

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

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 Wisdom. Wisdom: 12:13, 16-19

There is not any God besides you, whose care is for all, to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly. For your strength is the source of righteousness, and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all. For you show your strength when men doubt the completeness of your power, and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it. You are sovereign in strength but you judge with mildness, and with great forbearance you govern us; for you have power to act whenever you choose. Through such works you have taught your people that the one who is righteous must be kind, and you have filled your sons with good hope, because you give repentance for sins.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 86(85):5-6. 9-10. 15-16a. R.5a

R. O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to you.
Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer,
and attend to my voice in supplication.

All the nations you have made shall come;
they will bow down before you, O Lord,
and glorify your name,
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God.

You, O God, are compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abundant in mercy and fidelity;
turn and take pity on me.

SECOND READING
A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.
Romans 8:26-27

Brothers and sisters: The Spirit helps us in our weakness.
For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL
Alleluia, alleluia. Cf. Matthew 11:25
I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL Matthew 13:24-30
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: Jesus put another parable before the crowd, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, “Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?” He said to them, “An enemy has done this.” So the servants said to him, “Then do you want us to go and gather them?” But he said, “No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, ‘Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS
R. 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
R. may benefit the salvation of all.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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
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.
Amen.

Our Faith on Sunday

GOSPEL REFLECTION



In this Sunday’s gospel Jesus warns us about any attempt to try to uproot the “sinners” among us. It would be something like removing a foundation stone which hasn’t been placed correctly. The result would be to bring the whole house crashing down. That is because as human beings we simply don’t have the wisdom to distinguish between

those who are truly good and those who are evildoers. It is also because none of us can claim the right to be the one to throw the first stone. Accusing others of being sinners is often an example of that very common defence mechanism which is to project on to others the very faults that we ourselves commit. The parable of the yeast in the dough makes it clear that the message of Jesus is meant to animate the whole of humanity and not to separate it into opposing camps of the “righteous” and the “unrighteous”; the “saints” and the “sinners”. This is another way of saying that Christianity has a clear “eschatological” dimension. We are on



POPE LEO XIV
THE HOLY SEE
APOSTOLIC EXHORTATIONS

To all Christians on Love For The Poor

3. For this reason, in continuity with the Encyclical Dilexit Nos, Pope Francis was preparing in the last months of his life an Apostolic Exhortation on the Church’s care for the poor, to which he gave the title Dilexi Te, as if Christ speaks those words to each of them, saying: “You have but little power,” yet “I have loved you” (Rev 3:9). I am happy to make this document my own — adding some reflections — and to issue it at the beginning of my own pontificate, since I share the desire of my beloved predecessor that all Christians come to appreciate the close connection between Christ’s love and his summons to care for the poor. I too consider it essential to insist on this path to holiness, for “in this call to recognize him in the poor and the suffering, we see revealed the very heart of Christ, his deepest feelings and choices, which every saint seeks to imitate.”³

3. Francis, Apostolic Exhortation Gaudete et Exsultate (19 March 2018), 96: AAS 110 (2018), 1137.

St. Francis de Sales

Treatise on the Love of God

Mount Calvary is the mount of lovers. All love that takes not its beginning from Our Saviour’s Passion is frivolous and dangerous. Unhappy is death without the love of the Saviour, unhappy is love without the death of the Saviour! Love and death are so mingled in the Passion of Our Saviour that we cannot have the one in our heart without the other. Upon Calvary one cannot have life without love, nor love without the death of Our Redeemer. But, except there, all is either eternal death or eternal love: and all Christian wisdom consists in choosing rightly. During this mortal life we must choose eternal love or eternal death, there is no middle choice. O eternal love, my soul desires and makes choice of thee eternally! Ah! come, Holy Spirit and inflame our hearts with thy 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: 19 July 2026

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun	19th	9am	St George	-	Mass: Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid	-	Mass: Sylvia & Brian Winter RIP

Mon	20th	2.30pm	St George	-	Rosary Group - All Welcome
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Tues	21st	10am	St George	-	Mass: Margaret Madams RIP
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Wed	22nd	10am	St Wilfrid	-	Mass: Jim & May Wheelan RIP
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Thurs	23rd	10am	St Wilfrid	-	Liturgy of the Word
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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun	26th	9am	St George	-	Mass: John in Thanksgiving for his Ministry
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		10.30am	St Wilfrid	-	Mass: Parish Communities' Intention
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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

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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 - hailsham@abdiocese.org.uk

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, Tom Woodrow-Spencer, Laurey Stimpson, Nicole McCutchan, Nellie Oakshott, Jean Molloy, Alan Smith, Julie Martin, Gill Standen, Letty Booth, Thomas Pailey, Thomas Guy, Michael O'Regan, Patricia Delaney, Graham, Pamela Swanston, Jean & Chris Littlewood, Jennifer, Peter Mitchell, Madeleine Waters, Andrew, Gerry Page, Amy and Ben.

