

PARISH COMMUNITIES OF

ST GEORGE

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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	8th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Mrs Elsie Brown RIP Second Sunday of Advent (Special Collection for Christmas Flowers at St Wilfrid's)
Sun	9th	9.00am	St George's - Alwyn De Sousa RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention
Mon	10th	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	11th	10.00am	St George's - Margaret & Jeff Boots Intention
Wed	12th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Margaret & John Forde's Intention
Thur	13th	9.30am	St George's - Sacrament of Reconciliation and Benediction
Thur	13th	10.00am	St George's - Rita Dobson RIP
Fri	14th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - James Lesley Westcar (11th Anniversary) RIP
Sat	15th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Deceased members of Brown & Quinlan Families RIP Third 'Gaudete' Sunday of Advent
Sun	16th	9.00am	St George's - Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Special Intention 1st Anniversary

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:

With the lighting of the first Advent Candle, a new year in our life of faith is well underway and with it, the challenge to keep up with events is on. The first candle, termed "the Candle of Hope" is very appropriate. It is most important that we can hold on to this.

One of our first services is at St George's Church and is for St Wilfrid's Hospice "Lights of Love". Each year this is a very special occasion and well worth attending. Our thanks to those who prepare it and then from our community, those who provide the music, mulled wine and mince pies.

With the time of enquiry now over, those who have decided to join in the Catholic faith will be received on the 4th Sunday in Advent. Forms are available and they will become members of the catechumenate, getting ready to be received into the church at Easter.

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.

The Christmas Craft on Sunday 23rd December has had to be **cancelled**. Hopefully we will try and do something similar at Easter.

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 not run on 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.

St George's Table Sales: In 2018, through three Table Sales in the Hall, we have raised £349 For Polegate Children with Cancer. Many thanks to you all for such great support. The next table sale will be in January 2019.

St George's Church: There will be no Tea/Coffee after Mass on Tuesday 11th December.

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 16th, wonderful animation about the nativity. All showings start at 3 p.m.

Christmas Service Card: Please help with distributing these cards across our town/villages. Even if you can only take 1 or 2 to your local coffee shop/hairdressers/doctors, it will be much appreciated.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Sun 16th Dec Film Club, Animation Nativity, St George's Hall, 3pm
Sat 22nd Dec Rehearsal Nativity Mime, St W's Church, 10-11.30am
Christmas Eve Nativity Mime, St Wilfrid's Church, 5.30pm
Sun 30th Dec Christmas Party, St Wilfrid's Hall, 3-6pm

Rehearsal for Nativity Mime at St Wilfrid's Church: will be on Saturday 22nd December. 10am – 11.30am, parents can drop the children off and collect later.

Nativity Mime on Christmas Eve at St Wilfrid's Church, 5.30pm Mass, a lovely family Mass, all are welcome. Come and celebrate Christmas with our community.

LOVE IN A BOX: A big thank you to all those who contributed to this worthwhile cause. The charity, Mustard Seed in Eastbourne, now have the boxes and they will be delivering them to the children of Moldova.

The next **ENCOUNTER** evening will be Sat 15th Dec, 7.30pm at Our Lady of Ransom Church Hall, Eastbourne. Entrance is free, and there's no need to book. If you haven't been to an ENCOUNTER evening before, they're a great way for Catholic teens and young adults to make friends and explore their faith in a relaxed, welcoming environment.

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 Sales Table: Thank you to everyone who left "goods for sale" and purchased the bargains. A grand total of £80 was raised which covered all the costs for the Children's Liturgy Books, which will be available to peruse on Sunday in the church hall after Mass. Our current fund raising from the sales table is for CAFOD "Third World Gifts", already there is £50 in the pot. Another weeks takings and we can pick which gift we would like to send to these needy people - watch this space.

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 meditation. Running until Thursday 20th Dec.

COLLECTIONS: (1st/2nd Dec)

St George's (24th/25th Nov)	£215.40
S George's	£186.03
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D	£146.33
St Wilfrid's (24th/25th Nov)	£255.14
St Wilfrid's	£253.08
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's TBC St G's	86
<i>Thank you for your continued generosity</i>	

Bonus Ball:

Sat 24th November
No: 10
Dolores Giles
Sat 1st December
No: 57
Jean Barham
Wed 28th November
No: No Winner