

PARISH COMMUNITIES OF



ST GEORGE



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ST WILFRID

South Road
Hailsham



WEEKLY SERVICES

The Holy Family			
Sat 30th	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Church Open for Prayers & Confessions
Sun 31st	9am	St George's —	Parish Communities' Intention
	10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Family Intention
Mon 1st	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Mary Mother of God
Tues 2nd	10am	St George's—	
Wed 3rd	10am	St Wilfrid's—	
Thur 4th	10am	St George's —	
Fri 5th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	
The Epiphany of the Lord			
Sat 6th	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Mass for the Epiphany of the Lord
Sun 7th	9am	St George's —	
	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#_=_

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 Treasurer 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/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.
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.

Parish Safeguarding Reps:
St George's: Kelly - 07967562110
St Wilfrid's: Maria - 07873759962

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, Joshua Hardy, Peter & Teresa Zurenkas, Anne Holt, Margaret, Rosie Tuson, Lilian Summers, Letty Booth, Tom Woodrow-Spencer, Chris Neyenhuizen, Laurey & Richard Stimpson, Nicole McCutchan, Len Brotherwood, Nellie Oakshott, Jean Molloy, Alan Smith, Julie Martin, Holly Leone, Deborah Osbourne Walker, Gill Standen and Richard Streeter.

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.

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year

The grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The love of God and the presence of the Holy Spirit be with you throughout our New Year.



In Calcutta, India, there is a children's home named Shishu Bhavan founded by Mother Teresa. The home continues to be operated by her community, the Missionaries of Charity. On the wall of the home hangs a sign which reads:

1. People are unreasonable, illogical, and self-centred.

LOVE THEM ANYWAY.

2. If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish ulterior motives.

DO GOOD ANYWAY.

3. If you are successful, you win false friends and true enemies.

SUCCEED ANYWAY.

4. The good you do will be forgotten tomorrow.

DO GOOD ANYWAY.

5. Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable.

BE HONEST AND FRANK ANYWAY.

6. What you spent years building may be destroyed overnight.

BUILD ANYWAY.

7. People really need help but may attack you if you help them.

HELP PEOPLE ANYWAY.

8. Give the world the best you have and you'll get kicked in the teeth.

GIVE THE WORLD THE BEST YOU'VE GOT ANYWAY.

Mother Teresa taught her young charges that the challenges offered by this sign can be met only if human beings are motivated by a love and a respect for one another which looks beyond faults, differences, ulterior motives, success, and failure.

Christmas Collection: As I am sure many of you are aware, Catholic Priests do not receive a salary and rely on your generosity at Christmas and Easter as a thank you for all they do for us. It is also possible to claim gift aid on your donation if you are a UK taxpayer and that extra 25% will go directly to Father Rory. If you aren't part of a planned giving scheme then please use the "one off" gift aid envelopes located in the porch. You can also contribute via the digital collection plate at St Wilfrid's or via the donations website link (<https://donate.mydona.com/st-wilfrids-church-hailsham>) using the "Christmas Collections" tab.

Dates for your Diary:

Tue 16th Jan, 6pm, - 1st Communion Lesson, St W's Hall.
Thur 25th Jan, 2-4pm - Parish Over 50's Club, St W's Hall.
Fri 26th Jan, 11-12pm - Parish Bereavement Gp, St W's Hall.
Sun 28th Jan, 10am - Parish Charity Breakfast, St G's Hall.
Tue 20th Feb, 6pm - 1st Communion Lesson, St W's Hall.
Tue 12th March, 6pm - 1st Communion Lesson, St W's Hall.

Parish Charity Breakfast: Next Breakfast 28th Jan after St G's 9am mass - fundraising for Children's Respite Trust. All Welcome invite friends and family, they are welcome just to attend breakfast or join for mass also.

Parish Over 50's Club: Our next afternoon tea will be Thursday 25th January 2024.

Your church needs cleaning; at St Wilfrid's we are looking for volunteers to be part of a rota to clean the church and hall. Ideally this would be for a couple of hours every 4-6 weeks. There will be an opportunity to sign up for this in the New Year, but in the meantime please speak to Maria Hills if you are able to put yourself forward to be part of this important team.

Sunday 24th December - Mass Attendance:

St Wilfrid's TBC St George's TBC