

# The Parish Church of Saint Edward the Confessor, Burgess Hill

*Building a Community of God's People  
in the Power of the Holy Spirit*

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**We are an Anglican Church that seeks to be...**

- **Catholic** in the way we express our faith.
- **Charismatic** in seeking to be gifted by the Holy Spirit.
- **Contemporary** in our style of worship.
- **Committed** to exploring God's word in the Scriptures.
- **Concerned** to share the healing love of Christ with all.



**SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2015**

***The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time***

6.00 p.m. Vigil Mass

(Saturday evening)

**10.00 a.m. PARISH MASS  
with Kidz Zone**

In our Gospel reading today, Jesus was walking along beside the sea of Galilee preaching the good news of God when he made a call for help. He saw Peter and Andrew throwing a net into the water, because they were fishermen. He called out to them, "Come, follow me and I will teach you how to fish for people." Jesus wanted

Peter and Andrew to help him teach people about God's love for them. Jesus, Peter, and Andrew had gone a little farther when they saw James and John sitting in a boat mending their nets. When Jesus saw them, he called to them, "Follow me." They didn't say, "Not right now, we're busy mending our nets. Perhaps some other time." No, the Bible says that they left their father sitting in the boat with the hired hands and followed Jesus. Jesus is still calling for help today.

He has called you and me to help him to bring others into God's Kingdom. Is it an emergency? It sure is! It's a matter of life and death! The Bible says, "*Unless you repent, you will all perish.*" (Luke 13:3) Jesus has called us, what will we say? What will we do?

I hope and pray that we will drop whatever we are doing and answer the call!

*Welcome to everyone gathered here at St. Edward's on this Sunday. We bid a warm welcome to any here for the first time or visiting us today. It's good to have you with us and sharing in our Parish Mass.*

**Coffee** (or tea) and refreshments are available in the Church Hall after the Parish Mass to which we invite everyone. Do please stay, if you can, and share in this short time of fellowship together.

**COFFEE STOP – this Saturday from 9.30 a.m.**

Please give this your support and help.

Breakfast, brunch and lunch will be served, as well as cakes and home-made produce on sale. Also lovely hand-made greetings cards are available for sale. Please support this monthly fund-raising event by your presence and come and enjoy each other's company!

**Shrove Tuesday – 17<sup>th</sup> February:** The Men's Group invite **everyone** to join them for a **Pancake Party** on Shrove Tuesday at 7.30 p.m. in the Church Hall - ending with Compline (Night Prayer) in preparation for Lent at 8.45 p.m. in Church. If you would like to join us, please sign the list in the narthex.

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February – Ash Wednesday** – the first day of Lent – a day when the Church asks all her members to be at the Eucharist.

**Sung Mass** with the Blessing and Imposition of Ashes at **7.30 p.m.**

There will be a **LENT COURSE** in church on the Wednesday evenings of Lent – beginning at 7.30 p.m. Further details to follow

**The Annual Parochial Church Meeting** will be held on **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February** during the Parish Mass at 10.00 a.m. In preparation for this we need to produce our Annual Report and Year Book with all the relevant reports from the different groups within the life of our church. Leaders, please email them to Father Denis at [denis.bradshaw1@btinternet.com](mailto:denis.bradshaw1@btinternet.com) **as soon as possible please.**

**Prayer Ministers:** There will be a meeting for all those involved in the Ministry of Prayer for Healing & Wholeness on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February** from 10.00 a.m. – 12 noon.

**Walsingham 2015:** The date for the annual **Anglo Catholic Charismatic Celebration** is Monday 10<sup>th</sup> – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August. Please consider joining us for this wonderful week of worship, teaching (and fun!)

*The Anglo Catholic Charismatic Celebration Organising Committee meets here at St. Edward's on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 12 noon. We urgently need 2 or 3 new members for this committee. Would those who normally attend the Celebration please think and pray about this and consider volunteering?*

**Candlemass:** Next Sunday is the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, commonly known as 'Candlemass' Parish Mass as usual at 10.00 a.m. Then in the evening at **6.00 p.m.** we will have **PRAYER & PRAISE** which will include the Candlemass ceremonies ending with Benediction. Do please join us for this informal and joy-filled worship.

The **Social Team** would like to run a Frugal Lent Lunch on **Sunday March 5th** after Mass. Offering Home made soup, bread and cheese, tea and coffee. There will also be a small raffle, the proceeds of which will go to a charity, nominated by those who come and chosen at random, as our Lenten Almsgiving.

More volunteers are needed for coffee/tea serving on Sunday mornings. Please help with this.

### **PRAYER & CARE**

Please pray for the **SICK:**

**Frances Roberts:** coping with long term ill health

**Grace Atkins** (aged 8) with Leukaemia

**Chris Reeve** – undergoing treatment for Leukaemia

**Steve Brooker** – diagnosed with spinal tumours

**Terry Monk** – undergoing chemotherapy for cancer

**Fletcher Mephram** (aged 6) battling cancer. Pray too for his family

**Libby Trotter** (aged 11) – battling cancer

**Eirlys Williams** – after surgery last weekend

Please pray for the **recently departed:** David West

And in great love, we commemorate the souls of:

Alfred Gaston (Monday) Ian Woodhams (Tuesday)

Annie Newnham, Doris Dendy, Elizabeth Rodgers (Wednesday)

Ann Charman (Thursday) Amy Squires, John McLening (Friday)

# *The week ahead at St. Edward the Confessor*

- MONDAY:** *Ss Timothy & Titus, companions of St. Paul*  
*Father Denis has Mondays as his 'rest day'*  
**'Saints Alive' group** meets at 7.30 p.m. at 34 Withybush
- TUESDAY:** **MASS at 10.30 a.m.**  
with the Ministry of Prayer for Healing & Wholeness.  
The **Men's Group** meet in the Hall at 7.30 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY:** *Saint Thomas Aquinas, priest*  
**Home Group** meets at 5 Sevenfields at 1.00 p.m.  
**Home Group** meets at 83 West Street at 7.30 p.m.  
*'All the Right Notes' meet in the Hall at 7.30 p.m.*
- THURSDAY:** **MASS at 10.30 a.m.**
- FRIDAY:** Teddy-Tots Parent & toddler group meet in the Church Hall 10.00 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.  
**MASS at 7.30 p.m.**
- SATURDAY:** *Saint John Bosco, priest*  
**COFFEE STOP from 9.30 a.m.**  
**VIGIL MASS of SUNDAY at 6.00 p.m.**
- NEXT SUNDAY:** ***THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD***  
Vigil Mass at 6.00 p.m. (Saturday evening)  
**PARISH MASS at 10.00 a.m.**  
with Kidz Zone  
**PRAYER & PRAISE for CANDLEMASS**  
With the Ministry of Prayer for Healing & Wholeness  
at **6.00 p.m.**