

# PARISH COMMUNITIES OF

## ST GEORGE

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## ST WILFRID

South Road  
Hailsham



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### WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	5th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Wadey & Encinas Deceased Family Members <b>The Epiphany of the Lord</b>
Sun	6th	9.00am	St George's - Margaret Gearing Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention
Mon	7th	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	8th	10.00am	St George's - Angela & Michael Archers Intention
Wed	9th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Gaynor Family's Deceased Relatives
Thur	10th	10.00am	St George's - Dr Ismay Crotty RIP
Fri	11th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Mary Atkins RIP
Sat	12th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Our Lady's Intention <b>The Baptism of the Lord</b> <b>(Special Collection next Sunday for Pax Christi)</b>
Sun	13th	9.00am	St George's - McCann Family 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 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, 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](mailto:ssgeorge.wilfrid@btinternet.com), tel.841504 or by hand marked **NEWSLETTER**, to Fr. Rory's House by **9am Wednesday.**

Fr Rory Writes:

### A Story to tell for the New Year:

As part of my Christmas correspondence I experienced a real blast from the past. Almost forty years ago, the person who recently contacted me was involved in a horrific traffic accident.

He was then a young parishioner driving the fire engine to an emergency call out, when he crashed on black ice and sustained serious injuries, leaving him partly paralysed and confined to a wheel chair. Eventually when he acquired a specially adapted car as a means of transport, he asked me to come and bless it. He and his family became a great inspiration to our parish, and as part of the support that he received from the church, the Hymn "Walk with me, O my Lord, through the darkest night and brightest day, Be at my side O Lord", had become a parish anthem and a great source of inspiration which remains with me to this day. As he told me that he reads this piece each week, so I confirm his question/statement all those years ago, that I did not trust him in parking his newly acquired adapted means of transport because of the serious nature of his injuries. He knew how big a challenge it was to safely park up. It had been snowing and it would not look good if the first thing that happened after my blessing, was to have a crash. Well when it was safely parked, we said adapted car served him well. He and his family "The Lemon Family" were a great inspiration. His wife Margaret is also an incredible person. Indeed an inspirational family all through the years. A great priest called Fr Peter deATH was great support and has long been remembered. May God bless and keep them.

Following on with Bishop Richard's extended process of consultation, instruction and inspiration as a shared plan for the development of our Diocese for project 2030, he has asked us to distribute throughout the Diocese "The Word who is Life" leaflet, so please pick one up from the church porch. Next week there is an optional collection for the "White Flower Appeal".

*Fr Rory*

### Catholic Children's Society - Crib Offering

Please consider making a donation at the Crib. Every penny you donate will go into the Catholic Children's Society's A&B Crisis Fund to provide emergency support for families in our Diocese. Thank you.

**St. Wilfrid's Hospice** have written to thank St. George's Church for the gift of £500. They are very grateful for this donation as it could pay for a Registered Nurse to provide care on their inpatient unit for five days. This will support St. Wilfrid's Hospice patients, their families and carers. This generosity really will make a difference.

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

**Justice & Peace Assembly 2019:** 'Slavery On Our Doorsteps', Saturday 26th January, from 10am (coffee from 9.30). Learn about the slave trade hidden under your nose and how you can help those affected. Speakers from the Santa Marta Group and Sussex Police. To book contact Rosie Read, Formation Secretary at [rosie.read@dabnet.org](mailto:rosie.read@dabnet.org) Tel: 01293 651161

**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.

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

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

**Tue 8th Jan** St George's Parish Meeting, St George's Hall, 10.30am

**Christmas Party:** Room for everyone. Lovely to see our friends from St George's join us, especially the children. Tables beautifully laid up and filled with happy people chatting away. The children had their own space at the end of the hall where supervised games of all sorts were organised by Annette, Emily and Sophie. The "Conga" wound its way in and out of the hall with grown ups joining in. So much fun and laughter was enjoyed by all. Father Christmas was a great hit, every child received a present from him. A "help yourself" buffet was beautifully presented with such a variety of food. Tea and coffee were served throughout and soft drinks for the children. "Pass the Parcel" for children and grown ups was a great hit. What more could anyone want for just £3 each grown up and children free. A BIG THANK YOU to our team of helpers, they certainly did us proud. Tea at the Ritz could not have been better!

The only person missing was Fr Rory who is suffering with a terrible cold. Please God, he will soon be better.

**Age UK East Sussex:** would like to thank our parishioners for supporting them. The collection taken after their talk on Sunday 9th December raised a total of £121.03. This will go towards providing ongoing services in and around Hailsham and East Sussex.

**St Wilfrid's Sale Table:** Will re-open on Sunday 6th January 2019, when we will have opening bargains for all. Please continue to leave goods for sale, suitably marked in the church porch. Don't forget any unwanted Christmas Gifts! Thank you.

### COLLECTIONS: (29th/30th Dec)

<b>St George's</b>	£168.76
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D	£146.33
<b>St Wilfrid's</b>	£241.42
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's TBC St G's 66	
<b>Thank you for your continued generosity</b>	
If you pay tax please use gift aid envelopes.	

### Bonus Ball:

<b>Sat 29th December</b>
No: 28
John Forde
<b>Wed 26th December</b>
No: 1
Loretta Fry