

PARISH COMMUNITIES OF



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WEEKLY SERVICES

The Epiphany of the Lord

Sat	6th	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Mass for the Epiphany of the Lord
Sun	7th	9am	St George's —	Feast of the Epiphany, Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Marie Kelly RIP
Mon	8th	2.30pm	St Wilfrid's —	Rosary Group - All Welcome
Tues	9th	10am	St George's—	Greta O'Neill RIP
Wed	10th	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Norman & Angela Wright RIP
Thur	11th	10am	St George's —	Mary Ackman RIP
Fri	12th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Holy Souls' Intention

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	13th	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Church Open for Prayers & Confessions
Sun	14th	9am	St George's —	Private 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#_=_

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.

Fr Rory Writes:

“Jesus show us the way to the Father”

Bishop Richard has presented to us the outcome of the process of consultation to provide a pastoral plan for the future of our diocese. This is now on the website and is available to all, and we are encouraged to study it.

I return to the most important focus of all “Jesus show us the way to the Father”. I am greatly sad, and when I return to the sharing's that were made at the beginning of the consultation concerning the life of the church after the 2nd Vatican Council. Our responsibility to be aware of nearly all our seminaries closing, with a resulting shortage of priests, and our responsibility to God. Jesus show us the way to the Father. God our Father knows what is best.

A body is made up of many parts working together and very good work is being done to serve this. Our celebrations over Christmas and our expectation for our future plans for working together is exactly what is needed. Stephen and Martin are giving great leadership, and a most important date when we make our first step to meet our challenge is now announced for Sunday 21st January, 2pm to 4pm in St Wilfrid's Church. A very special and important date for our future.

Fr Rory

Bishop Richard has written a new Pastoral Plan for the Diocese ‘The Word Who is Life: The Call to Mission’. As society becomes more secular our parishes must be ever-clearer beacons of light guiding people to Christ. The new Plan highlights how our community of faith can embrace this important time of renewal, forging diocesan parishes into communities of saints and strong, lively, and welcoming schools of discipleship. The Pastoral Plan can be found on the diocesan website:
www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/pastoral-plan

Social Committee Meeting: Wednesday 10th January, 7.30pm in St Wilfrid's Hall. All are invited to come and put their ideas for Social and Fundraising Events.

Wheelchairs: There is a wheelchair available in both St Wilfrid's and St George's. We have noticed that our elderly people could do with a little help getting from car to church or hall. Please take advantage of this service, it will help you.

Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Word – Saturday 20th January 2024

Bishop Richard will lead a day of reflection and formation for Ministers of the Word at Sacred Heart Church, Cobham, 11-4pm. Including Lectio Divina and Mass, plus talks on Sacred Scripture, the Liturgy of the Word, the Lectionary, and practical aspects of the ministry. Please register using the link W: [Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Word \(20-Jan-2024\) - ChurchSuite Events](#)

I shall pass through this world but once, any good that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to anyone. Let me not neglect it nor defer it. For I shall not pass this way again.

Dates for your Diary:

Wed 10th Jan, 7.30pm - Social Committee Mtg, St W's Hall.
Sun 14th Jan, 11.30am - St W's Parish Mtg, St W's Church.
Tue 16th Jan, 6pm, - 1st Communion Lesson, St W's Hall.
Sun 21st Jan, 2-4pm - Parish Meeting, St W's Church.
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.

Save Sunday 21st January all Catechists, Acolytes, Altar Servers, Ministers of the Word, Eucharist, Welcome, Music and any parishioners who wish to explore being involved in any of these ministries. More details to follow next week.

St Wilfrid's - A Big Thank You to everyone who helped in anyway to make Christmas so special. We are blessed with many “Good Helpers” throughout the year. They know who they are and we really do appreciate you and all you do to help run St Wilfrid's, without your help we would not have such a warm welcoming priest. Please keep up the good work in 2024. Plus a special thank you to our Fr Rory, God Bless Him.

Parish Over 50's Club: Our next afternoon tea will be Thursday 25th January 2024 at 2pm. As this is “Burns Night” we shall have a Scottish theme plus Haggis! Of course. See you there. As Annette and Joan are out of pocket on these occasions, we have decided that we will charge £10 each month per person. This will cover the ever rising cost of food and prizes, plus two valuable raffle tickets free!

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.

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 225 St George's 72

Monday 25th December St George's 110

Sunday 31st December - Mass Attendance:

St Wilfrid's 79 St George's 70