

# PARISH COMMUNITIES OF

## ST GEORGE

Eastbourne Road  
Polegate



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## ST WILFRID

South Road  
Hailsham



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### WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	30th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Philomena & Frederick Southam RIP <b>First Sunday of Advent</b> <b>Collection for Christmas Flowers Today</b>
Sun	1st	9.00am	St George's - Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Deceased Members of Hernon & O'Donoghue Families RIP
Mon	2nd	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	3rd	10.00am	St George's - Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Wed	4th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Jack Coleman RIP
Thur	5th	10.00am	St George's - Private Intention
Fri	6th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - No Service
Fri	6th	10.00am	St George's - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation
Sat	7th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Enza Riddiford RIP <b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>
Sun	8th	9.00am	St George's - Deceased Members of Smith Family RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' 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 Line .....Jean Barham-Wyatt 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, Lilian Summers, Tom and Elizabeth Woodrow-Spencer, Dorothy Hanlon, Margaret Westcar, Angela & Michael Archer, Chris Browne, Chris Neyenhuizen, 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](mailto: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**

## Fr Rory Writes:

Having celebrated the Feast of Christ the King and Youth Sunday on a high note: When God's glory is revealed then our joy will be full. So we continue our journey in this new year, conscious of the fact that we are called to be a body made up of many parts, working together to be the body of Christ in our world.

The celebration of Las Posadas with the young persons liturgy group this Sunday at 3pm, is a very good beginning. Next Friday is the First Friday with the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Confessions, Benediction, Mass and Sacrament of Healing at 10am. The Children's Liturgy at St Wilfrid's will provide an excellent opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation for all, on Saturday 7th December at 5pm at St Wilfrid's Church. A nice way to start the Christmas period by thinking about Jesus. In the darkness of Advent during this winter month, we wait for your light, to heal the broken parts and shine on us. Let us prepare the way of the Lord by recognizing our sins and seeking forgiveness.

*Fr Rory*

**The Winter Night Shelter throughout Eastbourne** commences the beginning of December and Our Lady of Ransom opens its hall doors each Tuesday evening for up to 15 guests. One of the options available each Tuesday night is a Foot Care Specialist who offers her services to each guest. It has been suggested that **new** Mens winter socks would be greatly received. Also, Mens used shoes in good condition (ideally, a trainer type) would be most welcome. Any Womens shoes, again preferably a trainer type in good condition would also be gratefully received. There will be a box at each church for any donations for the next two weeks. Many thanks.

**HOPE:** Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas. Amen.

**EASTBOURNE FOODBANK:** thanks to your continued generosity, the Foodbank is able to help many people enjoy a proper meal **This Christmas**. Please remember to give basic provisions, milk, cereal, toilet rolls, toothpaste, tinned veg and soups etc. as well as the enjoyable goodies, such as tinned meat, fish, chocs and biscuits. All who receive your gifts of food, send their warmest thanks and good wishes.

**St Wilfrid's Nativity Mime Rehearsal:** Monday 23rd December, 10am -12noon. Meet in Church Hall.

**St Wilfrid's Children's Christmas Party:** Saturday 28th December, 10.30am - 1pm. All welcome. Church Hall.

**St Wilfrid's 1st Communion Lesson:** Monday 16th December, 6pm - 7pm. Church Hall.

**St George's Children - First Holy Communion:**  
We are looking out for all seven year old children, wishing to make their First Holy Communion next year 2020 at the Mass of Corpus Christi in June. Lessons will start at the end of January for twelve weeks. (There are no lessons during school holidays). Please see me after Mass or ring Cathy 01323 487688, or see Fr Rory or ring 01323 841504. Application Forms are available at St George's Church, Polegate.

**South Downs Singers** will be performing their Christmas Concert for the charity "You Raise Me Up" on Saturday 14th December, 3.30 pm at St John's Church, Polegate High Street. It will be a lovely concert with audience participation of well loved carols as well as choir and solo pieces. A great way to prepare for Christmas. Tickets available from Shirley at St George's or Clodagh at St Wilfrid's priced at £8.00. Tickets also on the door.

**In making up the character of God, the old theologians failed to mention that God is of infinite cheerfulness. The omission has caused the world much tribulation.** Michael Monahan

**Lights of Love, St George's Church** – Please note that this will take place on **Mon, 9th December at 7.00 pm** NOT Wed, 11th December as in the publicity material. There are cards showing the correct date and time for St George's, please distribute these to anyone who might be interested. Detailed information will follow closer to the 9th. More cards can be made available, please contact Margaret Piegrome with any queries.

**Wealden Dementia Action Alliance - Hailsham Community Café:**  
St Wilfrid's Church Hall, Second Thursday of the month, 2pm till 4pm. A free service and community café with entertainment and activities for local people. Free refreshments and activities. Everyone welcome. For more information please contact: [communitydevelopment@wealden.gov.uk](mailto:communitydevelopment@wealden.gov.uk) or Tel: 01323 443266.

**St George's Hall** will be in use as a Polling Station for the General Election on 12th December. Mass will go ahead at 10am, but please be very careful driving in and out of the car park and give way to any vehicles turning in to the car park from the road. The hall cannot be accessed at all on this day.

**Friends of EDGH:** are still collecting milk bottle tops to help raise money for hospital equipment. Please help them by bringing in your **washed red, blue and green milk bottle tops only** and place in the container provided in both church porches. Thank you.

**Christmas Cards** are on sale at the back of St George's Church.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

**Sun 1st Dec** Las Posadas Party, St George's Hall, 3pm  
**Thurs 5th Dec** St George's Parish Council Mtg, St G's Hall, 10.30am  
**Sun 8th Dec** St George's Film Club, St George's Hall, 3pm  
**Mon 9th Dec** Lights of Love, St George's Church, 7pm  
**Sun 15th Dec** Poinsettia Sale, St George's & St Wilfrid's, after Mass  
**Mon 16th Dec** 1st Comm Lesson, 6pm-7pm, St W's Hall  
**Mon 23rd Dec** St W's Nativity Mime Rehearsal, 10-12noon,

### COLLECTIONS: (23rd/24th Nov)

**St George's** £214.12  
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D £146.33  
**St Wilfrid's** £295.39  
Weekly aver. of DD £204.60  
Attendances: St W's 193 St G's 60  
**Thank you for your continued generosity**  
If you pay tax please use gift aid envelopes.

### Bonus Ball:

**Sat 23rd Nov**  
No: 31  
Fr Rory  
**Wed 20th Nov**  
No: 12  
Annette Wake