

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 24: 15-16

**My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.**

THE COLLECT

O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy. 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 Exodus 3:1-8. 13-15

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps. 102:1-4.6-8.11.R.v8

R) The Lord is compassion and love.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **(R)**

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. **(R)**

The Lord does deeds of justice,
gives judgement for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses
and his deeds to Israel's sons. **(R)**

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 10:1-6. 10-12

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Mt 4:17

**Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!
Repent, says the Lord,
for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.
Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!**

GOSPEL

Luke 13:1-9

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look, here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year, if not, then you can cut it down."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Be pleased, O Lord, with these sacrificial offerings,
and grant that we who beseech pardon for our own sins,
may take care to forgive our neighbour.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 83: 4-5

**The sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for her young:
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As we receive the pledge
of things yet hidden in heaven
and are nourished while still on earth
with the Bread that comes from on high,
we humbly entreat you, O Lord,
that what is being brought about in us in mystery
may come to true completion.
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 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	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
Mon	21st	2.30pm	St George's -	Rosary Group
Tue	22nd	10.00am	St George's -	Margaret Mackins RIP
Wed	23rd	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Norman & Angela Wright RIP
Thurs	24th	10.00am	St George's -	Mrs Pathan RIP
Fri	25th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Mary King RIP
Sat	26th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Church open for Confessions
				Fourth 'Laetare' Sunday of Lent
Sun	27th	9.00am	St George's -	Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Elizabeth Woodrow-Spencer RIP

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

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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:

Hail Mary full of grace, the Lord is with thee,
blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb

Jesus

As we walk through this valley of darkness, at this time it is very hard to see light at the end of the tunnel. Having read; and I will read again and again "THE SUGGESTION PUT FORWARD FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PARISH" as an outcome to the synodal process. It brings me back to the very beginning of this year when we lit the first Advent Candle "the candle of hope". I remember then the value of that candle, "hope is the one thing we can always cling on to".

Right now as times are so grim, it is something good to have to hold on to. I have to come to terms with a deep sense of hopelessness, because of the number of times I have failed to improve. Re-reading the suggestions brings hope. One of the important suggestions is core groups and the sense of working together and empowering ministries. So let us continue to try again. The Queen's Jubilee and the Centenary of the church are promising events.

Light at the end of the tunnel always helps us with hope. So again, (with the help of God) two things: 1) Easter and 2) The very promising words from the early development of the church "The day of Pentecost came". Yes, more than anything else "when the day of Pentecost came", my great hope is that this year we will have a real experience of Pentecost.

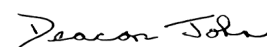
So far our masses, our prayers and all our efforts are flowing in the right direction.
Let us look forward to Easter.



Deacon John Writes:

The first reading this weekend tells us how God shows His mercy to His chosen people. How did he do this? He gave them Moses as their leader and liberator. Then God reveals His name as Yahweh ("I AM Who I AM") and renews His promise to the to give them a "land flowing with milk and honey." The Psalm reminds us of God's unfailing mercy: "The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy." The second reading warns us that our merciful God is also a disciplining God. Paul reminds the Christians of Corinth that they must learn from the sad experience of the Israelites who were punished for their sins by a merciful God, one who is also a just God, so we must be careful and not fall into sin. The Gospel invites us to repent of our sins, to renew our lives, and to produce the fruits of the Holy Spirit. The parable of the poor fig tree, warns us that the merciful God will not put up with us indefinitely. Yes, God is patient and waits for sinners to repent, assisting them with his grace to do this, but, He will not wait forever. We must always remember that our time on earth may run out and we really should realise that repentance is necessary before this happens!

Have you ever wondered why we say "God Bless You" when someone sneezes? Jewish sages tell us that it has to do with an ancient belief that the Lord just blessed that person with another day here on His earth. Another day in which we can repent of our sins - a day of grace!



Good Friday Way of the Cross (family friendly)

On Good Friday at 10.30am in St Wilfrid's Church we will be holding a Way of the Cross Service. Although designed specifically for our children, we warmly welcome ALL parishioners to this event. Following the service we will be sharing hot cross buns in the hall. Donations to our Lenten Appeal, Tiny Tickers, will be gratefully received.

At St George's we need someone to train up as a Sacristan, either gender. As you know we have three Masses a week. Sunday at nine o'clock and Tuesday and Thursday at ten o'clock. It is such a rewarding and uplifting task, preparing for Mass. If you feel you could do it, please ask Fr. Rory, Angela or myself Cathy or ring me 01323 487688 for more information. Thank you.

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 Jubilee 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.

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**.

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

CAFOD:

Thank you for giving to CAFOD's Lent Appeal. Your generous gifts will ensure that CAFOD's local experts, like Sister Anthonia in Sierra Leone, can support families with training in growing and making healthy food so that children can grow up big and strong. You can still donate on the CAFOD website (cafod.org.uk/lent) or join CAFOD's Walk Against Hunger to raise vital funds to tackle extreme hunger and its causes.

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.

St Wilfrid's Church: We are compiling a list of deceased members of our parish to be inscribed on St Wilfrid's Memorial Garden Stone. Please could you let us know if you would like a name added and if you require a space to be left underneath. Please email your requests to ssgeorge.wilfrid@btinternet.com Thank you.

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 13th March 2022

St George's Attendances: 78 St Wilfrid's Attendances: 104