

# PARISH COMMUNITIES OF

## ST GEORGE

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## ST WILFRID

South Road  
Hailsham



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### WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	10th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention <b>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>(Special Collection for the Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund Today)</b>
Sun	11th	9.00am	St George's - Bill McIlroy RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Mrs May Shoul RIP
Mon	12th	12.00pm	St George's - Requiem Mass for Jane Drake RIP
Mon	12th	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	13th	10.00am	St George's - Jack Ryan RIP
Wed	14th	10.00am	St George's - <b>Ash Wednesday</b> Liturgy of the Word with Ashes & Holy Communion
Wed	14th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - <b>Ash Wednesday</b> Michael Bradley RIP
Thur	15th	11.30am	St George's - Robert Dodson RIP
Fri	16th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Gwen's Intention - In Thanksgiving
Sat	17th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - In Honour of Our Lady <b>First Sunday of Lent</b> <b>(Friday is Lent Fast Day, Envelopes and other contributions will be collected next Sunday)</b>
Sun	18th	9.00am	St George's - Donor's Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention
		1st Thursday of the month: 9.30am	St George's - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation

**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 Primary School:** Tel 01323 726004    **St Thomas a Becket Primary School:** Tel 01323 737221  
**St Thomas a Becket Nursery School:** Tel 01323 725977    **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 Line .....Jean Barham Tel: (01323) 842824

#### CROSSLINK CHURCHES TOGETHER, HAILSHAM

Contact: Ann Fielder 01323 843361

#### 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, Jennifer Piskac, Margaret Gearing, Joshua Hardy, Peter & Teresa Zurenkas, Anne & Harry Holt, Margaret, Tom and Elizabeth Woodrow-Spencer, Dorothy Hanlon, Margaret Westcar, Jenny Price and Ann Winter.

**PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER THOSE NAMED IN THE BOOKS IN OUR CHURCHES**

**Newsletter items:** Please send to Jackie at [ssgeorge.wilfrid@btinternet.com](mailto:ssgeorge.wilfrid@btinternet.com), tel.841504 or by hand marked **NEWSLETTER**, to Fr. Rory's House by **9am Wednesday**.

**Fr Rory Writes:**

This week brings us to the beginning of Lent. Many years ago, my parish priest at the time, Mgr Canon Tim Rice V.G, opened many eyes to see that Lent means Spring, a time of new life growth, fresh possibilities. I was very blessed at that time because our seminary had embraced the teaching of the 2nd Vatican Council with a sense of hope and purpose, with emphasis upon it being a great movement of the Holy Spirit in our time. A focus was upon the event of the Old Testament, when God said to His people through Moses "Let my people go". Now He is saying through the church "Let my people grow".

Recently, Bishop Richard challenged us to think what the life in our churches will bring in 2030. At the first report back at our deanery, Bishop Richard made it clear that he was there to listen. Two priests made clear coherent statements: Canon Paul Jennings began by saying this conversation could have taken place fifty years ago and outlined three important points with the clear call for dialogue. Fr Christopher Benyon referred to re-reading a work that was very popular after the council, with its focus upon God's chosen people, as being God's frozen people, and the call of the Holy Spirit was a challenge to grow with a fresh emphasis on the importance of the role to be played by the laity. It is always a work in progress, but as my ministry draws to a close, it is a great sacrifice to me that it was a lost opportunity as the catechism states "faith is a supernatural gift", and God's love always sustains us. As a gift that is really given, it follows the natural order of things. We have to be responsible for the ability that is given. If we can say we have no ability, we can say thanks be to God, but if we have abilities, lets try to be responsible for them. To be cont.....

*Fr Rory*

**Requiem Mass for Mrs Jane Drake - Monday 12th February, St George's Church at 12noon.**

The family of Jane very much appreciate the support and care that was given to her by parishioners and especially Ministers of the Eucharist. They wish to extend an invitation after her Requiem Mass to join them at the Hydro Hotel. Thank you.

**CAFOD:** The annual family fast day will be on Friday 23rd February with a collection at the weekend 24th/25th February. We are asked to forgo a meal and give what we save to help hungry/thirsty people in other parts of the world where CAFOD work with partners on the ground. The UK government has promised to double whatever we give up to £5 million. There is also the opportunity to give any broken jewellery/watches to CAFOD during Lent in a box at St George's. Thank you in advance for your usual generous response.

