

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

Cf. Ps 104: 3-4

from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with the idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Cf. Acts 16:14

Open our heart, O Lord,
to accept the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:34-40

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

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

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, ‘Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?’ Jesus said, ‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.’

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Look, we pray, O Lord,
on the offerings we make to your majesty,
that whatever is done by us in your service
may be directed above all to your glory.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 19: 6

We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray,
perfect in us what lies within them,
that what we now celebrate in signs
we may one day possess in truth.
Through Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Exodus

22:20-26

The Lord said to Moses, ‘Tell the sons of Israel this, “You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows and your own children orphans.

“If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

“If you take another’s cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity.” ’

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

17:2-4.47.51. R.v2

R) I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise,
when I call I am saved from my foes. (R)

Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me,
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. (R)

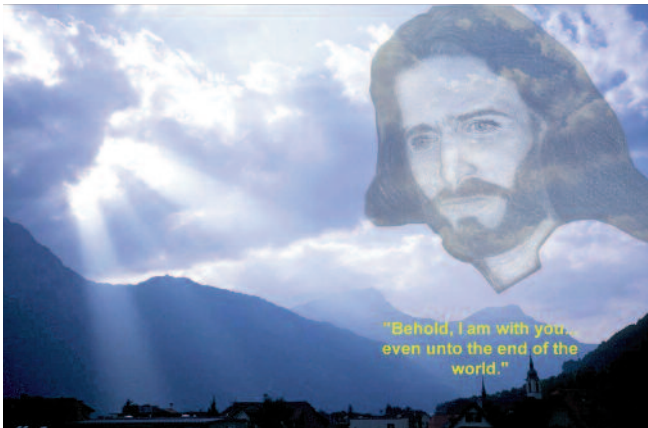
SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians
1:5-10

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition from all around you. This had made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was

Our Faith on Sunday

GOSPEL REFLECTION



Back again this week to the ‘dialogue’ between Jesus and the Pharisees. Yet again they try to ‘disconcert’ him in the hope of getting him to say something which will help get him

Law, which is held to be so important to the Pharisees, but says: “on these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the prophets also.” There are people in the Church

condemned. Jesus’ reply is in fact a summary of the essence of the Christian faith: love God and love your neighbour as yourself. No one can challenge what Jesus says here. He is not denying the



today whose attitude is similar to that of the Pharisees. They the Church as a set of rules which must be adhered to in order to be saved. But the Church is not a set of rules. The Church founded by Jesus Christ, is based on the law of love. If we follow this, then we will have followed the ‘rules’ without even realising it.



EVANGELII GAUDIUM
(JOY OF THE GOSPEL)

STARTING WITH
OUR OWN REGION

153. There are powerful countries and large businesses that profit from this isolation and prefer to negotiate with each country separately. On the other hand, small or poor countries can sign agreements with their regional neighbours that will allow them to negotiate as a bloc and thus avoid being cut off, isolated and dependent on the great powers. Today, no state can ensure the common good of its population if it remains isolated.

Promise Of Good Things
THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

It is not a particular kind of land or a particular kind of language or even a particular way of life that marks Christians out from their fellow human beings.

They neither have cities of their own nor speak a peculiar kind of dialect, nor do they have a way of life that is noticeably different from the norm. This doctrine of theirs is not one that has been invented by sharp and inquisitive minds, nor are they advocates of man-made dogma, as some people are.

At home in their homelands, they are far from home. They share in all things as citizens, and suffer all things as total strangers. They get married as others do, and have children, but they do not expose their offspring. They will share their table with you, but not their marriage bed. They share the lot of all flesh, but not its fleshliness. On earth they walk; in heaven they live. They obey the appointed laws and surpass them in their own lives.

They love all people and are hunted down by all. They are unknown, yet publicly condemned. They are put to death, and yet gain life. Though poor, they make others rich. Lacking everything, they have an abundance of every thing. They are dishonoured, to their greater honour, and slandered to their credit.

When abused, they give blessing. When they do good, they are punished as if they did wrong, and being punished, they rejoice as people given new life. They are fought by the Jews as foreigners, and are persecuted by the Greeks - though t those who hate them cannot say why.

The Letter to Diognetus



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South Road
Hailsham



WEEKLY SERVICES

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Collection next week for Retired Priests' Fund)

Sat	28th	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Church Open for Prayers & Confessions
Sun	29th	9am	St George's —	Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Norman & Angela Wright RIP
Mon	30th	2.30pm	St George's —	Rosary Group —All welcome
Tues	31st	10am	St George's—	David Corrigan RIP
All Saints		10am	St Wilfrid's—	Loretta Fry Int, Blessing of the graves at St Wilfrid's
		12pm	St George's -	The repose of the soul of Philip
All Souls		10am	St George's —	Holy Souls Int, Blessing of the graves at St George's
Fri	3rd	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Deceased Members of Philomena's Family

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (Collection Today for Retired Priests' Fund)

Sat	4th	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Church Open for Prayers & Confessions
Sun	5th	9am	St George's —	Deceased Members of the Forte Family
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Parish Communities' Intention
		3pm	St George's -	Bereavement Mass - Treasured Memories

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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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, Nellie Oakshott, Jean Molloy, Alan Smith, Julie Martin, Peter Andrews, Holly Leone and Deborah Osbourne Walker.

