

# PARISH COMMUNITIES OF

## ST GEORGE

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## ST WILFRID

South Road  
Hailsham



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### WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	27th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Mrs Sylvia Galea RIP <b>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>(Voluntary Collection: Catholic Association for Racial Justice Today)</b>
Sun	28th	9.00am	St George's - Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Peter Robinson RIP
Mon	29th	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	30th	10.00am	St George's - Paddy & Rose Falkner RIP
Wed	31st	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Francis & Charlotte Gaynor RIP
Thur	1st	10.00am	St George's - Vera Almeida RIP
Fri	2nd	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Holy Souls' Intention
Sat	3rd	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Marie Kelly RIP <b>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>(Special Collection for the Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund next Sunday)</b>
Sun	4th	9.00am	St George's - In Remembrance of Mr & Mrs Matthews
		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 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 Line .....Jean 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](mailto:ssgeorge.wilfrid@btinternet.com), tel.841504 or by hand marked **NEWSLETTER**, to Fr. Rory's House by **9am Wednesday.**

**Fr Rory Writes:**

Report back to Bishop Richard - Eastbourne Deanery Entering A New Space

Listening in the Parishes - Methods and Results

- 6 Parishes
- Facilitated meetings and/or questionnaires
- Evenings, day times, weekends
- Attendance poor (n=5) to 30% of congregation
- Attitude from apathy to keen engagement
- Gathered initial responses but less in-depth thought on application of ideas

To be aware of the number and age profile of the clergy in 2030 is important, but it does not truly address the life of faith for all God's people in 2030. On the Feast of Corpus Christi last year, very much blessed by the ministry of Peter Robinson, we celebrated in the afternoon a very graceful service that could take place in the absence of a priest.

Based upon our mission to communicate God's love on W.W.W. (Water, Word and Worship). The waters of baptism, the word - Holy Scripture and Worship our response to God through which we are nourished. In the coming years, please God, we may truly develop this.

This Sunday is Racial Justice Sunday. (Galatians 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus). In a world steeped in violence, conflict, and discrimination this is a great opportunity to promote the values of the Gospel that speak of the dignity of the human person, the priorities of building peace, prosperity, just living for all, and the appreciation of one another. Please visit catholicnews.org.uk/racial-justice-Sunday-2018 for more information. I hope to be away next weekend and Fr Kieran Gardiner is filling in for me.

*Fr Rory*

**Humor in our healing ministry:** "Laugh and the world laughs with you." "Laughter is music of the spheres, language of the gods." And it's fine medicine. Laughter exercises the face, shoulders, diaphragm, and abdomen. The breathing deepens, the heart rate rises, and the blood is more oxygenated. Endorphins are released, pain thresholds are raised, and some studies suggest that even immune systems are boosted. Norman Cousins, in *Anatomy of an Illness as Perceived by the Patient*, tried laughter therapy, and found that ten minutes of hearty laughter could give him two hours of pain-free sleep. When you laugh, others laugh too. Laughter is a contagious, highly effective, totally organic medicine. It has no side effects, and no one is allergic to it. Did you have your dose of laughter today? Jesus may have burst into hearty laughter when he watched Zacchaeus climb down from the sycamore tree. Perhaps he also had at least a mischievous smile when Peter started sinking in his attempt to walk on water. Then why don't we too have a hearty laugh in the worshipping community in the real presence of our Lord?

**New Recruit:** Barry Megan has had to retire from the Mill Hill Missionary role of local Secretary, due to ill health. We need someone to replace him as soon as possible, to co-ordinate the collection of money from the red Mill Hill boxes and oversee the total amount sent to the Association for the Propagation of Faith Mill Hill. Also needed is more collectors of the red boxes from the people of the St. George Parish. Please get in touch with Barry or Father Rory. This Mission is a great support to many Priests and Sisters in many areas of work abroad in spreading the Faith. Please give it your consideration and phone Barry on Polegate 483465. Many thanks

**Evenings of Reflection with Bishop Richard 2018:**  
Thursday February 8th - St Joseph's Church, Epsom, Thursday February 22nd - St Michael's Church, Worthing, Saturday March 3rd - St John's Seminary, Wonersh, Saturday March 10th - St Mary Magdalene's, Bexhill. All evenings run from 7pm to 9pm. **BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL.** Contact [Jack.Regan@dabnet.org](mailto:Jack.Regan@dabnet.org)

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**  
**Sun 4th Feb** Film Club, St George's Hall, 4pm  
**Fri 9th Feb** St George's Parish Council Meeting, St G's Hall, 6.15pm

**Help Required:** 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. Thank you.

**Called by Name Retreat:** Called by Name is a vocation retreat for young adults (aged 18-35) being held 9 - 11th February at Worth Abbey, Crawley. It offers an opportunity for you to tune-in more deeply to the call of Christ in your life, to discern His will for you, discover deeper meaning and direction in your life, and to grow in the trust and freedom to respond generously to the Gospel. The weekend will include talks from a range of speakers from different walks of life, spiritual accompaniment, and space for prayer and reflection. The retreat is not aimed only at those discerning a possible call to religious life/priesthood, but to every young person seeking to know and live the call of Christ. The cost is £63 for students/unwaged, £105 waged, and includes meals and accommodation. To book, or for more info, please contact Katrina on [TOC@worth.org.uk](mailto:TOC@worth.org.uk) / 01342 710318.

<b>COLLECTIONS: (20th/21st Jan)</b>	
<b>St George's</b>	£226.73
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D	£176.50
<b>St Wilfrid's</b>	£241.21
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's 220 St G's 95	
<b>Thank you for your continued generosity</b>	

**Bonus Ball:**  
**Sat 20th January**  
No:  
No Winner  
**Wed 17th January**  
No: 46  
John Forde