

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Jer 29:11,12,14

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace
and not of affliction.

You will call upon me, and I will answer you,
and I will lead back your captives from every place.

THE COLLECT

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God,
the constant gladness of being devoted to you,
for it is full and lasting happiness
to serve with constancy
the author of all that is good.
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 Daniel

12:1-3

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps 15:5.8-11. R.v1

R) Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand,
I shall stand firm. **(R)**

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. **(R)**

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

10:11-14,18

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he

is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Lk 21:36

**Stay awake, praying at all times
for the strength to stand with confidence
before the Son of Man.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Mark 13:24-32

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

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

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Grant, O Lord, we pray,
that what we offer in the sight of your majesty
may obtain for us the grace of being devoted to you
and gain us the prize of everlasting happiness.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Mk 11:23-24

**Amen, I say to you: whatever you ask in prayer,
believe that you will receive,
and it shall be given to you, says the Lord.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We have partaken of the gifts of this sacred mystery,
humbly imploring, O Lord,
that what your Son commanded us to do
in memory of him
may bring us growth in charity.
Through Christ our Lord.

Our Faith on Sunday

GOSPEL REFLECTION



There have been many predictions for the end of the world, all of which have passed without being fulfilled. The early

Christians too were convinced that the second coming of Jesus and the end of the world were imminent. The truth is, and Jesus says it in today's Gospel, nobody, other than the heavenly Father knows when this will happen. We now have weapons capable of destroying our earthly home in a matter of minutes. We also risk destroying more slowly through our abuse of nature. But still we do not know when the final day will come. But rather than trying to predict the end of the world, it

would make more sense if we thought more often about our own personal mortality. We don't know when the end will come for us, but if we live each day in front of God as if it were the last day of our lives, then will be well prepared for that final moment on earth.



EVANGELII GAUDIUM (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



THE BASIS OF CONSENSUS

206. The solution is not relativism. Under the guise of tolerance, relativism ultimately leaves the interpretation of moral values to those in power, to be defined as they see fit. "In the absence of objective truths or sound principles other than the satisfaction of our own desires and immediate needs... we should not think that political efforts or the force of law will be sufficient... When the culture itself is corrupt, and objective truth and universally valid principles are no longer upheld, then laws can only be seen as arbitrary impositions or obstacles to be avoided".²⁰¹

²⁰¹. Encyclical Letter *Laudato Si'* (24 May 2015), 123; AAS 107 (2015), 896.

Pope Francis' *Amoris Laetitia* LOVE IN THE FAMILY

In speaking of marriage, Jesus refers us to yet another page of Genesis, which, in its second chapter, paints a splendid and detailed portrait of the couple. First, we see the man, who anxiously seeks "a helper fit for him" (vv. 18, 20), capable of alleviating the solitude which he feels amid the animals and the world around him. The original Hebrew suggests a direct encounter, face to face, eye to eye, in a kind of silent dialogue, for where love is concerned, silence is always more eloquent than words. It is an encounter with a face, a "thou", who reflects God's own love and is man's "best possession, a helper fit for him and a pillar of support", in the words of the biblical sage (Sir 36:24). Or again, as the woman of the Song of Solomon will sing in a magnificent profession of love and mutual self-bestowal: "My beloved is mine and I am his... I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine" (2:16; 6:3).



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WEEKLY SERVICES

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Collection next Sunday for Arundel Cathedral Maintenance)

Sat 16th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Church Open for Confessions and Veneration
Sun 17th	9am	St George's —	Parish Communities' Intention
	10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Dorothy Povey & Family RIP
Mon 18th	2.30pm	St George's —	Rosary Group - All Welcome
Tues 19th	10am	St George's—	Deceased Members of the Lodrick Family RIP
Wed 20th	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Jan & Wladiswava Zylewicz RIP
Thur 21st	10am	St George's —	Margaret Nevil Intention
Fri 22nd	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Adrienne Lockwood RIP

Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King

(Collection Today for Arundel Cathedral Maintenance)

Sat 23rd	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Church Open for Confessions and Veneration
Sun 24th	9am	St George's —	Parish Communities' Intention
	10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Anne Adiz 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

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Finance Committee Treasurer Monika Beaver

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ALL CORRESPONDENCE VIA THE PRIEST'S HOUSE PLEASE

Polegate Hall Hire (01323) 504753

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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

