

PARISH COMMUNITIES OF

ST GEORGE

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ST WILFRID

South Road
Hailsham



WEEKLY SERVICES

Third 'Gaudete' Sunday of Advent

Sat 10th	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Church open for prayers and confessions
Sun 11th	9am	St George's —	Deceased Friends of Letty Booth & Steven Hill RIP
	10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Mary Cullen Intention
Mon 12th	2.30pm	St George's —	Rosary Group —All welcome
Tues 13th	10am	St George's—	Parish Communities' Intention
Wed 14th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Repose of the Soul of Sue Longridge RIP
Thur 15th	10am	St George's —	Sheila Bree Intention (90th Birthday)
Fri 16th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Holy Souls' Intention

Fourth Sunday of Advent 'O Adonai'

Sat 17th	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Church open for prayers and confessions
Sun 18th	9am	St George's —	Parish Communities' Intention
	10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Bill & Alan O'Rourke RIP

Confession on request before and after Mass or at other times by arrangement with Father Rory.

Unable to attend mass? The 10.30am St Wilfrid's mass is livestreamed when possible and can be accessed via the Parish Website or via the following: <https://saintsgeorgeandwilfrid.co.uk/online-masses-and-recordings/>

Facebook: https://m.facebook.com/gary.westcar#_=_

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.

Local Catholic Education Contacts: 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

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

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ALL CORRESPONDENCE VIA THE PRIEST'S HOUSE PLEASE

Polegate Hall Hire (01323) 504753

Hailsham Hall Hire: (01323) 841504 or email at above address

Prayer Line Jean Barham-Wyatt (01323) 842824

IMPORTANT GIFT AID:

If any parishioner wishes to join the scheme please contact - Gerry on 01323 832577. By signing up the parish can benefit by claiming back from HMRC a further 25% on all your donations at no additional cost to you.

CROSSLINK CHURCHES TOGETHER, HAILSHAM: Volunteer needed contact Father Rory

POLEGATE CHURCHES TOGETHER Contact: Anne Bowe Tel: 07808 175455

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS those who are unwell

Lily May, Julliette Lusted, Jennifer Piskac, Joshua Hardy, Peter & Teresa Zurenkas, Anne Holt, Margaret, Rosie Tuson, Lilian Summers, Tom Woodrow-Spencer, Colleen, Chris Neyenhuizen, Letty Booth, Michael Copper, Peter Standen, Laurey & Richard Stimpson, Nicole McCutchan, Jean Barham-Wyatt & Nellie Oakshott.

PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER THOSE NAMED IN THE BOOKS IN OUR CHURCHES

A WARM WELCOME: to all who join us for Mass, especially to any visitors.

New to the Parish/would like to get back in touch but not sure how? Please complete the welcome form in the porch and/or make yourself known to Fr. Rory. It would be great to get to know you and offer any help.

Fr Rory Writes:

From the prophet Isaiah 40:10 “Here is the Lord coming with power”.

As we celebrate the weeks of Advent; we begin by lighting the first candle “the candle of hope”. Quickly followed by the “the candle of peace”. The prophet Isaiah proclaims “Here is the Lord coming with power...”. Yet when we gather to celebrate Christmas with the birth of the child Jesus, then the true focus of that power is love. The Christ child presents us with our greatest model of love.

As he matures from being a baby, He is like a Shepherd feeding His flock, gathering lambs in his arms. In our lives it highlights the love that is closest to His heart with a challenge, “as long as you do this to be least of my brethren, you do it to me”. We have to acknowledge with sorrow, that all too often we in the church are not seen to be like this.

The work that continues to take place at the heart of our parish are steps in this direction to become a living community. As we focus upon the parish council that will work to develop our parish communities for the future, the briefings that are given as we focus upon this with a parish council that works as part of the instrument, is a good work in progress. Our parish celebrations at this time are essential to creating an environment that allows us to strengthen our faith. The sacrament of reconciliation, Tue 13th Dec, the parish Christmas Carol Service, the Christmas Eve Nativity Mime and the celebration of our Masses will provide the nourishment that is essential. *Fr Rory*

Parish Christmas Party: for adults & children. **Fri 30th Dec, 3-5pm** in St Wilfrid’s Hall.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Tuesday 13th December at 6.30pm when Fr Barry will lead us.

