to how we are to live in our daily lives to ensure that we take life, joy and hope to all we meet. Further we are told to share our Christian life by watching what we say, especially about others. We must avoid gossip and rash judgments about others. It is made obvious that we should leave all judgment to God and practise mercy and forgiveness, remembering the advice of saints: "When you point one finger of accusation at another, three of your fingers point at you." Let us pay attention to the Jewish rabbi's advice: "He who judges others favourably will be judged favourably by God."

Some food for thought: C.S. Lewis wrote, "There is someone I love, even though I don't approve of what he does. There is someone I accept, though some of his thoughts and actions revolt me. There is someone I forgive, though he hurts the people I love the most. That person is me."

Finally I offer you this bit of humour: There's the story of the conscientious wife who tried very hard to please her ultra-critical husband but failed regularly. He always seemed the most cantankerous at breakfast. If the eggs were scrambled, he wanted them poached; if the eggs were poached, he wanted them scrambled. One morning, with what she thought was a stroke of genius, the wife poached one egg and scrambled the other and placed the plate before him. Anxiously she awaited what surely this time would be his unqualified approval. He peered down at the plate and snorted, "Can't you do anything right, woman? You've scrambled the wrong one!"



A "webinar" with Bishop Richard, Wednesday 9 March at 7.30pm.

Hopefully you all know that a two-year synodal process is taking place across the Catholic Church and our Parish has already sent its responses to the Diocese. That was the first stage.

The second stage is for Bishop Richard to prayerfully engage with the responses submitted and to discern, with the help of the Holy Spirit, how he will compile this into a document to be sent to the Bishops Conference of England and Wales for the next step in the journey.

It was decided that, in the spirit of dialogue, it is really important for participants to hear what is being forwarded onto the national level, and have the opportunity to provide feedback.

To enable this to happen, the Diocese will be hosting a live webinar, where Bishop Richard will present the document. This will be recorded for those unable to see it on a computer, and, afterwards, the Parish will arrange to show it locally. Details later.

If you would like to watch the live webinar then you should register your interest by visiting the Diocesan website <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/synod> and click on the words indicated.

Save the Date, Saturday 13th August 2022 when there will be a special Mass with Bishop Richard to celebrate 100 years since the first Mass here at St Wilfrid's.

The ashes of Edna Andrews have been rescheduled to be buried in St George's Memorial Garden on Thursday March 3rd after the 10am Mass.

St Georges Children's Liturgy Lent Fundraising:

During Lent we are asking our children and families to raise money for Tiny Tickers. 1 in 125 babies is born with a serious heart condition. Tiny Tickers helps to fund oximetry monitors in maternity wards. Early detection of Congenital Heart Defects (CHD) is key to saving lives. Our local NHS Trust has committed to having these monitors and all funds raised by our children will go to help this happen. Please support our children in their efforts through your prayers and donations.

Two key dates for fundraising are;

- Sunday 20th March - Cake Sale and Raffle after mass in St George's Hall
- Sunday April 3rd 12noon - Sponsored Parish Walk from Jevington to Alfriston (Reserve day 10th April)

Pope Francis said that his 'heart ached' in response to the situation in Ukraine, with the Pope encouraging people across the world to observe Ash Wednesday, 2 March, as a day of fasting and prayer for Ukraine.

On Sunday 6th March, 20th March, 3rd April, and 10th April there will be **Stations of the Cross** in St. George's at 3pm. On Passion Sunday, 10th April, Stations will be followed by **Benediction**.

Stations of The Cross (family friendly): On Saturday 12th March at 11am a family friendly Stations of the Cross will take place in St George's Church. All parishioners are encouraged to join us, and especially our younger ones (any age). Following the Stations we will enjoy a Lent soup lunch in the hall. There will be three soup options to choose from and plenty of bread and butter. The lunch will be to help the children raise money for Tiny Tickers, our chosen Lent charity. To help with catering please can you message Sandra on 07791627368 confirming your name and both adult and child numbers attending or email sandraforte40@gmail.com. We very much look forward to this event. All Welcome.

