

# PARISH COMMUNITIES OF

## ST GEORGE

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## ST WILFRID

South Road  
Hailsham



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### WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	6th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Jack & Sally Armitage Intention <b>The Epiphany of the Lord</b> <b>(Voluntary Collection for Pax Christi next Sunday)</b>
Sun	7th	9.00am	St George's - Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Kevin O'Prey RIP
Mon	8th	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	9th	10.00am	St George's - Deirdre Mary Beale (3rd Anniversary) RIP
Wed	10th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Jack Ryan RIP
Thur	11th	10.00am	St George's - Peg O'Rourke RIP
Fri	12th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Holy Souls' Intention
Sat	13th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - John Barnes RIP <b>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>(Voluntary Special Collection Today for Pax Christi)</b>
Sun	14th	9.00am	St George's - John Bree RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Deceased Relatives & Friends of Sinnott Family

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:**

With the new year now on its way, it is time to get on with our job. With our first parish communities' meetings taking place, it is important to recognise the scale of the challenge that is presented. **Vision for Mission**, which was introduced to the deaneries by Bishop Richard, is a good focus for the challenge to come. He began by showing us a power-point presentation quoting from the Bible and several church documents. He reminded us that Christ promised to be with his church until the end of time and so the Holy Spirit is with us and we should pray earnestly to Him.

I heard very positively from Fr Raglan how well received and impressed they were with our presentations at the first deanery meeting in response to this. St George's community played a big part. The next meeting is on Monday 25th of January.

I recently re-read the script on St George and the Dragon, presented on 23rd April 2014 when St George's Church hosted an ecumenical occasion for the churches in Polegate. In medieval symbolism George represented the ordinary good Christian who has a daily fight to overcome evil, while the serpent dragon is Satan, the arch demon, who tempts us to forsake God. Another quotation from the script states that "We need to turn to God, asking Him to save our country, and to bring England back to be a centre of Christendom.

At St Wilfrid's we have just paid the last instalment on our new church and it serves us beautifully and also practically. So we must do our best to bring new life and hope and truly become active and living witnesses to a life of faith.

Also very important to us is that next Sunday we have a special collection for Pax Christi. The work of Pax Christi is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Our vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, we work with all who share our values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice. For further information or to donate online: [www.paxchristi.org.uk](http://www.paxchristi.org.uk)



**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

**The Eastbourne Catenian Carol Service at St George's**, led by Deacon John and supported by John Winter on the organ and Laura Fear on the clarinet, was a very enjoyable occasion. Sadly, the service was not well supported by parishioners from either St George's or St Wilfrid's. They missed out on an excellent evening of carols and readings in preparation for the celebration of the Nativity. £130 was raised, which was shared between two children's charities, the Catenian children's charity "Embrace" and our local children's charity "Children with Cancer".

**Thank you:** Deacon John & Tessa wish to say a big thank you to all who gave cards and gifts to us this Christmas. We wish you every happiness and blessings for 2018.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

**Sun 7th Jan** Film Club, St George's Hall, 3pm  
**Wed 10th Jan** Parish Council Meeting, St Wilfrid's Hall, 7pm  
**Sat 27th Jan** Table Sale, St Wilfrid's Hall, 10am-3pm

**Table Sale - St Wilfrid's:** We will be holding a table sale on Saturday 27th January, 10am to 3pm in St Wilfrid's Church Hall. If you have any unwanted Christmas presents or items that are suitable for our sale, please leave in the church hall or church porch. Thank you.

**The New Year**

**G.K.Chesterton** once said: "The object of a new year is not that we should have a new year. It is that we should have a new soul". So we pray: God of this New Year, we are travelling into the unknown. We face the future, not knowing what the days and months will bring us or how we will respond. So deepen our faith to see all of life through your eyes, and fill us with hope.

**What is your New Year resolution?****Why not help to make a difference in the fight against poverty and injustice by volunteering for CAFOD?**

CAFOD, The Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are currently looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help them in their work. There are many ways to get involved such as in local schools, the parish or with fundraising, campaigning and more. If you would like more information or feel that you could help CAFOD then please contact Martin on 01483 898866 or email [arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk](mailto:arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk)

**COLLECTIONS: (30th/31st Dec)**

<b>St George's (23rd/24th Dec)</b>	£198.00
<b>St George's</b>	£154.99
SPUC Collection	£45.72
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D	£176.50
<b>St Wilfrid's (23rd/24th Dec)</b>	£220.61
<b>St Wilfrid's</b>	£362.89
SPUC Collection	£102.12
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's TBC St G's 62	
<b>Thank you for your continued generosity</b>	
If you pay tax please use gift aid envelopes.	

**Bonus Ball:****Sat 23rd December**

No: 41  
Maeve O'Rourke

**Sat 30th December**

No: 34  
Betty Byrne

**Wed 27th December**

No: 50  
Davina Piper