

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Oh Lord, hear my voice,
for I have called for you; be my help.
Do not abandon or forsake me,
O God, my Saviour!

Cf. Ps 26:7,9

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, alleluia.
The kingdom of God is at hand;
repent and believe in the gospel.
Alleluia.

Mark 1:15

COLLECT

O God, strength of those who hope in you,
graciously hear our pleas,
and, since without you mortal frailty can do nothing,
grant us always the help of your grace,
that in following your commands
we may please you by our resolve and our deeds.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Exodus. Exodus 19:2-6a

In those days: The people of Israel came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, while Moses went up to God. The Lord called to him out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: "You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**PSALM**

Psalm 100(99):1-2. 3. 5. R.3c

R. We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy.

R.

Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us; we belong to him.
We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

R.

Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age.

R.**SECOND READING**

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans. Romans 5:6-11

Brothers and sisters: While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die — but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**GOSPEL**

Matthew 9:36-10:8

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

At that time: When Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, '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.' And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. The names of the twelve Apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And proclaim as you go, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand." Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

O God, who in the offerings presented here
provide for the twofold needs of human nature,
nourishing us with food
and renewing us with your Sacrament,
grant, we pray,
that the sustenance they provide
may not fail us in body or in spirit.

R.**R.**

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

**There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
only this do I seek:
to live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.**

Ps 26:4

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As this reception of your
Holy Communion, O Lord,
foreshadows the union of the faithful in you,
so may it bring about unity in your Church.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Our Faith on Sunday

GOSPEL REFLECTION



In the gospel Jesus speaks about "the lost sheep of the house of Israel". We can ask ourselves: Who are the "lost sheep" in today's world? And how as Christians

do we proclaim to them that "The Kingdom of heaven is at hand"? Notwithstanding all its limitations, for centuries Europe could claim to be a "Christian civilization". We don't have to go back too far to a time when the majority of people attended some form of Sunday worship or when the Cup Final was preceded by the communal singing of "Abide With Me". One of the great achievements of this civilization was the abolition of the practice of slavery and this was motivated by deeply Christian principles. Things have definitely changed. But there is no turning back the clock of history and so we are called to find new ways to announce to a broken and fragmented world that God really exists and that "God is love" (1 Jn 4:8).

If that message is to be credible today then we Christians must make it visible in our daily lives. Jesus gave his apostles the power to perform miracles as a sign that the Kingdom of heaven had already come among them. Perhaps the greatest miracle that is needed today is the miracle of peace; a peace which because of bitter hatreds and revenge killings seems impossible to achieve. Let us pray for this miracle of peace, and let us do our part when faced with our enemies by repeating the words of Jesus on the cross: "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do" (Lk 23:34).



POPE FRANCIS' ENCYCLICAL FRATELLI TUTTI BROTHERS AND SISTERS ALL



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277. Blessed Charles directed his ideal of total surrender to God towards an identification with the poor, abandoned in the depths of the African desert. In that setting, he expressed his desire to feel himself a brother to every human being,²⁸⁶ and asked a friend to "pray to God that I truly be the brother of all".²⁸⁷ He wanted to be, in the end, "the universal brother".²⁸⁸ Yet only by identifying with the least did he come at last to be the brother of all. May God inspire that dream in each one of us. Amen.

286. Cf. CHARLES DE FOUCAULD, *Méditation sur le Notre Père* (23 January 1897).

287. Letter to Henry de Castries (29 November 1901).

288. Letter to Madame de Bondy (7 January 1902). Saint Paul VI used these words in praising his commitment: Encyclical Letter *Populorum Progressio* (26 March 1967): AAS 59 (1967), 263.

Let us ask today for the grace to be able to forgive, even when we do not feel understood, even when we feel abandoned. Because it is precisely in those hours that love can reach its pinnacle. As Jesus teaches us, to love means to leave the other free — even to betray — without ever ceasing to believe that even that freedom, wounded and lost, can be snatched from the deception of darkness and returned to the light of goodness. When the light of forgiveness succeeds in filtering through the deepest crevices of the heart, we understand that it is never futile. Even if the other does not accept it, even if it seems to be in vain, forgiveness frees those who give it: it dispels resentment, it restores peace, it returns us to ourselves... every betrayal can become an opportunity for salvation, if it is chosen as a space for a greater love. It does not give in to evil, but conquers it with good, preventing it from extinguishing what is truest in us: the capacity to love.





