

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 prophet Ezekiel

34:11-12.15-17

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep it all in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps. 22:1-3.5-6. 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. **(R)**

Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name. **(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 Paul to the Corinthians

15:20-26.28

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with

every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who has subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Mk 11:10

**Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:31-46

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

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.

Our Faith on Sunday

GOSPEL REFLECTION



There are some Christians who are very strongly opposed to dialogue with people of other faiths. Why? They say, and it's true, that Jesus says that the only way to the Father (i.e. heaven) is through me. So, they

argue, unless people recognise Jesus as Lord, they will not be saved. Today's Gospel gives the answer to this question. In it Jesus talks about clothing the naked, feeding the hungry, visiting those in prison, etc. There are very many non-Christian people who offer all of these services to their less fortunate fellow humans, and Jesus says that they will be welcomed into the Kingdom. They will be puzzled and will ask: "When did we see you....?" And Jesus will reply: "In so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." In other words, they are going to the Father

through Jesus, even though were not aware of it. There will be others who think they are going to the Father through Jesus, but whom Jesus will not recognise. Jesus reminds us time and time again that the way to his Kingdom is first and foremost through our love for our brothers and sisters, and not just those belonging to our church, but to everyone we meet.



EVANGELII GAUDIUM (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



POPULAR VS. POPULIST

157. The attempt to see populism as a key for interpreting social reality is problematic in another way: it disregards the legitimate meaning of the word "people". Any effort to remove this concept from common parlance could lead to the elimination of the very notion of democracy as "government by the people". If we wish to maintain that society is more than a mere aggregate of individuals, the term "people" proves necessary. There are social phenomena that create majorities, as well as megatrends and communitarian aspirations. Men and women are capable of coming up with shared goals that transcend their differences and can thus engage in a common endeavour. Then too, it is extremely difficult to carry out a long-term project unless it becomes a collective aspiration. All these factors lie behind our use of the words "people" and "popular". Unless they are taken into account – together with a sound critique of demagoguery – a fundamental aspect of social reality would be overlooked.



The Fire of Love* THE REAL ROOT OF SIN



On the other hand, there are those who are not interested in beautiful women or riotous living, so they consider themselves sure of salvation. They think themselves saintly because their lives are chaste! But the real root of sin is not chastity but greed. 'The love of money is the root of all evil' (1 Tim. 6: 10). Look at what people do and you will see what they really love.

Those who are God's chosen ones direct everything Godwards and turn their thoughts constantly back to him. Others may look religious, even spending a lot of time in church though they are mentally miles away. They do charitable acts, but their hearts are unconverted. They give generously but only of their ill-gotten gains. That kind of love is not pleasing to God.

People act 'charitably' as they see it but they are actually trying to 'buy' God and store up merit for themselves in a sinful manner. They seem holy, while underneath they are selfish and proud. Humility and love are of more worth than busy working or vain preaching.

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WEEKLY SERVICES

Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King

(Next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent)

Sat 25th	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Church Open for Prayers & Confessions
Sun 26th	9am	St George's —	Rose & Joseph Falkner RIP
	10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Parish Communities' Intention
Mon 27th	2.30pm	St George's —	Rosary Group —All welcome
Tues 28th	10am	St George's—	Ananita Calderon
Wed 29th	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Dorothy Povey & Anne Adilz
Thur 30th	10am	St George's —	Paul & John Bree RIP
Fri 1st	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Deceased Relatives & Friends of Judy Davis

First Sunday of Advent

Sat 2nd	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Church Open for Prayers & Confessions
Sun 3rd	9am	St George's —	Parish Communities' Intention
	10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Edmund Ginn RIP (5th Anniversary)

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

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USEFUL PARISH INFORMATION

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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, Letty Booth, Tom Woodrow-Spencer, Chris Neyenhuizen, Laurey & Richard Stimpson, Nicole McCutchan, Len Brotherwood, 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:

**We celebrate the Great Feast of Christ the King, which celebrates the end of our churches year,
with the assurance that Christ will come again in great glory.**

The introduction to my sister Mary's book "Love Speaks": 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. Please God, we will make this journey together in the coming years.

