

# PARISH COMMUNITIES OF



## ST GEORGE

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## ST WILFRID

South Road  
Hailsham



### WEEKLY SERVICES

#### Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

##### (Collection for Evangelii Gaudium Today)

Sat	20th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Open for Adoration and Confessions
Sun	21st	9am	St George's —	Jenni Duder-Rumsey RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Parish Communities' Intention
Mon	22nd	2.30pm	St George's —	Rosary Group - All Welcome
Tues	23rd	10am	St George's —	Anne Eamer RIP (4th Anniversary)
Wed	24th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Mogens Hanson RIP
Thurs	25th	10am	St George's —	Dolores McNabb RIP
Fri	26th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Hilda Chiwanza Intention

#### Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

##### (Friday is Harvest Fast Day, Collection for CAFOD on 5th October)

Sat	27th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Open for Adoration and Confessions
Sun	28th	9am	St George's —	Death Anniversaries of Sonia Villaluna
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Ruth & Eric Arndt 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#\\_=\\_](https://m.facebook.com/gary.westcar#_=_)

**Newsletter items:** Please send to Jackie at [hailsham@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:hailsham@abdiocese.org.uk), 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

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#### Parish Safeguarding Reps:

St George's: Maria - 07873759962

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 & those named in the books in our churches

Amy Jenkins, Lily May, Joshua Hardy, Peter & Teresa Zurenkas, Anne Holt, Margaret, Rosie Tuson, Lilian Summers, Sue Nye, Tom Woodrow-Spencer, Chris Neyenhuizen, Laurey Stimpson, Nicole McCutchan, Nellie Oakshott, Jean Molloy, Alan Smith, Julie Martin, Holly Leone, Deborah Osbourne Walker, Gill Standen, Letty Booth, Thomas Pailey, Thomas Guy, Michael O'Regan, Richard Streeter, Patricia Delaney, Graham, Pamela Swanston, Jean & Chris Littlewood, Jean Skelton, Jennifer, Peter Mitchell, Cecilia Hyland, Sheila Jury & Madeleine Waters.

**Warm Welcome!** We're glad to have you at Mass, especially visitors.

New to the parish or looking to reconnect? Fill out a welcome form in the porch or speak to Fr. Rory - we'd love to meet you and help in any way!

Fr Rory writes:

“By the grace of God

with the help of God”

**The Rosary Group at St George’s, faithfully, quietly, constantly over the years gathered to pray and share time together** each Monday early afternoon. **This has been invaluable and leaves a great legacy of shared memories and company.** It now lends to something most important for us in facing the challenge for the future. Suggestion has been raised to Fr Rory, that this could be a valuable opportunity for the elderly to receive Holy Communion in the church to begin with, and then they could join together for the rosary and teas in the hall after the service.

We will also have celebrated the anniversary of the Diocese at Ardingly Showground. At this time we can hope that it will be a great celebration of our life in the Diocese. When I entered the seminary, it had just been established, seeing as a good opportunity for a future of its own, freeing it from the clutches of the Diocese of Southwark.

*Fr Rory*

### Harvest Festival & A Season of Giving

Our parish Harvest Festival will be celebrated at **both St George’s and St Wilfrid’s on Sunday 28th September** — a time to thank God for His gifts and share them with others.

- ◆ **St George’s:** The Monthly Charity Breakfast will follow the **9.00am Mass**, raising funds for Eastbourne & Hailsham Foodbanks.
- ◆ **St Wilfrid’s:** A produce sale in aid of **CAFOD** will follow the **10.30am Mass** (donations of fruit, veg, preserves, or baked goods welcome at Friday Mass, Saturday Adoration, or on the day).
- ◆ **Foodbank Collection at both churches:** Non-perishable items may be left in either church porch during the week.

### CAFOD Family Fast Day – Friday 3rd October

Eat simply and donate to parish collection to help communities like Waré’s in Ethiopia, where women walk for hours to collect water. Your gift brings signs of hope in this Jubilee Year. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, digital plate or follow this QR code to make your donation.

### Harvest Ploughman’s Lunch AT St Wilfrid’s – Sunday 5th October

To round off our harvest celebrations, St Wilfrid’s will be hosting a Harvest Ploughman’s Lunch after the 10.30 Mass on Sunday 5th October. Tickets are £5, with all proceeds going to CAFOD. Please sign up in advance if you’d like to attend. We’d love to share this simple, joyful meal with you.

### Exploring Our Faith: Catholicism with Bishop Robert Barron

New 10-week course (not consecutive) begins **Wednesday 24th Sept, 6.30pm** at 55 Gorringe Valley Road. Each session features a one-hour video from Bishop Barron’s acclaimed *Catholicism* series, followed by discussion. A wonderful opportunity to deepen and share our faith together. To find out more or to join, please contact **Mary O’Hanlon** (07789 464817 / [maryohanlon21@hotmail.com](mailto:maryohanlon21@hotmail.com)).

**Children’s liturgy:** Both our churches offer regular children’s liturgy during term time.

- ◆ A gentle reminder for parents: please complete registration forms
- ◆ Children under 5 should be accompanied by a parent or carer.
- ◆ We urgently need new leaders—full training and support is provided, please speak to Teresa (St W) or Mary (St G) for more details.
- ◆ We also need **Doorkeepers** —volunteers who help escort the children safely to and from the hall and encourage them during the storytelling. Please add your name to the rota.

**Calling All Crafters:** Do you enjoy a bit of sewing or making simple jigsaws and wooden items? The Children’s Liturgy team needs helping hands to create resources for Godly Play—patterns are provided! Please speak to **Annette or Teresa** for more details.

### Dates for your Diary:

Thurs 25th Sept, 2-4pm - Over 50’s Club, St W’s Hall.  
Fri 26th Sept, 11-12pm - Parish Bereavement Group, St W’s Hall.  
Sun 28th Sept Mass - Harvest festival both churches  
Sun 28th Sept, 10am - Community Charity Breakfast, St G’s Hall  
Sun 4th Oct, 11.15am - Harvest Ploughman’s Lunch – St W’s Hall  
Fri 17th Oct, Time TBC, Quiz Night, St W’s Hall.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** The Diocese of A&B is renewing and developing its **Adoration Lay Committee** in order to increase the practice of Eucharistic Adoration in parishes throughout the diocese. You are welcome to attend an **Information Meeting**. On **Thursday 2nd October, at 8pm**, for one hour. Registration from 7pm, includes light refreshments. In St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley RH10 6RP. For further details - See poster in the church.

**Quiz Night:** Margaret Nevill would love to join a team at St Wilfrid’s Hall on Friday 17th October. Please contact Jackie on 841504 or email [hailsham@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:hailsham@abdiocese.org.uk) if you have a vacancy. Thank you.

**St Thomas A Becket Catholic Primary School - Open Day:** St Thomas a Becket Catholic Primary School warmly invite parents of children due to start school for the first time in September 2026 to our open day on Wednesday 5th November. We will be holding 3 sessions throughout the day 9am, 1.30pm and 6pm. Please contact the school for further information or to be added to one of the sessions. Email- [Office@stthomasbecket.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:Office@stthomasbecket.e-sussex.sch.uk)  
Phone- 01323 737221.

**Over 50’s Tea and Games Afternoon:** Our next meeting is Thursday 25th September when the theme will be Harvest.

**Polegate Art’n’Craft Fayre & Café** Saturday 4th October, 10am–3pm St G’s Hall. Come browse and enjoy a cuppa.

### Sunday 7th September - Mass Attendance:

St Wilfrid’s 96 St George’s 65

### Sunday 14th September

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