

PARISH COMMUNITIES OF

ST GEORGE

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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	1st	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Deceased Relatives of the Gaglioni Family RIP
			First Sunday of Advent
Sun	2nd	9.00am	St George's - Mr K C Mathew RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Jack Coleman (28th Anniversary) RIP
Mon	3rd	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	4th	10.00am	St George's - Deceased members of Lodrick Family RIP
Wed	5th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Norman & Angela Wright RIP
Thur	6th	10.00am	St George's - Mary O'Donoghue's Intention
Fri	7th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Hernon & O'Donoghue Deceased Family Members RIP
Sat	8th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Mrs Elsie Brown
			Second Sunday of Advent
Sun	9th	9.00am	St George's - Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Kenneth & Jean Compton 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 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 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, 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, Edmund Ginn and Chris Neyenhuizen.

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:

Advent: and a new year as we continue on our journey into the fulness of life in His Kingdom. A new year gives us a chance for a fresh start. It is a new page as we try to move on; and though there is no magic formula to put right all the ill's and injuries of the past, we can raise fresh faith and trust as food for our journey.

As we begin this year in the life of our parish, a most important focus is "for a new generation". Reality tells us that we are beginning almost from ground zero, and although 30 years ago we were in a similar situation with our focus then on renew with its launch, the diocese availed of Brighton & Hove Albion football grounds. Each parish was presented with a small oak tree as a symbol; from small acorns large oak trees grow.

As it expressed from the small acorn great trees grow. Each parish was entrusted with an acorn, a small oak. It would be very interesting to see what has become of them throughout our Diocese. The only one I know is from the parish I was in then, St Paul's in Haywards Heath. The tree at least is flourishing, but I do not know what has happened to the tree for St George and St Wilfrid and many more!

Fr Rory

Lights of Love

St George's Church is delighted to invite you to celebrate in remembrance of our loved ones and the work undertaken at the Hospice. It is an opportunity for us to be together, as we reflect and remember. **Tuesday, the 11th December, at 7.00 pm.** A carefully selected service of readings, poetry and carols, will be followed by mince pies and mulled wine as we share memories in the Hall. Everyone is welcome.

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.

St George's Children Liturgy (CL): CL will run on Sun 2nd Dec and not Sun 9th December (this is due to no leaders available). On Sun 16th December, the children will enjoy a Christingle service. We urgently need more CL help, if you would like to be involved as a leader or helper please contact Sandra.

Sunday 2nd December, 3pm Las Posadas – All parishioners from both our churches, along with their family and friends, are invited to this traditional Mexican Advent Celebration in St George's Hall. We will pray the joyful mysteries of the Rosary and share Christmas foods together. This event is particularly good for bringing our children and more mature parishioners together so please do support. If attending and you can, bring an item of buffet food as a donation. More information on poster at back of church or text/call Sandra on 07791 627368

Homeless in Eastbourne: This year we will be collecting toiletries, gloves, hats, scarves, men's and women's new vest/pants & socks for the homeless in Eastbourne. If you have anything to give, please mark "homeless" and leave in the church porch at St George's and St Wilfrid's. Thank you.

St George's Film Club next showing will be: December 9th, wonderful animation about the nativity. All showings start at 3 p.m.

Christmas cards are on sale at the back of St. George's Church

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Sun 2nd Dec Las Posadas, St George's Hall, 3pm
Thurs 6th Dec St George's Parish Meeting, St George's Hall, 8.45am
Fri 7th Dec BINGO, St George's Hall, 7 for 7.30pm start
Sat 8th Dec New Generation for our Church, St G's Hall, 10am-11am
Sun 9th Dec Film Club, Animation Nativity, St George's Hall, 3pm
Sun 23rd Dec Children's Christmas Craft, St George's Hall, 1pm

The **Rosary** will be said throughout Advent at St Wilfrid's Hospice, Eastbourne. This will take place every Thursday at 10.45am. All welcome to this mediation. Starting on Thursday 29th November until Thursday 20th December.

St George's & St Wilfrid's Church: Changed Date. Fr Rory has called An Open Meeting on 8th Dec at 10am in St George's Hall. Please make every effort to attend, as he will be talking about the future of the church and the Bishop's plans for 2030.

Sunday 23rd December, 1pm Children's Christmas craft, St George's Hall, followed by Film Club. All St George's & St Wilfrid's children along with any family or friends are welcome to this craft afternoon, and if appropriate (i.e.: old enough), they are welcome to stay without their parents. The film club will commence from 3pm for all parishioners with a Nativity film. Film club usually finishes at around 5.30pm so parents leaving children will have time to organise a little of their Christmas if they wish! Additional helpers for this activity are being sought, contact Sandra on 07791 627368 if you can help.

Festive Evening of Fun and a Delicious Dinner on Saturday 8th December: At Our Lady of Ransom, Meads Road, Eastbourne, 6.45pm for 7.15pm. Menu: Irish Curry (Chicken/Veggie) & Rice, Sherry Trifle Dessert, Tea/Coffee & Mint Chocs. Tickets just £10. from Maura 01323 430532 or the Parish Office, Grange Road 01323 723222. This event is to raise funds to assist a few local Lourdes Redshirts Youth Helpers to join the diocese's youth pilgrimage.

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

COLLECTIONS: (24th/25th Nov)

St George's £TBC
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D £146.33
St Wilfrid's £TBC
Weekly aver. of DD £204.60
Attendances: St W's TBC St G's TBC
Thank you for your continued generosity
If you pay tax please use gift aid envelopes.

Bonus Ball:

Sat 24th November
No: TBC
Wed 21st November
No: 9
Jane Kerridge