

PARISH COMMUNITIES OF

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ST WILFRID

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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	21st	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - J.B.S. Intentions
Fourth Sunday of Advent, 'O Rex Gentium'			
Sun	22nd	9.00am	St George's - Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - In Thanksgiving to Our Lady & St Anthony
Mon	23rd	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	24th	10.00am	St George's - No Service
Tue	24th	5.30pm	St Wilfrid's - Christmas Eve , Billy O'Rourke RIP
Wed	25th	9.30am	St George's - Christmas Day , Family's Intention's
Thur	26th	10.00am	St George's - No Service
Fri	27th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - No Service
Sat	28th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - In Honour of the Infant Jesus
The Holy Family			
Sun	29th	9.00am	St George's - Holy Souls' (MM)
		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 LineJean 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, Letty & Douglas Booth and Michael Copper.

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

Fr Rory Writes:

WISHING YOU A HAPPY AND HOLY CHRISTMAS.

Thank you to everyone who helps organise and supports the wellbeing of our parish.
All our love and blessings at this joyful season of Christmas.

The weeks of Advent were meant to help us prepare for Christmas. Through the prayers, preparations, and plans that we made, we had the opportunity to think about what it all means. The lighting of the four Advent candles served to remind us of the happiness, joy, hope and peace that we should feel at the coming of Jesus.

Jesus, you bring us hope, and open our eyes to see signs of your presence in our world. You bring us faith, and open our ears to hear your word. You are always with us, and open our hearts to show compassion to those who suffer. May we be full of faith as we prepare our hearts and minds. With Jesus in our midst, may our communities be happy, and even in trials, may we experience a foretaste of the lasting joy you have prepared for us. Help us to cope with troubles and pain without losing our inner peace. Help us to strengthen the weary, to give hope to the discouraged, to care for the poor and weak, and with the gentleness of Jesus to lift up those who are weighed down by the troubles of life. May we find each day worth living through the presence of Jesus with us.

LOVE: Dear Jesus, may the light of your love always shine in our hearts. As Christmas draws closer, we marvel at your great love for us. Let your love transform every aspect of our lives and touch everyone we encounter. Our hearts are open to you, Jesus. Amen.

Crib Offering 2019: This Christmas our Crib Offering will be donated to the Catholic Children's Society's A&B Crisis Fund. This fund provides emergency grants for children and families in our Diocese who are facing a crisis in their lives. Every single penny donated to the Crib will be given out via these grants.

Thank you: from Deacon John and Tessa for all the cards, gifts and good wishes at Christmas.

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.

The Knights of St Columba: wish to thank all the Parish Priests and parishioners for their participation in the Christmas Poinsettia Sale. It was a great success (we sold 122 poinsettias, this means that we can make a substantial donation to Children with Cancer. Thank you.

Christmas Party: Once again we are near that wonderful time of year in which we express our thanks and appreciation to all our parishioners in both communities, who have worked so hard over the last year. We would like everyone to come and join us for our Christmas Party on Sunday 22nd December, after Mass at St Wilfrid's Church Hall. Please bring a plate of food to share. Look forward to seeing you there.

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.

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 or Tel: 01323 443266.

The KSC and SPUC thank all those who have been praying the Rosary for the unborn during the past year. Please continue to pray for this intention and we ask everyone across the country to especially pray on the Feast of the Holy Innocents on 28th December, after the Angelus at 12 noon.

Friends of EDGH: Please remember to save all your stamps. These can be left in both the church porches for collection.

St George's Bible Study Group: A Bible Study group takes place every Tuesday at 6.30pm. Sessions last 1 hour. For more information please ring Merce (07855452741)

COLLECTIONS: (14th/15th Dec)

St George's	£195.10
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D	£146.33
St Wilfrid's	£234.56
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's	136
St G's	69

Bonus Ball:

Sat 14th Dec
No: 56
J Coles

Wed 11th Dec
No: 25
Margaret Forde

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Sun 22nd Dec Parishioners Christmas Party, St W's Hall, after Mass
Mon 23rd Dec St W's Nativity Mime Rehearsal, 10-12noon,
Sat 28th Dec St W's Children's Xmas Party, 10.30am-1pm, St W's Hall
Thurs 9th Jan St George's Parish Council Mtg, St G's Hall, 10.30am

Thank you for your continued generosity
If you pay tax please use gift aid envelopes.