

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

Cf. Is 48:20

SECOND READING

A reading from the Book of Revelation. Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

The angel carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed — on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates.

And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve Apostles of the Lamb. And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, alleluia. John 14:23
If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord,
and my Father will love him, and we will come to him.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL

John 14:23-29

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

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, ‘If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father’s who sent me.

‘These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, “I am going away, and I will come to you.” If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe.’

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord,
together with the sacrificial offerings,
so that, purified by your graciousness,
we may be conformed to the mysteries of your mighty love.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jn 14:15-16

R. If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,
and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete,
to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

R. Almighty ever-living God,
who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ,
increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal Sacrament
and pour into our hearts the strength of this saving food.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COLLECT

Grant, almighty God,
that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion
these days of joy,
which we keep in honour of the risen Lord,
and that what we relive in remembrance
we may always hold to in what we do.
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 15:1-2, 22-29

In those days: Some men came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, ‘Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.’ And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to the Apostles and the elders about this question.

Then it seemed good to the Apostles and the elders, with the whole Church, to choose men from among them and send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. They sent Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, leading men among the brothers and sisters, with the following letter: ‘The brothers, both the Apostles and the elders, to the brothers and sisters who are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia, greetings. Since we have heard that some persons have gone out from us and troubled you with words, unsettling your minds, although we gave them no instructions, it has seemed good to us, having come to one accord, to choose men and send them to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, men who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We have therefore sent Judas and Silas, who themselves will tell you the same things by word of mouth. For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay on you no greater burden than these requirements: that you abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from what has been strangled, and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell.’

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 67(66):2-3. 5. 6, 8. R. 4

R. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

or:

Alleluia.

May God be gracious and bless us
and let his face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your salvation.

Let the nations be glad and shout for joy,
with uprightness you rule the peoples;
you guide the nations on earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
that all the ends of the earth may revere him.

Our Faith on Sunday

GOSPEL REFLECTION



In the first part of today’s Gospel reading Jesus teaches his disciples that love for him means keeping his

word. And we know what that word is: that we love one another as he loved us. The result of keeping his word is so amazing that it is almost hard to believe. The Blessed Trinity will come to dwell with us in the depths of our heart. In this passage Jesus is talking to his disciples present with him at the Last Supper, but he is also talking to all those who will become his disciples down through the ages including us who today are hearing his message. It is to these that he promises to send the Holy Spirit who will help us to

remember all that he said while he was on earth. Jesus knows that his disciples will encounter many trials and tribulations and so he gives them the gift of his peace. It is this peace which the world today is searching for so desperately but seems unable to attain. The peace of this world is based on threats and counter-threats where conflicts are suppressed but not resolved. Instead, the peace of Christ is the fruit of that love which has the power to forgive enemies and to heal every wound.



POPE FRANCIS’ ENCYCLICAL
FRATELLI TUTTI
BROTHERS AND SISTERS ALL

BEGINNING WITH THE LEAST

234. Often, the more vulnerable members of society are the victims of unfair generalizations. If at times the poor and the dispossessed react with attitudes that appear antisocial, we should realize that in many cases those reactions are born of a history of scorn and social exclusion. The Latin American Bishops have observed that “only the closeness that makes us friends can enable us to appreciate deeply the values of the poor today, their legitimate desires, and their own manner of living the faith. The option for the poor should lead us to friendship with the poor”.²²¹

221. FIFTH GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN BISHOPS, Aparecida Document (29 June 2007), 398.

Pope Francis’ Amoris Laetitia

LOVE IN THE FAMILY

Sexual union, lovingly experienced and sanctified by the sacrament, is in turn a path of growth in the life of grace for the couple. It is the “nuptial mystery”.⁶⁹ The meaning and value of their physical union is expressed in the words of consent, in which they accepted and offered themselves each to the other, in order to share their lives completely. Those words give meaning to the sexual relationship and free it from ambiguity. More generally, the common life of husband and wife, the entire network of relations that they build with their children and the world around them, will be steeped in and strengthened by the grace of the sacrament. For the sacrament of marriage flows from the incar-nation and the paschal mystery, whereby God showed the fullness of his love for humanity by becoming one with us. Neither of the spouses will be alone in facing whatever challenges may come their way. Both are called to respond to God’s gift with commitment, creativity, perse-verance and daily effort. They can always invoke the assistance of the Holy Spirit who consecrat-ed their union, so that his grace may be felt in every new situation that they encounter.