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!

During August, Father Paul is committed to supply and say Mass at the parish in Hove. This was a commitment he made in October last year and which he must honour. Recently Fr Paul, Father Kevin, Shirley and Gerry met in order to make arrangements which would ensure that there will be at least one Sunday Mass in our parish on those Sundays when Fr Paul will be at Hove.

Following a discussion of all the options and possibilities it was decided to put the following plan in place during the month of August:

August 9 th	Mass at St Wilfrid's	5.30pm
August 16 th	Mass at St George's	5.30pm
August 23 rd	Mass at St George's	9.00am
	Mass at St Wilfrid's	5.30pm
August 30 th	Mass at St Wilfrid's	5.30pm

There will be weekday Mass at St George's and St Wilfrid's on Tuesdays and Wednesdays as usual, but this will be at 12.00 noon and not 10.00am.

When Mass will not be celebrated at a particular church on a Sunday, that church will be open at the usual time so that those who really cannot attend Mass elsewhere are able to come for a time of reflection and prayer based on the readings for that Sunday. This will not be a eucharistic liturgy and it will not replace the expectation that you attend Sunday Mass unless it really is not possible.

Sunday Mass will be celebrated in Eastbourne area at *Our Lady of Ransom* 10.15am and 5.30pm; *St Gregory* 9.00am; *St Agnes* 11.30am; *Christ the King, Langney* 11.30 and *St Joachim, Hampden Park* 9.30am

This will be a temporary arrangement for the month of August only, we hope that you understand the situation and thank you for your cooperation.

Thank You: Bridie wishes to thank all of the following who organised, prepared and brought to fruition her fantastic 90th Birthday Party on 4th of July. All of the following need a special mention; Lesley, Loretta, Maeve, Jean, Colleen, Ann, Maria, Francis, Lulu, Teresa, Gerry, Ephram, Gary and Brian. A huge thank you for all the cards, presents and mass offerings. Mass will be offered for your intentions.

No Bereavement Group Meeting until the last Friday in September, 25th.

Sunday Charity Breakfast: Sun 19th July after mass at St G's. During the month of July we are raising funds for "Care for Carers". We hope you, your family and friends can support this.

Over 50's Club, last Thursday of every month, 2-4pm.

Please note that we will not meet on the last Thursday of July, but we will meet on Thursday 27th August as usual. Thank you.

St Wilfrid's Church: We will leave the "Table in our porch" so you can see if you would like to help out in the various jobs. Many of us are getting too old and we need some "New Blood" so please take a look to see where you could help out. Thank you

12th July - Mass Attendance: St W's 106 St G's 64

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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Lourdes Diocesan Pilgrimage: If anyone would like a small Prayer Petition taken to the Grotto, please leave in the **Parish Office at OLR** in an envelope marked LOURDES PETITION (no money enclosed) by Monday 20. Thanks – Fr Kevin

Deanery Magazine – Latest Issue

The latest issue of the Deanery Magazine is now available on the parish website and printed copies are in our churches from today. As well as including a single parish update it also has lots of good news stories, forthcoming events and opportunities for prayer, formation and mission.

If you take a copy away to read please return it or pass it on to a friend who may be interested, or even leave it in a local community centre, medical practice waiting room or another public place where others in our community might discover and enjoy it too. Thank you for helping to share the Good News more widely!



CAFOD SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Do you enjoy working with children and young people? Could you help to inspire and empower children and young people in our Catholic schools and churches to bring alive their sense of global justice?

Could you give an assembly or a workshop in a local school? Supported by CAFOD with training and resources, you will discuss issues of global justice, add to parish and school life whilst complementing the work of teachers, priests and catechists.

Email: arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk

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Dates for your Diary:

Sun 19 July, 10am - Charity Breakfast, St G's Hall.

Wed 19 Aug, 5.30pm - Fatima Devotions, Christ the King.

Thurs 27 Aug, 2-4pm - Parish Over 50's Club, St W's Hall.

Sun 13 Sept, 10.30am - Fatima Devotions, Christ the King.

Fri 25 Sept, 11-12pm - Parish Bereavement Gp, St W's Hall

Sun 27 Sept, 10am - Charity Breakfast, St G's Hall.

SUMMER DEANERY UPDATE: A final short update, as we come towards the summer holiday season. Thanks to everyone from across our Deanery churches who have been working hard to help us prepare for change and re-organisation. We realise as time goes by that we are in for a long-distance run rather than a quick sprint, quite rightly so as change needs to happen in a way that makes sense for people. We have just had news of appointment of our new Bishop-Elect, Stephen Wang. I know him well and am confident he will be a great new Shepherd for us all. Just to end with some encouraging words he shares with us on his appointment: "There are many challenges ahead, but I am full of hope. I've seen so many times what God can do when people pray and work together, and when they put their trust in him. If we listen to one another, and to the Lord, then he will show us the way forward" We pray for him as he prepares to join us after the summer.