

PARISH COMMUNITIES OF

ST GEORGE

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WEEKLY SERVICES

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 Garna RIP
Mon	19th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Feast of St Joseph - Greta Mary Atkins RIP
Mon	19th	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	20th	10.00am	St George's - Mrs Vera Almeida RIP
Wed	21st	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Donor's Intention
Thur	22nd	11.30am	St George's - Johnie Humphries RIP
Fri	23rd	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Holy Souls' Intention
Sat	24th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention
			Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Friday is a day of Fasting and Abstinence, Collection for the Holy Places)
Sun	25th	9.00am	St George's - Mrs Jane Ewer RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Jim Cleary's Anniversary 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:

Holy Week: This truly special time is back on the horizon. As a very young person growing up in Borrisheligh, Holy Week made a big impression. Then, all services were in Latin, but also accompanied by an impressive silence. At that time Lenten fasting was really observed, but life on the farm was at its busiest time. Good Friday made the deepest impression, even though a major chore was thinning the sugar-beet crop – this was left only to be returned to after the service. All in Latin, lost in time, progress was measured in the ringing of the bells and processions..... the kissing of the cross, followed by a quick return to work.

As I reached the seminary, which was in many ways a different world..... Services were now in the vernacular with the Good Friday Service at the heart of our faith.

Leading up to this, one of our professors opened our eyes to think "if we could join that one moment of the history of planet earth, entering Jerusalem with Jesus being welcomed with joy and great acclamation, people shouting and waving palm branches....." Afterwards, the scriptures highlighted the fact that, if people had not done so, the very stones would have cried out. To be cont.....

A menu for Lent: Give up & Instead

DESSERTS

GIVE UP TV one evening a week! **Instead**, talk to someone. There are those who are isolated by illness or age. Why isolate yourself in front of the "tube?" Give someone a precious gift: your time.

GIVE UP buying anything but essentials for yourself! **Instead**, help someone in need. The money you would spend on the luxuries could help someone meet basic needs. We are called to be stewards of God's riches, not consumers.

GIVE UP judging by appearances and by the standard of those around you! **Instead**, learn to give up yourself to God. There is only one who has the right to judge, Jesus Christ.

St George's Lenten Lunches: The last lunch will be held on 22nd March after the 11.30 Mass. We look forward to welcoming friends from both communities. Please put your names on the list at the back of St. George's church, or telephone Margaret Piegrome 870 990.

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.

Holy Week activities in Polegate: The Walk of Witness, Good Friday, 30th March, commencing at 10.00 am from the Community Centre. There is a Service at St. John's Church at 10.30am Saturday 31st March, Singing in the Precinct, 10.00 am. (to be confirmed)
SONRISE on Easter Sunday, the 1st April at 6.30 at Butts Brow. Followed by breakfast at St John's Church. Please let St. John's Church know as soon as possible if you are going to breakfast.

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

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.

EASTER FLOWER COLLECTION AT ST GEORGES: There will be an Easter Flower collection after Mass next Sunday which is Palm Sunday. Thank you all, you are always so generous in your donations.

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

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.

Film Club – the next film will be shown at 4pm in St George's Hall, **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. The last one will be on Palm Sunday, 25th March, which will be followed by Benediction and refreshments in the hall. Everyone is welcome.

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- 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

COLLECTIONS: (10th/11th March)	
St George's	£177.10
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D	£176.50
St Wilfrid's	£201.34
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's 167 St G's 76	
Thank you for your continued generosity	
If you pay tax please use gift aid envelopes.	

Bonus Ball:
Sat 10th March
 No: 50
 Ann Fielder
Wed 7th March
 No: 29
 John Forde