

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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

THE COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
increase our faith, hope and charity,
and make us love what you command,
so that we may merit what you promise.
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 Jeremiah

The Lord says this:

Shout with joy for Jacob!
Hail the chief of nations!
Proclaim! Praise! Shout:
'The Lord has saved his people,
the remnant of Israel!'
See, I will bring them back
from the land of the North
and gather them from the far ends of earth;
all of them: the blind and the lame,
women with child, women in labour:
a great company returning here.
They had left in tears,
I will comfort them as I lead them back;
I will guide them to streams of water,
by a smooth path where they will not stumble.
For I am a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my first-born son.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps 125. R.v3

**R) What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.**

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. **(R)**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. **(R)**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. **(R)**

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. **(R)**

Cf. Ps 104:3-4

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 5:1-6

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Cf. 2 Tim 1:10
**Our Saviour Christ Jesus abolished death,
and he has proclaimed life through the Good News.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Mark 10: 46-52

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

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said, 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him, 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

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

Eph 5:2

**Christ loved us and gave himself up for us,
as a fragrant offering to 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.

Our Faith on Sunday

GOSPEL REFLECTION



In today's Gospel we hear of one of Jesus many healing miracles. But there is always a deeper meaning to

them. Yes, Jesus takes pity on the blind beggar and restores his sight, but it is more than the man's physical vision that is restored. Jesus says to the beggar: "Go, your faith has saved you." The man did not ask to be 'saved' but merely to have his sight back. But because of the man's faith in Jesus, not only is his sight restored, but his soul is healed too. We often ask Jesus to perform miracles for us when we pray for things, even for something material, such as a new house. However, if we ask for things without any desire to love God

more, it is as if he does not hear us. What God wants is that we build a relationship of love with him. Often, that is not our intention and therefore the 'miracle' does not happen. If our 'faith' has nothing to do with love of God and neighbour, then it will now produce fruits.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM
(JOY OF THE GOSPEL)

BUILDING TOGETHER

203. Authentic social dialogue involves the ability to respect the other's point of view and to admit that it may include legitimate convictions and concerns. Based on their identity and experience, others have a contribution to make, and it is desirable that they should articulate their positions for the sake of a more fruitful public debate. When individuals or groups are consistent in their thinking, defend their values and convictions, and develop their arguments, this surely benefits society. Yet, this can only occur to the extent that there is genuine dialogue and openness to others. Indeed, "in a true spirit of dialogue, we grow in our ability to grasp the significance of what others say and do, even if we cannot accept it as our own conviction. In this way, it becomes possible to be frank and open about our beliefs, while continuing to discuss, to seek points of contact, and above all, to work and struggle together".¹⁹⁷ Public discussion, if it truly makes room for everyone and does not manipulate or conceal information, is a constant stimulus to a better grasp of the truth, or at least its more effective expression. It keeps different sectors from becoming complacent and self-centred in their outlook and their limited concerns. Let us not forget that "differences are creative; they create tension and in the resolution of tension lies humanity's progress".¹⁹⁸

¹⁹⁷ Apostolic Exhortation Querida Amazonia (2 February 2020), 108.
¹⁹⁸ From the film Pope Francis: A Man of His Word, by Wim Wenders (2018).

The Fire of Love*
A SONG OF LOVE (3)

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WEEKLY SERVICES

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Collection Today at St Wilfrid's for Parish Advent Activities)

(Friday is the Feast of All Saints; a Holy Day of Obligation. Saturday is All Souls)

Sat 26th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Church Open for Prayers and Confessions
Sun 27th	9am	St George's —	Thomas & Lali Paly Intention
	10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Parish Communities' Intention
Mon 28th	2.30pm	St George's —	Rosary Group - All Welcome
Tues 29th	10am	St George's—	Eliza D'Souza RIP
Wed 30th	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Felix Herbert Chetwynd RIP
Thur 31st	10am	St George's —	Margaret Madams RIP
Fri 1st	10am	St Wilfrid's —	All Saints Day , Michael Copper RIP

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (Collection Today at St George's for Parish Advent Activities)

(Collection next Sunday for the Retired Priests' Fund)

Sat 2nd	10am	St Wilfrid's—	All Souls Day Church Open for Prayers & Confessions
Sun 3rd	9am	St George's —	Philip Mathew RIP
	10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	All deceased Lissenburg Family 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.

Local Catholic Education Contacts: St Thomas a Becket Nursery School: Tel 01323 725977

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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

Churches Together in Polegate/Willingdon/Hampden Park/Hydneye Contact: Anne Bowe Tel: 07808 175455

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS those who are unwell

Amy Jenkins, Lily May, Joshua Hardy, Peter & Teresa Zurenkas, Anne Holt, Margaret, Rosie Tuson, Lilian Summers, Tom Woodrow-Spencer, Chris Neyenuizen, Laurey Stimpson, Nicole McCutchan, Nellie Oakshott, Peter Andrews, Jean Molloy, Alan Smith, Julie Martin, Holly Leone, Deborah Osbourne Walker, Sue Nye, Gill Standen, Letty Booth, Richard Streeter, Patricia Delaney, Graham, Pamela Swanston, Jean & Chris Littlewood, Michael O'Regan and George Eames.

