

PARISH COMMUNITIES OF

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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	3rd	St Wilfrid's - Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Second Collection for CAFOD)		
Sun	4th	9.00am	St George's -	In-Thanksgiving
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Parish Communities' Intention
Mon	5th		St George's -	
Tue	6th	10.00am	St George's -	Rosary Group Intention
Wed	7th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Harry Holt RIP
Thur	8th	10.00am	St George's -	Tommy Mitchell RIP
Fri	9th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Winifred Snowdem RIP
Sat	10th		St Wilfrid's -	
		Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Second Collection for PACT)		
Sun	11th	9.00am	St George's -	Teresa Daly RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Parish Communities' Intention

Booking for St George's Church: Please ring 07808 175455 for Sunday, 870990 for Tuesday & 504753 for Thursday.
Booking for St Wilfrid's Church: Go to our website www.saintsgeorgeandwilfrid.co.uk, click the link "Book a Mass" on the righthand side of the front page, select your Mass and follow the instructions, or contact the office on 841504.

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) 487212
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, Julliette Lusted, Jennifer Piskac, Margaret Gearing, Joshua Hardy, Peter & Teresa Zurenkas, Anne Holt, Margaret, Lilian Summers, Tom Woodrow-Spencer, Dorothy Hanlon, Angela & Michael Archer, Colleen, Chris Neyenhuizen, Letty 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:

So after our pause, a time to move on:

When I made the decision to pause and take stock, the way ahead seemed to be what is now called "new normal". Our children are back at school and many are very pleased to be back. As my niece, a teacher, said "they were over the moon" when they heard that there was no homework for September. As might be expected, going back to school has certain consequences with a rise in the number of people catching Covid 19. Opening the pubs was another way for coronavirus figures to increase. How all this is managed is truly important and emphasises the risks that are taken even with social distancing. A clear hold on the words "being responsible" needs to be taken by everyone, which should then protect the very many over 70s. Many do come to church with a conscious, reasoned assessment of the risks they are undertaking. The need for their protection should be considered when rules are made and thought given to adhering to them.

Being aware of the above and that there is a natural, cautious factor, or even a fearful one, which highlights the correctness of the pause and thus taking stock. I have received positive comments from people who have not yet returned to church but are in touch, and they very much commend our website and the regulations that are in place for attending Mass. Now the question is, how to move on? By being more relaxed, and that does not mean being any less responsible. I have mentioned the experience of one of our lady's 90th Birthday, being helped by modern technology and the value of streaming. This please God, will be our next objective. We will be able to stream our Masses on alternative Sundays. This is my intention and with the help of our parish, will bear fruit that will last.

I acknowledge that I fail to give clear leadership as Parish Priest, and aspects of pastoral care, but please God, I am like everybody else "a work in progress". Through our website, and by working together, we will have a good outcome. For me the outcome is what is truly important, and working together is the best way to achieve this.

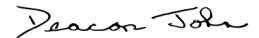

Deacon John Writes:

The theme of this Sunday's readings is the necessity of bearing fruit in the Christian life. In the light of this we should all ask ourselves this question: Are we good fruit-producers in the vineyard of the Church? Jesus has given us many tools to use in order to make us fruit-bearing, so we really do not have any excuses for not doing so. Some of these tools are as enumerated below:

- 1) The Bible to know the will of God.
- 2) The priests to lead us in God's ways.
- 3) The Sacrament of Reconciliation for the forgiveness of sins.
- 4) The Holy Eucharist as our spiritual food.
- 5) The Sacrament of Confirmation for a real fruitful life of Faith.
- 6) The Sacrament of Matrimony for the sharing of love in families.
- 7) Role models in thousands of saints.

We really must make use of these gifts and produce fruits for God so that we can say that we are grateful stewards for everything God has given to us. He will care for his Church, not by committees or documents, but by raising up saints who will properly tend the vineyard.

I will leave you with a couple of questions for you to ponder! Is our parish a real sign of Jesus' presence and love? What kind of impact do we have? Do we measure the quality of our parish by what happens during Mass, or on what happens when we leave Church?



Bonus Ball: The Bonus Ball will re-commence this weekend.

Harvest

This year as we cannot celebrate Harvest together, we're using the Bankuet website to help us carry out our Harvest food drive for Hailsham and Eastbourne Foodbank online. We're encouraging everyone to give what they can to help people in our community who are experiencing a crisis; Bankuet will then pool everyone's generous gifts and use them to bulk-buy the items the food bank needs most. This makes it easy for everyone to contribute and increases our impact as a church. By giving through Bankuet, Bankuet are able to deliver 10-20% more food than traditional donations. They are also able to deliver the exact items requested by the food bank, and deliver the order at a time most convenient to them!

Bankuet dreams of a world where people don't go hungry. You're part of a growing movement of people who are using technology to make that happen.

All you have to do is go to bankuet.co.uk/givenow and make a donation, selecting "Harvest The Parish of St Wilfrid and St George" from the drop down menu at checkout to make sure it goes towards our shared total. Thank you so much for whatever you are able to contribute. We are hoping to raise **£250** and will be sure to let you know how we get on!

St George's Parishioners Harvest Service - Sunday 11th October offerings requested - FOODBANK DONATIONS please place them in the basket at the back of church at whichever mass they attend this week.