

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**Blest be God the Father,
and the Only Begotten Son of God,
and also the Holy Spirit,
for he has shown us his merciful love.**

COLLECT

God our Father, who by sending into the world the Word of truth and the Spirit of sanctification made known to the human race your wondrous mystery, grant us, we pray, that in professing the true faith, we may acknowledge the Trinity of eternal glory and adore your Unity, powerful in majesty. 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 Exodus. Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9

In those days: Moses rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him, and took in his hand two tablets of stone. The LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, 'The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.'

And Moses quickly bowed his head towards the earth and worshipped. And he said, 'If now I have found favour in your sight, O Lord, please let the Lord go in the midst of us, for it is a stiff-necked people, and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for your inheritance.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Daniel 3:52. 53. 54. 55. 56. R.52b

R. To be praised and highly exalted for ever!

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our ancestors.

Blessed is your glorious and holy name,

Blessed are you in the temple of your holy glory

Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom,

Blessed are you who look into the depths, seated upon the cherubim,

Blessed are you in the firmament of heaven.

SECOND READING

A reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians. 2 Corinthians 13:11-14

Brothers and sisters: Rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, alleluia. Cf. Revelation 1:8
**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
the God who is and who was and who is to come.
Alleluia.**

GOSPEL

John 3:16-18

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Sanctify by the invocation of your name, we pray, O Lord our God, this oblation of our service, and by it make of us an eternal offering to you. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Gal 4: 6

**R. Since you are children of God,
R. God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son,
R. the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

R. May receiving this Sacrament, O Lord our God, bring us health of body and soul,
R. as we confess your eternal holy Trinity and undivided Unity. Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

Our Faith on Sunday

GOSPEL REFLECTION



This Sunday we celebrate the solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. As Christians we believe that God is one in nature and three in persons. Because God's nature is "love" – for in the First Letter of John we read "God is love" (1 Jn 4:8) – it makes sense (divine sense) that God is a communion of persons. Love requires relationship and we too who are made in the "image and likeness" of God can only fulfil ourselves through relationships. In fact, the whole of creation is founded on relationships. How could water exist without a relationship between hydrogen and oxygen? The drama of our human existence is that I can refuse to engage with others in a relationship of love. I can live a self-centred existence where instead of loving the other I ignore the

other, or use the other, or tragically like Cain I can even murder the other. When the Father sent the Son into the world to "save" us it was to save us from the self-destruction that comes from the failure to love. We are saved by the gift of the Holy Spirit through whom the love of God has been poured into our hearts. This Sunday let us take to heart the words of St. Elisabeth of the Trinity: "O my God, Trinity whom I adore, help me to forget myself entirely that I may be established in You as still and as peaceful as if my soul were already in eternity. May nothing trouble my peace or make me leave You, O my Unchanging One, but may each minute carry me further into the depths of Your Mystery".



POPE FRANCIS' ENCYCLICAL FRATELLI TUTTI BROTHERS AND SISTERS ALL



AN APPEAL

285 (Continued). "In the name of orphans, widows, refugees and those exiled from their homes and their countries; in the name of all victims of wars, persecution and injustice; in the name of the weak, those who live in fear, prisoners of war and those tortured in any part of the world, without distinction;

"In the name of peoples who have lost their security, peace and the possibility of living together, becoming victims of destruction, calamity and war;

"In the name of human fraternity, that embraces all human beings, unites them and renders them equal;

"In the name of this fraternity torn apart by policies of extremism and division, by systems of unrestrained profit or by hateful ideological tendencies that manipulate the actions and the future of men and women;

"In the name of freedom, that God has given to all human beings, creating them free and setting them apart by this gift;

"In the name of justice and mercy, the foundations of prosperity and the cornerstone of faith;

"In the name of all persons of goodwill present in every part of the world;

"In the name of God and of everything stated thus far, [we] declare the adoption of a culture of dialogue as the path; mutual cooperation as the code of conduct; reciprocal understanding as the method and standard". 285

285. Ibid.

A letter of St. Athanasius

Writing to the Corinthians about spiritual matters, Paul traces all reality back to one God, the Father, saying: Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service but the same Lord; and there are varieties of working, but it is the same God who inspires them all in everyone. Even the gifts that the Spirit dispenses to individuals are given by the Father through the Word. For all that belongs to the Father belongs also to the Son, and so the graces given by the Son in the Spirit are true gifts of the Father. Similarly, when the Spirit dwells in us, the Word who bestows the Spirit is in us too, and the Father is present in the Word. This is the meaning of the text: My Father and I will come to him and make our home with him. For where the light is, there also is the radiance; and where the radiance is, there too are its power and its resplendent grace.