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: 14 June 2026

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Collection on 21/6 for the Day for Life)					
Sun	14th	9am	St George	-	Mass: Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid	-	Mass: Jacqueline Humphries RIP
Mon	15th	2.30pm	St George	-	Rosary Group - All Welcome
Tues	16th	10am	St George	-	Mass: Christina Neyenhuizen RIP
Wed	17th	10am	St Wilfrid	-	Mass: Joseph Finn RIP
Thurs	18th	10am	St George	-	Liturgy of the Word
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Collection Today for the Day for Life) (Collection on 28/6 for Ss Peter and Paul, Apostles)					
Sun	21st	9am	St George	-	Mass: Fr Paul Jennings Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid	-	Mass: Thanksgiving 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
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St George's & St. Wilfrid's
Finance Committee Treasurer Monika Beaver
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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
St Wilfrid's: Maria - 07873759962

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!

Baptismal programmes for St George's and St Wilfrid's will run 2-3 times a year. Please enquire through the parish office on 01323 841504 or email hailsham@abdiocese.org.uk

Good Wishes are being sent to Fr Rory from all the parish as he celebrates his 52nd Anniversary since being Ordained on 11th June 1974. Congratulations.
Joan and "her wheeler" will be at the back of the church this Sunday and Wednesday after mass taking a collection for Fr Rory. If you would like to contribute, please pop and see Joan.

Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) is seeking one volunteer from this parish please to help with Sea Sunday (which falls on 11/12 July this year) in this parish. This is the day when the Church comes together to pray for seafarers, fishers and their families, and takes a second collection to support the work of Stella Maris. The volunteer will read out the appeal (which Stella Maris will provide) at the end of Masses that weekend. If you can kindly do this, please contact roland.hayes@stellamarismail.org

Related to that, all parishioners are warmly invited to an online webinar being run by Stella Maris on Wednesday 17th June from 7:30pm to 9pm. You will hear about the work that Stella Maris has been doing with seafarers and fishers over the past year or so, including the use of the funds kindly donated on Sea Sunday last year. To attend this webinar, please sign up at: www.stellamaris.org.uk/thankyou

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.

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: Sun 28th June after mass at St G's. During the month of June we are raising funds for The Demelza Trust. There was a Demelza Charity Shop in Hailsham, but sadly had to close. This charity delivers extraordinary care to children who are facing serious or life limiting conditions. They support the children and their families at every step from first diagnosis and for as long as they are needed. Their support is as unique as every family, providing creative therapies, short breaks, practical and emotional support for families and siblings and care towards the end of life. A worthwhile charity indeed.
We hope you, your family and friends can support this.

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.

7th June - Mass Attendance: St W's 133 St G's 84

OUR JOURNEY TO BECOMING A NEW PARISH:

Ultimately the new Parish will be overseen by a Priests Team, moderated by Fr Kevin Dring. They will work closely with a Leadership Team of clergy and lay reps, and with Hub Pastoral Teams of clergy and lay representatives from across our churches, in the development of our Pastoral Plan and our shared mission. The West Hub covers Eastbourne, Polegate, Hampden Park, Hailsham, and the East Hub covers St Leonards, Hastings, Bexhill, Battle and Rye.

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Pilgrimage to Aylesford. Everyone is invited to attend the Pilgrimage to Aylesford Priory, Kent (ME20 7BX) on Sunday 28 June, organised by the Knights of St Columba. Mass at 12 noon, picnic afterwards, Rosary procession at 3pm. Further details from Bob 07752043009.

Linking Lives Eastbourne - Saturday 20 June - 10.30am - 5.00pm, 20 Prideaux Road, Eastbourne, BN21 2NB
Come and explore this lovely garden with far-reaching views where beautiful wild and cultivated plants grow together. Light refreshments available. Admission by Donation to support the work of Linking Lives Eastbourne. Please note that due to uneven surfaces, this garden is unsuitable for wheelchairs.

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.

New & nearly new items needed: St George's table sale that raises funds for the charity of the month and youth activities is in need of new items for sale. Please leave bags marked St G's Table Sale in the church porch. Thank you.

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.

Dates for your Diary:

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.
Sun 28 June, Communion Breakfast, St W's Hall.
Mon 13 July, 5.30pm - Fatima Devotions, Christ the King.

LATEST DEANERY UPDATE:

We have had a first meeting of a new Deanery Leadership Group, some priests and lay people from across the deanery. They will be working closely with the team of parish priests, and with our Hub Leadership groups to build on the good work that has already been done over the past year in beginning to build foundations for our parishes coming together and working and sharing closely in the mission of the Church. From September, by which time we may (please God) have a good new Bishop in post, the work of these various groups will begin to impact more directly within the church communities, inviting everyone to play their part in the important work ahead. Everything we do will only be done if it clearly aims to build up our communities in strong faith, to support the most needy, and to reach out to share the Good News with all those around us. God bless – Fr Kevin.