

PARISH COMMUNITIES OF

ST GEORGE

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WEEKLY SERVICES

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| Sat | 9th | 6.00pm | St Wilfrid's - Harriet-Fairchild RIP |
| | | | First Sunday of Lent (Special Collection Cafod Lenten Fast Day next Sunday) |
| Sun | 10th | 9.00am | St George's - Margaret, Harry and Fr Eric Wright RIP |
| | | 10.30am | St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention |
| | | 2.30pm | St Georges - Stations of the Cross |
| Mon | 11th | 2.30pm | St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays |
| Tue | 12th | 10.00am | St George's - Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion |
| Wed | 13th | 10.00am | St Wilfrid's - Johanna Loraine & Family RIP |
| Thur | 14th | 11.30am | St George's - Priest's Intention |
| Fri | 15th | | St Wilfrid's - No Service |
| Sat | 16th | 6.00pm | St Wilfrid's - Ellen Kavanagh RIP |
| | | | Second, 'Transfiguration' Sunday of Lent (Special Collection for Cafod Lent Fast Day Today) |
| Sun | 17th | 9.00am | St George's - Fr Charles Jeffries RIP |
| | | 10.30am | St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention |
| | | 2.30pm | St George's - Stations of the Cross |
| | | | <i>1st Thursday of the month: 9.30am St George's - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation</i> |

IMPORTANT: Going into hospital? Would like a visit from the Catholic Chaplaincy? Ring 417400, ext. 4145 and leave a message for the Catholic Chaplain. Please also let Fr Rory know. Catholic Mass in the hospital Chapel every Friday at 3pm.

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

New to the Parish or would like to get back in touch but not sure how? Please complete the welcome form available in the porch and/or make yourself known to Fr. Rory. *It would be great to get to know you and offer any help.*

USEFUL PARISH INFORMATION

St Wilfrid's Planned Giving Contact (01323) 832577
St George's Planned Giving Contact (01323) 870990
St George's & St Wilfrid's Finance Committee Treasurers Charles Piegrome & Monika Beaver
Chairperson of the Finance Committee Peter Dromgoole
ALL CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE ABOVE VIA THE PRIEST'S HOUSE PLEASE
Polegate Hall Hire.....Tel: (01323) 504753
Hailsham Hall Hire Tel: (01323) 841504 - Mon, Wed, Fri Morning or email at above address
Prayer LineJean Barham Tel: (01323) 842824

CROSSLINK CHURCHES TOGETHER, HAILSHAM

POLEGATE CHURCHES TOGETHER

Contact: Margaret Piegrome 01323 870990
Contact Care: 07900 823138

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS those who are unwell: Lily May, Edna Andrews, Julliette Lusted, Evelyn South, Jennifer Piskac, Margaret Gearing, Joshua Hardy, Peter & Teresa Zurenkas, Anne Holt, Margaret, Ann Winter, Tom and Elizabeth Woodrow-Spencer, Dorothy Hanlon, Margaret Westcar, Bill O'Rourke, Chris Neyenhuizen, Judith Bourke and Fr Rory.

PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER THOSE NAMED IN THE BOOKS IN OUR CHURCHES

Newsletter items: Please send to Jackie at ssgeorge.wilfrid@btinternet.com, tel.841504 or by hand marked NEWSLETTER, to Fr. Rory's House by 9am Wednesday.
Office Hours Monday 9am-1pm, Wednesday 8.45am-12.45pm & Friday 9am-12.30pm

Fr Rory Writes:

Please God, I am on the mend and very grateful to our Diocese for its concern and help. I am pleased that the structures for our parish communities have kept the show on the road and are fit for purpose. What we now really need is a new generation and a structure to bring this about. We are very pleased to have Fr Kieran to lead the celebrations of Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Fr Kieran is very diligent and will have these liturgies well prepared for this year. They may bear good fruits for a new generation leading up to Pentecost as a time to renew our parish. To this end we will have Bishop Richard's plan for 2030 before our eyes.

Fr Rory

Deacon John Writes:

Following on from last week about the various life choices available to us the first one is that of the **single life**. The state of being single is what we're all born into. For some people, the single state is their lifelong and stable response to the call of Christ. Many men and women choose to remain single in order to make themselves available for prayer and apostolic work of the Church.

The next is that of living a **consecrated life**. Consecrated life is the Church's way of referring to the wide range of opportunities for individuals to dedicate themselves to a life of prayer and service, often as sisters, nuns, brothers and monks.