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WEEKLY SERVICES

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

(Collection next Sunday for World Communications)

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| 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 |
| Mon | 26th | 2.30pm | St George's — | Rosary Group - All Welcome |
| Tues | 27th | 10am | St George's — | Parents of Nicholas Cooray RIP |
| Wed | 28th | 10am | St Wilfrid's — | Cecilia Hyland Intention |
| Thurs | 29th | 10am | St George's — | Joseph Cooray RIP |
| Fri | 30th | 10am | St Wilfrid's — | Holy Souls' Intention |

Seventh Sunday of Easter

(Collection Today for World Communications)

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| Sat | 31st | 10am | St Wilfrid's — | Church Open for Confessions and Veneration |
| Sun | 1st | 9am | St George's — | Parish Communities' intention |
| | | 10.30am | St Wilfrid's — | Eleanor's 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#_=_

Newsletter items: Please send to Jackie at 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

St Thomas a Becket Primary School: Tel 01323 737221 St Richard's Catholic College, Bexhill: Tel 01424 731070

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

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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.
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: Maria - 07873759962

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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 & 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!

Stephen from the Parish Council writes:

“In preparation for Pentecost”

As the 50 days of Easter concludes on Sunday 8th June with the feast of Pentecost, this can be seen as an invitation to all people to open their eyes to the mystery of life and love.

In Walking in the light of Christ, we frequently reach out and embrace the Holy Spirit, so who is the Holy Spirit? The Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Most Blessed Trinity. God the Father is the First Person, and God the Son (Jesus) is the Second Person of the Holy Trinity. It is the Spirit of God which fills all of creation, always present within us, guiding us towards goodness and truth. Pentecost is a celebration of a new beginning, a celebration of God's New Creation. Pope Francis is the embodiment of how God's love brings about freshness and newness of life, especially our spiritual life. Pope Francis put great emphasis on what we as individuals can do in order to bring the presence of God into our world.

Jesus promised to send an advocate who would be with us always. The Holy Spirit is the fulfilment of that promise. The Holy Spirit gave the apostles the gift of languages, so they were able to proclaim the Good News about Jesus in languages that the people could understand. This Spirit is poured out upon all flesh, and wisdom is given in abundance, helping all to see, hear and understand what is said.

We might ponder about our own personal relationship with the Holy Spirit. Asking ourselves, do I carve out special intimate time to share with the Lord, time for prayer, meditation and worship, being in God's presence? Jesus spoke of having eyes to see and ears to hear.

So, on Pentecost Sunday, let's give attention not only to the workings of the Holy Spirit in the Church, but likewise give attention to the promptings, the movements, and the inspirations of the Holy Spirit in each one.

Deacon John's 90th Birthday: If anyone took any photo's please could you possibly sent them to peterhumph@icloud.com.

GCSE and A Level Exams began last week so we ask God's blessing on the students taking their exams and their families and teachers.

Our Children's First Holy Communion Breakfast: As is the custom at St Wilfrid's, the children have their First Holy Communion Breakfast the Sunday following their First Holy Communion Day. We had 10 candidates this year so the table headed by Fr Rory was large. Specialities made by Annette and Sophie; large 3 tier cake, red jellies with a white marshmallow for the host, fairy cakes with a gold cross, then Teresa provided "healthy options". The buffet table was laden with food, just as well because so many parishioners came in after Mass, lovely to see new faces.

Lulu is in hospital having a knee replacement. Please spare a prayer for her and pick out any weeds in the garden, as she will not be able to attend the beautiful plants she normally does for a while.

75th Birthday: Last Wednesday we celebrated Dennis Browns 75th Birthday in style, please pray for Cecilia, who he cares for, she is quite poorly.

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.

Do you have a room to LET: We have a young lady in our parish community who is looking for a room to rent in Hailsham. If you can help, please send details to hailsham@abdiocese.org.uk. Thank you.

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

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 this **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.

Community Charity Breakfast - Today, 25th May after mass at St George's - this month our charity is Mary's Meals. We hope you, family & friends can support this.

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

Arundel Cathedral Corpus Christi Trip:
Thank you to all those who have booked already to join us on our parish pilgrimage to Arundel Cathedral on the Feast of Corpus Christi, Thursday 19th June to see the Carpet of Flowers and join in the mass and procession. We have a few seats remaining; these will be allocated on a first come first served basis.
To book: please provide name and contact number to Jean (St Wilfrid's), Sandra (St George's). The cost is £20 per person and we will leave Polegate at 1pm. Sandra will contact you with more details by w/c 9th June if you have booked.

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.

Dates for your Diary:
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.
Thurs 26th June, 2-4pm - Parish Over 50's Club, St W's Hall.
Fri 27th June, 11-12pm - Parish Bereavement Group, St W's Hall.

Sunday 18th May - Mass Attendance:
St Wilfrid's 128 St George's 78