

PARISH COMMUNITIES OF

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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	10th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention Fourth 'Laetare' Sunday of Lent (Second Collection this Weekend for St Wilfrid's Easter Flowers)
Sun	11th	9.00am	St George's - Jenni Duder-Rumsey RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Brian Winter RIP
Mon	12th	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	13th	10.00am	St George's - Ministry of Word & Eucharist
Wed	14th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Donor's Intention
Thur	15th	11.30am	St George's - Ministry of Word & Eucharist
Fri	16th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Holy Souls' Intention
Sat	17th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Grace Verrall RIP Fifth Sunday of Lent
Sun	18th	9.00am	St George's - Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Ada Mary Garnar RIP

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 Chairperson of the Finance Committee Treasurers Charles Piegrome & Monika Beaver
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

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, tel.841504 or by hand marked **NEWSLETTER**, to Fr. Rory's House by **9am Wednesday.**

Fr Rory Writes:

Getting away for a break this week, thanks be to God. At the same time life goes on. The life of the church is the life of Christ. Much of the human life of Jesus was ordinary everyday life. It was trial-some and burdensome for Him, reflected in his statement "Foxes have holes and birds of the air their nests, but the Son of man has nowhere to lay His head". Deacon John and Dawn gave us a lot to reflect upon in their homilies, as we journey through Lent. Dawn's focus was the example of Jesus as where to pray; a quiet peaceful place, and how to pray. The mountain has often been seen as the meeting place with God. Deacon John brings our attention to the Sunday Reading of Scripture. He highlights "Today's reading invites us to cooperate with the grace of God, not acting alone but helped by the Holy Spirit, to change our lives and renew them during Lent. This will assist us to spread the good news of the Transfigured Lord around us, by the example of our lives filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit".

**A menu for Lent: Give up & Instead
MAIN COURSES**

GIVE UP speaking unkindly. **Instead**, let your words be generous and understanding. It costs so little to say something kind and uplifting. Why not check that sharp tongue before speaking? And think before you speak.
GIVE UP your hatred of anyone or anything! **Instead**, learn the discipline of love. "Love covers a multitude of sins."
GIVE UP your worries and anxieties! **Instead**, trust God with them. Anxiety is spending energy on something we can do nothing about: like tomorrow! Live today and let God's grace be sufficient for you.

St George's Lenten Lunches: The next lunches will be held on the 15th and 22nd March. This week, 23 people came to enjoy soups and bread with friends and we raised £77.35 for Networx, a small, very active local charity helping refugees, often from Syria and Iran, who are settling here in our locality. This year the Lunches are proving to be a successful blend of raising money for our traditional charity, CAFOD and the new, Networx. Thank you all for your generosity and support.

St Wilfrid's Church: Would all Misso Red Box holders please bring them in for the promoters to count. The empty boxes will then be put on the entrance hall table for you to collect. Thank You.

Stations of the Cross for children and families from both communities will be held on Sat 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 lunch.

Easter Cards are on sale at the back of the church at St George's.

Mariapolis 2018: Beyond all borders, Ampleforth Abbey, April 4-8, Based on the prayer of Jesus "That All May Be One". All welcome, including families. Local contacts Celia 01323 892271 or Hanora 01323 490721

CAFOD Lenten Lunch at St George's: In spite of the poor weather with icy footpaths, 15people from both parishes braved the elements to attend Mass and to enjoy our Lenten soup lunch on Thursday 1st March. We were told there had been no volunteers to prepare the soup for that day so Deacon John said he would do so and needed some help to serve it. He persuaded another parishioner of St George's to provide a second variety of soup and both were very well received. (This is a first for Deacon John as he'd not made soup before!). We raised another £41 for CAFOD as has been our Lenten custom since the soup lunches were introduced about 20 years ago.

NHS Blood and Transplant

We are holding a blood donation session at Wealden Community Hall, Vicarage Lane, Hailsham, BN27 1BT on Bank Holiday Monday 2nd April 2018 and have appointments available between 09.30 - 13.00 & 14.00 - 15.00. To book an appointment please visit us at www.blood.co.uk, download our app NHSGIVEBLOOD or call us on 0300 123 23 23. New and Existing Donors are Welcome by Appointment Only.

Cake Sale, Sunday 18th March: Marçal Jané-Heidsiek, one of our parishioners, will be hosting a cake sale on Sunday 18th March at St. George's church hall, after Mass, to fund his trip to support the mission of Extra Cover, which helps some of Sri Lanka poorest school children grow up with hope, providing basic essentials, from food and clean water to toilets and textbooks to extremely remote village schools in the southern rainforest area. Please join him, if you can, for his presentation of the charity, his trip and sponsor him on his fundraising. Thank you.

Way of the Cross Up Beachy Head: To pray for those suffering in Mind and Heart, Sunday 18th March at 3pm. Starting from Bede's School Car Park

Film Club – the next film will be shown at 4pm in St George's Hall, as follows: **18th March (1957)**, Disney film, a boy and his stray dog. **FREE ENTRY.** All parishioners, their friends and family are welcome. Following each film the club enters a short enjoyable discussion/reflection about the film. Refreshments available. For more information email Christian cjane@mgccconsultancy.co.uk.

In preparation for Easter: Stations of the Cross are being held at St George's on Sunday afternoons in Lent, with the exception of 11 March, Mothering Sunday. The last one will be on Palm Sunday, 25th March, which will be followed by Benediction and refreshments in the hall. Everyone is welcome.

COLLECTIONS: (3rd/4th March)

St George's £190.50
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D £176.50
St Wilfrid's £306.16
Weekly aver. of DD £204.60
Attendances: St W's 164 St G's TBC

Bonus Ball:

Sat 3rd March
No: 36
Michael Copper

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

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
Sun 25th March Stations of the Cross, St George's Church, 3pm

Wed 28th February
No: 29
John Forde

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