

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 85: 1-3

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

THE COLLECT

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful
to unite in a single purpose,
grant your people to love what you command
and to desire what you promise,
that, amid the uncertainties of this world,
our hearts may be fixed on that place
where true gladness is found.
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

22:19-23

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the
master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office,
I remove you from your post,
and the same day I call on my servant
Eliakim son of Hilkiah.
I invest him with your robe,
gird him with your sash,
entrust him with your authority;
and he shall be a father
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
and to the House of Judah.
I place the key of the House of David
on his shoulder;
should he open, no one shall close,
should he close, no one shall open.
I drive him like a peg
into a firm place;
he will become a throne of glory
for his father's house.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps 137:1-3.6.8. R. V8

**R) Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands.**

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. **(R)**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. **(R)**

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 11:33-36

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and
knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or
understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the
Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give
him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from
him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

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Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Mt 16:18
**You are Peter
and on this rock I will build my Church.
And the gates of the underworld
can never hold out against it.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

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

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this
question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man
is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some
Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,'
he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up,
'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus
replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it
was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father
in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock
I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can
never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom
of heaven; whatever you bind on earth shall be considered
bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be
considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict
orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O Lord, who gained for yourself a people by adoption
through the one sacrifice offered once for all,
bestow graciously on us, we pray,
the gifts of unity and peace in your Church.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 103: 13-15

**The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord;
you bring forth bread from the earth
and wine to cheer the heart.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Complete within us, O Lord, we pray,
the healing work of your mercy
and graciously perfect and sustain us,
so that in all things we may please you.
Through Christ our Lord.

Our Faith on Sunday

GOSPEL REFLECTION



There are many reasons why Peter
could be seen as totally unsuitable
to be the first 'vicar of Christ'. He
was impulsive rather than
reflective; he often got the wrong
end of the stick and misunderstood

Jesus completely and, worst
of all he denied Jesus when
challenged by local people at
the time of Jesus' arrest and
trial. So why did Jesus
choose him to be the rock
on which the Church was
built? Because despite all his
obvious failures and
shortcomings, he recognized
Jesus for who we really was,
"The Christ, the Son of the
living God." Jesus saw that
Peter had a certain

relationship with the Father and
that through that relationship he
had understood who Jesus was.
None of us is called to be the vicar
of Christ, but we are called to
recognize Jesus for who he really is.



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LOCAL FLAVOUR

143. The solution is not an openness that spurns its
own richness. Just as there can be no dialogue with
"others" without a sense of our own identity, so
there can be no openness between peoples except on
the basis of love for one's own land, one's own
people, one's own cultural roots. I cannot truly
encounter another unless I stand on firm
foundations, for it is on the basis of these that I can
accept the gift the other brings and in turn offer an
authentic gift of my own. I can welcome others who
are different, and value the unique contribution they
have to make, only if I am firmly rooted in my own
people and culture. Everyone loves and cares for his
or her native land and village, just as they love and
care for their home and are personally responsible for
its upkeep. The common good likewise requires that
we protect and love our native land. Otherwise, the
consequences of a disaster in one country will end up
affecting the entire planet. All this brings out the
positive meaning of the right to property: I care for
and cultivate something that I possess, in such a way
that it can contribute to the good of all.

Promise Of Good Things DYING TO THE WORLD

I do not want you to please people but to
please God, just as you please him now.

Never again shall I have such an opportunity of
attaining God, nor shall you, if you keep silent,
have a worthier deed attributed to you. For if
you remain silent concerning me, then I am a
word of God, but if you love my flesh, then
once again I shall be only a meaningless cry.

Grant me nothing more than that I be poured
out for God, while an altar is still ready. Thus,
forming a chorus of love, you may sing to the
Father in Christ Jesus that God by his favour
has allowed the Bishop of Syria to be found
where the sun sets, having brought him there
from where it rises. It is good to die to the
world, like the setting sun, so that I may rise
again to him.

The Letters of Ignatius



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WEEKLY SERVICES

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	26th	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Church Open for Prayers & Confessions
Sun	27th	9am	St George's —	Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Joan Covey's Intention (Birthday)
Mon	28th	2.30pm	St George's —	Rosary Group —All welcome
Tues	29th	10am	St George's—	Edna Andrews RIP
Wed	30th	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Willie & John Kelly's Intention
Thur	31st	10am	St George's —	Margaret Madams RIP
Fri	1st	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Holy Souls' Intention

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Collection next Sunday for Catholic Education)

Sat	2nd	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Church Open for Prayers & Confessions
Sun	3rd	9am	St George's —	Margaret Boots Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Parish Communities' 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 Treasurer Monika Beaver

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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, Joshua Hardy, Peter & Teresa Zurenkas, Anne Holt, Margaret, Rosie Tuson, Lilian Summers, Tom Woodrow-Spencer, Chris Neyenhuizen, Letty Booth, Laurey & Richard Stimpson, Nicole McCutchan, Jean Barham-Wyatt, Nellie Oakshott, Jean Molloy, Alan Smith, Julie Martin and Peter Andrews.

