

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

See, I have God for my help.  
The Lord sustains my soul.  
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,  
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Ps 53: 6, 8

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians.  
Colossians 1:24-28

Brothers and sisters: Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body — that is, the Church — of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known — the mystery hidden for ages and generations, but now revealed to his saints.

To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, alleluia. Cf. Luke 8:15  
Blessed are those who hold fast to the word of God  
in an honest and good heart,  
and bear fruit with patience.  
Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Luke 10:38-42

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: Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.'

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, who in the one perfect sacrifice brought to completion varied offerings of the law, accept, we pray, this sacrifice from your faithful servants and make it holy, as you blessed the gifts of Abel, so that what each has offered to the honour of your majesty may benefit the salvation of all.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

R. COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Ps 110: 4-5

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,  
has made a memorial of his wonders;  
he gives food to those who fear him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

R. 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.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
R. Amen.

COLLECT

Show favour, O Lord, to your servants  
and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace,  
that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity,  
they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands.  
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 Genesis. Genesis 18:1-10a

In those days: The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth and said, 'O Lord, if I have found favour in your sight, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on — since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, 'Quick! Three measures of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.' And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. Then he took curds and milk, and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, 'Where is Sarah your wife?' And he said, 'She is in the tent.' The LORD said, 'I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.'

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 15(14):2-3a. 3b-4b. 5. R.1a

R. O LORD, who may abide in your tent?

Whoever walks without fault;  
who does what is righteous,  
and speaks the truth from his heart;  
whoever does not slander with his tongue.

Who does no wrong to a neighbour,  
who casts no slur on a friend,  
who looks with scorn on the wicked,  
but honours those who fear the Lord.

Who lends no money at interest,  
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.  
Such a one shall never be shaken.

# Our Faith on Sunday

## GOSPEL REFLECTION



We live in a highly action-orientated society. People tend to be valued for what do, rather than for who they are. Those who because of age, disability or illness cannot 'do' much

are often regarded as a burden on society. Thus children in the womb who seem to have some sort of disability can be aborted, so as not weigh on us. At the other end of life there is a strong lobby for euthanasia. Today's Gospel offers a completely different view of what is important in life. At first glance one has a certain sympathy with Martha, who is doing all the work, while her sister is sitting at the Lord's feet listening to him. But all of us need to spend some time

in listening to the Lord. For busy mothers and fathers, it may be difficult to find the time to stop and listen to that inner voice. But sometimes even 5 minutes is sufficient to put ourselves in front of God and offer him our lives. But unless we plan that 5 minutes, we won't do it. Perhaps this week we can try to find a few minutes each day to choose 'the better part.'



POPE FRANCIS' ENCYCLICAL  
FRATELLI TUTTI  
BROTHERS AND SISTERS ALL

### LEGITIMATE CONFLICT AND FORGIVENESS

242. The important thing is not to fuel anger, which is unhealthy for our own soul and the soul of our people, or to become obsessed with taking revenge and destroying the other. No one achieves inner peace or returns to a normal life in that way. The truth is that “no family, no group of neighbours, no ethnic group, much less a nation, has a future if the force that unites them, brings them together and resolves their differences is vengeance and hatred. We cannot come to terms and unite for the sake of revenge, or treating others with the same violence with which they treated us, or plotting opportunities for retaliation under apparently legal auspices”.<sup>224</sup> Nothing is gained this way and, in the end, everything is lost.

224. Homily at Mass for the Progress of Peoples, Maputo, Mozambique (6 September 2019); L'Osservatore Romano, 7 September 2019, p. 8.

### Pope Francis' Amoris Laetitia

#### LOVE IN THE FAMILY

The following word, *perperetiai*, denotes vainglory, the need to be haughty, pedantic and somewhat pushy. Those who love not only re-frain from speaking too much about themselves, but are focused on others; they do not need to be the centre of attention. The word that comes next – *physioutai* – is similar, indicating that love is not arrogant. Literally, it means that we do not become “puffed up” before others. It also points to something more subtle: an obsession with showing off and a loss of a sense of reality. Such people think that, because they are more “spiritual” or “wise”, they are more important than they really are. Paul uses this verb on other occasions, as when he says that “knowledge puffs up”, whereas “love builds up” (1 Cor 8:1). Some think that they are important because they are more knowledgeable than others; they want to lord it over them. Yet what really makes us important is a love that understands, shows concern, and embraces the weak. Elsewhere the word is used to criticize those who are “inflated” with their own importance (cf. 1 Cor 4:18) but in fact are filled more with empty words than the real “power” of the Spirit (cf. 1 Cor 4:19).

