

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Cf. Ps 47: 10-11
Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

COLLECT
O God, who in the abasement of your Son have raised up a fallen world, fill your faithful with holy joy, for on those you have rescued from slavery to sin you bestow eternal gladness. 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 Prophet Isaiah. Isaiah 66:10-14c

Thus says the LORD: 'Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her; that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious abundance.'

For thus says the LORD: 'Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse, you shall be carried upon her hip, and bounced upon her knees. As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bones shall flourish like the grass; and the hand of the LORD shall be known to his servants.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 66(65):1-3a. 4-5. 6-7a. 16, 20. R. 1.
R. Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God, 'How wondrous your deeds!'

'Before you all the earth shall bow down,
shall sing to you, sing to your name!'
Come and see the works of God:
his wondrous deeds among the children of Adam.

He turned the sea into dry land;
they passed through the river on foot.
Let our joy, then, be in him;
he rules for ever by his might.

Come and hear, all who fear God;
I will tell what he did for my soul.
Blest be God, who did not reject my prayer,
nor withhold from me his merciful love.

SECOND READING
A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Galatians. Galatians 6:14-18

Brothers and sisters: Far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. From now on let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL
Alleluia, alleluia. Colossians 3:15a, 16a
Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts; let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. Alleluia.

GOSPEL Luke 10:1-12, 17-20
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: The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. And he said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. Carry no money bag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace be to this house!" And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the labourer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. Heal the sick in it and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, "Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near." I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.'

The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, 'Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!' And he said to them, 'I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.'

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS
R. May this oblation dedicated to your name purify us, O Lord, and day by day bring our conduct closer to the life of heaven.
R. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Ps 33: 9
Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Grant, we pray, O Lord, that, having been replenished by such great gifts, we may gain the prize of salvation and never cease to praise you. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Our Faith on Sunday

GOSPEL REFLECTION



Something we need to be reminded of frequently, is the fact that faith is not just a gift for my own spiritual benefit, but something that, if not shared with others, will eventually die. In today's Gospel gives

very clear instructions to the disciples of how they are to share that gift. He tells not take anything with them. This may seem very harsh, but what Jesus wants to make clear is that if we are weighed down with all sorts of attachments we cannot transmit the things of God. Anyone who has been involved in a project for evangelization, will know that it produces a great sense of joy as we see

the fruits of our 'labour'. But Jesus reminds us that we must be careful about attaching too much importance to that joy, and to give more importance

to the fact that our "names are written in heaven". In other words, what is really important is that come to understand and value God's immense personal love for us. Perhaps we could give some thought as to how we try to communicate our faith to our family, friends, and workmates. We don't need to look very far to find people who are in desperate need of real love.



POPE FRANCIS' ENCYCLICAL
FRATELLI TUTTI
BROTHERS AND SISTERS ALL

INEVITABLE CONFLICT

240. Yet when we reflect upon forgiveness, peace and social harmony, we also encounter the jarring saying of Christ: "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and a man's foes will be members of his own household" (Mt 10:34-36). These words need to be understood in the context of the chapter in which they are found, where it is clear that Jesus is speaking of fidelity to our decision to follow him; we are not to be ashamed of that decision, even if it entails hardships of various sorts, and even our loved ones refuse to accept it. Christ's words do not encourage us to seek conflict, but simply to endure it when it inevitably comes, lest deference to others, for the sake of supposed peace in our families or society, should detract from our own fidelity. Saint John Paul II observed that the Church "does not intend to condemn every possible form of social conflict. The Church is well aware that in the course of history conflicts of interest between different social groups inevitably arise, and that in the face of such conflicts Christians must often take a position, honestly and decisively".²²³

223. Encyclical Letter Centesimus Annus (1 May 1991), 14: AAS 83 (1991), 810.

Pope Francis' Amoris Laetitia

LOVE IN THE FAMILY

Love is not jealous

St Paul goes on to reject as contrary to love an attitude expressed by the verb zelōi – to be jealous or envious. This means that love has no room for discomfiture at another person's good fortune (cf. Acts 7:9; 17:5). Envy is a form of sadness provoked by another's prosperity; it shows that we are not concerned for the happiness of others but only with our own well-being. Whereas love makes us rise above ourselves, envy closes us in on ourselves. True love values the other person's achievements. It does not see him or her as a threat. It frees us from the sour taste of envy. It recognizes that everyone has different gifts and a unique path in life. So it strives to discover its own road to happiness, while allowing others to find theirs.

