

# PARISH COMMUNITIES OF

## ST GEORGE

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Polegate



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## ST WILFRID

South Road  
Hailsham



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### WEEKLY SERVICES

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
Mon	9th	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	10th	10.00am	St George's - Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Wed	11th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - James Leslie Westcar RIP (12th Anniversary)
Thur	12th	10.00am	St George's - Deceased Members of Lodrick Family RIP
Fri	13th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - No Service
Sat	14th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Peter Patrick Povey RIP
			<b>Third 'Gaudete' Sunday of Advent</b>
Sun	15th	9.00am	St George's - Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - James Leslie Westcar RIP (12th Anniversary)

**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:**

Las Posadas at St George's Hall last Sunday; what a treat. It was a very special event last Sunday afternoon, especially the rosary. It was just beautiful and meaningful, a real moment of great grace, that brings together 2000 years of Catholic Christian Faith. It was great that Paul and Ann Sullivan turned up, coming all the way by bus. Also the food was excellent, numbers..... well for people, another lost opportunity. A great big thank you to those who prepared for and presented the event. Also, thank you to those who helped clear up the cabin at St Wilfrid's.

Year I, The Journey to 2030 - Year of the Cockerel, which Bishop Richard highlighted in his Advent message. Please find in the church porch a magazine titled "The Journey 2030 - Year of the Cockerel". Please feel free to take one per family, or for a digital copy go to [www.journeyto2030.org/themes/](http://www.journeyto2030.org/themes/) *Fr Rory*

**PEACE:** Dear Jesus, you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, as we strive to become the-best-version -of-ourselves, fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most. Amen.

**Christmas Poinsettia Sale:** Don't forget next week's Knights of St Columba "Christmas Poinsettia Sale" fundraiser. Please help the Knights by buying a poinsettia next Sunday after Mass and help us to carry on our charitable work. Thank you.

**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 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.

**Lights of Love, St George's Church – Monday, 9th December at 7.00 pm.** Please contact Margaret Piegrome with any queries.

**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.

**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.

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

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

**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  
**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

**Bridie wishes to thank** Fr Rory for the lovely service to bury Edmund's ashes on 27th. Special thanks must go to Garry for preparing the "grave" in atrocious weather conditions. Thanks also to the girls, Leslie, Maeve, Sheila, Lorretta, Joan and Lulu who prepared the tables so smartly. Cake/goodies, teas/coffee were enjoyed by all.

**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 Wilfrid's Church:** Please would all who are doing the offertory collections make sure that they count everybody? All who are in the church including the children attending the children's liturgy, those sitting in the porch, alter servers and Fr Rory. Many thanks.

The **Knights of St Columba** will meet on Wednesday 11th December at 3pm at St Wilfrid's Church, Hailsham (in the small hall). All Catholic men are welcome to come.

**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.

**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.

**COLLECTIONS: (30th Nov/1st Dec)**

<b>St George's</b>	£246.40
Flowers	£101.88
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D	£146.33
<b>St Wilfrid's</b>	£291.10
Flowers	£102.09
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's 174 St G's 69	
<b>Thank you for your continued generosity</b>	

**Bonus Ball:**

**Sat 30th Nov**  
 No: 51  
 No Winner  
  
**Wed 27th Nov**  
 No: 50  
 Davina Piper