

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 67:6-7,36

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

THE COLLECT

O God, protector of those who hope in you,
without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy,
bestow in abundance your mercy upon us and grant that, with
you as our ruler and guide, we may use the good things that
pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever
endure.

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 second book of Kings

4: 42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of
God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh
grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But
his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?'
'Give it to the people to eat,' he insisted, 'for the Lord says this,
"They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they
ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps 144: 10-11.15-18. R.v16

**R) You open wide your hand, O Lord,
and grant our desires.**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. **(R)**

The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. **(R)**

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

4:1-6

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of
your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete
selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to
preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you
together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all
called into one and the same hope when you were called. There
is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father
of all, through all and within all.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.
Alleluia!

Lk 7:16

GOSPEL

John 6:1-15

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of
Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the
signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and
sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the
Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to
Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?'
He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he
was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would
only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his
disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small
boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that
between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit
down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five
thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave
thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then
did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted.
When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up
the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked
them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from
the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that
he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come
into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come
and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the
hills by himself.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the offerings
which we bring from the abundance of your gifts,
that through the powerful working of your grace
these most sacred mysteries may sanctify our present
way of life
and lead us to eternal gladness.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Mt 5:7-8

**Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We have consumed, O Lord, this divine Sacrament,
the perpetual memorial of the Passion of your Son;
grant, we pray, that this gift,
which he himself gave us with love beyond all telling,
may profit us for salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.

Our Faith on Sunday

GOSPEL REFLECTION



The account of the feeding of the
five thousand is perhaps one of the
best known Gospel passages. In
fact, it is so familiar, that we may
overlook its importance. The first
lesson it gives is that God provides

for his followers. When we are
planning an outing or an event
we usually make sure everything
is 'covered', and especially when
it comes to eating. But it seems
as if all these people had
followed Jesus without any
thought about where they find
something to eat. This may seem
like a foolish thing to do, but
where the things of God are

concerned, our normal human
appetites, are not our primary
concern. The people had faith
enough to believe that God would
somehow provide. Many of us who
try to follow Jesus frequently have

experiences of him 'providing' for
us. And this is what God wants of
his followers. He wants us to
believe in his providence, that
because he loves us so much he will
never let us go without if we are
seriously trying to so his will. If you
tried living in this way, I would
recommend that you do – you
might be very pleasantly surprised!

EVANGELII GAUDIUM
(JOY OF THE GOSPEL)A LOVE THAT
INTEGRATES AND
UNITES

190. Political charity is also expressed in a
spirit of openness to everyone. Government
leaders should be the first to make the
sacrifices that foster encounter and to seek
convergence on at least some issues. They
should be ready to listen to other points of
view and to make room for everyone.
Through sacrifice and patience, they can
help to create a beautiful polyhedral reality
in which everyone has a place. Here,
economic negotiations do not work.
Something else is required: an exchange of
gifts for the common good. It may seem
naïve and utopian, yet we cannot renounce
this lofty aim.

The Fire of Love*
PONDERING ON GOD
AT ALL TIMES

If we are true lovers of Jesus, we can think of him while
we are travelling and continue our song of love while we
are in the company of others. We can keep Jesus in mind
when we are enjoying food and drink at mealtimes. At
every bite and sip we can praise God, and if we are
working with our hands what is to stop our hearts from
turning heavenwards? Only sleep will keep our minds off
God, no matter what we are doing.

What joy and happiness the lover experiences, for if a love
is set firmly in Christ, it will mean life and love without
end. Neither prosperity nor adversity affects such a love,
rooted as it is in heaven.

This is a love neither imagined nor simulated. It is true
and perfect, utterly set on Christ, resonant with
harmonious melody to the beloved. It is not as if we can
reach this of ourselves. It is a gift of Christ who chooses
whomsoever he wills. Only Christ is good and beautiful,
and those things closest to him are good and beautiful
because he makes them so.

*Augustine of Hippo Edited by Oliver Davies Published by New City



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WEEKLY SERVICES

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 27th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Church Open for Prayers and Confessions
Sun 28th	9am	St George's —	Eoghian & Marie Ollerenshaw Golden Wedding Anniversary
	10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Margaret Westcar RIP 4th Anniversary
Mon 29th	2.30pm	St George's —	Rosary Group - All Welcome
Tues 30th	10am	St George's—	Norman & Angela Wright RIP
Wed 31st	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Michael McCarthy RIP
Thurs 1st	10am	St George's —	Mary Ackman RIP
Fri 2nd	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Greta O'Neill RIP

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 3rd	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Church Open for Prayers and Confessions
Sun 4th	9am	St George's —	Parish Communities' Intention
	10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Margaret Murphy RIP

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.

