

PARISH COMMUNITIES OF

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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	29th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - In Thanksgiving to Our Lady & St Anthony First Sunday of Lent (Collection for CAFOD next Sunday)
Sun	1st	9.00am	St George's - Shelagh Burns RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention
		2.30pm	St George's - Stations of Cross
Mon	2nd	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	3rd	10.00am	St George's - Donor's Intention
Wed	4th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Dr Ismay Crotty RIP
Thur	5th	11.00am	St George's - Donor's Intention
Fri	6th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Donor's Intention
Sat	7th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Deceased Members of Covey Family Second, 'Transfiguration' Sunday of Lent (Collection for CAFOD Today)
Sun	8th	9.00am	St George's - Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Private Intention
		2.30pm	St George's - Stations of the Cross

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 Stephen Murray
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, Juliette 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:

Lent returns to us again, and time to say Lent means Spring. This season in the church is so important to all of us. Returning from Ireland after a break of 10 days with my family gives much food for thought and prayer. The shortage of priests and indeed the attendance at Mass is very much the plight of the church in Ireland. A priest friend from the past publicly expressed it "the engine is still running, but the wheels are going nowhere". For us and our parish it is most important that we become communities of faith. We have lost some great people, and so our response must be to follow their example with more of us working together to build upon the legacy they have left us. We are very blessed by our churches.

Returning to Deacon John's message during Lent last year is a very good step in the right direction. It is really excellent.

As we listen to the message of Jesus each week may all we do during Lent prepare us to celebrate Easter. May we grow more like him every day, and show everybody that our faith is about good news of joy and light and life. May he strengthen our faith, and help us grow in our love and care for one another. It has been said that the experience, of Peter, James and John in last Sunday's Gospel helped the apostles to cope with the troubles of life.

How would you feel if you were given a T-shirt with this verse from Isaiah 40 printed on the back?

Those who trust in the Lord will have their strength renewed.

They will mount up with wings as eagles. They will run and not grow weary."

To be continued next week so that we can seek the fruits of God's spirit and that they may work within us.

Fr Rory

Stations of the Cross will be held on Sunday afternoons at 2.30pm during Lent in St George's Church, except on Mothering Sunday.

2020 Family Socialising Calendar or Events: St George's Children's Liturgy will be organising several opportunities for all our parishioners and in particular our families with younger children to spend time together in 2020 – please see noticeboards for full list. The first event is our Family Stations of the Cross followed by Lent Poverty Lunch at St George's Church 11am Saturday 4th April. The second is our annual Abbots Wood gathering on Sunday May 17th from 12noon. More details will follow, but please do pop the dates in the diary and ask other friends and family members to also. Both are very enjoyable occasions and really give us all a chance to enjoy time as a Church Family together outside of our weekly mass.

Revised Film Club Notice: St George's Film club next films will be: Sunday 15th March, (2011) Documentary about the master sushi chef Jiro Ono. 29th March (2010) Japanese animation about a family of tiny creatures. 12th April (2009) A famous pop star finds a new meaning of life in a rural setting. All films start at 3 pm.

A Russian Proverb: A kind word is like a Spring day.

St Wilfrid's Hospice Café: Have you ever visited the Café? Open to the public everyday from 8.30am-5pm. We did just that last Sunday 12noon, delicious roast lunch for £5, extra for pudding, gateau, tea & coffee. All profits go directly to the Hospice. We can thoroughly recommend.

St Patrick Day cards are on sale at the back of St George Church

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Thurs 12th March St G's Parish Council Mtg, St G's Hall, 10.30am
Sun 15th March St George's Film Club, St George's Hall, 3pm
Sun 29th March St George's Film Club, St George's Hall, 3pm
Tue 31st March St Wilfrid's Reconciliation, St Wilfrid's, 6pm
Sat 4th April Family Stations of the Cross/Lent Lunch, St G's, 11am
Sun 12th April St George's Film Club, St George's Hall, 3pm
Sun 17th May Summer Gathering BBQ/Picnic, Abbots Wood, 12-4pm

APF Mission Box Holders: could you please bring in your boxes within the next two weeks for counting. Your promoter can also visit you at home to collect the box if you prefer. In the year 2019 the Mission Boxes generated £968.91. Another splendid result! Thank you all for your generous support. (Doris Jung your local APF Secretary).

St Wilfrid's Penitential Service: is on Tuesday 31st March at 6pm. Please come and support our 13 First Communion Candidates as they take their First Confession.

St Wilfrid's First Holy Communion: Please join us at St Wilfrid's to support our 13 First Holy Communion Candidates as they receive their First Holy Communion on Sunday 24th May. All are welcome.

St Patrick's Day Lunch: Tuesday 17th March. We are going to the Treacle Mine to celebrate at lunch time, 12noon. Vouchers available to cut cost. If you would like to join us, there is a list in the church porch for your name and telephone number please or contact Joan on 849732. Don't delay as we have to book several large tables asap. Of course our friends at St George's are very welcome to join us. Lets make it a jolly gathering.

An Idea for Lent:

Why not try to attend a weekday Mass?

St Wilfrid's on a **Wednesday 10am** & Rosary at 9.30am, Tea & Coffee after in the Hall.

St George's on a **Thursday 11.30am**. **Lenten Lunches at 12.00pm after the 11.30am Mass on each Thursday during Lent, except this Thursday 5th March, 1st Thursday will be at 11.00am beginning with Adoration and Benediction and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Confession.**

Also, our very moving **Reconciliation Service** on **Tuesday 31st March at 6pm** in **St Wilfrid's Church**.

COLLECTIONS: (22nd/23rd Feb)

St George's	£218.47
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D	£146.33
St Wilfrid's	£220.72
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's 204 St G's 81	
Thank you for your continued generosity	
If you pay tax please use gift aid envelopes.	

Bonus Ball:

Sat 22nd Feb
No: 17
Margaret Barnes