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:

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

There is a kingdom of darkness that flails its way through our world, and Putin is one small example. Above all, there is a kingdom of light that has come into our world: **Christ the Lord**. Let us make sure that prayer has an essential place in our lives. If God is for us who can be against; the trials and tribulations of life reveals that quite a lot of things can be against us.

Putting our best foot forward, these are the trials through which we triumph by the power of Him who loves us. First and foremost, God holds all things together, so that an acknowledgement of our needs is important and the sure hope that this brings into our life is simply helpful.

Then as we move forward together in the life of our church, the parish council, our young peoples liturgy, the various ministries, the care for our churches, and especially a real life of faith shared together. The question of Sunday masses will not go away. They need not put too much of a shadow **if Christ is our life**. Our light will shine.

Because I am human, the fact that my church at home in Ireland does not have Sunday morning mass, makes the challenge very real for me and I hope for all of us.

Fr Rory

Quiz Night: Tickets are on sale after Mass for our Parish Quiz Night on the 13th October at 7pm. Tickets are £5 each with 6 people to a table. Please get your tickets early as they are limited to the capacity of the hall.

PARISH ACTIVITIES FROM SEPTEMBER: Can you help? – As we begin again after August we have even more need than ever for help with our Youth Activities including Children's Liturgy, First Communion and Confirmation formation classes and Parish Social Activities. For more information on what is involved and/or to volunteer please email the parish office ssgeorge.wilfrid@btinternet.com.

Charity Breakfast: No breakfast in August but we return on the last Sunday of September when we will be raising money for the Love in a Boxes transportation at Christmas. It will also be our one year anniversary breakfast so we may even do something a little more special (watch this space!).

Mental Health training courses: Would you like to understand more about the challenges and reality of mental health on those around you? We continue to run courses focused on raising awareness of symptoms and the impact on people's lives along with ways to signpost those who are struggling. For more details see the Diocesan website or email Simon South, Formation Advisor E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk

Songs of Praise: Sunday 17th September at St George's Church. Starting at 4pm followed by refreshments. Donations to Eastbourne Foodbank.

Dates for your Diary:

Thurs 31st Aug, 2-4pm - Parish Over 50's Club, St W's Hall.
Sun 3rd Sept, 4pm - Mass for Confirmation Candidates, St G's
Sun 10th Sept, Children's Liturgy Returns, St G's & St W's
Sun 10th Sept, After Mass - St Wilfrid's Parish Mtg,
Sun 17th Sept, 4pm - Songs of Praise, St G's Church
Sun 24th Sept, 10am - Charity Breakfast, St G's Hall.
Fri 13th Oct, 7pm - Family Quiz Night, St W's Hall.

First Communion Preparation:

Parents are invited to enrol their children for our First Holy Communion Programme 2023 - 24 (those entering Year 3 or above). Application forms to join the programme are available at the back of the church and on the parish website. The course will begin with an introductory meeting for parents and children on September 28th at 6.00pm in St Wilfrid's Church Hall. Deadline for enrolment is September 22nd.

For more information please contact Teresa Palmer. 07951082592, tpalmer2205@gmail.com

Parish Over 50's Club: Our next afternoon tea will be Thursday 31st August, 2-4pm, St Wilfrid's Hall. £5. Our theme this month is London and we will be doing all the usual quizzes and bingo. Please do come and join us.

Altar Server Mass – Saturday 23rd September at Arundel Cathedral: Fr Aaron Spinelli, Diocesan Director for the Guild of St Stephen, invites diocesan altar servers to a special Mass at Arundel Cathedral on Saturday 23 September at 12 noon, led by Bishop Richard. The Mass is for all those who have served, all those who are serving, and anybody who would like to serve - all are very welcome. Fr Aaron requests attendees bring a cassock/cotta or an alb (if possible), and a packed lunch. There is no need to register, though attendees are asked to E: aaron.spinelli@abdiocese.org.uk to confirm numbers.

St George's Table Sale: needs more quality donations suitable to sell - puzzles, unwanted gifts, quality books, small nearly new toys, unused stationery, costume jewellery all sell well. Please leave at the back of the church or under the table in the hall.

Sunday 20th August - Mass Attendance:
St Wilfrid's 87 St George's 84