Fr Rory

Sign No 4 on the wall in a Mission of Charity home in India:

4. The good you do will be forgotten tomorrow. DO GOOD ANYWAY.

Parish Reconciliation Service: Sat 2nd Dec, 5pm at St Wilfrid's Church. Please come to this very moving service lasting just half an hour. In previous years this service has been very poorly attended. Our first communion children will be making their first confession and it would be nice for us to support them. By coming and participating in this service you will be fulfilling your Christmas duty. All welcome.

South Downs Singers will be holding their Christmas concert at St George's on Saturday 9th December at 3.00 pm. A fabulous selection of carols and festive songs will be sung with an opportunity to join in well loved favourites. Tickets £10 available on the door or beforehand from Anne Bowe.

Social Committee Meeting on Wednesday 29th November in St Wilfrid's Hall at 7.30pm.

St Wilfrid's Parish Meeting will be on 3rd December at 11.30am in the church.

Las Posadas - A Journey towards Christmas

The tradition of having figures of Mary, Joseph and a donkey travelling from home to home during Advent originated in Mexico where it is known as posada. During Advent our nativity figures take a journey around the Hailsham area. Would you be willing to welcome them into your home for the night? It's a great way to prepare for Christmas and fun for the whole family! Two families meet every day in December as part of our preparation to celebrate the birth of Jesus, with one family handing the nativity over to another. It comes complete with suggested readings, prayers and Christmas hymns.

If you would like to be part, all you have to do is put your name on the list in the narthex. The travelling nativity will be brought to you on this day. The following day you will deliver it to the next family on the list. You can agree the arrangements and the time to meet with the families yourself.

Dates for your Diary:

Sun 26th Nov, 10am - Parish Charity Breakfast, St G's Hall.
Tue 28th Nov, 6pm - 1st Communion Lesson, St W's Hall.
Wed 29th Nov, 7.30pm - Social Committee Mtg, St W's Hall.
Thur 30th Nov, 2-4pm - Parish Over 50's Club, St W's Hall.
Sat 2nd Dec, 5pm - 1st Reconciliation Service, St W's Church.
Sun 3rd Dec, 11.30am - St W's Parish Meeting, St W's Church.
Sat 9th Dec, 3pm - South Downs Singers Xmas Concert, St G's.
Sat 16th Dec, 3pm - Nine Lessons & Carols, St W's Church.
Fri 29th Dec, 11-12pm - Parish Bereavement Gp, St W's Hall.
Tue 16th Jan, 6pm, - 1st Communion Lesson, St W's Hall.

Nine Lessons & Carols: Sat 16th Dec, 3pm at St Wilfrid's. Please fill the church, raise the roof in song and pray with us in the season of Advent. And don't forget to invite friends and family, this service is a perfect way to bring those who don't attend our weekly mass through our doors. Next year this Parish service will be at St George's Church. Mulled wine & mince pies in the hall afterwards. We shall have a "surprise bag" table, a prize every time for just £1. There is a box in the porch to receive any gifts you may like to contribute please. Thank you.

Today's Charity Breakfast at St George's after mass will be for the Royal British Legion Poppy appeal, please enjoy the delicious food and be generous in your support of the charity. Our January Breakfast will be on Sunday 28th after mass and will raise money for local charity Children's Respite Trust.

St Wilfrid's Christmas Cards & Small Gifts:

Purchased from the LINK before it closed, are on sale in our hall after mass on Sundays & Wednesdays at reduced prices. The money raised will go towards the children's liturgy.

Congratulations to Phoebe at St Georges Church who today as an older child has chosen to be baptised. We are all so very proud of her and we continue to pray for her and with her today and beyond.

St George's Table Sale items - please continue to donate new and nearly new items suitable to sell. Fundraising is for Parish Youth activities and the monthly charity.

Love In A Box: Last Sunday for Love In A Box is November 26th (Today).

Parish Over 50's Club: Our next tea will be on Thursday 30th November, 2-4pm.

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

Sunday 19th November - Mass Attendance:

St Wilfrid's 96 St George's 75