

# PARISH COMMUNITIES OF

## ST GEORGE

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## ST WILFRID

South Road  
Hailsham



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### WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	13th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Ellen Kavanagh RIP <b>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</b> (Friday is a day of Fasting & Abstinence, Collection for the Holy Places on Friday)
Sun	14th	9.00am	St George's - Creta O'Neil RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention
		2.30pm	St Georges - Stations of the Cross and Benediction
Mon	15th	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	16th	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>St Wilfrid's</b> - (No Service at St George's) Priest's Intention
Wed	17th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - No Service
	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	St George's - Margaret & Harry Wright & Fr Eric Wright RIP
	<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	St Wilfrid's - Stations of the Cross <b>3.00pm</b> <b>St Wilfrid's &amp; St George's - Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion</b>
	<b>Easter Vigil</b>	<b>8.30pm</b>	St Wilfrid's - <b>Holy Saturday</b> , For Fr Rory from all his friends at St Wilfrid's
<b>Easter Sunday</b>		9.00am	St George's - Priest's 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, Julliette Lusted, Evelyn South, Jennifer Piskac, Margaret Gearing, Joshua Hardy, Peter & Teresa Zurenkas, Anne Holt, Margaret, Ann Winter, Tom and Elizabeth Woodrow-Spencer, Dorothy Hanlon, Margaret Westcar, Bill O'Rourke, Chris Neyenhuizen, Judith Bourke, Fr Rory and Letty & Douglas Booth.

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

**Deacon John Writes:**

This weekend is Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion. During the reading of the Lord's Passion please join in with the words of the crowd. The celebration today is the opening scene of the drama of Holy Week. In it we see two sides of a coin. First, in the procession after the Gospel of the Palm Blessing at the entrance to the Church, when with palms waving we acclaim Jesus as our victorious King as he will overcome sin and death at Easter. Later, during the Passion Gospel, we see the other side of the coin when we are told that in order to win this victory Jesus had to encounter terrible suffering and death. Let us unite ourselves with Jesus in his triumph and in his suffering and pain, and together pray in our hearts that he will make our life and death as meaningful as his. You might like to reflect on something said by the poet William Wordsworth:

*"The best part of someone's life is the little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and of love."* Surely, that is how all of whatever age we may be, and whatever we do in life, can help people. *Deacon John*

**Easter Collection**

The offertory collection over the Easter weekend goes towards the upkeep of Fr Rory your Parish Priest. This collection is only taken twice a year, Christmas and Easter.

**St George's Film Club:**

Next dates for film club are: April 28<sup>th</sup> "Darby O'Gill" (1959) A storyteller seeks the proverbial pot of gold. May 12<sup>th</sup> "Summer Magic" (1963) A charming Disney film about love, mysterious family secrets and small town summer nights. May 26<sup>th</sup> "The adventures of Huck Finn" (1993) The latest adaptation of Mark Twain's timeless story. All showings start at 3 pm.

Please pray for Nayheli Shaw and her parents Robert and Denille. Nayheli is to be baptised on Sunday 21st April at 11am in St George's Church.

**The children's liturgy on Palm Sunday at St. Wilfrid's** will include the children examining all the events of Holy Week including the events surrounding the first mass on Holy Thursday - Jesus death on Good Friday and Resurrection on Easter Sunday. It's hoped as many of the children as possible will attend this.

**Palm Sunday, 2.30pm at St George's:** Our Lady's Way of the Cross and Benediction. Followed by refreshments in the hall.

Please pray for Morgan Mukutirwa who is to be baptised and received into the Church at the Easter Vigil on April 20th.

**Walk of Witness - Good Friday 19 April 2019:**

As usual The Walk of Witness on Good Friday will take place from 10am until 10.30am starting at Polegate Community Centre and ending at St. John's Church Polegate.

**Hailsham Choral Society** will sing J. Maunders 'Olivet to Calvary' on Good Friday the 19. April at St. Mary's Church Hailsham at 7pm. Free concert with retiring collection.

**St George's Bible Study Group:** A Bible Study group takes place every Tuesday at 6 pm. Sessions last 1 hour. For information please ring Merce (07855452741)

**Altar Server Practice:** Could I appeal to all teenage and adult altar servers to attend a rehearsal for the Easter Vigil Service on Good Friday at 5 pm at St Wilfrid's. A minimum of 6 servers required to fulfil all the liturgical activities required for this extremely important Liturgy.

**Important notice for parishioners using St George's Hall -** There have been several instances in the last few weeks of the hall doors being left unlocked, lights not switched off, the cooker switch left on and the heating being left on for 24 hours. If your group uses the hall, the leader, or leader on that day is held responsible for ensuring the hall is left clean, floor swept for the next user, lights and heating switched off, windows shut and doors locked. It is important that the hall is used by parish groups, but with this comes a huge responsibility for its care.

**Choir Practice for Easter Vigil:** Could all who can sing and are willing to help with the Easter Vigil, please attend a choir practice on Tuesday 16th April at 7 pm in St Wilfrid's Church. It is hoped at least a dozen voices will volunteer.

**Two thank yous to Children's Liturgy at St. George's.** First for the lovely daffodils distributed to Mothers on Mothering Sunday and secondly for the Stations of the Cross on Saturday followed by a hunger lunch in aid of CAFOD and a local charity, EMBRACE. Well done.

**Competition:** Don't forget the competition arranged by Sophie who has brought the website up-to-date and interesting to follow. Adults and children, please draw a picture to do with the subject you would like to see included in our new website. It can be any subject you like. Winners will be announced on Easter Sunday, when the prize of a large Easter Egg will be given and the picture put on our website. Please put your name on the back of the picture. Good Luck.

**St George's:** There will be no tea/coffee after Mass on Thursday.

**St Wilfrid's Easter Raffle:** To be drawn in our hall after the 10.30am Mass on Easter Sunday. Tickets are available in the hall after Masses, see Joan/Annette/Sophie. £1 per strip. There are 20 good prizes to be won. All proceeds will go to the church.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

**Tue 16th April** Choir Practice for Easter Vigil, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm  
**Fri 19th April** Altar Server Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 5pm  
**Sun 28th April** Film Club, St George's Hall, 3pm  
**Tue 30th April** St George's Parish Council Mtg, St G's Hall, 10.30am  
**Sun 12th May** Film Club, St George's Hall, 3pm  
**Sat 18th May** St George's Plant Fair, St George's Hall, 10am  
**Sun 19th May** Summer Gathering, Abbots Wood Picnic, 12noon-4pm  
**Sun 26th May** First Holy Communion, St Wilfrid's Church, 10.30am  
**Sun 26th May** Film Club, St George's Hall, 3pm  
**Sun 2nd June** 1st Holy Communion B/fast, St W's Hall, after 10.30 Mass  
**Sun 23rd June** 1st Holy Communion, St George's Church, 9am

**COLLECTIONS: (6th/7th April)**

<b>St George's</b>	£217.60
Easter Flowers	£63.69
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D	£146.33
<b>St Wilfrid's</b>	£271.00
Easter Flowers	£99.21
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's 151 St G's 84	

**Bonus Ball:****Sat 6th April**

No: 21  
Anne Bowe

**Wed 3rd April**

No: 44  
Anne O'Rourke

*Thank you for your continued generosity*