

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.**

Cf. Ps 26:8-9

THE COLLECT

O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. 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 book of Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, ‘Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants’ he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

‘I am the Lord’ he said to him ‘who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land.’ ‘My Lord, the Lord’ Abram replied ‘how am I to know that I shall inherit it?’ He said to him, ‘Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.’ He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

‘To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.’

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

R) The Lord is my light and my help. Ps. 26:1.7-9.13-14.R.v1

The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink? **(R)**

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.
Of you my heart has spoken:
‘Seek his face.’ **(R)**

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face.
Dismiss not your servant in anger;
you have been my help. **(R)**

I am sure I shall see the Lord’s goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 3:17-4:1

For shorter form, read between brackets []

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as

you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. [For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.]

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!
From the bright cloud, the Father’s voice was heard:
‘This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him!’
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Mt 17:5

GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 9:28-36

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, ‘Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.’ — He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, ‘This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him’. And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray,
cleanse us of our faults
and sanctify your faithful in body and mind
for the celebration of the paschal festivities.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.**

Mt 17:5

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As we receive these glorious mysteries,
we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord,
for allowing us while still on earth
to be partakers even now of the things of heaven.
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.

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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 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.

Stand

**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.**

Kneel

The mystery of faith.

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

Or:

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

All bow

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.**

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	12th	11.00am	St George's	Stations of the Cross (Family Friendly)
Second, 'Transfiguration' Sunday of Lent (Collection for CAFOD Today), (Collection next Sunday for Easter Flowers at both churches)				
Sun	13th	9.00am	St George's -	Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Jennifer Barnett RIP
Mon	14th	2.30pm	St George's -	Rosary Group
Tue	15th	10.00am	St George's -	Mrs Mary O'Donoghue Intention
Wed	16th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Dorothy Blake 1st Anniversary RIP
Thurs	17th	10.00am	St George's -	Feast of St Patrick , Margaret Meechens
Fri	18th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Creta O'Neill RIP
Sat	19th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Feast of St Joseph , Confessions
Third Sunday of Lent (Collection Today for Easter Flowers at both Churches)				
Sun	20th	9.00am	St George's -	Mary Connor RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Parish Communities' Intention
		3.00pm	St George's -	Holy Hour for peace in Ukraine with 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
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, 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:

The Great Season of Lent

Hopefully we have got off to a good start to our Lenten Season this year. One event in particular, which happened at St George's Church on Sunday afternoon, was the opening meeting of our young persons preparation for their confirmation, this was very good "tus maith leath na hoibre" a good start is half the work. It was a very good opportunity to share some food, to share their faith, to experience our faith, and to have it strengthened, nourished and nurtured. There was a very good presentation upon the life of faith and in keeping with the Synod. Jesus was not a religious figure like a Priest, a Pharisee, or a Sadducees. He was a human person, but also the Son of God, and as such he had great power and authority. People were drawn to him, particularly for forgiveness and healing. The phrase "He worked many miracles". We in our time want to get to know more about Him who loves us.

The tragedy that is Ukraine, and sadly one that is not going to disappear, really calls for oceans of prayer, because it is indeed Putin's war. So it is also tragedy for the Russian people. Pope Francis clearly called for fasting and prayer. As Alan Jozwik expressed it in the announcement last Sunday "well we just eat less food". If we can establish and clarify that intent and purpose it will be a real help to achieve fasting. In the age that we live in, food is so readily available; so different from the time when I was growing up when an ice cream was more of a yearly event than a weekly one, but then I lived out in the country.

There are many requests to ask what are we doing in response to the events in the Ukraine. There are many engaged in responding to this and I believe there is a lorry going from Eastbourne, but because of the situation it is very difficult to get materials to the right place, and so I believe to collect money for the cause would be most helpful. Anyone wishing to help to co-ordinate donations please get in touch.



Deacon John Writes:

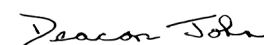
Recently, I have been reading various books about Lent and I thought you might like a selection from these readings from a little booklet by Fr. Thomas J Connery which starts with "Father, another Lent begins. I don't want to waste it. Help me to put it to good use."

1. If you want to know how strong your faith is, determine how generous you are. This can be used as a barometer to gauge your faith. Stretch yourself this Lent, make the barometer rise as your generosity grows. Give a little more than you think you can.

2. There is a man in the States who set out to mow a lawn for someone in need in each of the U.S states. He succeeded in 2017 and 2018. He did this for the elderly, disabled, single mothers and veterans. You may say "so what that is not a big deal", but it is for those who receive this favour. He sought out someone in need. We too, are called to help others wherever we can and in whatever way we can- serve others, no matter how simple the service may be.

