

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

Cf. Ps 97:1-2

THE COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us,
that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism
may, under your protective care, bear much fruit
and come to the joys of life eternal.
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 Acts of the Apostles.

6:1-7

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing,
the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the
daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So
the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed
them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so
as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among
yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit
and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and
continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the
word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and
elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit,
together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and
Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these
to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread; the number of
disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group
of priests made their submission to the faith.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**PSALM**

Ps 32:1-2.4-5.18-19. R.v22

**R) May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.**

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **(R)**

For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. **(R)**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Peter.

2:4-9

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God
and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too,
the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which
Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones
making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in
Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man
who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means
that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers,
the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the
keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down.
They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it
was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated
nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called
you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.
No one can come to the Father except
through me.'
Alleluia!

Jn 14:6

GOSPEL

John 14:1-12

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 to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Trust in God still, and trust in me.
There are many rooms in my Father's house;
if there were not, I should have told you.
I am now going to prepare a place for you,
and after I have gone and prepared you a place,
I shall return to take you with me;
so that where I am
you may be too.
You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so
how can we know the way?'

Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.
No one can come to the Father except through me.
If you know me, you know my Father too.
From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be
satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus
to him 'and you still do not know me?'

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father,
so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?
Do you not believe
that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?
The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself:
it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.
You must believe me when I say
that I am in the Father and the Father is in me;
believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

'I tell you most solemnly,
whoever believes in me
will perform the same works as I do myself,
he will perform even greater works,
because I am going to the Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

O God, who by the wonderful exchange
effected in this sacrifice
have made us partakers of the one supreme Godhead,
grant, we pray,
that, as we have come to know your truth,
we may make it ours by a worthy way of life.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. Jn 15:1,5

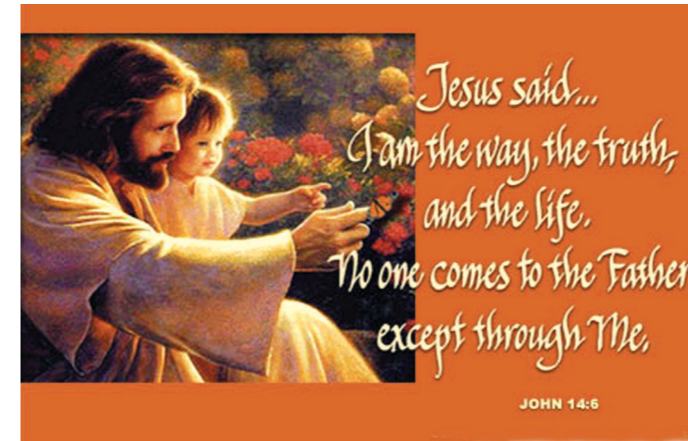
**I am the true vine and you are the
branches, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me, and I in him,
bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord,
and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries
to pass from former ways to newness of life.
Through Christ our Lord.

Our Faith on Sunday

GOSPEL REFLECTION



In today's Gospel passage, Jesus
announces, as it were, the founding of
the human family of God: *"I go (to my
Father's house) to prepare a place for
you."* The human Son of God has
opened the way, the *"way"* that had
been closed since the first human

rebellion; the *"way"*
to true human
fulfillment; the
"way" to an eternal
happiness and
contentment after
death. *"I am the
way"*, he says.
*"Believe that I am in
the Father"* and that
through that
identity of Being,
through that One-
ness, I open the way

to truth and life as no-one else can. I
enable those who identify with me, to
act for truth and life in this world as I
the Son can act: *"he (the believer) will
perform even greater works because I am
going to the Father."* Over the two



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THE RIGHTS OF PEOPLES

127. Certainly, all this calls for an alternative way
of thinking. Without an attempt to enter into that
way of thinking, what I am saying here will sound
wildly unrealistic. On the other hand, if we accept
the great principle that there are rights born of our
inalienable human dignity, we can rise to the
challenge of envisaging a new humanity. We can
aspire to a world that provides land, housing and
work for all. This is the true path of peace, not the
senseless and myopic strategy of sowing fear and
mistrust in the face of outside threats. For a real
and lasting peace will only be possible "on the basis
of a global ethic of solidarity and cooperation in the
service of a future shaped by interdependence and
shared responsibility in the whole human
family".¹⁰⁸

108. Address on Nuclear Weapons, Nagasaki, Japan (24 November 2019):
L'Osservatore Romano, 25-26 November 2019, 6.

Promise Of Good Things
SERVING THE COMMON GOOD

We must quickly put a stop to this conflict and simply fall
down before our Master. In tears we should plead with him
to look upon us with mercy, to be reconciled to us and to
restore us to that noble and holy practice of brotherly love of
ours. For this is the gate of righteousness which opens on to
life. As scripture puts it: 'Open to me the gates of
righteousness, that I may enter by them and give thanks to
the Lord. This is the Lord's own gate. The righteous will enter
by it'.

