

PARISH COMMUNITIES OF

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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	14th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - John Dobson RIP Third Sunday of Easter (Special Collection for the Education of Future Priests next Sunday)
Sun	15th	9.00am	St George's - Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Priscilla Wallis RIP
Mon	16th	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	17th	10.00am	St George's - Mrs Jane Drake RIP
Wed	18th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Speedy Recovery Intention
Thur	19th	10.00am	St George's - Mary O'Donoghue's Intention
Fri	20th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Hugh Britton RIP
Sat	21st	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Mary Flood RIP Fourth 'Good Shepherd' Sunday of Easter (Special Collection Today for the Education of Future Priests)
Sun	22nd	9.00am	St George's - Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Peter Robinson 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 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

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:

One season flies by quicker than another, this is certainly true for the wonderful season of Easter. Last year we were remiss here at St Wilfrid's, because we missed celebrating the Feast of the Dedication of our new church. This year again it is abruptly upon us, but we are planning to commemorate this at the 6pm Mass on Saturday 21st April. So all are very welcome and invited to this Mass, which will be followed by refreshments in the hall.

We have received a communication from Bishop Richard "The word who is life", concerning the consultation that is taking place across the deaneries of our Diocese, which he wishes to be included in all Parish Newsletters.

THE WORD WHO IS LIFE

Dear Brothers and Sisters

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your engagement with the Consultation Process that has been taking place across the Deaneries during these last months. I have been very encouraged by the way in which people have reflected on the Mission of the Diocese and the way in which we can all be engaged in carrying it out in the years ahead. The responses, gathered at the second round of meetings, are a key element in the development of a Pastoral Plan for the Diocese.

Now that this round of meetings is complete, I shall work with a small team to write the Pastoral Plan. I shall be coming around the Deaneries again later in the year to present this Plan.

Please keep this endeavour in your prayers, that all in the Diocese will focus ever more deeply on the Word who is Life, who calls us to be His people and to be His witnesses in the world.

With every Blessing
+Richard

Thank you to all those who sang so beautifully throughout our Holy Week Services. Good Friday at St George's was very moving with the mood being set with Kelly's solo of One Cold Night in Spring and then Nigel's poignant singing of He Who Has Borne our Grief during the veneration. Easter Sunday was joyous with a small group singing Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain. So many wonderful comments. Thank you.

St George's Plant Fair Saturday 26th May. Do you grow seeds and cuttings? Have you got an allotment or greenhouse? Then you can help us produce plants for our fair in May. We need a lot of help and support to make this event a success. Please let Ros or Shirley know if you can help in bringing on plug plants or manning the stalls on the day. We really do need YOUR help.

St George's film club is back this weekend, 15 April we will show (2005) CS Lewis' classic tale of the magical world of Narnia. On 29 April we'll show (1943) The story of Saint Bernadette and her visions. On 13 May we'll see (1960) The story of a castaway family on a desert island. There will be a short chat after the film and moreish nibbles for everyone. All showings will start at 3pm.

Thank you to **St George's Readers** who were so effective and expressive during Holy Week. There have been many compliments about how well and clearly you all read and stage-managed the longer services. Your readings and characterisations lent an appropriate poignancy to the Good Friday service in particular. Heartfelt thanks to you all.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- Sun 15th April** Magical World of Narnia, St George's Hall, 3pm
- Sun 29th April** The Story, St Bernadette & her visions, St G's Hall, 3pm
- Sun 13th May** Castaway Family on a Desert Island, St G's Hall, 3pm
- Sat 26th May** St George's Plant Fair, St George's Church,

ROSARY ON THE COAST:

Further to our earlier announcement, Rosary on the Coast will be held on Sunday 29th April at the Bandstand on Eastbourne seafront at 3 pm. Please try to attend as we would like this event to be very successful.

Pope Francis sends his greetings to all those participating in the Rosary on the Coast for Faith, Life and Peace in Scotland, Wales and England and assures them of his spiritual closeness to them in their prayers. We will be meeting at the Bandstand on Eastbourne seafront for 3pm. Please do come.

Les Whittaker from East Grinstead Parish is cycling to Walsingham and back to raise money for the pro-life work undertaken by Good Counsel Network. Les will also mark the 50th anniversary of the abortion act by praying 50 rosaries on his journey to Walsingham, 50 whilst there and 50 on the return journey. If you would like to support this cause please see flyer on notice board, or view web page: justgiving.com/fundraising/rosarybikeride

Friends of EDGH: Please remember to save all your stamps. These can be left in both the church porches for collection.

COLLECTIONS: (7th/8th April)

St George's (31 March/1 April)	£601.72
St George's	£TBC
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D	£176.50
St Wilfrid's (31 March/1st April)	£20.00
Good Friday - Holy Places	£111.40
St Wilfrid's	£248.01
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's	TBC
St G's	TBC

Thank you for your continued generosity
If you pay tax please use gift aid envelopes.

Bonus Ball:

- Sat 31st March**
No: 39, Ian Van Breda
- Sat 7th April**
No: 13
Maeve O'Rourke
- Wed 28th March**
No: 45, Ann Fielder
- Wed 4th April**
No: 14, Fr Rory