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:

“Next time we meet, see you in heaven”

What a beautiful note coming from the mouth of Ruth Ayres to her friend Judy Davies, as her farewell greeting just before she flies out to her new life with her daughter in America. When the spirit is willing then age can only be a number even if the health is not good. Next Sunday it will be the turn of St George's church to give thanks for all our treasured memories of those who contributed so much to the life of this church over the years. We will have special prayers and blessing in the garden after the Mass.

Solid steps are being taken to develop our lives of faith and ministry here together in our parish. In the wider context in our diocese much of the focus remains on what priests are available to the parish. Our efforts over the years to be a body made up of many parts working together will be truly tested. Our new parish council, with all the work that is taking place by our children's liturgy group with the hope that it will serve all our young members better. Yes a new generation is required.

Fr Rory

Thank you for celebrating World Mission Sunday

Thank you very much for your donations to World Mission Sunday last week. Your prayers and support of World Mission Sunday will help missionaries work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Please pray for the work of Missio and all those working to offer the love of Jesus, that we may remain strong in our witness to Christ's love for all peoples. To continue supporting mission throughout the year, please go to mission.org.uk or call 020 7821 9755 (office hours).

Preparing for Advent Family Workshop: Saturday, Nov 18th, 3.30pm – 6.00pm, St Wilfrid's Hall. Following the success of last years event we are going to hold another Parish Advent Workshop and look forward to seeing many of our families there. This is an opportunity for families to come together and have fun, be creative and prepare for Advent. There will be variety of Christmas related activities, relevant to all ages, followed by a short time of worship and a shared meal. Children under 11 must be accompanied by an adult. To book your place please complete the form available at the back of church and collect a tear off slip for your small contribution to bring to the shared meal.

Volunteer Drivers Urgently Needed: We are looking for some people who would be available during the week (usually in the morning) who would be able to drive our van and pick up food donations. They would need to be over 30 to comply with our insurance conditions. (Somebody younger could still help by being the passenger to assist with loading and unloading the van). If your availability is limited but you would still like to help you could go on our reserve team. If you are interested please contact Phil Cole at operations@hailsham.foodbank.org.uk.

Christmas Cards: On sale at the back of St George's Church.

Dates for your Diary:

Sun 29th Oct, 10am - Charity Breakfast, St G's Hall.
Sun 5th Nov, After Mass, Parish Meeting, St W's.
Sun 5th Nov, 3pm - Service of Remembrance, St G's Church.
Tue 7th Nov, 6pm - Holy Communion Session, St W's Hall.
Sat 18th Nov, 3.30pm - Preparing for Advent W/Shop, St W's
Fri 24th Nov, 11-12pm - Parish Bereavement Gp, St W's Hall.
Sun 26th Nov, 10am - Charity Breakfast, St G's Hall.
Tue 28th Nov, 6pm - Holy Communion Session, St W's Hall.
Thur 30th Nov, 2-4pm - Parish Over 50's Club, St W's Hall.

Blessing of the Graves:

Fr Rory will bless the graves at St Wilfrid's after Mass on Wednesday November 1st.

Deacon John expects to bless the graves at St George's Memorial Garden and Willingdon Cemetery after Mass on Thursday November 2nd.

Parish Charity Breakfast: Today Breakfast will support CAFOD and 26th November the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal (these charities will remain annually). If you have a particular charity you would like us to support, please let us know.

St Thomas a Becket Catholic Primary School Open Day: On Thursday 16th November, we are running 3 sessions, 9.00am, 2.00pm and 6.30pm, please can prospective parents contact the office to book onto one of these sessions. The Sessions will be a "Taste of what the school offers" Please can they book by phone 01323 737221 or email office@stthomasbecket.e-sussex.sch.uk

SAINTS & SINNERS CONCERT Our Lady of Ransom Church (Grange Road, BN21 4EU) – SATURDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 7.30pm with refreshments interval midway. An evening of secular and sacred music and storytelling, exploring and celebrating the journey of faith as saints and sinners on the road. John Holstrom (keyboard) and Dominic Dring (saxophone, flute and vocals), Elisha Dring (singer) and special guests. Donation (suggest £5 to £10) on the night, with money raised going towards a local charity.

Sunday 22nd October - Mass Attendance:

St Wilfrid's 97 St George's 78