So of the many gates open before us, it is the one of
righteousness which is Christ's own gate. They are blessed who
enter into it, who walk in the ways of holiness and
righteousness and who accomplish all things without fuss.
Each of us should be faithful; each should have the power of
the initiated to utter 'knowledge'; each should be wise in
the discernment of truth; and each should be pure in all
things done. The greater we seem to be, the more humble
we must be, and the more we must seek the common good
and not our own.

Clement's First Letter to the Corinthians



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WEEKLY SERVICES

Fifth Sunday of Easter (Collection next week for Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese)

Sat	6th	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Church Open for Prayers & special attention will be given so that an opportunity for prayer is provided for King Charles for his Coronation.
Sun	7th	9am	St George's —	Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Margaret Nevill Intention
Mon	8th	2.30pm	St George's —	Rosary Group —All welcome
Tues	9th	10am	St George's—	Vocations Intention
Wed	10th	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Jim Ayres RIP
Thurs	11th	10am	St George's —	Private Intention
Fri	12th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Holy Souls' Intention

Sixth Sunday of Easter (Collection today for Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese)

Sat	13th	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Church Open for Prayers & Confessions
Sun	14th	9am	St George's —	GCSE & A Level Students 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.

Fr Rory Writes:

Another very special event, but this time a very happy one. I received a copy of my sister Mary's second book that has just been published "love speaks", a very beautiful book full of hope and promise.

From the editor:

Love Speaks is a timely book, appearing at a time when all God's people are asked to embark on a spiritual journey marked by two important elements: listening and sharing. This journey is the synodal path that Pope Francis has proposed for our times so that the Church can listen profoundly to what the Holy Spirit is saying to us. However, an aspect of this listening which can too often be neglected is attentiveness to the inner voice in our own hearts, that still small voice of the Spirit in us. Our author has shared generously the fruits of such attentive listening and by so doing invites us to ponder the words of love that sustains our journey in the spiritual life.

Fr Rory

Parish Sponsored Walk: June 11th Start time 3pm - collect your sponsorship form today from welcomers.

All parishioners, their friends and families are invited to take part in the sponsored walk. We will start promptly at 3pm from St George's Car Park Polegate and walk via the Cuckoo Trail to St Wilfrid's Hailsham (approx 3miles). At St Wilfrid's we will be greeted by those who couldn't walk with delicious cakes and refreshments. Fundraising is to be split 50/50: Hailsham and Eastbourne Foodbank, who will need more than ever during school holiday time this year; and Parish Church funds, much needed at this time with rising costs and often lower collections. Joan is already organising a team of helpers for the refreshments (the ones who cannot walk so far) and rattling a sponsor pot for these good causes, please give generously.

Volunteers for Stewarding are also needed please speak to Sandra at St Georges of Jean at St Wilfrid's if you can help. This is an event that all ages can take part in, let's make this a whole Parish effort, if you can't walk join us at 4pm onwards anyway.

Thank you to our Parish Rosary group for donating £100 from lent alms (no cake for them during lent) this has been split between our lent charity HCPT and the Parish Youth Group. The Parish Rosary Group meets every Monday at 2pm in St George's Hall (not bank holidays). Everyone is welcome to join as a regular or occasional member to Pray the Rosary a most wonderful devotion together. May is the Month of Our Lady so a good time to start.

The entire month of May is dedicated to Our Lady and once again we celebrate this at both our Parish churches with our children placing a Crown on Her head whilst we all sing.

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.

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 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, 10am - Charity Breakfast, St G'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.
 Sun 11th June, 4-6pm, Confirmation Classes, St G's Hall.

St Wilfrid's Church will celebrate in the hall after Mass today for our "New King Charles & Queen Camilla". Money raised from our sales table in January has now run out, so we are asking for a donation please towards the cost. We are reliably informed that the donation pot for tea/coffee/biscuits has not kept up with the raising costs, therefore we are asking for a donation of at least £2 please towards the cost each week. Thank you.

The Charity Breakfast last Sunday and 50% table sale for April raised £150 for charity of the month RNLI - thank you to all those who supported. Next breakfast Sunday 28th May 10am after mass. Charity for May is Kipling Children's Ward. They are raising money for the Children's communal courtyards so our fundraising will be used for purchasing plants/garden features. ALL WELCOME

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 W's, 1st Holy Com. Certificates and books given back, followed by 1st Holy Communion Breakfast in St W's Hall.

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

Tue 9th May, Emmaus Centre: 10am from St W's Car Park, 10.30am St G's Car Park, return 4pm. When booking please give your choice of lunch menu. £15.

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/booking

Sunday 30th April - Mass Attendance:

St Wilfrid's 108 St George's 75