

# PARISH COMMUNITIES OF

## ST GEORGE

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## ST WILFRID

South Road  
Hailsham



### WEEKLY SERVICES

#### Second, 'Low', Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Sat 15th	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Church Open for Prayers & Confessions
Sun 16th	9am	St George's —	In Thanksgiving
	10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Parish Communities' Intention
Mon 17th	2.30pm	St George's —	Rosary Group —All welcome
Tues 18th	10am	St George's—	Sam Fleckney
Wed 19th	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Mrs Valerie Wells RIP
Thurs 20th	10am	St George's —	John & Helen's Intention
Fri 21st	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Sister Columba Rest in Peace

#### Third Sunday of Easter

#### Next week, collection for the Education of Future Priests

Sat 22nd	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Church Open for Prayers & Confessions
Sun 23rd	9am	St George's —	SK John Gallagher PGK, PFN RIP
	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, Email: [gpalmer2703@gmail.com](mailto:gpalmer2703@gmail.com). 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, 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:**

A great thanks be to God for Holy Week and Easter,  
and the great sense of grace that it brought to us.

One special moment was the children's Stations of the Cross.

**Now we look forward to Pentecost.**

That it may be a fresh beginning for a new life of faith in our parish communities. Some very important work has been done.

*Fr Rory*

**Now Accepting Contactless Donations at St Wilfrid's**

You will find our new DIGITAL COLLECTION PLATE, contactless terminal in the church. Just use your contactless debit/credit card or smart phone/ device to make a donation. Simply choose the amount you wish to donate and hold your card onto the reader. You can also opt-in for Gift Aid to increase your donation by 25%. If you are a UK taxpayer then donating with Gift Aid means that we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 received. Contactless donations are simple to administer, secure and convenient.



**Easter 2023:** Well what a great Easter it was this year, celebrated in our two churches. Maundy Thursday at St G's, lovely service to start Easter and the first time to take wine from the chalice since Covid. Three services on Good Friday, especially enjoying the children's own version of the Stations of the Cross, the children reading was very moving. Easter Vigil at St W's; starting in our hall by candle light, then outside around the new fire, blessing the two Easter Candles for both churches, then into the church for the rest of the special service. Easter Sunday at both churches were very well attended. At St Wilfrid's many young families attended; the future of our church. A great turnout in our hall after for Easter refreshments/Grand Easter Raffle. We had so many willing people helping out, a big thank you to all of you. Without your willing help these special occasions would not be possible. Most of all we have to thank Fr Rory, without him and Deacon John all the lovely services for Easter would not be possible. Thank you to everyone who helped in anyway to make our Easter Services really wonderful and fulfilling.

**The South Down Singers - Coronation Concert** Saturday 29th April 2023 at 3.30pm at St George's Church. Tickets £10 on the Door or Pre-Book by Telephoning 01323 832767. South Down Singers Support Local Charities.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023:** Join Bishop Alan in Lourdes from Monday 24 to Saturday 29 July. For further information, please 'phone Tangey Tours on 01732 886 666 or book online: Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangey Tours (tangney-tours.com)

**Dates for your Diary:**

Sun 16th April, After Mass, St W's Parish Mtg, St W's Church.  
Sun 16th April, 4-6pm, Confirmation Classes, St G's Hall.  
Sat 22nd April, 6-9pm, Feast of St George, St W's Hall.  
Thur 27th April, 2-4pm, Over 50's Club, St W's Hall.  
Fri 28th April, 11-12pm, Parish Bereavement Gp, St W's Hall.  
Sun 30th April, 10am - Charity Breakfast, St G's Hall.  
Sun 30th April, 4-6pm, Confirmation Classes, St G's Hall.  
Sun 14th May, 4-6pm, Confirmation Classes, St G's Hall.  
Sun 28th May, 4-6pm, Confirmation Classes, St G's Hall.  
Sun 11th June, 4-6pm, Confirmation Classes, St G's Hall.

**Parish Over 50's Club:** Next afternoon tea will be Thurs 27th April, 2-4pm, St W's Hall. The theme will be Red for St George. All the usual fun for £5.

**Four Parish Outings:** If you are interested in coming with us on any or all trips, please contact Joan on 07873390944 asap please, to ensure you have a seat reserved.

**Mon 24th April, Bluebell Walk:** Leave St Wilfrid's Car Park at 10am, £10. Charity for that day is "Demelza Hospice Care for Children".

**Thur 4th May, Staverton Garden Centre:** £10. Family run business by Christians, great selection of plants inside and out, also to enjoy a light lunch.

**Tue 9th May, Emmaus Visit:** £15. Hoping for better weather to wonder through the gardens & large second-hand store. Light lunch to be ordered before we go.

**Sat 24th June, Headcorn Aerodrome:** £20.

**Date for Diary:** Feast of St George, Patron Saint of England. Fish & Chip Supper plus all the usual fun. St Wilfrid's Hall, Sat 22nd April, 6-9pm. We will have to charge £8 pp due to the price of fish & chips going up. When paying please state your preference on the lists provided by Jean, vegetarians catered for.

**Last chance for tickets today,** keep your tickets for a 'lucky number' prize on the night. If you would like to help us please contact either Annette, Teresa, Gerry, Jean or Joan. Thank you.

**World Youth Day:** Are you aged 18-35? If you are, we invite you to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lisbon to meet with the Holy Father. 31st July -7th August 2023. Join millions of other young people from all over the world to celebrate our faith and make life-long friendships. The week will include a trip to Fatima as well as all the amazing festival activities, not to mention Mass with Pope Francis. For more info E: [lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk)

**Sunday 9th April - Mass Attendance:**

St Wilfrid's 172                      St George's 90