This parish is part of

The Catholic Deanery of Eastbourne and St Leonards

working towards implementing the Pastoral Plan

Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. Isaiah 43:5

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Weekly Newsletter: 31 May 2026

The Most Holy Trinity

Sun	31st	9am	St George	-	Mass: Olimpio & Filomena Forte RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid	-	Mass: Anne (Nan) McElroy
Mon	1st	2.30pm	St George	-	Rosary Group - All Welcome
Tues	2nd	10am	St George	-	Mass: Alona's Intention
Wed	3rd	10am	St Wilfrid	-	Mass: June McDevitt RIP
Thurs	4th	10am	St George	-	Liturgy of the Word

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Sun	7th	9am	St George	-	Mass: Scott & Sandra King 15th Wedding Anniv. Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid	-	Mass: 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#=_

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.

USEFUL PARISH INFORMATION

St Wilfrid's Planned Giving Contact (01323) 832577

St George's Planned Giving Contact (01323) 832577

St George's & St. Wilfrid's

Finance Committee Treasurer Monika Beaver

Chairperson of the Finance Committee Gerry Palmer

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Make your offertory donations go further! By simply signing up to the Gift Aid scheme, we can claim back an extra **25p** on every £1 you donate – **at no extra cost to you.** To join, contact Gerry today: pfc.hailsham@abdiocese.org.uk

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, Laurey Stimpson, Nicole McCutchan, Nellie Oakshott, Jean Molloy, Alan Smith, Julie Martin, Holly Leone, 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, Madeleine Waters, Andrew and Gerry Page.

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!

Our Children Need You!

Leaders and helpers are urgently needed to support St George's children's liturgy during the first half of mass on a Sunday. No experience necessary. Training will be given. Just an hour or so of time a month is required mostly during the Sunday mass. Speak to Mary B or Sandra for more information.

St G's Parish Meeting will take place on Sun 7 June after Mass.

Catholic Women's League – Monthly Gathering

All ladies are warmly invited to attend the Catholic Women's League monthly gathering on **Wednesday 3rd June at 7.00pm** in the **Christ the King, Langney Parish Room** (rear of the church hall – entrance nearest the house).

Corpus Christi Procession - Saturday 6th June

The parish of Christ the King and St Joachim invites us all to join them in a procession beginning at **St Joachim's at 2.30pm**, walking to **Christ the King for Adoration at 4.00pm**. (approx. 3miles). This is a perfect opportunity to join fellow Catholics in this public witness of faith and devotion to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, as we celebrate the **Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**.

Parish Magazine & Website: For news and updates on Eastbourne and St Leonards Deanery activities and events visit the website www.eastbourne-stleonards.org.uk You can also email news@eastbourne-stleonards.org.uk to submit items for the website and magazine.

Sunday Charity Breakfast: Today Sun 31st May after mass at St G's when we will be supporting "Linking Lives Eastbourne". We hope you, your family and friends can support this. Last month we raised a grand total of £250 for Adam's Light and the Charity we will be supporting in June is Demelza. Thank you to everyone who supports us with these breakfasts.

Parish Over 50's Club: We next meet on Thursday 25th June, 2-4pm, Anyone over 50 is welcome, just turn up on the day.

Grandparents Pilgrimage, The Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation & St Francis, West Grinstead, Wednesday 17 June 11am – 3pm

A day of sharing and prayer with other Grandparents with Mass, Benediction, Rosary, tours of the secret chapel and lots of chat. Please bring a packed lunch. To register: [Grandparents' Pilgrimage to West Grinstead \(17-Jun-2026\) · ChurchSuite Events](#). If you have any questions about the day please contact Deacon Simon South, Marriage & Family Life Adviser E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk

Diocesan Link: The web edition which has more detailed news can be accessed from this link [June 2026 web](#)

St George's Quarterly Community Meeting: The next meeting will be after Mass on Sunday 12th July.

