

PARISH COMMUNITIES OF

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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	4th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Deceased Members of Gaynor & Soares Family's The Epiphany of the Lord (White Flower Appeal next Sunday)
Sun	5th	9.00am	St George's - Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Deceased Members of the Dodson Family
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 the Word and Holy Communion
Wed	8th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Deceased Members & Friends of Hernon & O'Donoghue Family's
Thur	9th	10.00am	St George's - Margaret Geering's Intention
Fri	10th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - No Service
Sat	11th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Deceased Relatives & Friends of Gaglione Family The Baptism of the Lord (White Flower Appeal Today) (Pax Christi Collection next Sunday)
Sun	12th	9.00am	St George's - Margaret Geering's Intention
		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:

This time last year we received from Bishop Richard a leaflet titled "The Word Who is Life". This was given to be our focus for preparation for life in our diocese in 2030.

Many parishes have been very effected by the structures for ministry because of the reduced number of masses and priests, with the expectation of more to come. We have not experienced this as something that has come about because of the situation in the diocese, but because of the state of my health during the past year. Please God, my health is on the mend, and hopefully with the return of my driving license we may have new opportunities.

A big and sincere thank you to the persons who help with our Children's Liturgy. They deserve all the support that we can give them. We have lost some great people who contributed so much, and so they are a great loss to us. With God's help; through our prayer and commitment, we will receive God's grace to be active witnesses to what God's help can do in our weaknesses. May almighty God turn all things to good, may we be willing to forgive, to love and support one another. May God bless you all through this year of Our Divine Lord 2020.

Fr Rory

A New Year's resolution suggestion that is easy to keep would be that of giving free gifts to people. The following list of suggestions, which came from Australia, could form the basis of this. I am sure you could think of further ideas yourselves to add to the list.

10 FREE GIFTS YOU CAN GIVE at any time, any day of the year and you can give them more than once!:

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| 1. Gift of Listening | 2. Gift of a Sign of Affection | 3. Gift of a Note left as a surprise |
| 4. Gift of Laughter | 5. Gift of a Game shared together | 6. Gift of Doing a Favour |
| 7. Gift of a Cheerful Disposition | 8. Gift of Silence | 9. Gift of Compliment |
| | | 10. Gift of Prayer |

Wool for the Baby Unit at EDGH: We are going to have a sales table at St George's Hall during January 2020, to raise money to purchase wool, so that we may continue to knit garments and blankets for the Baby Unit at the EDGH. All unwanted Christmas presents will be most welcome and any suitable objects. Please give them to Tessa, Cathy or Margaret Neville. Thank you.

St Wilfrid's: What a lovely Homily Mass it was at 5.30pm on Christmas Eve. Thank you Fr Rory. Children are the future of our church and my were they in abundance at the Nativity. Thank you to Annette and Teresa for organising such a lovely moving ceremony. Thank you also to Sophie, whom they all love, and Emily who had only set foot in England from her home in France that very morning. She played the organ & violin for "Away in a Manger" for the children. Is anyone talented to play an instrument for us? Do let us know, as Emily returns home on Friday 3rd January. Back here for Easter, please God.

Are You Married? – Your diocese needs You!

The newly formed Eastbourne and St Leonards Deanery is looking for couples/married individuals who would be prepared to help assist in preparing couples for marriage. No training is necessary and there are a variety of ways in which you can help. If you are interested in finding out what is involved and how you might help without committing yourself you are invited to attend a social gathering of the small group who are already looking to help at the Church of Christ the King, 3 Princes Road, Eastbourne BN23 6HT at 7pm on Thursday 16th January 2020. We need your help!

St Wilfrid's Christmas Social Gatherings: Both parties for young and not so young were well attended and a jolly good time was had by all. Why not join us next time we have a social gathering, you are most welcome. The Christmas Raffle made £102. Thank you to all who bought tickets and gave prizes. The money has been given to Annette to cover some of the cost of dressing up clothes and props etc. for the very successful Children's Liturgy Group.

Ecumenical Mental Health Project: Green for Go! Go for Help! Please see the poster on the Church notice board giving details of services available for people in crisis. This time of year can be difficult for many people, these contacts might help the person sitting next to you in the church or someone you meet in the street. As you leave the church why not take a photo of the poster to store on your phone? If you are interested in the Mental Health Project do get in touch: catherine.martindale@abdioocese.org.uk

St Wilfrid's Sales Table: Has been re-furbished and new items displayed on the Welsh Dresser, two honesty pots are provided for your generous donations. The money going to various needs of our parish i.e. December takings have been given towards our sound system in the church and hall. Any suitable times and unwanted presents etc. may be left in the church porch/hall marked "Sales Table". Thank you.

Thank You: to everyone that sent cards and your kind words at this difficult time, it has been much appreciated, Jackie.

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: (28th/29th Dec)

St George's	£226.30
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D	£146.33
St Wilfrid's	£268.80
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's 135 St G's 84	
Thank you for your continued generosity	
If you pay tax please use gift aid envelopes.	

Bonus Ball:

Sat 21st Dec
No: 26 - No Winner
Sat 28th Dec
No: 9 - No Winner
Wed 18th Dec
No: 45 - No Winner
Wed 25th Dec
No: 40 - No Winner

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Thurs 9th Jan St George's Parish Council Mtg, St G's Hall, 10.30am