

# PARISH COMMUNITIES OF

## ST GEORGE

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## ST WILFRID

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Hailsham



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### WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	2nd	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention <b>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>(Special Collection for the Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund next Sunday)</b>
Sun	3rd	9.00am	St George's - Peggy Ryan RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - John Butlers Intention
Mon	4th	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	5th	10.00am	St George's - Jeremiah, Maureen & Families Intention
Wed	6th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Margaret & Harry Wright RIP
Thur	7th	10.00am	St George's - Greta Mary Atkins RIP
Fri	8th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Holy Souls' Intention
Sat	9th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Fr Eric Wright RIP <b>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>(Special Collection Today for the Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund)</b>
Sun	10th	9.00am	St George's - Cielly Matthew RIP
		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 Line .....Jean 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, Julliette Lusted, Evelyn South, Jennifer Piskac, Margaret Gearing, Joshua Hardy, Peter & Teresa Zurenkas, Anne & Harry Holt, Margaret, Ann Winter, Tom and Elizabeth Woodrow-Spencer, Dorothy Hanlon, Margaret Westcar, Bill O'Rourke, Chris Neyenhuizen and Judith Bourke.

**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.**

Office Hours Monday 9am-1pm, Wednesday 8.45am-12.45pm & Friday 9am-12.30pm

Fr Rory Writes:

### Advance Notice of Collection for Lourdes Pilgrimage, on 9th/10th February 2019

The theme for the World Day of the Sick invites us to reflect on the phrase "You received without payment; give without payment" (Mt 10:8). Pope Francis in his recent letter on this year's celebration reminds us that "generous gestures like that of the Good Samaritan are the most credible means of evangelisation. Caring for the sick requires professionalism, tenderness, straightforward and simple gestures freely given, like a caress that makes others feel loved".

This sense of service goes to the very heart of what it means to serve our sick, frail and elderly Pilgrims during our week in Lourdes. It is only with your help and support that we can manage to take so many with us, who, in other circumstances, could not begin to contemplate the journey, let alone the financial burden that a week in France entails.

We continue to be aware that there are infinite demands on finite pockets, but we hope you will be able to support us again this year, so that we, as a diocese, can serve so many of our vulnerable friends and family.



#### Film Club:

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb (1963) The legendary Jason goes in search of the Golden Fleece. All showings start at 3 pm.

**Rosary:** will be said on Thursdays at 10.45am at St Wilfrid's Hospice, Eastbourne, until Easter Thursday 2019.

**National Board for Catholic Women: Day with Bishop Richard** on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, from 10am to 1pm, at the St Philip Howard Centre (formerly DABCEC). Explore ways to engage with 'The Word who is Life'. Book at [nbcw@rcdab.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:nbcw@rcdab.onmicrosoft.com)

**Beginning Experience:** *A weekend away for a lifetime of change:* For those who are struggling with being single again – whether separated, divorced or bereaved. This weekend programme helps you move from the darkness of your grief into the light of a new beginning. Please contact Freda 01322 838415 / Sandra 0293 783965 or email John at [johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk)

**Day of Reflection for Readers:** Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February at St Dunstan's Church, Shaftesbury Road, Woking GU22 7DT, 11.00am-4.00pm Led by Bishop Richard, with talks on the Scriptures, the Lectionary, the Liturgy of the Word, preparing to read, and practical aspects of the ministry. There will be a time of Lectio Divina, and the day will end with Mass. Registration from 10.30am. Refreshments provided. Please bring a packed lunch. Booking ESSENTIAL – please email [ruth.gerun@dabnet.org](mailto:ruth.gerun@dabnet.org) or telephone (01293) 651164. *Please note that priority will be given to people who have not previously attended a readers' day with Bishop Richard.*

**Diocesan Pastoral Service for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing:** Signed Mass on the first Saturday of each month at 1pm, at St John the Evangelist, Springfield Road, Horsham, followed by tea. Check the A&B News to confirm dates.

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

**Sat 2nd Feb** St Wilfrid's Table Top Sale, St Wilfrid's Hall, 10am-3pm  
**Tue 5th Feb** St George's Parish Council Meeting, St G's Hall, 10.30am  
**Sun 10th Feb** Film Club, St George's Hall, 3pm

**St Wilfrid's Indian Community:** A Couple of weeks ago our Indian Community held a "Get Together" in the Hall. This was to celebrate Christmas and New Year as several members had gone home to Kerala, the area where the majority of our Indian Community come from. About 40 adults and their children attended the party. Plenty of Indian food was cooked and eaten. Stories were told through special dances performed by the younger ladies, some of whom were very stiff and aching the next day as they had not practiced for sometime! In all a very happy time was had by all. It is lovely that they can get together now and then to celebrate their traditions and customs and pass them on to their children. What a blessing it is to be able to hire our hall out to them or indeed anyone who would like to hire it for a function. For details please contact Jackie on 01323 841504 to be able to hire St Wilfrid's Hall.

**St Wilfrid's Annual Table Top Sale:** Well it took place on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, as advertised, but of course you will have to wait until next week's issue of the newsletter to know the results! In the meantime a genuine big "Thank You" to all of you who helped in anyway. Watch this space next week for details and amount raised.

**St Wilfrid's Children's Liturgy:** How blessed we are at St Wilfrid's with good leaders to help our children through the liturgy each week, and the First Holy Communion children being instructed in a very meaningful way. The children themselves gaining in confidence each week as we saw at the Children's Mass last week. The regular attendance of our Altar Servers, Lectionary, Music, use of the screen for words of hymns, small choir and ourselves make it an enjoyable experience each week. Fr Rory too is gaining in confidence as he realises we are all behind him. He is our Shepherd, we are his sheep.

**St Wilfrid's:** Please could we ask that the Disabled Bay is kept clear for the use of disabled people only. Thank you.

#### COLLECTIONS: (26th/27th Jan)

St George's	£202.74
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D	£146.33
St Wilfrid's	£266.44
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's 187 St G's 87	
<b>Thank you for your continued generosity</b>	
If you pay tax please use gift aid envelopes.	

#### Bonus Ball:

**Sat 26th January**  
No: 45  
Chris Brown

**Wed 23rd January**  
No:  
No Winner