

# PARISH COMMUNITIES OF

## ST GEORGE



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## ST WILFRID

South Road  
Hailsham



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### WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	4th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Priest's Intention <b>Third Sunday of Easter</b> (Special Collection for the Education of Future Priests next Sunday)
Sun	5th	9.00am	St George's - Jenni Duder-Rumsey RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention
Mon	6th	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	7th	10.00am	St George's - Liturgy of Word & Holy Communion
Wed	8th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Priest's Intention
Thur	9th	10.00am	St George's - All Victims of Easter Atrocities in Sri Lanka
Fri	10th		St Wilfrid's - No Service
Sat	11th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Michael Bradley RIP <b>Fourth 'Good Shepherd' Sunday of Easter</b> (Special Collection for the Education of Future Priests Today)
Sun	12th	9.00am	St George's - Christopher Saunders RIP (Cousin of Ann Winter)
		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, 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:

I know that there are many things in life that cannot be sorted out easily.

There are many things that can happen to us, and to our families and friends, that can make our faith and trust in God either disappear from our minds or at best make them very difficult to hold on to. It is well known that some events in life can destroy our faith completely.

Easter tide, the period between Easter and Pentecost, is a good time to remember that the resurrection of Jesus should bring light and joy, hope and happiness, to our hearts and minds. It is also a good time for us to show in our faces something by which people will recognise our faith as our faces become radiant with an Easter smile. We will probably never know just how much good a simple smile can do!

*Deacon John*

**In New York's Avery Fisher Hall**, on 18 November 1995, the violinist Itzhak Perlman was about to play Beethoven's Violin Concerto. Having suffered Polio as a child, it was difficult for him to walk. He crossed the stage painfully, arrived at his seat, left his crutches on the ground, and opened the buckles of his leg supports. He gathered up one foot, and extended the other. He put the violin under his chin and signalled to the conductor that he was ready to begin. Then something happened. One of his violin strings broke. A wave of anguish passed through the hall as everyone thought how difficult it would be for him to leave the stage and repair the instrument. He remained for a few moments with his eyes closed, and then indicated to the conductor that he could begin. He played the concerto on three strings. He had recomposed the fingerwork instantly in his head, the leaps, the combinations, everything, and he played the whole piece as if nothing had happened. After the deafening final ovation, he raised his bow for silence and said, *"Now you see, sometimes the task of the artist is to find out how much music we can make with what is left to us."*

**It is our task in life to do the same!.**

## 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 Plant Fair** will take place on Saturday 18th May from 10.00 am in the hall. If you can help in any way either on the day or growing on young plants, please see Shirley.

**INSPIRE 2019: Postponed:** Jack Regan: Diocesan Youth Officer writes: 'Due to low bookings we have taken the decision to postpone the 'INSPIRE' day for youth leaders which was scheduled for Saturday May 11th. An alternative date will be advertised very soon.'

### St George's Film Club:

Next dates for film club are: May 12<sup>th</sup> (1963) A charming Disney film about love, mysterious family secrets and small town summer nights. May 26<sup>th</sup> (1993) The latest adaptation of Mark Twain's timeless story. All showings start at 3 pm.

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

### 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>

**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.

**Saint Augustine said:** "God loves each one of us as if there was only one of us to love."

**Formation Day for those who Support the Bereaved in our Parishes:** 'Planning Liturgies to Support the Bereaved including Funeral Planning'. Wednesday 15th May 2019, from 9.30am to 4pm, St Bernadette's, Crawley, RH10 5BS. Book at [Rosie.Read@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Rosie.Read@abdiocese.org.uk)

### COLLECTIONS: (27th/28th April)

<b>St George's</b>	£184.80
Lepira	£137.73
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D	£146.33
<b>St Wilfrid's</b>	£264.65
Lepira	£260.17
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's 162 St G's 84	
<b>Thank you for your continued generosity</b>	
If you pay tax please use gift aid envelopes.	

### Bonus Ball:

**Sat 27th April**  
No: 10  
Dolores Giles

**Wed 24th April**  
No: 42  
Margaret Forde