All St Wilfrid's and St George's parishioners who are seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation (and parents if candidate 14 - 16) are invited to attend an information meeting and first session at St George's hall on Sunday 6th March 4pm - 6pm. The parish Confirmation programme will run for 11 weeks and prepare all candidates for the Deanery Confirmations being held in late May. A programme information leaflet is available at church today, or for more information contact Sandra on 07791627368 or email sandraforte40@gmail.com

Polegate Town Council are using our hall at St George's on Saturday 5th March from 2-4 pm to talk about land they have bought in Polegate and wish to turn into a wildlife haven. It is a fantastic community project which will benefit schools, wellbeing and mental health. PTC are open to ideas and offers of support so if you love wildlife, nature and being outdoors this will be of interest to you.

There is a planned 'Men's way of the Cross' Friday 3rd March. It will begin at 9pm with adoration and confession, mass at 10pm at Christ the King and then the way of the cross across Beachy Head. It will take most of the night and we are expected to return at about 5am for a hearty breakfast.

ENRICHING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH" - OUR LADY OF RANSOM (EASTBOURNE): A series of talks to enrich and deepen our understanding of our faith. All are welcome to all or any of the talks.

- **Thursday, 3rd March** - Can War ever be Just? - speaker: Fr Kevin.

- **Thursday, 17th March** - The Second Vatican Council (reasons for and consequences) - speaker: to be confirmed

- **Thursday, 31st March** - Making use of scripture in prayer. - speaker: Caroline Rother.

Sessions last an hour and start at 7.30pm in the Our Lady of Ransom Parish Hall (accessed via car park), - with a break halfway for refreshments.

Churches Together, Polegate Willingdon and Jevington - The Life Christian Centre at 6 Oldfield Road, Willingdon Eastbourne BN20 9QE, will be meeting every Wednesday at 2.00pm, for refreshments, whilst relaxing and chatting. All are welcome!

Lenten Reflection for Young Adults (18-35)

Facilitated by the House of Prayer team, this day will provide a time of quiet reflection during this season of renewal. Based on Ignation spirituality, we will explore prayer and scripture in a new and profound way.

Saturday 12th March 10am-4pm House of Prayer East Molesey Cost £25 email lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk for details.

Confirmation Catechist Reflection & Formation Day

Join us for a day of Lenten reflection led by The Catholic Bible School. You will have the opportunity to stop, pray, and spend time with the Lord during this season of renewal. You will also discover new and exciting ways to help young people connect to their faith.

Saturday 26th March 10am-3.30pm St John the Evangelist Horsham Cost £5 email lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk for details.

Climate Change: Together with Dr Larch Maxey, a prominent climate speaker and activists Rev Sue Parfitt and Rev Mark Coleman, we are hosting a zoom meeting on Sunday 27th February 3pm-4.30pm. This will give Christians who are aware of the awful reality of the climate crisis and care about everything on God's earth, the opportunity to learn and ask questions about the forthcoming 'Just Stop Oil' campaign. Register using this link <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/our-responsibilities-as-christians-at-this-time-online-tickets-268091507917>

Shoe Boxes - Love in a Box! If you have any spare shoe boxes, please leave them at the back of the church in St. George's, so they can be covered for the end of the year. Thank you to those who have already donated boxes!

Dates for your Diary

Sat March 12th at 11am - Family friendly Stations of the Cross at St George's Church. Everyone is welcome. Followed by a Lenten Lunch in the hall.

Sun March 20th - Cake Sale & Raffle after Mass in St George's Hall.

Sun April 3rd at 12noon - Sponsored Walk, Jevington to Alfriston - More information to follow. Reserve date **Sun 10th April**.

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Sunday 20th February 2022

St George's Attendances: 62 St Wilfrid's Attendances: 109