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.

Deacon John Writes:

Over one billion Catholics all over the world observe last Sunday as World Mission Sunday. This annual observance was instituted 98 years ago in 1926 by Pope Pius XI's Papal decree. Every year since then, the universal Church has dedicated the month of October to reflection on, and prayer for, the missions. On World Mission Sunday, Catholics gather to celebrate the Eucharist and to contribute to a collection for the work of evangelisation around the world. This annual celebration gives us a chance to reflect on the importance of mission work for the life of the Church. It reminds us that we are one with the Church around the world and that we are all committed to carrying on the mission of Christ, however different our situations may be.

Pope Francis' theme for 2024 World mission Sunday is rooted in the Gospel of Matthew: "Go and Invite Everyone to the Banquet," reflecting the inclusive and urgent call to bring God's love to everyone. Let us join in this universal mission to spread the Gospel and invite all to experience the joy of Christ's message!

With my love and prayers for all of you this week.

Deacon John

Sunday 27th October - Thank you for Celebrating World Mission Sunday

Thank you for your donations to the World Mission Sunday appeal. Your prayers and support will help missionaries work alongside communities worldwide, regardless of background or belief. Please continue to pray for all who share the love and hope of Christ with our sisters and brothers in need throughout the world. To support mission year-round, visit mission.org.uk or call 020 7821 9755 (office hours).

Second collection today (27th October) at St Wilfrid's will be for Parish Advent Activities. This will help fund events such as the popular Family Advent Workshop. More details of this activity will be announced over the coming weeks. UK taxpayers can gift aid their donation, so please collect and complete the one off gift aid envelope at the back of church to add to the second collection plate. If you wish to donate by card then please use the digital plate located in the porch. The second collection for Parish Advent Activities will take place at St George's next week (3rd November).

Milk Bottle Tops: We can no longer accept used milk bottle tops for recycling, as the Hospital no longer take them. Thank you.

Table Sale St George's - We 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. Thank you.

Blessing of the Graves:

Deacon John expects to bless the graves at St George's Memorial Garden on the 1st November and Willingdon Cemetery on Saturday 2nd November at 11am, weather permitting.

DELVE DEEPER INTO THE SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

READINGS: with world-renowned Scripture scholar Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB and his wonderful reflections on the Sunday Scriptures. These easy-to-follow reflections are suitable for individual or private reflection, families praying together or breaking open the Word in prayer groups. Go to The Wednesday Word at www.wednesdayword.org

S.O.S. from Joan: I don't know what has happened to the two cow bells kept in the first cupboard under the service counter in the hall. They have been missing for a few months. I would like to know where they are and why they were moved, apart from being very useful they are special to me. Any information please contact me on 07873390944. Thank you.

October is the month of the Holy Rosary: Meets every Monday at 2.30pm in St G's Hall. Everyone is welcome to join as a regular or occasional member to Pray the Rosary a most wonderful devotion together. In the new order this presents opportunities to increase prayers, novenas and devotions.

Charity Breakfast at St George's - after Mass. Sun 27th October.

Bring your friends and family all are welcome. This month we are raising money for "CAFOD".

Dates for your Diary:

Sun 27th Oct, 10am - Community Charity Breakfast, St G's.
 Sat 2nd Nov, 11.30am - Bereavement Mass, St G's Church.
 Sun 3rd Nov, 11.30am - Parish Meeting, St W's.
 Wed 13th Nov, 7pm - 1st Communion Lesson, St W's Hall.
 Sun 24th Nov, 10am - Community Charity Breakfast, St G's.
 Thur 28th Nov, 2-4pm - Parish Over 50's Club, St W's Hall.
 Fri 29th Nov, 11-12pm - Parish Bereavement Gp, St W's Hall.
 Sat 30th Nov, 2-5pm - Family Advent Workshop, St W's Hall.
 Wed 4th Dec, 7pm - 1st Communion Lesson, St W's Hall.
 Thur 19th Dec, 2-4pm - Parish Over 50's Club, St W's Hall.

St George's Church: Christmas Cards are now on sale at the back of the church.

Parish Over 50's Club:

Our next tea is Thurs 28th Nov. Theme Winter Wonderland. Thurs 19th Dec, our Christmas Party. Time 2-4pm, price £10 includes everything. If you would like to join us, you will be very welcome. Just come along and enjoy yourself. For more info. please contact Joan on 07873390944.

Sunday 20th October - Mass Attendance:

St Wilfrid's 109 St George's 70