

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were
made, alleluia.**

Cf. Ps 32:5-6

THE COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
lead us to a share in the joys of heaven,
so that the humble flock may reach
where the brave Shepherd has gone before.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

2:14. 36-41

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**PSALM**

Ps 22:1-6.R.v1

**R) The Lord is my shepherd,
there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **(R)**

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **(R)**

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **(R)**

Surely goodness and kindness
shall follow me all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

2:20-25

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently
when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ
suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way

he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been
no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate
with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he
put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in
his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults
and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed.
You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back
to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION****Alleluia, alleluia!**

Jn 10:14

**I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my own sheep and my own know me.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

John 10:1-10

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter
the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a
thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the
shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear
his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them
out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them,
and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never
follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise
the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand
what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly,
I am the gate of the sheepfold.
All others who have come
are thieves and brigands;
but the sheep took no notice of them.
I am the gate.

Anyone who enters through me will be safe:
he will go freely in and out
and be sure of finding pasture.
The thief comes
only to steal and kill and destroy.
I have come
so that they may have life
and have it to the full.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Grant, we pray, O Lord,
that we may always find delight in these paschal mysteries,
so that the renewal constantly at work within us
may be the cause of our unending joy.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd,
and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures
the sheep you have redeemed
by the Precious Blood of your Son.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Our Faith on Sunday

GOSPEL REFLECTION



The key difference between Jesus
and other men or women who offer
themselves as *'shepherds'* to lead us,
the *'sheep'*, to happiness, is this: Jesus
is "the door", "the way", into a state
of life in harmony with God our

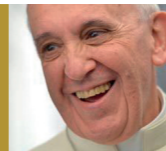
their restored relationship with their
"Shepherd", their God. They can "go
in and out and find pasture". More
than that, the *"Shepherd"* is with
them always. The story *'Footprints'*
describes this truth well: a man

Creator; only he
has the power, the
ability, to do this,
because he is the
Son. He opens the
"gate", the *"way"*,
into a state of life
where, in spite of
the frailty of the
"sheep", their
ordinary daily life
can combine
peacefully with

dreams scenes of his life; he is
walking along a sandy beach with
the Lord. He sees two sets of
footsteps in the sand, but
occasionally, and that at the roughest
times in his life, only one set. He
asks the Lord, *"Why, when I needed
you most, were you not with me?"*
Jesus replies, *"My child, I love you
and would never leave you. During
your times of trial and suffering I
carried you."*



POPE FRANCIS' ENCYCLICAL
FRATELLI TUTTI
BROTHERS AND SISTERS ALL



THE RIGHTS OF PEOPLES

126. We are really speaking about a new network of
international relations, since there is no way to
resolve the serious problems of our world if we
continue to think only in terms of mutual assistance
between individuals or small groups. Nor should we
forget that "inequity affects not only individuals but
entire countries; it compels us to consider an ethics
of international relations".¹⁰⁵ Indeed, justice requires
recognizing and respecting not only the rights of
individuals, but also social rights and the rights of
peoples.¹⁰⁶ This means finding a way to ensure "the
fundamental right of peoples to subsistence and
progress",¹⁰⁷ a right which is at times severely
restricted by the pressure created by foreign debt. In
many instances, debt repayment not only fails to
promote development but gravely limits and
conditions it. While respecting the principle that all
legitimately acquired debt must be repaid, the way in
which many poor countries fulfil this obligation
should not end up compromising their very
existence and growth.

105. Encyclical Letter *Laudato Si'* (24 May 2015), 51: AAS 107 (2015), 867.

106. Cf. Benedict XVI, Encyclical Letter *Caritas in Veritate* (29 June 2009), 6:
AAS 101 (2009), 644.

107. Saint John Paul II, Encyclical Letter *Centesimus Annus* (1 May 1991), 35:
AAS 83 (1991), 838.

Promise Of Good Things GIVE THANKS FOR EVERYTHING

So let our whole body be preserved in Christ Jesus, and let
each one of us be subject to our neighbour, according to the
position and the function they have been given. The strong
should care for the weak, and the weak should respect the
strong. The rich should come to the aid of the poor, and the
poor should give thanks to God for giving them someone to
help them in their need. Those who are wise should show
their wisdom in good deeds, rather than in words, and the
person of humble mind should not bear witness to their
own humility but leave this task to others. Let those who
remain pure in the flesh not be boastful, in the knowledge
that it is another who gives them their self-control.

So, dear brothers and sisters, let us consider for a moment
of what stuff we are made and what our nature was when
we came into this world. Let us consider how he who made
us and formed us led us out from the darkness of the grave
into the world, preparing all kinds of good things for us
even before we were born. Since we have all these things
from him, we should give thanks to him for everything, to
whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Clement's First Letter to the Corinthians



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ST WILFRID



WEEKLY SERVICES

Fourth 'Good Shepherd' Sunday of Easter

Collection for the Education of Future Priests Today

Sat	29th	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Church Open for Prayers & Confessions
Sun	30th	9am	St George's —	Fred Rebello RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Clodagh Coleman RIP (1st Anniversary)
Mon	1st	2.30pm	St George's —	Rosary Group —All welcome
Tues	2nd	10am	St George's—	Tom McCann RIP
Wed	3rd	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Mrs Eileen Geelan RIP
Thurs	4th	10am	St George's —	Jenni Duder-Rumsey RIP
Fri	5th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Liturgy of the Word

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Collection next week for Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese

Sat	6th	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Church Open for Prayers & Confessions
Sun	7th	9am	St George's —	Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Margaret Nevill Intention

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

Chairperson of the Finance Committee Gerry Palmer

ALL CORRESPONDENCE VIA THE PRIEST'S HOUSE PLEASE

Polegate Hall Hire (01323) 504753

Hailsham Hall Hire: (01323) 841504/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, Email: gpalmer2703@gmail.com.
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.

