

PARISH COMMUNITIES OF

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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	15th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Special Collection Today for the Home Missions)
Sun	16th	9.00am	St George's - Beryl Burton RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Francis & Charlotte Gaynor
Mon	17th	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	18th	10.00am	St George's - Liturgy of Word & Eucharist
Wed	19th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Liturgy of Word & Eucharist
Thur	20th	10.00am	St George's - George & Esther Soares RIP
Fri	21st	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Holy Souls' Intention
Sat	22nd	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Thanksgiving to Our Lady Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun	23rd	9.00am	St George's - Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Marie Kelly 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 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, Ann Winter, Sebastian Martin, Bill O'Rourke and Edmund Ginn.

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:

Following on from last week's mention of St George's Open Parish Meeting held in July, I would like to share the following notes and thoughts:-

Reaching Out - the New Generation - suggestions for renewal/adaptability

Hailsham and Polegate communities need to work more closely together. (The Children's Liturgy Party did not attract any members of St Wilfrid's Church, although notices to encourage their attendance were included in the newsletter).

Encourage the laity to take a more prominent place in the church.

Encourage more interaction and exchange of information between groups.

There is a need to publicise more - for example, banners displayed outside the churches, which quote changes and events taking place.

Wider distribution of Easter and Christmas Cards - giving dates and times of Masses. Letterbox distribution to be considered.

Volunteers would be needed for this.

More activities with Churches Together - greater involvement with the Walk of Witness, perhaps to extend that to embrace St George's Church. Could we do breakfast?

By example and enthusiasm, we should be more welcoming, getting "out of our comfort zone" - Thinking "outside the box".

More joint services - not Masses - to encourage more people to come to our church. (e.g. St George's Day, Week of Prayer, Songs of Praise, Lights of Love etc).

Giving open invitations to those who have stopped attending Mass, for whatever reason.

A greater awareness of the world outside and getting more involved with other communities.

Appealing to younger people - developing a more modern approach to worship.

During the meeting, we were asked what the church means to us. The following is one response which beautifully and clearly expresses the value of the church:- "The church means so much to us. It deepens our faith and our relationship with others. Church is where I find myself a refuge from uncertainty, from problems both spiritual and physical. Without the church I am lost, I need a place to be with God and meditate on life".

Fr Rory

Parish Walk & Picnic, Sunday 30th September

The Children's Liturgy children and their families from St George's warmly invite all St George's and St Wilfrid's parishioners to join them for some or all of their planned walk and picnic. The walk starts at Jevington Car park, with a picnic planned halfway at Alfriston before a return walk to Jevington. Bring your own picnic. For more information call: Christian on 01323 509799 / 07855452741 or Sandra on 01323 738984 / 07791627368.

Songs of Praise, Churches Together, This year, Polegate celebrates Songs of Praise at **Trinity Church, Willingdon, on 23rd September at 4.00 pm**. Please do support this enjoyable event which enables us to share our worship in music and prayer.

Counters for St. George's Church - we are looking for volunteers who enjoy counting money! This only takes a few minutes after Mass on Sundays. Two volunteers each week count the Offertory, fill in a simple document, then bank the cash with the local Post Office, or in Eastbourne branch of HSBC if this is preferred. Training is given and full support is always available. Please contact Anne Bowe – 07808175455.

CAFOD family fast day this year is on Friday 5th October. We are asked to eat only a simple meal that day and to give the savings to help the poorest people in the world especially with clean drinking water. So please be generous with your donations on Saturday/Sunday 6th/7th October when special envelopes will be available. Thank you.

Film Club: 23 September (2014). After emergency surgery a boy tells his experience of going to heaven and back. All showings start at 3 pm.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- Sun 23rd Sept** Boys experience to heaven & back, St G's Hall, 3pm
- Fri 28th Sept** Bereavement Group Meeting, St Wilfrid's Hall, 11.15am
- Sun 30th Sept** St Wilfrid's Harvest Festival, St W's Church, 10.30am
- Sun 30th Sept** Parish Walk & Picnic, Jevington - picnic at Alfriston
- Fri 12th Oct** BINGO, St George's Hall, 7 for 7.30pm start
- Fri 2nd Nov** BINGO, St George's Hall, 7 for 7.30pm start

St Wilfrid's Friday Bereavement Group: will next meet on Friday 28th September at 11.15am. Look forward to seeing you there.

St Wilfrid's 1st Holy Communion 2019: Please give name of child, parent/guardian, email and contact number in an envelope marked "Jackie" and leave in the Presbytery. Thank you.

St Wilfrid's Sales Table: will be open from Sunday 16th Sept. Please come and browse/buy. Any suitable gifts will be most welcome. Please leave either in the church porch or hall suitably labelled "Sales Table". Any queries etc. please contact Joan on 849732 "I'm in Charge". Thank you.

St Wilfrid's Harvest Festival will be celebrated on the 30th September during the family mass at 10:30am. Please can donations be made of fruit and vegetables, to help with the decorations, by Friday 28th September. These will be sold after mass and the proceeds will go to CAFOD. There will be a box in the porch for all donations for the Hailsham Foodbank, you can find a list in the porch - tins, packaged soup, etc... Thank you.

COLLECTIONS: (8th/9th Sept)

St George's	£223.80
Catholic Education Service	£45.20
September Bingo	£80.00
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D	£146.33
St Wilfrid's	£237.35
Catholic Education Service	£67.15
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's	132
St G's	73

Bonus Ball:

Sat 8th September
No: 48
Jan Megan
Wed 5th September
No: 47
John Forde