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WEEKLY SERVICES

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Collection for Stella Maris—Sunday 13th July)

Sat	5th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Church Open for Confessions and Veneration
Sun	6th	9am	St George's —	Keith Goodwin RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Parish Communities' Intention
Mon	7th	2.30pm	St George's —	Rosary Group - All Welcome
Tues	8th	10am	St George's —	Requiem Mass for Keith Goodwin
Wed	9th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Chris Fenn RIP
Thurs	10th	10am	St George's —	Liturgy, Bill Humphries RIP
Fri	11th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Liturgy

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

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

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, 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!

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)

A Special Day for St Wilfrid’s in this Jubilee Year

We are honoured that **St Wilfrid’s is the only parish in East Sussex** selected to host a reliquary from **Carfin Grotto in Scotland**, as part of the **National Relic Tour** organised by the **Knights of St Columba**. The reliquary contains sacred relics of three revered saints:

- **St Andrew** – Apostle, Patron of Scotland, and also Patron of Ropemakers (*fittingly, as Hailsham has a strong historical link with rope-making*), **St Columba of Iona, St Margaret of Scotland**

The relics will be available for **veneration at St Wilfrid’s Church on Wednesday 27th August**, following **10am Mass**, and throughout the day until an **Evening Mass at 7pm**.

A steering group, made up of members from the Parish Pastoral Council and the Knights of St Columba, is now inviting parishioners from both St Wilfrid’s and St George’s to get involved in helping organise this special day.

If you’re able to assist in any way, please contact:

- **Martin Falkner** – in person or on **07946 700366**, **Bob** – **07752 043009**, **Teresa** – text **07951 082592**

Let’s come together as a parish to honour this blessed occasion in our Jubilee Year.

St George Mill Hill Red Boxes: I think the boxes are all in and being counted. The 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. Also, I think it is a good idea to have 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.

Jubilee of Hope 2025 – Parish Afternoon Tea Party & Celebration of Canon Paul Jennings' Golden Jubilee

Saturday 12th July at 3.30pm – A short Service of Thanksgiving followed by Afternoon Tea with music. **Venue:** St George’s Church, Polegate.

All parishioners are warmly invited to this joyful afternoon of thanksgiving, music, and community as we celebrate both the Jubilee Year of Hope and Canon Paul Jennings’ Golden Jubilee of Ordination.

Everyone is welcome!

To help us cater appropriately, please sign up at the back of church with your name and the number attending from your household.

If you need more information, please speak to Angela/Anne at St George’s, or Lesley/Maeve at St Wilfrid’s. Alternatively, you can call or text Sandra on **07791 627368**.

Save the Dates – 50th Anniversary Walking Pilgrimage Ends in Eastbourne!

Join part of the **Arundel & Brighton Ecumenical Walking Pilgrimage**, celebrating its 50th year from **9–24 August 2025** and finishing in **Eastbourne!**

Dates for your Diary:

Sat 12th July, 3.30pm - Celebration for Fr Paul Jennings, St G’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.

The tea and coffee group at St George's need at least 2 more volunteers to join their happy 'band', helping with teas and coffee after Sunday Mass. You would probably cover one Sunday per month and help out occasionally, to cover holidays etc. Please see Teresa Leahy in the Hall after Mass or contact her on:- 07935 409176, if you can help? Thank you very much.

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. A few printed copies of the deanery newsletter are at the back of church for those without online access (once read though please return for others to read.) Thank you.

Sunday 22nd June - Mass Attendance:

St Wilfrid’s 96 St George’s 70

Sunday 29th June

St Wilfrid’s 126 St George’s 70