

PARISH COMMUNITIES OF

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WEEKLY SERVICES

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
Mon	23rd	10.00am	St George's - Feast of St George , Vera Almeida RIP
Mon	23rd	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	24th	10.00am	St George's - Dolly & Dudley Rudd RIP
Wed	25th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Aurora Perez Anniversary RIP
Thur	26th	10.00am	St George's - Holy Souls' Intention
Fri	27th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Joyce Kwong RIP
Sat	28th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention Fifth Sunday of Easter
Sun	29th	9.00am	St George's - John & Paul Bree RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Biddy Kerridge'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**.

On Saturday evening we celebrate the dedication of our church at St Wilfrid's; and with such a good and happy outcome for the project, the feelings are ones of gratitude. Please God, it will serve us well and help to build a good parish community.

On Monday, we will celebrate the Feast of St George. I have good memories of previous celebrations, particularly when they were accompanied by ecumenical events, and a drama presentation of the life of St George. There is a lot of historical knowledge of the Saint, but also the reasons that he has such a high national status and is venerated throughout much of the world. He is the Patron Saint of different countries, institutes and organisations working for the wellbeing of others. Outstanding as a martyr, a young soldier and wholly committed to his faith in Christ.

Now, the time leading up to the ascension of our Devine Lord into heaven is the strangest one. The clearest fact that they know, is Jesus has been crucified upon the cross at Calvary, and the tomb where He has been laid is empty. Rumours and stories surround them, with more and more emphasis "He is Risen from the dead". What does it all mean? A focus begins to gather about the "Good News". God's salvation. This salvation has come down from heaven and for true disciples it became clear that this is what they must proclaim "The forgiveness of Sins". Jesus has died in atonement for our sins, and this must be proclaimed to the whole world, beginning in Jerusalem, and the Lord added daily to their numbers. This is still true to this day. We must welcome and invite new members. We are doing this and we will have a special celebration after the ascension. This is still true to this day.

It is right that we should welcome and invite new members. So to do this we will have a special celebration after the ascension. In the meantime, please use this as an opportunity to respond to persons who are interested. *Jr Rory*

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: Please note change of dates. On 6th May we'll show (1960) The story of a castaway family on a desert island. On 20th May we'll see (1943) The story of Saint Bernadette and her visions. There will be a short chat after the film and moreish nibbles for everyone. All showings will start at 3pm.

A Weekend of Discovery, A Lifetime of Love: Enrich your Marriage with a Marriage Encounter Weekend. Margaret Roper Primary School, Purley (Non-Residential), 28th-29th April 2018. This is an enrichment weekend for ordinary good marriages. All discussions are private to the participating couples. Take advantage of a weekend close to you and Give yourselves and your relationship a treat. For further information check out our website: www.wme.org.uk or contact Phil & Mary Pond 020 8651 2477 or email marriage2014@virginmedia.com

DAY FOR YOUTH LEADERS AND CATECHISTS - INSPIRE 2018: On Saturday May 12th, there will be a day for youth leaders, Confirmation catechists and young adult ministers, as well as anybody who is interested. The day will be delivered 'TED Style' with six great speakers each giving a short 20-minute talk. We're delighted to have Will Desmond from Sion/ the ASCENT, Father Nick Crowe from the Dominicans, Lizzie Wakeling, Toby Harman, and others. A fantastic line-up! Bishop Richard will also be with us for the first part of the day. It's all happening at St Joseph's Church, Redhill on Saturday May 12th from 10am to 3.30pm. Tickets are £10 with parish group discounts available. To book, or for more information, Email YMBookings@dabnet.org <<mailto:YMBookings@dabnet.org>>.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Sun 6th May Castaway Family on a Desert Island, St G's Hall, 3pm
Sun 20th May The Annual Children's Liturgy Outing
Sun 20th May The Story, St Bernadette & her visions, 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

The Link Coffee Shop: The Link opened in 1994 as a project overseen by many of the churches in Hailsham. It is staffed by volunteers and shares premises with Southern Books, an independent, but related business. We hope that we provide good, homely food and drinks at a reasonable price and that people feel that it is a happy and friendly place. Its aim is not to make lots of money (as if), but to be a link between the people of Hailsham and the churches.

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

COLLECTIONS: (14th/15th April)

St George's	£241.85
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D	£146.33
St Wilfrid's	£217.67
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's 113 St G's 78	

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 If you pay tax please use gift aid envelopes.

Bonus Ball:

Sat 14th April
 No: 38
 John Forde

Wed 11th April
 No: 28
 John Forde