

PARISH COMMUNITIES OF

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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	17th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - In Honour of Our Lady First Sunday of Lent
(Friday is Lent Fast Day, Envelopes and other contributions will be collected next Sunday)			
Sun	18th	9.00am	St George's - Mrs Elizabeth Shepherd RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention
Mon	19th	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	20th	10.00am	St George's - Flora De Sousa RIP
Wed	21st	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Norman & Angela Wright RIP
Thur	22nd	11.30am	St George's - Seamus O'Maille RIP
Fri	23rd	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Holy Souls' Intention
Sat	24th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Margaret & John Forde's 56th Wedding Anniversary Second, 'Transfiguration' Sunday of Lent (Special Collection: CAFOD Fast Day)
Sun	25th	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:

Initiative

In Response to Gary Westcar's Email

Our Faith on Sunday (Newsletter)

I am grateful to Gary for taking the trouble to contact me about the Newsletter layout. Briefly, this came about because I had been asked by a number of Priests to add the Creed and the Gloria to the Mass readings. We did a run for those who liked this thought and I made a decision to change the Newsletter for us all. What I had not realised was that the print would be too small to be easily read, particularly in a church where the lighting may not be good. So the next editions coming out to you will revert to the old style, without the Gloria or the Creed, with the normal, easy to read font. I am sorry the experiment was not successful.

Gary asked my permission and the outcome is important.

- A) It gives a focus for you to keep the word of God, the scripture on Sunday, available to you for the coming week.
- B) It encourages you especially during the Lenten season, to pray, and like Mary to ponder on the meaning of the life of her beloved Son, Jesus.
- C) Please God, will encourage you to do other good things to live out your faith.

Fr Rory

DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO, SOUTH SUDAN AND ALL THE WORLD.

The Holy Father announced last Sunday that Friday 23rd February - the Friday of the First Week of Lent - has been given this special designation. The Apostolic Nuncio has asked that the Bishops should take whatever initiative they think opportune to favour the participation of the local churches in this Papal initiative. This is also the CAFOD Family Lent Fast Day and so could dovetail into this annual work too, especially as CAFOD has projects in both DRC and South Sudan.

St George's Parish Council Meeting: Friday 2nd March in St George's Hall at 6.15pm.

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.

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.

Advance Diary Notice: The Children's Liturgy Team is holding its annual gathering for all in our Parish at Abbots Wood on Sunday 20th May 2018. More information to follow.

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.

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
- Wed 28th Feb** St Wilfrid's Parish Council Mtg, Parish Centre, 7.30pm
- Fri 2nd March** St George's Parish Council Mtg, St G's Hall, 6.15pm
- 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
- Sun 25th March** Stations of the Cross, St George's Church, 3pm

St Wilfrid's Parish Council Meeting: Wednesday 28th February in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm. Please pass on any items you wish to add to the agenda. Thank you.

Thank You: Guida and family would like to say a big thank you for all the kindness, love and prayers you showed them all.

The Woman's World Day of Prayer Service will be held this year at St Peter and St Paul's Church in Hellingly. 10am on Friday 2nd March. All are welcome.

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, (2005)**, African adventure a boy and his cheetah; **4th March (2015)**, Classic story of Swiss girl; **18th March (1957)**, 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.

COLLECTIONS: (10th/11th Feb)

St George's	£217.00
Lourdes Pilgrimage	£69.46
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D	£176.50
St Wilfrid's	£224.70
Lourdes Pilgrimage	£110.87
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's	182
St G's	96

Bonus Ball:

Sat 10th February
No: TBC

Wed 7th February
No: 57
Colin Forde