3. There is the story of a woman who claimed that God was talking to her. She said this to a priest who was visiting her, who said "I want to find out if what you hear God say to you is only in your imagination. To prove it want you to ask God to name the three of the sins I confessed to the Bishop this morning. If you can name those sins I will believe that you really are in conversation with God." The woman sat there quietly for a while, praying. Then she looked up and said "I asked God to name your three sins, but God said, "I forgot." There is the good news - God forgets. Not only that he also forgives."

So! Go on. Laugh and pray your Lent.



CAFOD Family Fast Day - Lent Appeal

Every child should grow big and strong. Family Fast Day is Friday 11th March, a day when we eat simply and give generously to support mums around the world, like Amie in Sierra Leone, with expert training in growing and making healthy food.

Your small act of love this Lent will make a big difference to many communities affected by extreme hunger and children suffering from malnutrition. You can donate in church using a CAFOD envelope or by visiting the CAFOD website (cafod.org.uk/lent).

Hailsham Foodbank: are currently running low on longlife dairy milk, tinned sweetcorn/carrots/peas, tinned tomatoes, tomato based pasta sauce and tinned meat (such as hot dogs, chicken in white sauce, chilli, stew etc.). They would very much appreciate you including one of these items in your shopping if you donate at local supermarkets. Another fantastic way of helping them, which they set up during lockdown, is by donating to a platform called Bankuet. When they have enough funds on that platform they are able to order food in bulk directly and this has been invaluable to them. Details are on their website www.hailsham.foodbank.org.uk Thank you.

Platinum Jubilee: We will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Sunday 5th June with a United Nations Lunch. Please put your name on the list in the church porch with the dish you can provide. If possible the dish would be able to serve approximately 15 people with a small bowl of food. If you are unsure what to provide please see Teresa Bradley or Loretta Fry. Thank you. After Mass today (13th March) there will be a Parish Meeting in the Hall at St Wilfrid's for anyone who would like to help/donate food for the United Nations Lunch on Sunday 5th June 2022.

The Rosary - during these very traumatic times the Rosary is a powerful tool. We are so lucky to have had a Rosary Group at St George's for decades quietly bringing together our pleas for intercession and help. This group meets in St George's Hall on a Monday afternoon at 2.00 pm to pray the rosary and finish with a cuppa and some biscuits. Everyone is welcome to join and never have we needed the help of our Blessed Lady more than now.

On Sunday 20th March, 3rd April, and 10th April there will be a Holy Hour for peace in the world and end to the war in the Ukraine, it will include **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.

St George's Lenten Lunches - Saturday 12th March, preceded by Stations of the Cross. Thursday 17th March after 10.00 am Mass

St George's Church: St Patrick's day cards & Easter cards are on sale at the back of St. George's.

Thank you: Margaret and John Forde wish to say a sincere thank you to all who attended their Diamond Wedding Celebration Mass on 24th February. A big thanks to all who helped in the planning of our lovely Mass celebrated by Fr Rory. Thank you Father, and thank you to Jean for the flowers, Gary for the music and streaming, Bob for reading, Loretta in preparation of the Altar and Lesley & Ephram who got us to church and later to the reception in Eastbourne.

Bereavement Group: will be meeting up again on Friday 25th March at 11am in St Wilfrid's Church Hall. All welcome.

Children's Liturgy Fundraising during Lent 2022



Join us to support

For more information on the work Tiny Tickers does visit www.tinytickers.org Registered Charity No: 1078114

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 pulse oximetry monitors in maternity wards and for use at home births. 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 make this happen. Please support our children in their efforts through taking part in the below activities, if you can, and with your prayers and generosity.

The Great Bake & Raffle – Sunday 20th March after 9am Mass

Please join us in the St George's church hall at 9.45am (therefore before or after mass depending on Church attended) for tea and coffee with home baked treats and take part in our raffle.

(**NEEDED** – Suitable Raffle items, new gifts or bottles/boxes of chocolates – please pass to Children's Liturgy team or leave at back of church marked Raffle – thank you)

Sponsored - Walk, Talk & Picnic – Jevington to Alfriston Sunday 3rd April 12noon (picnic approx. 1.30pm)

Our parish Children, their families and children's liturgy leaders are planning a sponsored walk from Jevington to Alfriston, 3+miles (and some will also walk back). Everyone is welcome to join us on this lovely South Downs walk, however we realise the terrain is not ideal for all. For those who can't manage the walk you are invited to join us for our picnic at Alfriston, in the Church grounds. Even if you are not able to join us, you can help us by sponsoring the children, forms are now available at the back of church. If you can gift aid please do. Reserve date April 10th – contact Sandra on 07791 627368 or email sandraforte40@gmail.com for further information.

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!

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.

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

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**.

Sat 13th August - Special Mass with Bishop Richard to celebrate 100 years since first Mass at St Wilfrid's.

Sunday 6th March 2022

St George's Attendances: 74 St Wilfrid's Attendances: 118