Christmas Eve Nativity Mime - St Wilfrid’s, 5.30pm Mass.
Nativity rehearsal will be **Thursday 22nd December, 2-4pm** any children who would like to take part in the Christmas Eve Nativity, please attend this rehearsal, thank you.

Parish Christmas Carol Service: This will take place on Sunday 11th December at 3pm, in St Wilfrid’s Church followed by mulled wine/tea & coffee/mince pies and tombola in our hall. Everyone is invited Catholics and Non-Catholics, so if you have friends who would like to come, they are very welcome. Any prizes for the tombola for men/women/children, bottles of wine/spirits! Or variety of gifts including mince pies either homemade or boxed from the shop. Please leave in our hall/church porch Wed 7th or Sun 11th, before or after Mass.

St Wilfrid’s Hospice & St George’s are having a Lights of Love Service at St George’s Church on Monday 12th December at 7pm. There will be refreshments afterwards in the church hall. Do please come to this wonderfully moving service.

Remember in your Prayers: James Leslie Westcar (15th Anniv.) on 13th December & Margaret McLean Westcar RIP

St George’s: Christmas cards are on sale at the back of St George’s.

Parish Over 50’s Club: Our next afternoon tea will be **Thurs 29th Dec at 2pm**, “Pre New Year’s Party” also £5 please. Music for all along with quiz and bingo. Let’s make it a great party, see you there!
Our visit to Staverton Nursery was very enjoyable. Hiring the Cuckmere Bus was the best idea. Ramp for our walkers, very polite and helpful driver who is a Catholic. We will certainly use the bus for our future outings; not until Spring though. Read this newsletter for future outings.

Las Posadas - the Travellers Journey Begins - Last week both churches welcomed Joseph, Mary and the Donkey and they have gone home with a parish family until another offers them lodgings for the night. They may stay at each home for one night or several, depending who is next to receive them. The home giving lodgings will each make them comfortable and when they leave offer hospitality (tea & mince pies or similar) to the parishioner/s collecting and send them away with prayers for their onward journey. The last parishioner/s with them will then return the travellers at our Christmas service.

Churches Together Willingdon & Polegate: On Sat 17th Dec from 10.30am until 11am, there will be Carol Singing in the Polegate Precinct near the Station. All voices welcome!

St George’s Parishioners would like to thank Choir Members of South Down Singers, Sally Purcell & Helen Fuller, for the beautiful arrangements, created for our concert on 3rd Dec, for the Children With Cancer Fund.

Churches Together Willingdon and Polegate: during Advent, will be participating in an “Inspiring Angels” theme, that is, creating an Angel focus within their parish community. If anyone at St George’s would like to take part in this, and knit an Angel for our Church Christmas tree, please collect a Christmas Angel knitting pattern from our welcomers as you leave Mass, from 27th November onwards.

Dates for your Diary:

Sun 11th Dec, 3pm - Parish Christmas Carol Service, St W’s
Mon 12th Dec, 7pm - Lights of Love Service, St G’s Church.
Tue 13th Dec, 6.30pm - Reconciliation Service, St W’s Church.
Thur 22nd Dec, 2-4pm - Nativity Rehearsal, St W’s Church.
Sat 24th Dec, 5.30pm - Nativity Mime, St W’s Church.
Thurs 29th Dec, 2pm - Over 50’s Afternoon Tea, St W’s Hall.
Fri 30th Dec, 11-12pm, Parish Bereavement Group, St W’s Hall.
Fri 30th Dec, 3-5pm - Parish Christmas Party, St W’s Hall.

Sunday 4th Dec - Mass Attendance:
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