



# PARISH COMMUNITIES OF ST GEORGE POLEGATE AND ST WILFRID HAILSHAM



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## Weekly Services

### Saturday 24 January

10:00am St W

### Sunday 25 January: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am St G Mass: Parish Communities' Int.

10:30am St W Mass: John & Margaret Forde's Int.

### Monday 26 January

2:30pm St G Rosary Group: All welcome

### Tuesday 27 January

10:00am St G Mass:

### Wednesday 28 January

10:00am St W Mass: Lyra Lissenburg RIP

### Thursday 29 January

10:00am St G Mass:

### Friday 30 January

10:00am St W Mass:

12.30pm St W Service of Celebration for Betty's Daughter, Mary.

### Saturday 31 January

10:00am St W Adoration and Confession

### Sunday 1 February: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Collection 8/2/26 A&B Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund)

9:00am St G Mass:

10:30am St W Mass: Parish Communities' Int.

### Please remember in your prayers those who are unwell and those named in the books in our churches:

Amy Jenkins, Lily May, Joshua Hardy, Peter and Teresa Zurenkas, Anne Holt, Margaret, Rosie Tuson, Lilian Summers, Sue Nye, Tom Woodrow-Spencer, 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 and Chris Littlewood, Jean Skelton, Jennifer, Peter Mitchell, Cecilia Hyland, Madeleine Waters, Andrew, and Gerry Page

**Hub Newsletter:** the next edition of the monthly Hub Newsletter will be delayed from February to March.

**CAFOD Family Fast Day – Lent Appeal :** Enjoy a simple soup and bread lunch in St Wilfrid's Hall after the 10.30am Mass on Sunday 22nd Feb. All are welcome to join us for fellowship and Family Lenten activities

## Parish Social Events Questionnaire:

At the recent Social Committee meeting, it became clear that we are struggling both to generate ideas for events and to find volunteers to run them. We have therefore decided to issue a questionnaire to find out what types of events would be of interest to parishioners. Forms will be available in the porch and the closing date for responses is 8 February. Please take the time to complete one, as this will help us understand the types of events and activities you would like to see included in our programme for 2026.

### Spitfire Girl Talk - 21st February 2026 - 7.30pm St Wilfrid's

**Church Hall:** On Saturday February 21st at 7.30pm there will be a talk on Spitfire Girl, Mary Ellis, given by Author Melody Foreman. Mary was a member of the Air Transport Auxiliary and flew many different types of aircraft including bombers single handedly during the war. Tickets £15. available from [civilaviationtrust.org](http://civilaviationtrust.org) for more information contact Gary O'Brien. Thank you.

**Lourdes Pilgrimage:** Our pilgrimage to Lourdes is one of the most significant pastoral events in our annual diocesan calendar, with hundreds of members of our community of faith visiting the Grotto together each year. Sandra and a few youths will be attending, **lets give this our maximum support**, so if you would like to join them, please apply or speak to Sandra for more information. Applications for the 2026 Pilgrimage will open in early 2026. The Pilgrimage will take place from 24-30 July. <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk>

**Last Sunday Charity Breakfast:** Our next Charity Breakfast will be Today, Sunday 25th January after mass at St George's when we will be supporting "Warming Up the Homeless". We hope you, your family and friends can support this.

**Pilgrimage to Poland:** 26 May to 1 June 2026. £995pp sharing or £1200pp in a single room, includes flights, one suitcase, half board, excursions and a travel representative. If you are interested speak to Ilona 07904 680885 for more details or to sign up.

## Dates for your Diary:

Fri 30 Jan, 11-12pm - Parish Bereavement Group, St W's Hall.  
Sun 25 Jan, 10am - Charity Breakfast, St G's Hall.  
Wed 4th Feb, 7-8.30pm - F.H.C. Parents Mtg, St W's Hall.  
Wed 11 Feb, 6-7.30pm - 1st Holy Com Mtg, St W's Hall.  
Thurs 26th Feb, 2-4pm - Over 50's Club, St W's Hall.  
Wed 11 March, 6-7.30pm - 1st Holy Com Mtg, St W's Hall.  
Fri 3rd April, Family Stations of the Cross, St W's.  
Sun 12 April, After Mass - St G's Quarterly Com Mtg, St G's.

## Sunday 18th January - Mass Attendance:

St Wilfrid's 126 St George's 64

## St George and St Wilfrid's Parish Social Events Questionnaire

Purpose:

This questionnaire helps us understand what kinds of social activities parishioners would enjoy, so we can plan events that build fellowship and community.

### Section 1: About You (Optional)

1. Age group:

☐ Under 18 ☐ 18–30 ☐ 31–45 ☐ 46–60 ☐ 61+

2. Do you usually attend parish social events?

☐ Yes ☐ Sometimes ☐ Rarely ☐ Never

### Section 2: Interest in Social Events

3. How important are parish social events to you?

☐ Very important ☐ Important ☐ Neutral ☐ Not important

4. What types of social events would you be interested in? (Tick all that apply)

☐ Family fun days / picnics

☐ Meals (potlucks, parish dinners)

☐ Youth events

☐ Seniors' gatherings

☐ Cultural events

☐ Games / quiz nights

☐ Music / Comedy/talent shows

☐ Talks / discussions (non-religious)

☐ Charity / outreach activities

☐ Trips / outings

☐ Seasonal Fairs

☐ Film Nights with Pizza and Popcorn

☐ Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

### Section 3: Practical Preferences

5. When would you prefer social events to be held?

☐ Weekday mornings ☐ Weekday evenings ☐ Saturday ☐ Sunday (after Mass)

6. How often would you like social events?

☐ Weekly ☐ Monthly ☐ Quarterly ☐ Occasionally

7. Preferred duration of events:

☐ 1–2 hours ☐ Half day ☐ Full day

8. Would you be willing to contribute in any of the following ways?

☐ Volunteering time

☐ Helping with planning

☐ Providing food

☐ Financial support

☐ Not at this time

If you can support any of the areas listed above, please share your contact details:

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#### Section 4: Barriers & Suggestions

9. What prevents you from attending parish social events? (Tick all that apply)

☐ Time constraints

☐ Lack of interest

☐ Childcare needs

☐ Transportation

☐ Not aware of events

☐ Events don't appeal to me

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

10. How do you usually hear about parish events?

☐ Church announcements

☐ Notice board

☐ Word of mouth

☐ Parish bulletin

#### Section 5: Your Ideas

11. What social event would you most like the parish to organize?

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12. Any additional comments or suggestions?

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Please return completed form to the box in the church porch or scan completed form to [hailsham@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:hailsham@abdiocese.org.uk) by 8<sup>th</sup> February 2026