The third choice is **marriage**: Jesus calls many women and men to the vocation of marriage and being parents. Married couples promise to serve each other with love and to serve the whole Church. They enter into a life-long covenant of love. When marriage is between a Christian man and woman, it is sacramental in nature, and the natural vocation to marriage becomes something much deeper – a joyful call to follow Christ and a total giving of one's life in love to a spouse and children.

Deacon John

St George's Lenten Lunches: will be available throughout Lent for everyone to enjoy good soup and chatter! Members of both communities are warmly welcomed. Lunches will be on **Thursdays**, when Mass will be at 11.30am. All soup will be homemade and we will put up menus as we did last year, so please sign up to let us have an idea of numbers. Menus will be available each Sunday for the following week.

The **Knights of St Columba** invite all Catholic men to their next meeting on Monday 11 March at 3pm at Christ the King parish rooms, Langney.

SPUC and the **KSC** invite all parishioners to continue praying the Rosary for the unborn. The intention for March is for medical staff, that they uphold the principles of care at every stage of life.

St Wilfrid's Penitential Service: This is prior warning for this very important service among our community. Our friends at St George's are cordially invited of course. Please note this will be held on Saturday 30th March, 5pm - 5.30pm. It is a lovely service, well prepared.

Film Club: March 10th (2017) a dog brings a family together. All showings start at 3 pm.

St George's Plant Fair will take place on Saturday 18th May from 10.00 am in the hall. If you can help in any way either on the day or growing on young plants, please see Shirley.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Sun 10th March Film Club, St George's Hall, 3pm
Sat 16th March St Patrick's Social, St Wilfrid's Hall, 7-11pm
Sat 30th March Penitential Service, St Wilfrid's Church, 5-5.30pm
Sat 6th April Family Stations of the Cross/Lent Lunch, St G's, 11am
Sat 18th May St George's Plant Fair, St George's Hall, 10am
Sun 19th May Summer Gathering, Abbots Wood Picnic, 12noon-4pm
Sun 26th May First Holy Communion, St Wilfrid's Church, 10.30am
Sun 2nd June 1st Holy Communion B/fast, St W's Hall, after 10.30 Mass
Sun 23rd June 1st Holy Communion, St George's Church, 9am
Sun 30th June 1st Holy Communion B/fast, St. G's after 9am Mass
Sun 29th Sept County Walk & Picnic, Route TBC, 11am-3pm

St Wilfrid's Church: The vigil mass next **Saturday**, 16th, at St Wilfrid's will include prayers to honour St Patrick and for continued peace in the north of Ireland along with prayers for Irish people and their associates across the world.

Healing Mass at St Wilfrid's: There will be a healing mass ending with solemn Benediction every Wednesday morning at 10am in Hailsham during the Lenten period, starting this coming Wednesday. This is not to be confused with a Sacramental healing service. The oil used on the Wednesdays is the oil of gladness and as such this service of healing is open to anyone who feels they would like to be prayed over them. The priest will also impose his hands on your head. You can also act as a proxy for someone who is ill in your family and cannot be present. The mass will of course be extended and may take around 45 minutes in total. Tea and Coffee will be available in the hall afterwards.

Visit to Ann Fielder: A few of us went to see Ann at the Vicarage Fernhurst. We found her very happy and much more relaxed and looking the best we have seen her in a long time. She is making friends and settling into village life. Fernhurst is a very pretty village, much bigger than we imagined. Ann asked that she be remembered to all her friends at St Wilfrid's and they are welcome anytime to give her a call. It is quite a long journey and am afraid I realised I cannot do so much as I used to, like all of us, so I will not be organising a coach trip, sorry. Joan.

St Wilfrid's Celebrating St Patrick's Feast Day: We are holding a social evening on Saturday 16th March in our Hall, 7pm-11pm. Tickets £5 each to include buffet, tea and coffee. (Please bring your own alcoholic drinks). Music provided by our own Bill O'Rourke, as he says "sing-a-long or take the mic for a bit of fun". Tickets are limited, so you are advised to buy them sooner than later from sellers in the porch at St Wilfrid's or Margaret Neville at St George's. We are holding a Raffle on that night so any suitable gifts as prizes will be gratefully received. These may be left in the church porch.

COLLECTIONS: (2nd/3rd March)

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| St George's | £192.50 |
| Weekly aver./Monthly D/D | £146.33 |
| St Wilfrid's | £365.99 |
| Weekly aver. of DD | £204.60 |
| Attendances: St W's 132 St G's 76 | |

Bonus Ball:

Sat 2nd March
 No: 54
 Peter Salvidge
Wed 27th February
 No: No Winner