Parish Safeguarding Reps:

St George's: Kelly - 07967562110

St Wilfrid's: Maria - 07873759962

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, Lilian Summers, Tom Woodrow-Spencer, Colleen, Chris Neyenhuizen, Letty Booth, 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.

Deacon John Writes:

Almost 8 months after Queen Elizabeth's funeral King Charles III's coronation will take place next Saturday. The ceremony will see His Majesty King Charles crowned alongside Queen Camilla. The coronation is the formal investiture of a monarch of their regal powers. It is an occasion for celebration where the crown is physically placed on the monarch's head in front of thousands of guests and witnessed by countless others watching it on television all over the world. It will be a historic moment in the lives of all of us.

At its centre is a Christian service in which His Majesty will be anointed as King. It will be rooted in longstanding tradition and Christian symbolism. We offer our prayers for King Charles III and all the Royal Family for this important occasion. We hope that this might be a moment for the nation and many around the world to encounter the person of Jesus Christ, the servant King, and hear His call to each of us to serve others. The Coronation weekend presents a unique opportunity for all Churches to reach out, gather together with those we know, to pray together and establish new links and relationships. As we prepare for The King's Coronation, may we seek to serve others, connect with our neighbours, and give thanks to God for the wonderful unity we find in the great diversity of our nation.

The Bishops of England and Wales have asked us all as faithful citizens of our countries to pray for our King as he assumes the fullness of the high office of monarch and for the Queen. Please pray daily asking Almighty God to guide the King in his appointed tasks and for God's continued blessing on our new King and Queen. May He preserve them both in health of mind and body and grant them every grace and blessing now and for the years to come.

Deacon John

Parish 1st Holy Communion: Will take place on Sun 14th May at the 10.30am Mass at St Wilfrid's.

Sun 21st May: 10.30am Mass at St Wilfrid's, 1st Holy Communion Certificates and books given back, followed by 1st Holy Communion Breakfast in St W's Hall. All invited.

This years walking pilgrimage is going from Bristol to Arundel from August 12th-27th 2023. Cost is £300 (£225 for under 21's). We are especially looking for more young people to join us. For more information go to www.PilgrimsLive.org.uk or tel: 07707513847.

This Sunday is the Parish last Sunday Charity breakfast in support of our Local RNLI, St George's Hall at 10am after mass. Sausage and bacon baps and homemade cake are all on offer along with a lovely cuppa and a good natter. **ALL Welcome.**

2023 Sacrament of Confirmation for young people - our parish is delighted to be instructing 12 local young Catholics for Confirmation. Please keep our candidates in your prayers. The Confirmation service for these candidates and all others in our Deanery is on Sunday June the 18th, 3pm in Arundel Cathedral. All Welcome.

Parish Youth Group - to all our 13+ youth and their parents/carers who joined us last October to launch the group, please accept our apologies for not yet delivering on promises made for some fun activities. Our focus was diverted to confirmation group instruction and general social support in the church. We hope to plan a couple of good events soon. All 13+ youth can join this group text or email Sandra on 07791 627368 / sandraforte40@gmail.com.

Dates for your Diary:

Sun 30th April, 10am - Charity Breakfast, St G's Hall.
 Sun 30th April, 4-6pm, Confirmation Classes, St G's Hall.
 Sun 14th May, 10.30am, Parish 1st Holy Com, St W's Church.
 Sun 14th May, 4-6pm, Confirmation Classes, St G's Hall.
 Sun 21st May, 10.30am, 1st Com B/fast, St W's Hall after Mass.
 Thurs 25th May, 2-4pm, Over 50's Club, St W's Hall.
 Fri 26th May, 11-12pm, Parish Bereavement Gp, St W's Hall.
 Sun 28th May, 4-6pm, Confirmation Classes, St G's Hall.
 Sun 11th June, 3pm, Sponsored Walk, St G's to St W's Hall.

Parish Over 50's Club: Next afternoon tea will be Thurs 25th May, 2-4pm, St W's Hall. £5

Bluebell Walk: The bus was only half full due to illness and medical appointments, but we still had a great day out.

Tue 9th May, Emmaus Centre in Portslade: £15. We leave St Wilfrid's Car Park 10am, pick up St George's Car Park 10.30am, return 4pm. When booking please give your choice of lunch menu.

Sat 24th June, Headcorn Aerodrome in Kent: £20. We leave St Wilfrid's Car Park 10am, return 4pm. See or ring Joan on 07873390944 for details and booking. Thank you.

Parish Sponsored Walk: On June 11th we will be having a sponsored walk from St George's Polegate to St Wilfrid's Hailsham via the Cuckoo Trail with refreshments after in St Wilfrid's Hall. Starting time is 3pm from St George's car park. This is an event that all ages can take part in, you can walk as an individual or as a family. Forms are available in the Porch. If whoever is sponsoring you is a UK taxpayer they can gift aid their donation. We will be raising funds for the Foodbank and Church funds split 50/50. We will be needing stewards on the day to walk, also we will be asking for cakes and helpers in St Wilfrid's Hall. Please sign up if you can help.

Parish St George's Celebration "Patron Saint of England": This was a great success, over 40 of us had our fish & chips and strawberries & cream, a truly English menu. 2 quizzes took place, Country Dancing under the instruction of Maria, Roll the Coin for a bottle of gin. Then of course our famous raffle. Our famous band of helpers were each given a plant in recognition of their hard work. Keep your eye on the newsletter for future events. If you have not yet enjoyed one of our celebrations, please do come and join us. £100 was raised, split 50/50, Foodbank/St Wilfrid's Funds.

Sunday 23rd April - Mass Attendance:

St Wilfrid's 126

St George's 85