

PARISH COMMUNITIES OF

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ST WILFRID

South Road
Hailsham



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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	29th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Mrs Kitty Baker RIP
			The Holy Family
Sun	30th	9.00am	St George's - Margaret Gearing Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention
Mon	31st	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	1st	10.00am	St George's - Private Intention
Wed	2nd	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Sally's Family Intention
Thur	3rd	10.00am	St George's - Dobson Family Intention
Fri	4th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Holy Souls' Intention
Sat	5th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Wadey & Encinas Deceased Family Members
			The Epiphany of the Lord
Sun	6th	9.00am	St George's - Margaret Gearing 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 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

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:

Peace Sunday - 20th January 2019
'Good politics serves peace'
Pope Francis - World Peace Message 2019

The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year's Peace Sunday seems amazingly appropriate to the situation in England and Wales as we approach Brexit's March 29 deadline: 'Good politics serves peace' - and, whatever your view of the 2016 referendum, the last two years of negotiation or the current state of play, it is obvious that we need such 'Good Politics' right now.

People are hurting. The UK is divided. Our national conversation has broken down. Whether you're one of the 52% or the 48%, or someone who wishes you'd voted the other way, or someone who simply wishes you'd voted; whether you're a younger voter who blames the old or an older voter who feels misunderstood by the young, I can't remember a time when we have felt so at odds with each other, so angry with each other. It isn't simply that there are 'Brexit' and 'Remain' parts of the country. It is families and friendship groups which are divided.

We need new peace-making skills right here at home. Fortunately the Catholic Peace Movement, Pax Christi, has a long history of promoting conflict-resolution and sharing the Gospel of Peace. To find out more about their work, or to join, contact: Pax Christi, Christian Peace Education Centre, St Joseph's, Watford Way, London, NW4 4TY. <http://paxchristi.org.uk/> or email: info@paxchristi.org.uk

White Flower Appeal 2019
12th & 13th January

Please be a friend to unborn babies and their mothers. In 2019 we could see changes to abortion law in England and Wales to decriminalise abortion which would:

Allow abortion for any reason at all, up to 24 weeks of pregnancy.

Make it lawful for anyone, medically qualified or not, to supply pills or instruments for abortion.

Make it much easier for abusive men to coerce women into having an abortion.

Please support our campaign to ask the Prime Minister to stop abortion decriminalisation in our country by filling in your White Flower postcard. www.spuc.org.uk

Fr Rory

Wishing Everyone A Very Happy New Year

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) by 6th January 2019. Thank you.

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:

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.

St Wilfrid's Sale Table: 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.

COLLECTIONS: (22nd/23rd Dec)
St George's £172.02
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D £146.33
St Wilfrid's £378.51
Weekly aver. of DD £204.60
Attendances: St W's 147 St G's 61
Thank you for your continued generosity
If you pay tax please use gift aid envelopes.

Bonus Ball:
Sat 22nd December
No: 31
Fr Rory
Wed 19th December
No:
No Winner