

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O sing a new song to the Lord,  
for he has worked wonders;  
in the sight of the nations  
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,  
constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us,  
that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism  
may, under your protective care, bear much fruit  
and come to the joys of life eternal.  
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.  
Amen.

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. Acts 14:21b-27

In those days: Paul and Barnabas returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God. And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

Then they passed through Pisidia and came to Pamphylia. And when they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia, and from there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work that they had fulfilled. And when they arrived and gathered the church together, they declared all that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles.

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 145(144):8-9. 10-11. 12-13b. R. cf. 1  
R. I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.  
or:  
Alleluia.

The LORD is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in mercy.  
How good is the LORD to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures.

All your works shall thank you, O LORD,  
and all your faithful ones bless you.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign,  
and declare your mighty deeds.

To make known your might to the whole human race,  
and the glorious splendour of your reign.  
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;  
your rule endures for all generations.

Cf. Ps 97:1-2

SECOND READING

A reading from the Book of Revelation. Revelation 21:1-5a

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away.’

And he who was seated on the throne said, ‘Behold, I am making all things new.’

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, alleluia. John 13:34  
A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord,  
that you love one another, just as I have loved you.  
Alleluia.

GOSPEL

The Lord be with you. John 13:31-33a, 34-35  
And with your spirit.  
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.  
Glory to you, O Lord.

When Judas had gone out from the upper room, Jesus said, ‘Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. Little children, yet a little while I am with you.

‘A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.’

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, who by the wonderful exchange effected in this sacrifice have made us partakers of the one supreme Godhead, grant, we pray, that, as we have come to know your truth, we may make it ours by a worthy way of life. Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

R. COMMUNION ANTIPHON Cf. Jn 15:1,5  
I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.  
Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

R. PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION  
Graciously be present to your people, we pray,  
O Lord,  
and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life.  
R. Amen.

# Our Faith on Sunday

## GOSPEL REFLECTION



The new commandment of Jesus is at the heart of the teaching that Jesus imparted to his disciples while he was on earth. They are to love one another

if we are united and unity is a fruit of mutual love. Jesus promised his disciples that he would be present among them when they were

as he has loved them. He demonstrated this love by giving his life for them on the cross. This is the measure of his love for us and it is with the same measure that as Christians we are called to love one another. I must be willing to lay down my life for my neighbour. In order for this love to fully manifest itself it must be reciprocal. Only in this way will we be recognised as true disciples of Jesus. We are only credible

gathered in his name which means gathered in his love (Mt. 18,20). It is only when he is present among us that others will recognise that we are authentic Christians. Although this love is reciprocal it is not based on a contract where I agree to love you only if you agree to love me. Divine love always takes the initiative. It gives without seeking anything in return. It receives because it has already given. This is how Jesus loves us and he asks us to do the same.



POPE FRANCIS' ENCYCLICAL  
FRATELLI TUTTI  
BROTHERS AND SISTERS ALL

### BEGINNING WITH THE LEAST

233. Building social friendship does not only call for rapprochement between groups who took different sides at some troubled period of history, but also for a renewed encounter with the most impoverished and vulnerable sectors of society. For peace “is not merely absence of war but a tireless commitment – especially on the part of those of us charged with greater responsibility – to recognize, protect and concretely restore the dignity, so often overlooked or ignored, of our brothers and sisters, so that they can see themselves as the principal protagonists of the destiny of their nation”.<sup>220</sup>

220. Meeting with the Authorities, Civil Society and the Diplomatic Corps, Maputo, Mozambique (5 September 2019); L'Osservatore Romano, 6 September 2019, p. 6.

## Pope Francis' Amoris Laetitia

### LOVE IN THE FAMILY

The sacrament of marriage is not a social convention, an empty ritual or merely the outward sign of a commitment. The sacrament is a gift given for the sanctification and salvation of the spouses, since “their mutual belonging is a real representation, through the sacramental sign, of the same relationship between Christ and the Church. The married couple are therefore a permanent reminder for the Church of what took place on the cross; they are for one another and for their children witnesses of the salvation in which they share through the sacrament”. Marriage is a vocation, inasmuch as it is a response to a specific call to experience conjugal love as an imperfect sign of the love between Christ and the Church. Consequently, the decision to marry and to have a family ought to be the fruit of a process of vocational discernment.

# PARISH COMMUNITIES OF



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### WEEKLY SERVICES

#### Fifth Sunday of Easter

#### (Collection next Sunday for the Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese)

Sat	17th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Church Open for Confessions and Veneration
Sun	18th	9am	St George's —	Douglas Booth RIP (5th Anniversary)
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Parish Communities' Intention
Mon	19th	2.30pm	St George's —	Rosary Group - All Welcome
Tues	20th	10am	St George's —	Margaret Madams RIP
Wed	21st	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Simon Davis RIP
Thurs	22nd	10am	St George's —	Rosamma Thomas 1st Anniversary RIP
Fri	23rd	10am	St Wilfrid's —	C Mercer Intention

#### Sixth Sunday of Easter (Collection Today for the Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese)

#### (Collection next Sunday for World Communications)

Sat	24th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Church Open for Confessions and Veneration
Sun	25th	9am	St George's —	Kelly Richards Intention
		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 [hailsham@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:hailsham@abdiocese.org.uk), 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 & those named in the books in our churches

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

**Warm Welcome!** We're glad to have you at Mass, especially visitors.

New to the parish or looking to reconnect? Fill out a welcome form in the porch or speak to Fr. Rory - we'd love to meet you and help in any way!

