

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Cf. Ps 42: 1-2

**Give me justice, O God,  
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.  
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,  
for you, O God, are my strength.**

**THE COLLECT**

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God,  
may we walk eagerly in that same charity  
with which, out of love for the world,  
your Son handed himself over to death.  
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 Isaiah

43:16-21

Thus says the Lord,  
who made a way through the sea,  
a path in the great waters;  
who put chariots and horse in the field  
and a powerful army,  
which lay there never to rise again,  
snuffed out, put out like a wick:  
No need to recall the past,  
no need to think about  
what was done before.  
See, I am doing a new deed,  
even now it comes to light; can you not see it?  
Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness,  
paths in the wilds.

The wild beasts will honour me,  
jackals and ostriches,  
because I am putting water in the wilderness  
(rivers in the wild)  
to give my chosen people drink.  
The people I have formed for myself  
will sing my praises.

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 of St Paul to the Philippians 3:8-14

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme  
advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have  
accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so  
much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in  
him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the

perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection  
that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on  
faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection  
and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death.  
That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of  
the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won,  
but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ  
Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from  
thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the  
past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for  
the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive  
in Christ Jesus.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Cf. Amos 5:14

**Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!  
Seek good and not evil so that you may live,  
and that the Lord God of hosts may really be with you.  
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**

**GOSPEL**

John 8:1-11

The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit.**

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

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared  
in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat  
down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had  
been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there  
in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this  
woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and  
Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this  
to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him  
this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But  
Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his  
finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and  
said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned let him be the  
first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on  
the ground again. When they heard this they went away one  
by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone  
with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up  
and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?'  
'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,'  
said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

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

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Hear us, almighty God,  
and, having instilled in your servants  
the teachings of the Christian faith,  
graciously purify them  
by the working of this sacrifice.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Jn 8: 10-11

**Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord.  
Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

We pray, almighty God,  
that we may always be counted among the  
members of Christ,  
in whose Body and Blood we have communion.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

# 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.**

# PARISH COMMUNITIES OF

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## ST WILFRID

South Road  
Hailsham



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### WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	2nd	10.00am	St Wilfrid's	Church open for Confessions
<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>				
Sun	3rd	9.00am	St George's -	Sheila Mary Campbell RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	David Curtis RIP 1st Anniversary
		3.00pm	St George's -	Holy Hour for peace in Ukraine with Station of the Cross
Mon	4th	2.30pm	St George's -	Rosary Group
Tue	5th	10.00am	St George's -	Mrs M R O'Brien RIP
Wed	6th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Philomena Barrett RIP
Thurs	7th	10.00am	St George's -	Patrick Phelan RIP
Fri	8th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Michael Perkins RIP
Sat	9th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Church open for Confessions
<b>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Friday is a day of Fasting &amp; Abstinence, Collection for Holy Places)</b>				
Sun	10th	9.00am	St George's -	Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Brian Winter RIP
		3.00pm	St George's	Holy Hour for peace in Ukraine with Station of the Cross and Benediction

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 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, 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:

### “Holy Week is on our doorsteps”

Please God, we are now ready and looking forward to celebrating this most important event. Salvation that has come from on High. The Son of man, Jesus; who is also God's only Son; intervened in our lives for the sake of our salvation. The cost was high, revealed to us by the way to calvary. The station of the cross helps us to give our careful attention to Jesus, so that we can with the help of the Holy Spirit transform our lives.

For me the pandemic; now this dreadful war among wars reveals an unavoidable fact ... the realms of evil. Unfortunately much of my faith is a response to this hard fact. We begin each year, highlighted by lighting the first advent candle, the candle of “hope”. This has opened my eyes greatly to the value of “the celebration” of mass. During this last couple of years I have found it remarkably helpful.

We had the severest lockdown and on occasions celebrating mass on my own. The immense peace when celebrating the sign of peace. We are very blessed by our two churches because they present a remarkable sense of peace. We must do our best, our very best that our churches will continue to remain open, and blessed with loving communities of faith. I am fearful that not all our churches in the diocese will survive. Bishop Richard brought this to our attention at the very beginning of his ministry, when he introduced an immense consultation “with the focus on our diocese and our churches; what life in the church will be in 2030”. This was because of the age profile of the clergy, and the first focus was how the ministry of our priesthood would be like in 2024. Now the implications at this present time are sobering, especially if we place the emphasis upon the number of priests; and what they can do.

What we can do - **Our response to the Synod maybe very helpful in this.**

**What we must do**, helped through the Liturgy to well celebrate the events of our faith. Let us begin with “Palm Sunday” truly embracing that moment when Jesus entered Jerusalem, triumphant and riding on a donkey. In our seminary a very inspiring priest who highlighted this event from scripture “if our hearts are that hard and we do not respond, then the rocks and the trees will cry out with gratitude”. The procession should have great importance.