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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

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CROSSLINK CHURCHES TOGETHER, HAILSHAM: Volunteer needed contact Father Rory

Churches Together in Polegate/Willingdon/Hampden Park/Hydneye 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 Stimpson, Nicole McCutchan, Nellie Oakshott, Jean Molloy, Alan Smith, Julie Martin, Holly Leone, Deborah Osbourne Walker, Sue Nye, Gill Standen, Richard Streeter, Patricia Delaney, Peter Andrews, Graham, Pamela Swanston, Jean and Chris Littlewood.

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:

Most important that we become communities of faith.

After the great celebrations for the Jubilee and all the goodness, help and support, I had to come back down to earth with a bang. So the focus has to come back on what is truly important to the life of our future. The meeting at Our Lady of Ransom, the attendance was very good, the only big question surrounded the age profile of those present.

Fr Kevin’s presentation for our future was well prepared and laid out as the guiding principles for this. It did not lend much opportunity for discussion and how we might work together to bring it to fruition. I am sure all of this is to be tackled in the coming times. The age profile of those in attendance, particularly what they would say to the children who are now raising children, and seldom attend church was most on their agenda. So they did not find it very helpful.

We will be able to download the material and it is vital to give this great care and attention. The fact is we have been doing some very good work. I brought our “Welcome Card” to the meetings attention. It is excellent but now we must express the same welcome to the catholic communities of St George and St Wilfrid. The focus is spot on and ready for purpose. Clarifying the role of our children’s liturgy and welcome to new members needs to be done. The foundations are ready to be put in place. Speaking for a moment to Bob Waters has been very helpful. His focus was on Pope Francis as he renewed the call for a Synodal approach in the decisions that are facing the church in our time. Returning to our very successful celebrations for my Jubilee in the music and verse, this supports us on our journey of faith:-

“We come to share our story,
We come to break the bread,
We came to know our rising from the dead”.

The divine bread that has come down from heaven.

Fr Rory

Sea Sunday 2024

Thank you for giving to Sea Sunday. Our parish raised £228.06. Your generous gifts will ensure that Stella Maris chaplains can continue to be a friend for seafarers and fishers in times of need. To find out more about how your support helps those who live and work at sea please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk

Today, 28th July Charity Breakfast at St George's - after Mass.

Mario and Richard are taking the lead this month and will be cooking up delicious sausage and bacon baps for everyone. We are very lucky to have these two smiling happy chappies with us so make it worth their effort and take time to join, donate for the food and enjoy - bring your friends and family as well. All are welcome. This month we are raising money for Love in a Box. This charity desperately needs as much support as it can get to provide Christmas gifts in boxes to children in Romania, many of whom live in Orphanages. It costs over £3000 per lorry alone to send everything to them. Please give generously. We will not have a charity breakfast in August but normal service will resume in September on Sunday 29th.

Table Sale St George's - We urgently need quality items for our table sale, new and nearly new. This table sale raises significant amounts to our monthly charity and also to assist in Youth Activities throughout the year. Please leave bags marked table sale at the back of St George's church. If you would like something collected please text Sandra on 07791627368 or email sandraforte40@gmail.com. Thank you.

Dates for your Diary:

Sun 28th July, 10am - Community Charity Breakfast, St G’s.
Fri 30th Aug, 11-12pm - Parish Bereavement Gp, St W’s Hall.
Thur 29th Aug, 2-4pm - Parish Over 50’s Club, St W’s Hall.
Sun 1st Sept, Lourdes Pilgrimage Reunion, St W’s Sch, Crawley
Sat 21st Sept, Catechists Day at Worth Abbey School.

2025 – A YEAR OF JUBILEE The Holy Father has named 2025 as a year of Jubilee, something which happens every 25 years. “Jubilee” is the name given to a particular year. A time to re-establish a proper relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation. The theme is “Pilgrims of Hope”, and it will be a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of COVID-19 pandemic, and a climate crisis. To prepare spiritually for the 2025 Jubilee, Pope Francis has asked Catholics to focus on two key elements: a) To study the key documents from the Second Vatican Council, held between 1962-1965 which can be viewed on: <https://uscatholic.org/articles/201209/major-documents-of-vatican-ii/> b) To focus on prayer. The Jubilee of Hope will begin in December 2024 with Pope Francis opening the “holy door” in St. Peter’s Basilica, offering the world’s 1.3 billion Catholics the possibility of obtaining a plenary indulgence and a year of special graces.

Parish Over 50’s Club: Our next tea is Thursday 29th August, 2pm. Theme is French of course “oo la la”. If you would like to join us please see Joan 07873390944.

Sunday 21st July - Mass Attendance:

St Wilfrid’s 89 St George’s 70