

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.**

Cf. Ps 16:15

beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent.

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**COLLECT**

O God, who show the light of your truth to those who go astray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the faith they profess are accounted Christians the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honour. 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 Book of Deuteronomy. Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Moses spoke to the people: 'Obey the voice of the LORD your God, keep his commandments and his statutes that are written in this Book of the Law, turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

'For this commandment that I command you today is not too hard for you, neither is it far off. It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will ascend to heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?" Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?" But the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**PSALM**

Psalm 69(68):14, 17. 30-31. 33-34. 36ab, 37. R. cf. 33

R. Seek God, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive.

I pray to you, O LORD,
at an acceptable time.
In your great mercy, answer me, O God,
with your faithful salvation.
LORD, answer, for your mercy is kind;
in your great compassion, turn toward me.

As for me in my poverty and pain,
let your salvation, O God, raise me up.
Then I will praise God's name with a song;
I will glorify him with thanksgiving.

The poor when they see it will be glad,
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the LORD attends to the needy,
and does not spurn his own in their chains.

For God will bring salvation to Sion,
and rebuild the cities of Judah.
The children of his servants shall inherit it;
those who love his name shall dwell there.

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians. Colossians 1:15-20

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the Church. He is the

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL**Alleluia, alleluia.**

Cf. John 6:63c, 68c

**Your words, O Lord, are Spirit and life;
you have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia.**

GOSPEL

Luke 10:25-37

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: Behold, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, 'Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? How do you read it?' And he answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.'

But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him.

And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, "Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back." Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbour to the man who fell among the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' And Jesus said to him, 'You go, and do likewise.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Look upon the offerings of the Church, O Lord,
as she makes her prayer to you,

R. and grant that, when consumed by those who believe, they may bring ever greater holiness.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Cf. Ps 83: 4-5

**The sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for her young;
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.**

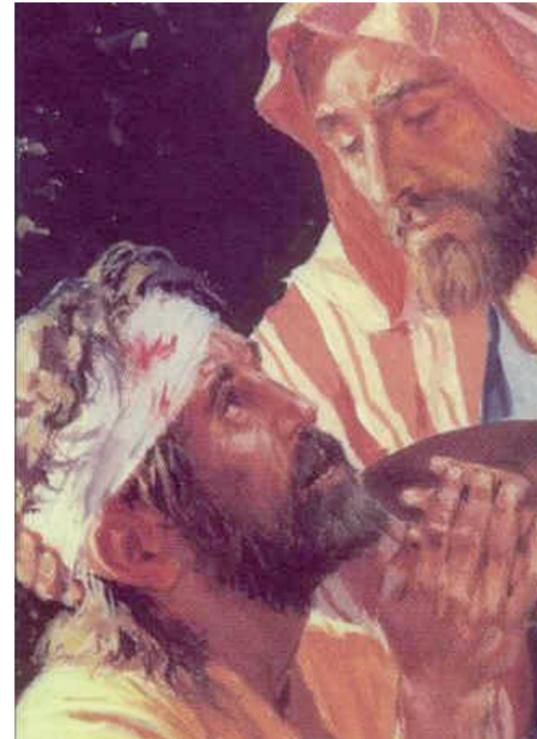
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having consumed these gifts, we pray, O Lord,
that, by our participation in this mystery,
its saving effects upon us may grow.

Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Our Faith on Sunday

GOSPEL REFLECTION



In 21st century Britain the question of what one must do to "inherit" eternal life is not one of high priority for most people. In centuries past, it was something which concerned the majority of people. This led to many abuses, some of which were highlighted by the reformers in the 16th century. There are still some remains of this "superstitious" attitude. If I pray a certain prayer, or do a certain penance, or have a devotion to a particular saint, I will guarantee my place in heaven. In this well-known parable of the man attacked by brigands, Jesus makes it crystal clear, that the sure way to heaven is in how we love our neighbour. And by neighbour he means anyone human being who needs our help. The person who really loves his neighbour here is a

Samaritan. Samaritans were hated by the Jews, who wanted nothing to do with them. Jesus is saying that heaven is not a reward for belonging to a particular Church or religion, it is a reward for anyone, believer or not, who loves his or her neighbour as himself. When we see, as we often do, great works of charity performed by non-Christians, we should rejoice. First, because of the love they have for their neighbour, and second because they give us a great example to follow.



