

# PARISH COMMUNITIES OF

## ST GEORGE

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## ST WILFRID

South Road  
Hailsham



### WEEKLY SERVICES

#### Fourth Sunday of Advent, 'O Adonai' (Collection for Christmas Flowers)

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
Mon 19th	2.30pm	St George's —	Rosary Group —All welcome
Tues 20th	10am	St George's—	Deceased Member of the Steel Family
Wed 21st	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Cleary Family RIP
Thur 22nd	10am	St George's —	Charles & Dee Knox & John Netto RIP
Fri 23rd	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Brian Winter RIP

#### The Nativity of the Lord

Christmas Eve	5.30pm	St Wilfrid's—	Christmas Vigil with Nativity Mime
Christmas Day	9.30am	St George's —	Parish Communities' Intention
	10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Parish Communities' Intention

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#\\_=\\_](https://m.facebook.com/gary.westcar#_=_)

**Newsletter items:** Please send to Jackie at [ssgeorge.wilfrid@btinternet.com](mailto: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 Monika Beaver  
Chairperson of the Finance Committee Gerry Palmer  
**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:

**Last Sundays Carol Service**  
**Just a very joyful occasion, most appropriate to Gaudete Sunday**

Rejoice in the Lord indeed. I am sure the weather had its effect in reducing the numbers, and by the end of the carol service the snow was falling very, very heavy. A bit of a spectacle in itself. In the hall the mulled wine, the very best of fayre and a tombola stall that consisted of winners and winners. Really great and a great lady (she won't like me saying that), Joan, a real treasure. Needless to say the children stole the show, there is something about carol singing to lift the spirits. We can continue to build on this. What a world it would be if there is no Saviour, no salvation. The light of Christ shines through all our obstacles, and I say thanks be to God for that.

*Fr Rory*

**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.

**St Wilfrid's CAFOD - The True Spirit of Christmas Giving - World Gifts This Christmas:** Thank you all who contributed, we collected £170.10. The chosen gifts are as follows:- Chirpy Chicks x 1 £20, Emergency Water x 4 £20, Emergency Food x 1 £50, Self Watering Gardens x 2 £40, Weatherproof Crops x 3 £36, Colouring Pencils x 1 £4, Total sent to CAFOD £170.

**St Wilfrid's Penitential Service - Tue 13th Dec at 6.30pm:**

Thank you Fr Barry for conducting our service, you made it a different kind of format which gave us time to reflect as well as helpful sheets of prayer etc., and your blessing to each individual completed a lovely service. Unfortunately the bad weather kept many away, but it was broadcast on-line. Some brave souls from St George's made it and were very welcome.

**Parish Carol Service:** a little depleted due to the snowy weather, but we managed to raise our voices to all the carols. The children performed a very moving nativity (so many shepherds chasing the Angels!), but the true meaning was acted perfectly. After in the beautifully decorated hall; mulled wine, mince pies, hot chocolate etc. The tombola and guess the name of the Reindeer raised a grand total of £135, which is going towards our Parish Party on 30th December and expenses incurred for the Children's Liturgy. Now comes the faux pas; we forgot to put non winning tickets in the drum, so not only the children had a prize every time, but the grown ups too!! It was all taken in good faith and everyone had a good laugh, Joan will never live that one down. Christmas jumpers can be worn at our Parish Party.

**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!

**Dates for your Diary:**

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, 3-5pm - Parish Christmas Party, St W's Hall.  
Sun 8th Jan, 4pm - Confirmation Classes, St G's.  
Fri 27th Jan, 11-12pm, Parish Bereavement Group, St W's Hall.  
Sun 29th Jan, 10am - Charity Breakfast, St G's Hall.

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

**Last Hour Rescue Bid for the Link Coffee Shop in Hailsham:**

A last hour rescue bid is underway as Sussex Charity Computers for Charities launches a public appeal to safeguard the future for numerous adults with learning difficulties, living in the Hailsham area. Time is running out, support is urgently needed today to protect all concerned. To that end donations can be made via Just Giving

[https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/Linkcoffeeshop?utm\\_source=copyLink&utm\\_medium=one\\_page&utm\\_content=campaign/Linkcoffeeshop&utm\\_campaign=pfp-share&utm\\_term=495cc415799b4824bd76ed836fa845ab](https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/Linkcoffeeshop?utm_source=copyLink&utm_medium=one_page&utm_content=campaign/Linkcoffeeshop&utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_term=495cc415799b4824bd76ed836fa845ab)

**Thank you:** Deacon John and Tessa would like to say a big thank you for all the cards and good wishes sent for Christmas. Wishing everyone a Happy Christmas and blessings for the New Year.

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

**Las Posadas - the Travellers Journey Begins:** Joseph, Mary and the Donkey 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 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.

**Donations Needed for Local Asylum Seekers:**

Items required as follows:- Shoes - Sizes: 39x2, 40x9, 41x9, 42x18, 43x10, 44x7, 45x5. Men's trousers; Medium x 20, Large x 20, X Large x 10. Medium Size Jackets, Coats, Cricket Kit and Footballs. Please leave any items in church porch. Thank you.

**Days of Reflection for Ministers, Led by Bishop Richard:** Sat 21st Jan 2023, St Bernadette's Church, Crawley, for Ministers of the Word 11am-4pm. Please sign up at ChurchSuite Events : email: Catherine.Christmas@abdiocese.org.uk

**Sunday 11th Dec - Mass Attendance:**

St Wilfrid's 71                      St George's 58