

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 37:22-23

**Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;  
be not far from me!  
Make haste and come to my help,  
O Lord, my strong salvation!**

## THE COLLECT

Almighty and merciful God,  
by whose gift your faithful offer you  
right and praiseworthy service,  
grant, we pray,  
that we may hasten without stumbling  
to receive the things you have promised.  
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 book of Deuteronomy

6:2-6

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

Ps 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 letter to the Hebrews

7:23-28

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer

sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Jn 14:23  
**If anyone loves me he will keep my word,  
and my Father will love him,  
and we shall come to him.  
Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

Mark 12:28-34

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

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

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

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May these sacrificial offerings, O Lord,  
become for you a pure oblation,  
and for us a holy outpouring of your mercy.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jn 6:58

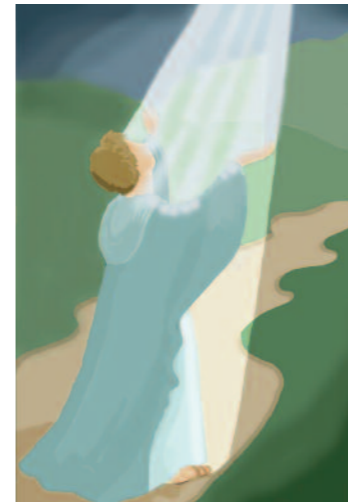
**Just as the living Father sent me  
and I have life because of the Father,  
so whoever feeds on me  
shall have life because of me, says the Lord.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May the working of your power, O Lord,  
increase in us, we pray,  
so that, renewed by these heavenly Sacraments,  
we may be prepared by your gift  
for receiving what they promise.  
Through Christ our Lord.

# Our Faith on Sunday

## GOSPEL REFLECTION



For once a scribe asks Jesus a question which is not a 'trick' question. It seems as if this man

genuinely wants to know what Jesus thinks. And when he hears Jesus's reply he expresses his full agreement. To some people, the Church seems to be an organisation which generates and polices a set of rigid rules. This, as Pope Francis has pointed out on various occasions, is a completely wrong image of the Church. First and foremost, the Church is the people of God, not an organisation, and this people of God should give witness to the world by loving God and loving

one another. In fact, if we do that, then we will find that we automatically obey the ten commandments, without even thinking about them. On the other hand we could very precisely in obeying all the 'rules' and yet still be completely lacking in love towards God and neighbour.



### EVANGELII GAUDIUM (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



#### BUILDING TOGETHER

204. There is a growing conviction that, together with specialized scientific advances, we are in need of greater interdisciplinary communication. Although reality is one, it can be approached from various angles and with different methodologies. There is a risk that a single scientific advance will be seen as the only possible lens for viewing a particular aspect of life, society and the world. Researchers who are expert in their own field, yet also familiar with the findings of other sciences and disciplines, are in a position to discern other aspects of the object of their study and thus to become open to a more comprehensive and integral knowledge of reality.

### Pope Francis' *Amoris Laetitia* LOVE IN THE FAMILY

The Bible is full of families, births, love stories and family crises. This is true from its very first page, with the appearance of Adam and Eve's family with all its burden of violence but also its enduring strength (cf. Gen 4) to its very last page, where we behold the wedding feast of the Bride and the Lamb (Rev 21:2, 9). Jesus' description of the two houses, one built on rock and the other on sand (cf. Mt 7:24-27), symbolizes any number of family situations shaped by the exercise of their members' freedom, for, as the poet says, "every home is a lampstand".<sup>5</sup> Let us now enter one of those houses, led by the Psalmist with a song that even today resounds in both Jewish and Christian wedding liturgies:

"Blessed is every one who fears the Lord,  
who walks in his ways!  
You shall eat the fruit of the labour of your hands;  
you shall be happy, and it shall go well with you.  
Your wife will be like a fruitful vine  
within your house;  
your children will be like olive shoots  
round your table.  
Thus shall the man be blessed  
who fears the Lord.  
The Lord bless you from Zion!  
May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem  
all the days of your life!  
May you see your children's children!  
Peace be upon Israel!" (Ps 128:1-6).



# PARISH COMMUNITIES OF



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### WEEKLY SERVICES

#### 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 —	Church Open for Veneration of Blessed Sacrament
		11.30am	St George's -	Remembrance Mass
Sun	3rd	9am	St George's —	Philip Mathew RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	All deceased Lissenburg Family RIP
Mon	4th	2.30pm	St George's —	Rosary Group - All Welcome
Tues	5th	10am	St George's—	Parish Communities' Intention
Wed	6th	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Brown & Quinlan Family RIP
Thur	7th	10am	St George's —	Grace Family RIP
Fri	8th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Mary Wilson RIP

#### Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### (Collection Today for the Retired Priests' Fund)

Sat	9th	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Church Open for Confessions and Veneration
Sun	10th	9am	St George's —	Bernard Dobson RIP (50th Anniversary)
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Parish Communities' Intention

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#\\_=\\_](https://m.facebook.com/gary.westcar#_=_)

**Newsletter items:** Please send to Jackie at [ssgeorge.wilfrid@btinternet.com](mailto: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

Chairperson of the Finance Committee Gerry Palmer

**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](mailto: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, 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.

**Fr Rory Writes:**

**“God is love, let us love one another”**

At a time like this when there is so much strife and stress in our world, this focus can have great value. Our council meeting at St George’s reflected this. We continue to wait for more decisions and guidance from the diocese; but the focus of our responsibility is to bring leadership and guidance to our communities. Spotighting two particularly important events. The first was the mass for healing which took place at St Wilfrid’s and the second which takes place here at St George’s this Saturday, the Service of Remembrance. From these events, acknowledging our need for developed communications, the need is to establish more coherent communication, particularly within the ministries as we move forward developing and growing.

Focusing upon our ministries as the best way to move ahead. The ministry of welcomers and hospitality has a key part. Knowing more and more the members and deepening awareness, particularly of sacrament preparation, and co-ordinating ministries of the eucharist, readings, website and a growing number of activities to develop the life and lives of our community. This relates particularly to the housebound, sick, social activities and those enquiring how to belong and share more fully in the needs of the church.



**Second collection today (3rd November) at St George'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.

**Thank you** to those who supported the Beetle Drive last Friday. Only a small number attended but £201 was raised to help fund the Advent Workshop.

**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.

**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 and 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. Tickets will be available from November 10th onwards. Feel free to dress up in your festive jumpers and outfits too!

**St Wilfrid’s:** Teas/coffees and refreshments in our hall after Sunday and weekday masses. These are very important social times for getting to know your fellow members of our church and have a friendly get-together. You will be pleasantly surprised at what we learn and discuss. Do pop in and join us.

**Readers’ Formation Time** - An important formation session to help readers with the upcoming changes of the new lectionary is being held at Our Lady of Ransom, Eastbourne on Sat 23 November from 10.30am - 1.15pm. Please let the parish office know if you are attending by 13th Nov, and we will send a list to Eastbourne.

**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.

**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/nearly new. It 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 G’s Church.

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

**Dates for your Diary:**

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.

**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 27th October - Mass Attendance:**

St Wilfrid’s 106                      St George’s 80