24th May - Mass Attendance: St W's 136 St G's TBC

OUR NEW PARISH

The New Parish will be overseen by a Clergy Team, moderated by Fr Kevin Dring. The team will work closely with Hub Secretaries, Hub Leadership Groups and lay representatives to support pastoral planning, governance and the shared mission of the Parish. The West Hub covering Eastbourne, Polegate, Hampden Park, Hailsham and the East Hub; St Leonard's, Hastings, Bexhill, Battle and Rye.

East Hub Secretary: Elizabeth Fitch
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New Parish Website: www.eastbourne-stleonards.org.uk

QUIZ NIGHT – FRIDAY 26 JUNE 2026!

Join the Catholic Women's League Eastbourne Parishes for a fun evening at Christ the King Hall, Eastbourne. Doors open 6.30pm for a 7pm start. Teams of up to 6, £5 per person (under 12s free). Cash prize, raffle, refreshments and homemade cakes. All proceeds support the Deanery West Hub Youth Formation Fund, helping young people access Lourdes, Flame 2027 and other faith opportunities. Tickets from Sandra at St George's or email sandraforte40@gmail.com.

Our Lady of Ransom - Contemplative Prayer Group Mondays 4pm - 5.30pm

"Be still and know that I am God" Psalm 46:10 - Everyone is invited to join this small friendly group who meet weekly. There is a time of silent prayer where we aim to quieten our minds to hear God speak in the silence of our hearts; A time of Lectio Divina; And a time for discussion and questions. All newcomers are most welcome. Meeting venue is OLR Prayer Meeting Room. Access through the car park and Parish Hall. (Not on bank holidays/school holidays) For any more details contact lizvegh@abdiocese.org.uk

Fatima Devotions

You are warmly invited to Christ the King in Langney for Fatima Devotions, held on the dates of Our Lady's apparitions: Saturday 13 June (4:00pm), Monday 13 July (5:30pm), Wednesday 19 August (5:30pm), Sunday 13 September (10:30am), and Monday 12 October (5:30pm, vigil).

Each gathering will include the Holy Rosary and the Litany to Our Lady of Fatima, offered in reparation for the sins of the world and for peace. All are very welcome to come and pray together.

Community Breakfasts in Hailsham, taking place on Fri 7 Aug (CMA will be present for debt advice). Held at the Hailsham Parish Church (town centre near Costa Coffee) in the side room (go through the glass door).

The breakfasts are on a drop-in basis and people can come in anytime between 10am-12pm to enjoy tea, coffee and breakfast. We have some funding for the breakfasts, we ask people to contribute £1-£3 if they can, but if they can't then it's totally free. August Community Breakfast children are also welcome to join with their parents.

Dates for your Diary:

Sun 31 May, 10am - Charity Breakfast, St G's Hall.
Wed 3 June, 6-7.30pm - 1st Holy Com Mtg, St W's Hall
Sun 7 June, After Mass - St George's Parish Mtg, St G's Hall.
Sat 13 June, 4pm - Fatima Devotions, Christ the King.
Wed 17 June, 6-7.30pm - 1st Holy Com Mtg, St W's Hall.
Sun 21 June, 1st Holy Communion Service, St W's Church.
Thurs 25 June, 2-4pm - Over 50's Club, St W's Hall.
Thurs 25 June, 6-7.30pm - 1st Holy Com Mtg, St W's Hall.
Fri 26 June, 11-12pm - Parish Bereavement Gp, St W's Hall.
Sun 28 June, 10am - Charity Breakfast, St G's Hall.

LATEST DEANERY UPDATE:

Synodality is at the heart of how we will seek to work together in new parish structures. Synodality was developed firmly under Pope Francis, through the 3-year process of the Synod on Synodality and is now firmly promoted by Pope Leo as the way forward for all Church life and development. **What is synodality?** "Synodality is the walking together of Christians with Christ and towards God's kingdom, in union with all humanity. Oriented towards mission, synodality involves gathering at all levels of the Church for mutual listening, dialogue and common discernment...Synodality is the path of spiritual renewal and structural reform". **Synod Final Report §28**