

PARISH COMMUNITIES OF

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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	22nd	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention Fourth Sunday of Advent, 'O Emmanuel'
Sun	23rd	9.00am	St George's - Mr & Mrs Spadge Burton RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Edmund Ginn RIP
Mon	24th	5.30pm	St Wilfrid's - Christmas Eve and Children's Nativity Mime
Tue	25th	9.30am	St George's - Nativity of the Lord , Family Intention
Wed	26th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - St Stephen & Kathleen Murphy Family Intention
Thur	27th	10.00am	St George's - Eunice & Philip Jenkins Intention
Fri	28th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Holy Souls' Intention
Sat	29th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Kitty Baker RIP The Holy Family
Sun	30th	9.00am	St George's - Philomena & Michael O'Regan Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention

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

Chairperson of the Finance Committee

Charles Piegrome & Monika Beaver

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

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, tel.841504 or by hand marked **NEWSLETTER**, to Fr. Rory's House by **9am Wednesday**.

Fr Rory Writes:

Thank you to everyone who helps organise and supports the wellbeing of our parish.

All our love and blessings at the joyful season of Christmas.

Much of the world will hear "Glad tidings; for today a saviour is born to us, He is Christ Jesus Our Lord". At this time it is hard to avoid hearing the good news. History will tell us that through the centuries this message has shone out. The results are equally to be recognised. A century ago, a horrific war had just received a blessed ceasefire. Both sides fighting, killing, murdering were protagonists claiming to be Christian. This reflects reality. By God sending His message of salvation delivered by the Arch Angel Gabriel was His recognition of the fallen state of human nature and the need for divine intervention.

So the Son of God is born into this world and in him is the means of our salvation. It is the witness of His life, especially His death but also the message of the Gospel in which He shows us the way to the Father. His statement "By their fruits you shall know them. Good trees bear good fruit". Many people while not claiming to be Christian bear the fruit that speaks far louder than words. Many who announce it by the suits they wear will be judged more by the fruits of their actions. We continue to rejoice in His promise but above all we hope in His promises. Have a happy Christmas and look forward to His love for us through the year to come. God bless and keep you.

Fr Rory

The Government Data Protection rule requires everyone to fill in and return the form which is available at the back of the churches. Failure to complete this form means that the church is not allowed to keep any information about you - e.g. names, addresses, telephone and email details. Therefore, the church could no longer keep contact with you as a full parishioner. We are sorry to be so blunt, but it is a Government requirement. So, Please fill in the form quickly as possible and return it to the Welcomers at St George's and posted through the Presbytery door at St Wilfrid's (For the Attention of Jackie) before Christmas if possible. Thank you.

St George's Love in a Box: by the time you read this, our donations will be well on their way to children in Romania. A super effort from the parish saw 30 boxes, a dozen blankets and over £40 in cash donations raised for this lovely charity. Well done and thank you to everyone who contributed, in whatever they did.

Dolores Giles would like to say thanks to all the people who have prayed for her and sent messages since she had her knee operation 3 weeks ago. She hopes to be able to see you all as soon as possible.

Deacon John and Tessa thank you all for your cards and good wishes for the season. We wish you all a happy and Holy Christmas and a New Year filled with blessings, love and good health.

St George's Church: There will be no tea/coffee after Mass on Sunday 23rd December and Thursday 27th 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.

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Christmas Eve Nativity Mime, St Wilfrid's Church, 5.30pm
Sun 30th Dec Christmas Party, St Wilfrid's Hall, 3-6pm

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.

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.

St Wilfrid's Sale Table: The final amount we have made for "World Gifts" through CAFOD is £80, including a £10 donation. We have chosen to buy 2 x Goats @ £28 each and 2 x Drought Resistant Crop Sets @ £12 each, total £80.

Thank you so much to everyone who provided gifts and bought bargains from our overflowing table. It has been a good social gathering and source of conversation, as well as providing money for deserving projects. We have to close our table until Sunday 6th January 2019, when we will have opening bargains for all. The space we occupy is needed for parties etc. over the Christmas period. Please continue to leave goods for sale, suitably marked in the church porch. Don't forget any unwanted Christmas Gifts! Thank you.

The Knights of St Columba and SPUC have launched a year long Rosary for the unborn. They ask you all to begin on 28 December, Holy Innocents Day, and pray for those facing a crisis pregnancy at this time.

COLLECTIONS: (15th/16th Dec)

St George's	£200.40
Flowers	£95.45
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D	£146.33
St Wilfrid's	£253.42
Age UK East Sussex	£121.03
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's 102 St G's 88	
Thank you for your continued generosity	
If you pay tax please use gift aid envelopes.	

Bonus Ball:

Sat 15th December
No: 19
Geraldine Hillick

Wed 12th December
No:53
Bill O'Rourke