

# PARISH COMMUNITIES OF

## ST GEORGE



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## ST WILFRID

South Road  
Hailsham



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### WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	23rd	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Johanna Lorraine & Family RIP
			<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b>
Sun	24th	9.00am	St George's - Terese Perera RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention
		2.30pm	St Georges - Stations of the Cross
Mon	25th	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	26th	10.00am	St George's - Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Wed	27th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Priest's Intention
Thur	28th	11.30am	St George's - Margaret, Harry and Fr Eric Wright RIP
Fri	29th		St Wilfrid's - No Service
Sat	30th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Priest's Intention
			<b>Fourth 'Laetare' Sunday of Lent</b>
Sun	31st	9.00am	St George's - Ellen Bonner's Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention
		2.30pm	St George's - Stations of the Cross

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, 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 and Fr Rory.

**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 (with the help of Rabbi Harold Kushner:

As we listen to the message of Jesus each week may all we do during Lent prepare us to celebrate Easter. May we grow more like him every day, and show everybody that our faith is about good news of joy and light and life. May he strengthen our faith, and help us grow in our love and care for one another. It has been said that the experience, of Peter, James and John in last Sunday's Gospel helped the apostles to cope with the troubles of life.

How would you feel if you were given a T-shirt with this verse from Isaiah 40 printed on the back?

*Those who trust in the Lord will have their strength renewed.*

*They will mount up with wings as eagles. They will run and not grow weary."*

One person who did said that it taught him where to find God in this unpredictable and often discouraging world. He said it taught him that God is the Power that replenishes, that renews our strength when we have none left. He relates that he learned that God works miracles today by enabling ordinary people to do extraordinary things. He has seen weak people become strong, timid people become brave, selfish people become generous. He has seen people care for their elderly parents, for brain-damaged children, for wives and husbands in wheelchairs, for years, even decades, and he asked himself, where do people get the strength to keep doing that for so long? Where do they get the resources of love and loyalty to keep going?

His answer was based on that T-shirt: That when we are weary and out of strength, we turn to God and He renews our strength, so that we can walk and not feel faint, so that we can run and not grow weary. It taught him where to find God in this unpredictable and often discouraging world.

Today, may we pray that we, and those whose lives have been shattered by what has happened to them, will be able to do the same. May they have their strength renewed, so that they will live their lives with wings as eagles, that they will run and not grow weary.

*Deacon John*

**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.

There will be **Stations of the Cross** at St Wilfrid's on Good Friday at **11am**. All are encouraged to take part in this service.

**St George's Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** – the rotas for Holy Week and the next 3 months are now at the back of the church. Please take your copies as soon as you can. There is an important Reader's Meeting next Saturday (30th) at 11.00 am to help us prepare for Holy Week.

**St George's Gift Aid envelopes** are ready for collection at the back of the church. Please take your numbered/named box as soon as possible. They are to be used from April onwards. With thanks from the Treasurer.

**St George's Lenten Lunches:** will be available throughout Lent for everyone to enjoy good soup and chatter! Members of both communities are warmly welcomed. Lunches will be on **Thursdays**, when Mass will be at 11.30am. All soup will be homemade and we will put up menus as we did last year, so please sign up to let us have an idea of numbers. Menus will be available each Sunday for the following week.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

**Sun 24th March** Film Club, St George's Hall, 3pm  
**Sat 30th March** Penitential Service, St Wilfrid's Church, 5-5.30pm  
**Sat 6th April** Family Stations of the Cross/Lent Lunch, St G's, 11am  
**Sun 7th April** Film Club, St George's Hall, 3pm  
**Sun 21st April** 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 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  
**Sun 30th June** 1st Holy Communion B/fast, St. G's after 9am Mass  
**Sun 29th Sept** Country Walk & Picnic, Route TBC, 11am-3pm

**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.

**St Wilfrid's Celebrating St Patrick's Feast Day:** A huge thanks to Bill and the Social Committee. The evening was a great success and we would like to thank everyone who supported it.

**Bereavement Group Lunch:** Friday 29th March, Kings Head, 12 for 12.30pm

**Healing Mass at St Wilfrid's:** There will be a healing mass ending with solemn Benediction every Wednesday morning at 10am in Hailsham during the Lenten period. This is not to be confused with a Sacramental healing service. The oil used on the Wednesdays is the oil of gladness and as such this service of healing is open to anyone who feels they would like to be prayed over. The priest will also impose his hands on your head. You can also act as a proxy for someone who is ill in your family and cannot be present. The mass will of course be extended and may take around 45 minutes in total. Tea and Coffee will be available in the hall afterwards.

**St Wilfrid's Penitential Service:** Please note this very important service will be held on Saturday 30th March, 5pm - 5.30pm. Our friends at St George's are cordially invited of course. It is a lovely service, well prepared.

**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.

### COLLECTIONS: (16th/17th March)

<b>St George's</b>	£217.60
CAFOD	£160.20
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D	£146.33
<b>St Wilfrid's</b>	£306.57
CAFOD	£213.96
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's	165
St G's	86

### Bonus Ball:

**Sat 16th March**

No:  
No Winner

**Wed 13th March**

No: 17  
Clodagh Coleman