At Easter we celebrate the waters of baptism, in which we are washed and made clean. Sacraments in the life of the church bring to our attention the grace of the sacraments that we receive and re-establish the greatness of God's grace. The custom of having Holy Water in the house and in cars, a sign of the importance of God's grace in all our lives and activities. It highlighted also the need for God's protection.

In preparation for Christmas and Easter the priests spent hours in the confessional. The sacrament is true and can be very fruitful. Through the ministry of the church God grants to you pardon and peace. Now that we have ministers of the Eucharist at Holy Communion, I will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at this time. Please make your best preparation and come to celebrate this sacrament. This valuable ministry gives us the opportunity to celebrate the great sacrament of peace and then to receive our Divine Lord in Holy Communion.

*Jr Kooy*

### Missio

**Today, Tomorrow, Together**

**Mission Today - Spring 2022**

For years we have highlighted the importance of the Red Mission Boxes as a great way of supporting the church in the developing world. It did a lot of very good work all the way back to the “Penny Prod Box” when I was a child. For years Doris Jung has done a great job for our parish collecting the boxes and counting the money a couple of times a year. Obviously this has been drastically effected by the virus, but she has kept it going. Now the change in money habits - people using credit cards, much less coins in their pockets, as they introduce in their Mission Today “Lets think outside the Box!” with suggestions how you can donate.

**Send a cheque:** *Make it payable to Missio-Mill Hill and post it to Red Box, 23 Eccleston Square, London, SW1V 1NU.*

**Give online:** *Go to [mission.org.uk/redbox](http://mission.org.uk/redbox)*

**Give via text:** *Text REDBOX 5 (to donate £5) or REDBOX 10 (to donate £10) to 70085. This costs £5 or £10 plus your standard rate message.*

**Give via phone:** *Call us on 020 7821 9755 during office hours to donate with your credit or debit card.*

**Bank Transfer:** *Account Name: Missio, Sort Code 16-00-16, Account Number: 10824230, Reference: RB + your postcode.*

Doris Jung has suggested that in the light of this we will end up using our boxes this harvest time. So we can make an extra effort to fill, to count and to return all our boxes at harvest time at the end of the year. Thank you.

**\*CANCELLATION \***

The Good Friday Way of the Cross Service at St Wilfrid's Church, scheduled to take place at 10.30 am on April 15th has now been cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.

**St George's Table sale** is urgently in need of more donations. If anyone has new/nearly new items suitable for the table please leave at the back of Church marked table sale. Thank you.

On Sunday 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**.

**We are a small group in Polegate** praying for our children and all children. We are opening up the group to include those who feel they would like to join us. We meet on Wednesday mornings and are part of a much bigger worldwide group, over a hundred countries are all praying for our children and grandchildren. It is truly a wonderful achievement, after all meeting together, to have prayed for them. Ring me on Polegate 487688 for more information Cathy.

**Children's Liturgy Fundraising during Lent 2022**

**Join us to support**

Our Lent fundraising has been a great success so far. Thank you to everyone who has supported us. The Stations of the Cross and Lent Lunch raised £80 and last Sunday's Big Bake and Raffle nearly £250. This equates to the ability to purchase at least one portable machine for use on a ward or at a home birth.

Why the need for these vital pieces of equipment? 1 in 125 babies is born with a serious heart condition. Early detection of Congenital Heart Defects (CHD) is key to saving lives. If a CHD is picked up at the birth of a child, using specialist infant Pulse Oximetry machines, it dramatically reduces the risk of complications and infant deaths. Our local NHS Trust has committed to having these monitors and all funds raised by our children will go to help make this happen. Tiny Tickers places the pulse oximetry monitors in maternity wards and for use at home births and also arranges the staff training required. We have one more event to go and hope that you can continue to support us with your prayers and generosity.

**Sponsored - Walk, Talk & Picnic – Jevington to Alfriston - Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> – contact Sandra on 07791 627368 or email [sandraforte40@gmail.com](mailto:sandraforte40@gmail.com) for further information.

IMPORTANT - Sponsor forms are available for all those walking to take away today and gain sponsorship from friends and family. Please take a form away with you. Alternatively, if you wish to sponsor our children as a group a form is available to add to at the back of both churches.

**For more information on the work Tiny Tickers does visit [www.tinytickers.org](http://www.tinytickers.org) Registered Charity No: 1078114**

**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.

**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 if you would like to contribute a dish. 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.

**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](mailto:ssgeorge.wilfrid@btinternet.com) Thank you.

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

**Dates for your Diary**

**Sun April 3rd at 12noon** - Sponsored Walk, Jevington to Alfriston. 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 27th March 2022**

St George's Attendances: 78      St Wilfrid's Attendances: 101