

# PARISH COMMUNITIES OF

## ST GEORGE



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## ST WILFRID

South Road  
Hailsham



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### WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	7th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Deceased Members of Covey Family <b>Second, 'Transfiguration' Sunday of Lent</b> (Collection for CAFOD Today)
Sun	8th	9.00am	St George's - Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - In Thanksgiving Margaret Westcar's 90th Birthday
		2.30pm	<b>St George's</b> - Stations of Cross
Mon	9th	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	10th	10.00am	St George's - Chris Browne RIP
Wed	11th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Deirdre Beal RIP
Thur	12th	11.30am	<b>St George's</b> - Kate & Patrick Walsh RIP
Fri	13th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Creta O'Neill RIP
		2.30pm	St George's - Requiem Mass for Christina Browne
Sat	14th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention <b>Third Sunday of Lent</b>
Sun	15th	9.00am	St George's - Deceased Members of Lodrick Family
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Norman & Angela Wright RIP
		2.30pm	<b>St George's</b> - 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 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, 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, Archbishop Peter Smith, 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:

Continuing our return to Deacon John's message for Lent last year.....

One person who did said that it taught him where to find God in this unpredictable and often discouraging world. He said it taught him that God is the Power that replenishes, that renews our strength when we have none left. He relates that he learned that God works miracles today by enabling ordinary people to do extraordinary things. He has seen weak people become strong, timid people become brave, selfish people become generous. He has seen people care for their elderly parents, for brain-damaged children, for wives and husbands in wheelchairs, for years, even decades, and he asked himself, where do people get the strength to keep doing that for so long? Where do they get the resources of love and loyalty to keep going?

His answer was based on that T-shirt: That when we are weary and out of strength, we turn to God and He renews our strength, so that we can walk and not feel faint, so that we can run and not grow weary. It taught him where to find God in this unpredictable and often discouraging world.

Today, may we pray that we, and those whose lives have been shattered by what has happened to them, will be able to do the same. May they have their strength renewed, so that they will live their lives with wings as eagles, that they will run and not grow weary.

Please God, we too will find words from scripture that will strengthen and support our faith day by day.

*Fr Rory*

**Coronavirus Update:** To reduce the possibility of infection St George's Church has installed a hand sanitiser in the church porch. Please use this as you enter the church. Unfortunately, at present hand sanitiser seems to be in short supply, so we advise parishioners to use their own hand gel, if they have any, (it should be at least 60% alcohol content to be effective) before and after Mass. As soon as stock comes in, St Wilfrid's will also be installing a hand sanitiser in the church porch. Also, in light of the current advice, please take note that if you have returned recently from countries or parts of countries where the virus has been found you are advised not to attend church services and self-isolate for at least 14 days. Thank you for your co-operation.

**Lenten Lunches at St. George's Church** - each Thursday throughout Lent delicious soups, bread and butter are being served in the Hall after 11.30 Mass. Menus are available on the preceding Sundays. There is no charge, but you will be asked to make a donation to the charity chosen that day. On the 5th March we raised money for CAFOD and Children with Cancer. If you have a favourite registered charity you would like us to support, please contact Margaret 870 990.

**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 of 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 4<sup>th</sup> April. The second is our annual Abbots Wood gathering on Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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).

**Hailsham Foodbank:** Are looking for volunteers to assist at the Easter Holiday Shack. Wed 8th April - Children's Centre, Vega Close, Town Farm, Hailsham and Wed 15th April - The Diplock's Hall, Diplock's Estate, Hailsham. In order to run these event we need to have your support in volunteering time, if you can assist between 11am-1.30pm on either or both dates we would be grateful. Contact 01323 398358 or admin@hailsham.foodbank.org.uk for more information. Thank you.

**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.

**Annette's Birthday Bash:** Having been suitably embarrassed after Mass with us all singing Happy Birthday, accompanied by Emily on her Violin. The children presented her with a big bouquet of flowers and a card with little messages from them inside. Then in the hall for cake with sparklers - Lulu's special Lemon Drizzle Cake. We know it's Lent, but we are sure the good Lord will forgive us. He knows how hard Annette works for our Liturgy and First Communion Children. She puts so much time and effort into it all and the children and our community really do appreciate all she does. It was all a Big Thank You to her.

### COLLECTIONS: (29th Feb/1st March)

<b>St George's</b>	£229.50
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D	£146.33
<b>St Wilfrid's</b>	£350.91
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's 169 St G's 83	
<b>Thank you for your continued generosity</b>	
If you pay tax please use gift aid envelopes.	

### Bonus Ball:

**Sat 29th Feb**  
No: 9  
Jane Kerridge