POPE FRANCIS' ENCYCLICAL FRATELLI TUTTI BROTHERS AND SISTERS ALL



LEGITIMATE CONFLICT AND FORGIVENESS

241. Nor does this mean calling for forgiveness when it involves renouncing our own rights, confronting corrupt officials, criminals or those who would debase our dignity. We are called to love everyone, without exception; at the same time, loving an oppressor does not mean allowing him to keep oppressing us, or letting him think that what he does is acceptable. On the contrary, true love for an oppressor means seeking ways to make him cease his oppression; it means stripping him of a power that he does not know how to use, and that diminishes his own humanity and that of others. Forgiveness does not entail allowing oppressors to keep trampling on their own dignity and that of others, or letting criminals continue their wrongdoing. Those who suffer injustice have to defend strenuously their own rights and those of their family, precisely because they must preserve the dignity they have received as a loving gift from God. If a criminal has harmed me or a loved one, no one can forbid me from demanding justice and ensuring that this person — or anyone else — will not harm me, or others, again. This is entirely just; forgiveness does not forbid it but actually demands it.

Pope Francis' *Amoris Laetitia* LOVE IN THE FAMILY

In a word, love means fulfilling the last two commandments of God's Law: "You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his manservant, or his maidservant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbour's" (Ex 20:17). Love inspires a sincere esteem for every human being and the recognition of his or her own right to happiness. I love this person, and I see him or her with the eyes of God, who gives us everything "for our enjoyment" (1 Tim 6:17). As a result, I feel a deep sense of happiness and peace. This same deeply rooted love also leads me to reject the injustice whereby some possess too much and others too little. It moves me to find ways of helping society's outcasts to find a modicum of joy. That is not envy, but the desire for equality.



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WEEKLY SERVICES

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Collection for Stella Maris Today)

Sat	12th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Church Open for Confessions and Veneration
Sun	13th	9am	St George's —	Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Mrs Grace Fenn RIP
Mon	14th	2.30pm	St George's —	Rosary Group - All Welcome
Tues	15th	10am	St George's —	Intention of Anna
Wed	16th	11am	St Wilfrid's —	Requiem Mass for Teresa Alice Vestuto
Thurs	17th	10am	St George's —	Liturgy
Fri	18th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Liturgy

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	19th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Church Open for Confessions and Veneration
Sun	20th	9am	St George's —	Intention of Kate
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Bill & Alan O'Rourke 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 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

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: 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, Cecilia Hyland, Sheila Jury & Madeleine Waters.

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!

Deacon John Writes:

The following is based on an article found in the diocesan newsletter last week:

The kitchens in our homes are surely the centres of our family lives. They are where we prepare the meals that we eat and in many cases they are where we sit down to eat. I am sure you have had many conversations with family by the oven door or during the clearing up and washing up or stacking the dishwasher. They are frequently where the events of the day are recalled and discussed. They are also the place where treats and night drinks are prepared. Think for a moment about all the meals that have been prepared there, plus of course the snacks in between the main meals. Do we realise that the Bible has much to say about food and fellowship as so many events happen around food and the building of communities. Both the Old and New Testaments frequently describe the food we need to eat for our living as well as the spiritual food we also need for our well-being. Jesus regularly ate with his followers both before and after his death and resurrection. It was, of course, through the Last Supper event with his chosen disciples that he set up the meal that is still celebrated here in this community and in all the communities all over the world - the Eucharist.

Deacon John

New Parish Update:

I want to update you on where we are in the journey towards becoming a New Parish, joining together all the 8 parishes of our Eastbourne – St Leonard’s Deanery. There have been, over the past 6 months, fruitful meetings of a Parish Leadership Group of the clergy and some lay reps from our parishes. There have also been plenty of meetings with the Diocese and those involved across the other Deaneries in this process. Our 11 Deaneries will become 11 large parishes in the coming months. We have realised as the months have passed that this is a “long haul” journey, not a sprint, that must not be rushed but instead, step by step and with everyone playing their part, we can build together a vibrant and mission centred “Community of Communities”. We are now ready for more concrete work to be done and will begin in July working in 2 X Hub Leadership Groups, at the 2 ends of what will be the New Parish (Eastbourne and St Leonards). These Hub Leadership Groups, clergy and lay reps from each church, will work with you all in implementing changes that will allow us to use our many good resources in a way that best serves everybody, and also reaches out to those many people who are searching for Christ and faith. The first 2 important areas we are working on, ready for the autumn, will be [1] coordinating a joined -up approach to our Sacramental Programmes (Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, RCIA etc), and [2] working on coordinated new Hub Mass Schedules that provide all our churches with a better thought-out and sustainable range of Mass times. In the coming days we will be launching a New Parish Website that will provide lots of detail of what’s happening and how you can be involved [<https://eastbourne-stleonards.org.uk>]. Please continue to keep all this important work in your daily prayers. Many thanks. Fr Kevin Dring (Moderator – on behalf of the Clergy Team)

