

20TH NOVEMBER 2022

CHRIST THE KING (C)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**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.**

Rv 5:12; 1:6

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.

FIRST READING

A reading from the second book of Samuel

5:1-3

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel." ' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps 121:1-5. R.cf.v2

**R) I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'**

I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. **(R)**

Jerusalem is built as a city
strongly compact.
It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord. **(R)**

For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians 1:12-20

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light.
Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God
and the first-born of all creation,
for in him were created
all things in heaven and on earth:
everything visible and everything invisible,
Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers –

all things were created through him and for him.
Before anything was created, he existed,
and he holds all things in unity.
Now the Church is his body,
he is its head.
As he is the Beginning,
he was first to be born from the dead,
so that he should be first in every way;
because God wanted all perfection
to be found in him
and all things to be reconciled through him and for him,
everything in heaven and everything on earth,
when he made peace
by his death on the cross.

The word of the Lord.
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

Luke 23:35-43

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

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said, 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

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.

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DIVINE OFFICE: WEEK 2/PROPER

Our Faith on Sunday

GOSPEL REFLECTION



We might well wonder why this reading, which tells about Jesus on the cross, has been chosen for this feast 'Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King'. Jesus is being mocked by the Jewish leaders and by the soldiers. If he really is King of the Jews, then he should save himself. Once again we have this complete misunderstanding of Jesus' kingship and kingdom. Those mocking him had no concept of who a king was, other than one who wielded temporal power and was a great military leader. But there was always someone, usually someone of ill repute – a

tax collector, a prostitute and, in this case, a condemned criminal who recognised who Jesus really was and that his kingdom was not of this world. In our consumer society, in which buying and possessing goods is proposed as a way to happiness, all of us run the risk of forgetting what the real meaning of life is.



POPE FRANCIS' ENCYCLICAL
FRATELLI TUTTI
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LIBERTY, EQUALITY AND FRATERNITY

103. Fraternity is born not only of a climate of respect for individual liberties, or even of a certain administratively guaranteed equality. Fraternity necessarily calls for something greater, which in turn enhances freedom and equality. What happens when fraternity is not consciously cultivated, when there is a lack of political will to promote it through education in fraternity, through dialogue and through the recognition of the values of reciprocity and mutual enrichment? Liberty becomes nothing more than a condition for living as we will, completely free to choose to whom or what we will belong, or simply to possess or exploit. This shallow understanding has little to do with the richness of a liberty directed above all to love.

Our Father St Benedict* GOD'S PROMISES

The good workman receives the bread of his labour boldly, whereas the lazy, careless person hardly dares to look his employer in the face. So we must be prompt in our good works, since all that comes to us is from him. Indeed, he gives us this warning: 'Look, the Lord is coming. His reward is before his face. He will pay each according to their work'.

And so it is that he exhorts each of us who believe in him with an undivided heart not to be lazy or careless in the good that we do. Our boast, our confidence, ought to be in him, and we should be subject to his will. We need only consider the whole host of angels that surround him, to see how they stand ready, always at the service of his will. As the scripture says: 'Ten thousand times ten thousand stood by him, and a thousand thousands were ministering to him, and crying: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Sabaoth. The whole of creation is full of his glory" '.

And so we too ought to gather together in harmony of conscience, and cry earnestly to him as it were with one mouth, that we may have a share in his great and glorious promises. As he says: 'Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor human heart conceived what it is that the Lord has prepared for those who wait for him'.

Clement's First Letter to the Corinthians

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WEEKLY SERVICES

CHRIST THE KING

(Collection Today for the Arundel Cathedral Maintenance)

Sat 19th	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Church open for prayers and confessions
Sun 20th	9am	St George's —	Parish Communities' Intention
	10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Michael Bradley RIP
Mon 21st	2.30pm	St George's —	Rosary Group —All welcome
Tues 22nd	10am	St George's—	Pat Burke RIP
Wed 23rd	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Deceased Relatives & Friends of Barham-Wyatt Fam
Thur 24th	10am	St George's —	Wladiswaua & Jan Zylowicz
Fri 25th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Friends & Relatives of Judy Davis

First Sunday of Advent

(Collection Today for Christmas Flowers)

Sat 26th	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Church open for prayers and confessions
Sun 27th	9am	St George's —	Paul & John Bree RIP
	10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Peter Robinson RIP

Confession on request before and after Mass or at other times by arrangement with Father Rory.

Unable to attend mass? The 10.30am St Wilfrid's mass is livestreamed when possible and can be accessed via the Parish Website or via the following: <https://saintsgeorgeandwilfrid.co.uk/online-masses-and-recordings/>

Facebook: https://m.facebook.com/gary.westcar#_=_

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.

Local Catholic Education Contacts: 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

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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ALL CORRESPONDENCE VIA THE PRIEST'S HOUSE PLEASE

Polegate Hall Hire (01323) 504753

Hailsham Hall Hire: (01323) 841504 or email at above address

Prayer Line Jean Barham-Wyatt (01323) 842824

IMPORTANT GIFT AID:

If any parishioner wishes to join the scheme please contact - Gerry on 01323 832577. By signing up the parish can benefit by claiming back from HMRC a further 25% on all your donations at no additional cost to you.

CROSSLINK CHURCHES TOGETHER, HAILSHAM: Volunteer needed contact Father Rory

POLEGATE CHURCHES TOGETHER Contact: Anne Bowe Tel: 07808 175455

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS those who are unwell

Lily May, Julliette Lusted, Jennifer Piskac, Joshua Hardy, Peter & Teresa Zurenkas, Anne Holt, Margaret, Rosie Tuson, Dee Challis, Lilian Summers, Tom Woodrow-Spencer, Colleen, Chris Neyenhuisen, Letty Booth, Michael Copper, Peter Standen, Laurey & Richard Stimpson, Nicole McCutchan, Jean Barham-Wyatt & Nellie Oakshott.

PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER THOSE NAMED IN THE BOOKS IN OUR CHURCHES

A WARM WELCOME: to all who join us for Mass, especially to any visitors.

New to the Parish/would like to get back in touch but not sure how? Please complete the welcome form in the porch and/or make yourself known to Fr. Rory. It would be great to get to know you and offer any help.

Fr Rory

**Jesus, Mary & Joseph
Father, Son & Holy Spirit**

As we prepare to celebrate The Great Feast of Christ Our King. **Jesus Christ is Lord to the Glory of God our Father.** I have prayed this prayer ten thousand times and please God, for another ten thousand times. Indeed until he comes again in Great Glory. This Sunday will have a very special moment of grace when we celebrate Harvey's baptism, and as we will continue our journey of faith in the new year some very good work is being done.

One of the suggestions made by parishioners during the SYNOD consultation process earlier this year was that a Parish Council should be introduced in our Parish. Our Parish Priest, Fr Rory, has agreed that this should now happen. He says "our desire is to bring Leadership to our parish communities because we have a solid belief that communities are made up of bodies which always consist of many parts working together.

Key to our future is the realisation that a body is made up of many parts and how well the parts can work together, the eye is not the ear, but each part has its own good purpose.

Fr Rory

November - Month of Holy Souls:- If you would like Holy Masses offered for deceased family, friends and all for whom you wish to pray. Please use the envelopes provided at the back of the church. Thank you.

Parish Christmas Carol Service: This will take place on Sunday 11th December at 3pm, in St Wilfrid's Church followed by mulled wine/tea & coffee/mince pies and tombola in our hall. Any prizes for the tombola, bottles of wine/spirits! Or variety of gifts may be left in the church porch to be collected after Masses. Thank you.

Parish Over 50's Club: Our next afternoon tea will be **Thurs 24th Nov at 2pm.** "Pre Christmas Party", £5 each please. Our Dec date is **Thurs 29th Dec at 2pm,** "Pre New Year's Party" also £5 please to cover the cost. Thank you. Please do come along and join us. Christmas Jumpers can be worn! After a very successful outing to Headcorn last week, we are taking a small bus to Staverton Nursery, Halland leaving St Wilfrid's Church at 10am, return at 3pm. This is a good garden centre with a lovely café. Proposed dates: Mon 5th or 12th, Tue 6th or 13th or Thurs 15th. If interested in joining us please Tel: Joan 07873 390944 and state your preferred date, if coming from St Georges you can be picked up opposite the church.

CAFOD - The True Spirit of Christmas Giving, World Gifts this Christmas: As usual we are collecting for gifts for the poor and needy throughout the world. There is a collecting box in the church porch and hall. Many new ideas for helping "those in need" have been introduced this year. Depending on "how much we collect" as to what gifts we can order, please give to this worthy cause.

South Down Singers: Mistletoe & Melodies Christmas Concert, 3rd December at 3.30pm, St George's Church - Polegate. Tickets £10 on the door or call 01323 832767

Dates for your Diary:

Sun 20th Nov, 4-6pm - Confirmation Class, St G's Hall.
Thurs 24th Nov, 2pm - Over 50's Afternoon Tea, St W's Hall.
Fri 25th Nov, Parish Bereavement Group St W's Hall.
Sun 27th Nov, 10am - Charity Breakfast, St G's Hall.
Sat 3rd Dec, 3.30pm - Mistletoe & Melodies Concert, St G's
Sun 4th Dec, - Confirmation Classes, St G's
Sun 11th Dec, 3pm - Parish Christmas Carol Service, St W's
Mon 12th Dec, 7pm - Lights of Love Service, St G's Church.
Thurs 29th Dec, 2pm - Over 50's Afternoon Tea, St W's Hall.

St Wilfrid's & St George's: There will be a collection for Christmas Flowers on Sunday 27th November.

SIGN UP TODAY Las Posadas - we have a number of Advent dates still to fill on our - A Journey towards Christmas: Please give Mary, Joseph and the donkey overnight lodgings. For more details on what this entails speak to Teresa, Angela or Annette at St Wilfrid's or Mary & Sandra at St George's after mass.

November's Parish Charity Breakfast at St George's Hall will be from 10am on Sunday 27th November. Those joining will enjoy delicious hot breakfast baps of sausages and/or bacon or a selection of pastries. Last month we raised £77 for The Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal, this month our charity fundraising will be for **Children With Cancer** - cash donations can be made at the breakfast. Everyone is welcome so invite, family and friends if you wish. They are welcome to join us from 10am if not attending mass.

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

St Wilfrid's Hospice & St George's are having a Lights of Love Service at St George's Church on Monday 12th December at 7pm. There will be refreshments afterwards in the church hall. Do please come to this wonderfully moving service.

FAITH ENRICHMENT TALKS Thurs 24 Nov - "Did Jesus mean to start a new religion?" - Fr Bruno Thurs 22 Dec - "Why be a Catholic?" - John Kimberley. These talks are open to all and are being held in the Our Lady of Ransom Hall in Grange Road Eastbourne. 7.30 - 8.30 pm. All welcome, invite a friend!

St George's Table Sale: Any new/nearly new items will be greatly appreciated for our sales table.

Sunday 13th Nov - Mass Attendance:
St Wilfrid's 86 St George's 60