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 Neyenhuizen, Laurey Stimpson, Nicole McCutchan, Nellie Oakshott, Jean Molloy, Alan Smith, Julie Martin, Holly Leone, Deborah Osbourne Walker, Sue Nye, Gill Standen, Letty Booth, Thomas Pailey, 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:

On Saturday November 2nd, All Souls Day, after Mass, I blessed the Memorial Garden at St George's and all the graves in the garden. I then went to Willingdon cemetery and blessed the graves there. A good gathering came to the Church garden and a much smaller group accompanied me to the cemetery. Thank you to all who supported me and a special thank you to Anne who transported me. Last Sunday I preached about Remembrance Sunday and included two poems. I found it quite emotional reading these poems. I was in Plymouth when war broke out. My father was an air raid warden during the war. I remember the air raid shelter at the bottom of the garden and I remember having to move from one shelter to another several times one night as bombs fell around us. In the chaos of movement I got separated from my parents but was safely returned home the following day. I was 5/6 at the time. My father was a schoolteacher and his school was evacuated in its entirety to Penzance for the rest of the war. The poems I referred to were:

Laurence Binyon's poem 'For the fallen': They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them.

John McCrae wrote the poem "In Flanders Fields" in the spring of 1915, shortly after losing a friend in Ypres, after seeing poppies growing in battle-scarred fields.

In Flanders' fields the poppies blow

Between the crosses, row on row

That mark our place: and in the sky

The larks, still bravely singing, fly

Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago

We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,

Loved and were loved, and now we lie

In Flanders' fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe;

To you from failing hands we throw

The torch; be yours to hold it high,

If ye break faith with us who die

We shall not sleep, though poppies grow

In Flanders' Fields.

Deacon John

That poem inspired the use of the poppy as a symbol of Remembrance.

Parish Christmas Lunch: Wednesday 18th December at the Kings Head, Hellingly. 12noon, £25 per person, cash only please, this includes a tip. Pay when booking to ensure a place and menu. Contact Sally Riley or Judy Davis after Sunday and weekday masses in the church porch or in St Wilfrid's Hall. Thank you.

South Downs Singers Christmas Celebration Concert: Sat 14th December at 3.30pm at St. George's Church, Tickets £10 on the door or pre-book by calling 01323 832767. There will be an opportunity to buy tickets after Mass each Sunday.

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

Saturday Mornings at St Wilfrid's Church: Available for quiet prayer, so peaceful. The Monstrance is exposed on the altar, confessions are available. If you have not taken advantage of this special time, you should do so. Just pop in for a little visit, you will come out rested and refreshed, ready to tackle the rest of the day.

Charity Breakfast at St George's - after Mass. Sun 24th November. Bring your friends and family all are welcome. This month we are raising money for British Legion.

Dates for your Diary:

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, 3-6pm - Family Advent Workshop, St W's Hall.

Wed 4th Dec, 7pm - 1st Communion Lesson, St W's Hall.

Sat 7th Dec, 5pm - First Reconciliation Service, St W's Church.

Sun 15th Dec, 3pm - Carol Service, St W's Church.

Thur 19th Dec, 2-4pm - Parish Over 50's Club, St W's Hall.

Sat 4th Jan, 3pm - Parish Epiphany Party followed by Vigil Mass at 5pm, St W's Hall/Church.

Wed 8th Jan, 7pm - 1st Communion Lesson, St W's Hall.

Come along to our Family Advent Workshop for some festive fun on Saturday, Nov 30th, 3.00pm – 6.00pm at St Wilfrid's Hall. This is an opportunity to prepare for Advent and Christmas together through fun, festive crafts and activities. Following this there will be a short Advent reflection followed by a shared meal. Children under 11 must be accompanied by an adult. Places must be booked as numbers are limited. To book your place, please purchase a ticket from the back of church at the cost of £1 per person which will also enter you into a raffle. Feel free to dress up in your festive jumpers and outfits too!

Welcomers, Eucharistic Ministers and Catechists: As we are now really close to the first practical steps towards our new parish, Fr Kevin has invited us to an informal get together of Welcomers, Eucharistic Ministers and Catechists so they can begin to look at how we can work together across the Hub, to exchange ideas and suggestions that you may have. This will take place on Tuesday 10th December from 6.30pm to 8pm at OLR Parish Hall, refreshments will be offered. Please let the parish office know if you are attending by Friday 29th November, and we will send a list to Eastbourne.

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 10th November - Mass Attendance:

St Wilfrid's 112

St George's 73