

# PARISH COMMUNITIES OF

## ST GEORGE

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## ST WILFRID

South Road  
Hailsham



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### WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	15th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Deceased Members of Brown & Quinlan Families RIP <b>Third 'Gaudete' Sunday of Advent</b>
Sun	16th	9.00am	St George's - Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Special Intention 1st Anniversary
Mon	17th	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	18th	<b>10.30am</b>	St George's - Maria Allen's Intention
Wed	19th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - In Thanksgiving
Thur	20th	<b>10.00am</b>	St George's - Sacrament of Reconciliation and Benediction
Thur	20th	<b>10.30am</b>	St George's - Deceased Members of Rodrick Family RIP
Thur	20th	1.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Requiem Mass for Edmund Ginn RIP
Fri	21st	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Grace Verrill RIP
Sat	22nd	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention <b>Fourth Sunday of Advent, 'O Emmanuel'</b>
Sun	23rd	9.00am	St George's - Mr & Mrs Spadge Burton RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Edmund Ginn 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 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 Line .....Jean 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, Juliette Lusted, Jennifer Piskac, Margaret Gearing, Joshua Hardy, Peter & Teresa Zurenkas, Anne & Harry Holt, Margaret, Tom and Elizabeth Woodrow-Spencer, Dorothy Hanlon, Margaret Westcar, Ann Winter, Bill O'Rourke, Chris Neyenhuizen and Evelyn South.

**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:

Again it is Gaudete Sunday: Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say Rejoice. When our focus remains upon Our Lord Jesus, then it is possible, but it is very difficult to keep that focus upon Our Lord. The frequent tragedies of life cause the first cracks to take place, and then it becomes easy for many to follow. We have received a lot of knocks and losses recently, so there is a great need to focus on God's help. And then upon those who do sterling work for our church, our parish and our community. They deserve our praise and our greatest thanks.

The challenge for our future is very real. Our thanks to those who are preparing for our Christmas celebrations, and the essential needs of our parish. But there is a great need for more help and resources for the future if our parish communities are to survive; and with God's help, develop and grow. A really important need at the moment is to upgrade and develop our Data Protection. We are asking that everyone as their Christmas Gift, provide the relevant information on the new GDPR Compliant Forms and return to Jackie in the parish office at St Wilfrid's. Any old data we hold on you will then be destroyed.

**Urgent and immediate** - For those who wish to be received into the church this Easter, please be in contact with Fr Rory immediately. An enrolment service into the catechumenate community will take place next Sunday (23rd Dec).

*Fr Rory*

**Christmas Party:** Sunday 30th December in St Wilfrid's Hall. Father Christmas, Music, Games and Refreshments, 3pm to 6pm. Adults £3. Children free. All welcome.

**St George's Children Liturgy (CL):** On Sun 16th December, the children will enjoy a Christingle service. We urgently need more CL help, if you would like to be involved as a leader or helper please contact Sandra.

**St George's Church:** There will be no tea/coffee after Mass on Sunday 23rd December.

**St George's First Holy Communion:** If your child is school Year 3 or above and ready to make their First Holy Communion in 2019, please speak to Fr Rory/Cathy Hollingdale about registering them on the FHC programme. Lessons will start in January 2019. Please leave a contact number.

**St George's Film Club** next showing will be: December 16th, wonderful animation about the nativity. All showings start at 3 p.m.

**Christmas Service Card:** Please help with distributing these cards across our town/villages. Even if you can only take 1 or 2 to your local coffee shop/hairdressers/doctors, it will be much appreciated.

**Friends of EDGH:** are still collecting milk bottle tops to help raise money for hospital equipment. Please help them by bringing in your **washed red, blue and green milk bottle tops only** and place in the container provided in both church porches. Thank you.

The **Rosary** will be said throughout Advent at St Wilfrid's Hospice, Eastbourne. This will take place every Thursday at 10.45am. All welcome to this meditation. Running until Thursday 20th Dec.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

**Sun 16th Dec** Film Club, Animation Nativity, St George's Hall, 3pm  
**Sat 22nd Dec** Rehearsal Nativity Mime, St W's Church, 10-11.30am  
**Christmas Eve** Nativity Mime, St Wilfrid's Church, 5.30pm  
**Sun 30th Dec** Christmas Party, St Wilfrid's Hall, 3-6pm

**Rehearsal for Nativity Mime at St Wilfrid's Church:** will be on Saturday 22nd December. 10am – 11.30am, parents can drop the children off and collect later.

**Nativity Mime** on Christmas Eve at St Wilfrid's Church, 5.30pm Mass, a lovely family Mass, all are welcome. Come and celebrate Christmas with our community.

**Hailsham Foodbank:** will be running their Christmas Holiday Shack for families who are in need of the Foodbank. For those of you who do not know what the Holiday Shack is, it's an event that they run at Christmas, Easter Holidays and Summer Holidays in which families can come and have a meal, make some craft, play and the parents can chat. It is a great opportunity for them to show the love of Christ at this time of year, they would be really grateful for some volunteers who are willing to come and chat, serve lunch and maybe run some games. They are running Thursday 20th Dec 10.30am-2.00pm, but if people can only come and help serve lunch then you can come closer to 12pm. They also need people who are willing to help prep veg the day before (Wed 19th). If you would like to help, please give your name and email address to Jackie in the parish office who will pass on your information for them to contact you directly. Thank you.

**The Funeral Mass for Edmund Ginn:** will take place at St Wilfrid's Church on Thursday 20th December at 1pm. Followed by a short service at the Crematorium at 2.30pm to which family and friends are invited. Refreshments in St Wilfrid's church hall afterwards. Family flowers only please, but should you wish, donations to St Wilfrid's Church Funds will be most acceptable.

**A Big Thank You:** to everyone who bought items from the table sale at St Wilfrid's, enabling the children's liturgy group to purchase three expensive books to help the children understand the readings and mass in simpler language. This helps with their concentration and attention, as well as enjoyment of the mass. Thank you.

### COLLECTIONS: (8th/9th Dec)

<b>St George's</b>	£175.87
Bingo	£83.00
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D	£146.33
<b>St Wilfrid's</b>	£371.65
Flowers	£59.73
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's 150 St G's 64	
<b>Thank you for your continued generosity</b>	
If you pay tax please use gift aid envelopes.	

### Bonus Ball:

#### Sat 8th December

No: 17  
Margaret Barnes

#### Wed 5th December

No: 41  
Fr Rory