

PARISH COMMUNITIES OF

ST GEORGE



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ST WILFRID

South Road
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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	18th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Mrs Elsie Brown and Mrs Mary Brown RIP
Fifth Sunday of Easter			
(Special Collection for the Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese Next Sunday)			
Sun	19th	9.00am	St George's - Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Mary Jenner RIP
Mon	20th	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	21st	10.00am	St George's - Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Wed	22nd	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - The Intention of Joan and the Wake Family
Wed	22nd	1.30pm	St George's - Requiem Mass for Philip Brown RIP
Thur	23rd	10.00am	St George's - Dudley & Dorothy Rudd RIP
Fri	24th		St Wilfrid's - No Service
Fri	24th	1.30pm	St George's - Requiem Mass for Tom McCann RIP
Sat	25th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention
Sixth Sunday of Easter			
Thursday 30th May is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, a Holy Day of Obligation			
(Special Collection for the Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese Today)			
Sun	26th	9.00am	St George's - Philip Brown RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Priest's Intention

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

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, Tom and Elizabeth Woodrow-Spencer, Dorothy Hanlon, Margaret Westcar, Lilian Summers, 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:

Easter tide is an especially good and appropriate time to open our eyes, ears and hearts wide to see, hear, and experience the Risen Lord coming into our lives in various forms, circumstances and events: It is a period when the Risen Lord blesses us with success and achievements. I am sure that we often fail to acknowledge the presence of the Risen Lord behind our unexpected successes, achievements, promotions at work, miraculous healings, and success in relationships. He is always there when we have a party or celebrate some achievement. The Risen Lord is always present in our pains and suffering. We hear in Acts how the Risen Lord transformed the life of Saul by pushing him down onto the Damascus road and making him temporarily blind. The same Jesus often visits us in the form of accidents, illnesses, the loss of loved ones, pain and suffering, and problems in relationships. The Risen Lord visits us through our friends and well-wishers: He is present in those who visit us and encourage us in our times of sadness. He visits us in the form of unexpected help from the least expected people in our time of need. The Risen Lord is present in our times of prayer and meditation. He is present on our altars during the Mass to share His life with us; He is present in the words of Holy Scripture we listen to; He is there in the Sacraments and He is there where two or three are gathered in his name, such as the Rosary Group on Mondays, the Bible Study Group on Tuesdays or the Film Club. He will be there in the summer gathering and picnic in Abbots Wood on Sunday May 19th.

Please make a special effort and try to encounter the Risen Lord with those who gather in his name, especially during this Eastertide.

With my love and prayers.

Deacon John

St George & St Wilfrid's Summer Gathering - Sunday 19th May 12noon - 4pm

We warmly invite St George's and St Wilfrid's Children's Liturgy families and all our parishioners to join us at Abbots Wood for our annual summer gathering.

Abbots Wood provides the perfect venue for us to assemble and picnic/BBQ together with ample space for socialising, playing games and gentle walks in the woods. It is a chance for parents, children and our whole community to enjoy some fun time together outside of church. Please feel free to invite other families/friends outside of our parish to join in.

Please note parking charges apply in the car park and change is not given so have coins. Bring a picnic and refreshments as there is only an ice cream van available on site. Parents are responsible for their children's safety.

St George's Helpers and Volunteers – a big "thank you" to all volunteers and to everyone who quietly and generously give their time to help with the running of our church. So much is happening at present, to the church, to our priest as well as to friends in our congregation who need our love and support. It is good to see so many members of our community come forward. Heartfelt thanks to you all.

Delia, Shirley, Patrick and family would like to thank everyone in both communities who have been so kind following the passing of Tom. We have been overwhelmed by the number of cards received and the offers of help at a difficult time. We are so grateful for the love and support of our parish family. God bless and thank you for your support. Tom's funeral will take place at the church he loved so much, St George's, on Friday 24th May, 1.30 pm followed by burial at Willingdon Cemetery. There will be a reception in the hall afterwards. Family flowers only.

Wanted: St George's young parishioners, Maria & Bruno, are running the second-hand DVD and Book stall at their school summer fayre on Saturday 29th June and would love your support via donations of books and DVDs. Please leave bagged in the back of the church you attend labelled, 'School Summer Fayre'. Thank you for your support.

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)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

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
Sun 30th June 1st Holy Communion B/fast, St. G's after 9am Mass
Sun 29th Sept Country Walk & Picnic, Route TBC, 11am-3pm

St Wilfrid's: First Holy Communion day is Sunday 26th May during our 10.30am Mass. We have four candidates this year, William, Freddie, Kiara and Carlos. Please pray for them and their families.

St George's Film Club:

Next dates for film club are: May 26th (1993) The latest adaptation of Mark Twain's timeless story.
 All showings start at 3 pm.

Advance Notice: Wednesday 29th May, 7.30pm at St Wilfrid's Church, there will be a Vigil Mass of the Ascension.

Rosary Campaign: Please continue with the KSC and SPUC's Campaign and pray the Rosary for the Unborn. The intention for May is for women and families struggling with infertility.

Climate Pilgrimage

If you put one date in your diary this year make it Wednesday 26 June, and join CAFOD at an unforgettable event in London, lobbying our MP. It's time to confront the climate and environmental crisis and tell our leaders that Britain should no longer contribute to the destruction of our common home. More information at:

<https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Climate/Climate-lobby>

COLLECTIONS: (11th/12th May)

St George's	£163.90
Education of Future Priests	£103.50
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D	£146.33
St Wilfrid's	£380.90
Education of Future Priests	£134.25
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's 133 St G's 78	
Thank you for your continued generosity	
If you pay tax please use gift aid envelopes.	

Bonus Ball:

Sat 11th May
 No:
 No Winner

Wed 8th May
 No:
 No Winner