# PARISH COMMUNITIES OF



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### WEEKLY SERVICES

#### 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
Mon	21st	2.30pm	St George's —	Rosary Group - All Welcome
Tues	22nd	10am	St George's —	Parish Communities' Intention
Wed	23rd	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Keith Goodwin RIP & Marie from friends of St Wilfrid's
Thurs	24th	10am	St George's —	Liturgy
Fri	25th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Liturgy

#### Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	26th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Church Open for Confessions and Veneration
Sun	27th	9am	St George's —	Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Margaret Westcar RIP 5th Anniversary

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

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St George's & St. Wilfrid's

Finance Committee Treasurer Monika Beaver

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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: 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:

Last week I used an article from a diocesan newsletter. This week is a follow-up on that: Luke's Gospel in particular, has many accounts of Jesus and his disciples visiting the homes of the people they met and eating with them. In Luke 5 you will find the story of Jesus eating in Levi's home and sharing it with his friends - tax collectors and sinners. In Luke 7 a sinful woman anointed the feet of Jesus at the dinner table so showing the host, a Pharisee, up for his lack of hospitality. There is another occasion in Luke 10 where Martha and Mary show us the importance of spending time with our guests, not rushing around being the busy host. In Luke 11 we hear about Jesus dining with the Pharisees and lawyers and he rebukes them for their hypocrisy. There are more examples in Luke 14, 15, 19, 22 and 24 which I will leave you to look up for yourselves. They are all well-known examples involving a meal.

*Deacon John*

### Parish Afternoon Tea Party in Celebration of Canon Paul Jennings Golden Jubilee at St. George's:

We all had a marvellous celebration with Fr. Paul Jennings, in honour of his Golden Jubilee on 12 July at St. George's. Thank you so much to our wonderful friends and fellow parishioners from St. Wilfrid's and St. George's, who did so much on the day, to make this a really special event. Marylou played beautifully throughout the celebration, Lesley Crowe provided the most delicious cake for the occasion and Mary O'Hanlon created a brilliant banner! Everyone said how relaxed they felt, as we were all able to sit and enjoy the festivities, owing to all the preparation beforehand.

**St Wilfrid's Church:** Our lovely cleaning team **urgently** need a few more people to join them in keeping our beautiful church in tip top condition. It would involve working with at least one other person for about two hours every five weeks. Please contact Maria Hills on [07873759962](tel:07873759962). Thank you

### 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](http://www.thepilgrims.org.uk)

**New & nearly new items needed for St George's Table Sale:** If you have any items to donate please leave in a bag marked "table sale" at the back of the church. The table sale raises vital funds for the charity of the month and youth activities throughout the year. Thank you.

**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.

### Dates for your Diary:

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.

**Thank you** all very much for helping me celebrate my 50<sup>th</sup>. Your kind words, the cards, the super tea party and generous gifts made last weekend very special and it all meant a lot to me. Hailsham and Polegate is a very special community, one of which you all, with Fr Rory have built up over the years, your faith, love of the Lord and your care for each other shines out in so many ways. Thank you all, very much for your friendship and prayers.  
Fr Paul, a fellow parishioner.

**Mrs Margaret Westcar RIP:** 5th Anniversary on Tuesday 29th July 2025.

**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.

**Applications Now Open for the 2025/26 OHP Academy**  
The OHP Academy is a six-month online worship school for aspiring worship leaders, musicians, and songwriters who are seeking to deepen their relationship with Jesus while developing their practical gifting to serve within their local context. One Hope Project has over a decade of experience in worship, songwriting, and equipping others for ministry, rooted in a lifelong journey of following Christ. We're excited to be launching our fifth cohort this year, having already graduated over 70 participants from 13 countries worldwide. Further details can be found on the website W: [onehopeproject.co.uk/ohpacademy](http://onehopeproject.co.uk/ohpacademy).

**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](http://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 13th July - Mass Attendance:**  
St Wilfrid's 117 St George's 84