Walking Pilgrimage Seaford to Eastbourne, 22nd Aug 2025 Timetable:

08:30-09:00 Service, Seaford Baptist Church, Belgrade Road.
09:20-09:50 Prayers At Thomas of Canterbury RC Church, Seaford.
10:21 Seaford Head.
11:30 Cuckmere Inn, Exceat.
12:41 Brass Point, Seven Sisters.
13:30-13:50 Prayers At Mary the Virgin, Friston.
14:00-15:00 Tiger Inn, East Dean, Lunch.
15:05 -15:25 Prayers At Simon and Jude, East Dean.
17:20-17:40 Prayers, Holywell.
18:25 Arrive Out Lady of Ransom, Eastbourne.
Everyone welcome to join us, but you must book in advance please www.thepilgrims.org.uk

Music Practice: If you want to have live music at church services mainly the children's mass, please come to a practice on Saturday July 19th 10am in St Wilfrid’s Church Hall. Everyone Welcome, no experience necessary only enthusiasm.

St George Mill Hill Red Boxes: The boxes are all in and counted, next count is December. I thank you all for your contributions. Those of you who are using alternative ways to pay, these will all be counted for St George’s grand total next year. The alternative ways to pay are in the special report book given out after Mass a week ago. There will be more leaflets later with ways to pay in them. If you would like a red box at home as a reminder of your commitment to the Missionary's, they are at the back of the church in the porch. Many thanks for your patience and cooperation. Cathy your new local secretary for Missio.

Dates for your Diary:

Sat 12th July, 3.30pm - Celebration for Fr Paul Jennings, St G’s Hall.
Sat 19th July, 10am - Music Practice, St W’s Hall.
Fri 25th July, 11-12pm - Parish Bereavement Group, St W’s Hall.
Sun 27th July, 10am - Community Charity Breakfast, St G’s Hall.
Wed 27th Aug, 10.30am-7pm - National Relic Tour, St W’s Hall.
Thurs 25th Sept, 2-4pm - Over 50’s Club, St W’s Hall.

Over 50’s Tea and Games Afternoon: Last months “French Theme” was very successful, enjoyed by all. We will not be meeting in July and August. Our next meeting is Thursday 25th September when the theme will be Harvest.

Lynne Phair's Sahara Trek October 2025 In Aid of St Wilfrid’s Hospice Eastbourne.

Please come and enjoy a Summer Mocktail, after Mass on Sunday 3rd August in St George’s Hall. All are welcome.

ST GEORGE’S FLOWERS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: We desperately need help from you if you can arrange flowers in a vase, as we are becoming greener we are using less oasis, vases are the way forward. With the costs of flowers, I have been using some artificial flowers at the same time. Fresh flowers are not lasting long enough for the week day Masses. I am seriously considering flowers only at the altar, leaving out the statue of Mother Mary and Jesus’s Sacred Heart statue. If you think you can arrange flowers in a vase and have ideas to help please let me know. A.S.A.P. Cathy Hollingdale.

New Deanery Website & Newsletter to help with regular communication across our deanery, especially relating to the formation of a single parish, we have developed a temporary website which can be found at www.eastbourne-stleonards.org.uk. The website also has the Summer issue of the deanery newsletter to read online.

The South Down Singers Open Air Summer Concert:

Saturday 26th July 2025 starting at 3.30pm at Carters Corner Farm Cowbeech BN27 4JA.
Tickets are £10 on the door or by calling 01323 832767. Shirley and Anne will always have tickets after Mass at St George’s.

Sunday 6th July - Mass Attendance:

St Wilfrid’s 146 St George’s 78