**Mill Hill Missionaries:** We are grateful to Christian Jane-Heidsiek who has agreed to take over the role of local secretary to the Mill Hill Missionaries and coordinate the collection of money from the Red Boxes and oversee the total sent to the Association for the Propagation of the Faith, Mill Hill. Our thanks to him for doing this and our thanks also to Barry Megan who has had to retire due to ill health.

**In preparation for Easter,** we have the opportunity to meditate upon the different stages of Jesus' Journey towards Calvary, when Stations of the Cross are being held at St George's on Sunday afternoons in Lent commencing on 18 February, with the exception of 11 March, Mothering Sunday. The last one will be on Palm Sunday, 25 March, which will be followed by Benediction and refreshments in the hall. Everyone is welcome.

**Attention St George's:** There will be no tea/coffee in the hall after Mass on Tuesday 13th February, due to hall being hired.

**St. Patrick's Day Cards** are on sale at the back of St. George's Church next Sunday.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

**Sun 18th Feb** Stations of the Cross, St George's Church, 3pm  
**Sun 18th Feb** African Adventure a boy & cheetah, St G's Hall, 4pm  
**Sun 25th Feb** Stations of the Cross, St George's Church, 3pm  
**Sun 4th March** Stations of the Cross, St George's Church, 3pm  
**Sun 4th March** Classic story of Swiss girl, St George's Hall, 4pm  
**Sat 17th March** Stations of the Cross/Lunch, St G's Church, 11.30am  
**Sun 18th March** Stations of the Cross, St George's Church, 3pm  
**Sun 18th March** Disney film, a boy & his stray dog, St G's Hall, 4pm

**St Wilfrid's Table Sale:** We would like to share with you all after all final monies for the above table sale have been counted, a grand total of £620. was collected. A big thank you to everyone for making it such a great success.

**Interested in Playing Bowls:** Come and meet us, have a cup of tea. Tuesdays at 1.30pm in St George's Hall. All welcome, for more information please ring 01323 484090.

**Evenings of Reflection with Bishop Richard 2018:**  
 Thursday February 22nd - St Michael's Church, Worthing,  
 Saturday March 3rd - St John's Seminary, Wonersh, Saturday  
 March 10th - St Mary Magdalene's, Bexhill. All evenings run from  
 7pm to 9pm. **BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL.** Contact  
[Jack.Regan@dabnet.org](mailto:Jack.Regan@dabnet.org)

**Help Required - St Wilfrid's:** We are in need of a minute secretary for our Parish Council Meetings, these are held approx. every six weeks on a Wednesday evening at 7.30pm. If you are interested please contact Fr Rory or Jackie on 841504.

**Stations of the Cross** for children and families from both communities will be held on Saturday 17th March at 11.30am in St George's Church, which will be followed by a Poverty Lunch in St George's Hall. There will be a collection for CAFOD after the lunch.

**The Sunday Parish Film Club** held biweekly at St George's hall is becoming a popular Sunday event, we would love to see more parishioners, friends and family attending. The Film club is suited to all and particularly good to encourage our children to join in a fun activity parents & grandparents. The next three films will all start at 4pm and are as follows: **18th February**, African adventure a boy and his cheetah; **4th March**, Classic story of Swiss girl; **18th March**, Disney film, a boy and his stray dog. Following each film the club enters a short enjoyable discussion/reflection about the film. Entry free, donations for refreshments. For more information email Christian [cjane@mgcconsultancy.co.uk](mailto:cjane@mgcconsultancy.co.uk).

**COLLECTIONS: (3rd/4th Feb)**  
**St George's** £208.87  
 Weekly aver./Monthly D/D £176.50  
**St Wilfrid's** £375.81  
 Weekly aver. of DD £204.60  
 Attendances: St W's 144 St G's 83  
**Thank you for your continued generosity**

**Bonus Ball:**  
**Sat 3rd February**  
 No: 38  
 John Forde  
**Wed 31st January**  
 No: 18  
 Josie Denning