

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	6th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration and Reconciliation
Sun	7th	9am	St George's —	Mr Joseph Santos RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Parish Communities' Intention
Mon	8th	2.30pm	St George's —	Rosary Group - All Welcome
Tues	9th	10am	St George's—	Private Intention
Wed	10th	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Helena Intention
Thurs	11th	10am	St George's —	In Thanksgiving
Fri	12th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	James Lissenburg RIP

Third Sunday of Easter

(Collection next week for the Education of Future Priests)

Sat	13th	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration and Reconciliation
Sun	14th	9am	St George's —	Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Creta O'Neil 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 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

Churches Together in Polegate/Willingdon/Hampden Park/Hydneye 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 Stimpson, Nicole McCutchan, Nellie Oakshott, Jean Molloy, Alan Smith, Julie Martin, Holly Leone, Deborah Osbourne Walker, Sue Nye, Gill Standen, Richard Streeter, Patricia Delaney and Peter Andrews.

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:

**Hail Mary full of grace, The Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women, Blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus.**

Having celebrated the event of Easter we look forward to experiencing the fruits of the Holy Spirit when we celebrate Pentecost.

Deacon John has provided a focus for our preparations:-

Let us have the courage of our Christian convictions to share our Faith as St Thomas did, and to recognize the "nail marks." We are not to keep the gift of Faith locked in our hearts, but to share it with our children, our families and our neighbours, always remembering the words: *"Every believer in this world must become a spark of Christ's light,"* spoken by Pope St. John XXIII. *"We all have scars from our own Good Fridays that remain, long after our own experiences of resurrection. Our 'nail marks' remind us that all pain and grief, all ridicule and suffering, are transformed into healing and peace in the love of God that we receive from, and extend to others. The "nail marks" of Jesus are all around us in the lives of those living out their own Calvary's. Jesus calls us to be willing to place ourselves in the pain and struggle of others and bring the joy and peace of Easter into hearts, entombed in winter cold and darkness."*

Deacon John Fr Rory

Parish Quiz Night Fri April 12th 7pm - Tickets now on sale. Get your teams ready for the second of our bi-annual quiz nights this time held at St Georges Hall. Teams of 6 with children under 12 not included in team numbers.

Race Night, 26th April at 7pm: The race night leaflets already bought will be accepted as your entry on the night. More are on sale now and on the door on the night. You will need to bring your own alcoholic drinks and nibbles. Tea ,Coffee & soft drinks will be available. The tote will be at £1 a ticket. This is a fun night for all, hope to see you on the night.

Parish Over 50's Club: Our next afternoon tea will be Thursday 25th April at 2pm. Theme is St George.

THE GIFT:

An Eastertide series of 6 inspiring sessions on the role and gifts of the Holy Spirit. A great way to prepare together for all the important changes as the Deanery becomes a single new Parish in the coming months. Rooted in Scripture, Church Teaching and reflections from Pope Francis. Weekly on Thursdays from 11 April - 16 May, in Our Lady of Ransom Parish Hall (Eastbourne) from 11.45am – 1.15 pm, with refreshments, after the 11.00 am Mass. Everyone is welcome, bring a friend!

Please support Lynne Phair's September Bike Ride from Eastbourne to Amsterdam in Aid of St Wilfrid's Hospice. Lynne will be selling raffle tickets after Mass in St G's Hall on **Sun 7th April**. The prizes are: 1st prize Electric Bike, 2nd prize Food Hamper, 3rd prize A Wine Hamper. Tickets will be £2 each. Or donate to www.justgiving.com/page/lynne-phair-1690041574167 Thank you.

Dates for your Diary:

Fri 12th April, 7pm - Parish Quiz Night, St G's Hall.
Tue 16th April, 6pm - Holy Communion Session, St W's Hall.
Thur 25th April, 2-4pm - Parish Over 50's Club, St W's Hall.
Fri 26th April, 11-12pm - Parish Bereavement Gp, St W's Hall.
Fri 26th April, 7pm - Race Night, St W's Hall.
Sat 27th April, 3.30pm - South Downs Singers Concert, St G's
Sun 28th April, 10am - Community Charity Breakfast, St G's.

A most beautiful start to Holy Week with the Mass of the Last Supper at St George's. Our EM's from both communities renewing their commitment to this vital role. Good Friday poignant and respectful. Easter Sunday renewing our baptismal vows together. Thank you to everyone who put time and effort into supporting Fr Rory and producing meaningful, prayerful and well attended services.

Easter Celebrations at St Wilfrid's: We started at 10am, Good Friday "Stations of the Cross" led by Teresa and our children, a very simple version enjoyed by us all. Then into our hall for hot cross buns and tables of activities for the children. 3pm "Veneration of the Cross" led by Deacon John, well attended and moving. Next our Easter Vigil, Sat at 7pm, starting in the hall then outside, lighting of new fire and decorating the two Easter Candles for both churches. Then into the darkened church, each one holding a lighted candle to begin the lovely service we always look forward to and enjoy. Easter Sunday Mass absolutely packed out. Thank Goodness the sun didn't shine until later, so the "Egg Hunt" got away without melting. The bag sale was very successful and many of you came in for tea and refreshments, especially the 2 large cakes decorated by Anne. A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped in anyway towards making our Easter Celebrations so successful. It is the many willing helpers we have that make these occasions so special. If you would like to join us, please do let us know, we need you. Last, but by no means least, Fr Rory, who is the one person who gives meaning to all our services and celebrations, thank you Father.

The South Downs Singers Spring Concert on Saturday 27th April at 3.30pm. St George's Church. Tickets £10 on the door or by calling 01323 832767.

Sunday 31st March - Mass Attendance:

St Wilfrid's 240 St George's 109