**Fr Rory Writes:**

**“A powerful moment for the church was when the day of Pentecost came”**

As we now move forward with the plans that were presented to the diocese by Bishop Richard, for our future. Fr Kevin is tasked with the responsibility to guide our parish in implementing these plans, so we should constantly intercede with the Holy Spirit for a very successful outcome. At the latest meeting certain tensions were expressed and a true awareness of the need to be at ease with the implications of the decisions. Fr Kevin acknowledged the need for more time to clarify; yet with confidence in the overall plan. So there is a true awareness when there is a need to take time, Fr Kevin has sent a clarifying directive to the team and it is very helpful. So we must be prepared to work together with confidence and hope. We are all united in one parish of Eastbourne and St Leonards. The key element which Fr Kevin emphasises is that it is made up of communities of faith. These distinct communities grow together. Sandra King and Gerry Palmer have acted as great ambassadors for our community and the members of our parish, and good work is being done by the councils. We have very important relationships in our communities at St George's and St Wilfrid's, and we are starting from a very good place with Jackie recognised as a blessing and is much appreciated for the work that she does. So with the help of Gods blessing and the power of Pentecost, let us all hope and soldier on. Special thanks for the events of last weekend.

*Fr Rory*

**Deacon John and Tessa wish to say a real thank you** to all who made my birthday so memorable. Thank you for the gifts, the cards and for being there. The singing of happy birthday twice, once in the church and once in the hall was particularly good! I am sure that all enjoyed the catering for the party - sausage and bacon baps cooked by the excellent chef, the two cakes and everything else were superb. I particularly enjoyed the bacon and sausage bap - thankyou. Love John and Tessa.

**St George's Meeting Sunday, June 1st:** The second of St George's quarterly church meetings will take place after Mass on Sunday, June 1st. Minutes from the previous meeting are available in the file at the back of the church. These meetings are an important opportunity for our community to share, reflect, and move forward together in prayer, formation, and mission. Tea and coffee will be served first.

**Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition:** The exhibition on Eucharistic Miracles inspired by Blessed Carlo Acutis is at Christ the King Church Langney from **Sat 17th May to Sun 1st June**. A special **family/youth presentation** by Fr Neil will take place on **Saturday 24th May at 11:00am**, followed by Adoration and refreshments in the hall. Posters and flyers with full details are available in the church entrance.

**Polegate Art'n' Craft Café:** One day only. Saturday 7th June from 10am until 3.30pm. St George's Church Hall.

**Community Charity Breakfast** - Our next breakfast will be Sunday 25th May after mass at St George's - this month our charity is Mary's Meals. We hope you, your family and friends can support this breakfast.

**Anne Fielder:** A memorial service will be held at St Wilfrid's Church on Thurs 5th June at 11.30am followed by refreshments in our church hall.

**NEW PARISH OPEN MEETING - POSTPONED:** this meeting will now be rescheduled to a later date, soon to be advised. Thanks and sorry for any inconvenience.

**Dates for your Diary:**

Sun 18th May, 1st Communion Breakfast, St W's Hall.  
Thurs 22nd May, 2-4pm - Parish Over 50's Club, St W's Hall.  
Sun 25th May, 10am - Community Charity Breakfast, St G's Hall.  
Fri 30th May, 11-12pm - Parish Bereavement Group, St W's Hall.  
Sun 1st June, After Mass—St George's Quarterly Meeting, St G's Hall.  
Sun 1st June, After Mass - Womble Day, St W's.

**What a lovely Sunday we had at St George's.** A Mass especially for Deacon John in thanksgiving on his 90th birthday. The beautifully prepared crown made by our Children's Liturgy Group to crown Our Lady in the garden after Mass followed by a sumptuous breakfast in the hall, delicious birthday cake; all washed down with a toast of Prosecco (non alcoholic available too)! Thank you to the "cooks and bottlewashers" for your hard work and to everyone who showed their appreciation of John, Tessa and their family on his special day.

**Have you lost your Rosary beads at St George's?** One found in the car park two Sunday's ago and another in a case left in the pew last Sunday. All safely in the church for collection if they belong to you.

**Music Practice:** If you like the idea of having live music in church, please come to our music practice on Saturday 24th May at 10am in St Wilfrid's Church Hall. We will be practicing for the children's mass.

**First Communion Breakfast** is being held at St Wilfrid's this Sunday after mass - we congratulate and continue to pray for all those who received the sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time last week, their families and their catechists.

**Arundel Cathedral Pilgrimage for Corpus Christi Thursday, June 19th:**

Join us for a special pilgrimage to Arundel Cathedral on the Feast of Corpus Christi. See the stunning Carpet of Flowers, attend Mass at 5:30pm, and take part in the procession and benediction.  
Travel by coach, departing from Christ the King 12.30pm, Eastbourne Town Centre 12.45pm and St George's Polegate 1.00pm. £20 per person. To book: please provide name/s, contact number, email, along with full payment by **Sunday, June 1st** to Jean (St Wilfrid's), Sandra (St George's) or post to the parish office marked *Arundel Pilgrimage*. Sandra will contact all those booked on w/c 9th June with final itinerary and confirm pick up arrangements. We hope you can join us!

**Sunday 11th May - Mass Attendance:**

St Wilfrid's 242                      St George's 88