

The Parish Church of Saint Edward the Confessor, Burgess Hill

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

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 11th FEBRUARY 2018
The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10.00 a.m. PARISH MASS
with Kidz Zone



In today's gospel, we hear the story of someone, "pestering God," a leper who asks Jesus for healing. This passage comes from the first chapter of the Gospel according to Mark, the evangelist who was so anxious to get to the meat of the Gospel that he skipped the Christmas story. Mark starts with Jesus already grown and launches straight into his baptism. From that point, it is a rapid-fire narrative: all in the first

chapter, Jesus begins to preach, calls four disciples, heals a man with an unclean spirit, then Simon's mother-in-law, then a great crowd of sick people and demoniacs and now a leper. The good news of this story is that as the leper mattered to Jesus - so do we!

WELCOME to everyone sharing in the prayer and praises of Jesus at our Parish Mass this morning. Do please stay for coffee afterwards in the Mustard Seed Café.

ASH WEDNESDAY – THIS WEDNESDAY

Wednesday 14th February

A day when the Church asks all her members to be at the Eucharist.

SUNG MASS at 7.30 p.m.

with the Liturgy of Penance and the Blessing and Imposition of Ashes

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party – This Tuesday at 7.00 p.m.

Followed by 'Night Prayer' (Compline) at 8.45 p.m.

PLEASE SIGN THE LIST TODAY if you would like to attend and please remember to bring your own drink!

LENT COURSE: This year we will study the Diocese of Chichester's Lent course '**INSPIRING VISION**' This will take place in church on **Wednesdays** 21st & 28th February, 7th, 14th and 21st March – at 7.30 p.m. ***Please sign up today!***

Friends of Gattons School are collecting Plastic Milk Bottle Tops for the school to help raise money for new equipment. If you would like to help with this, please save your plastic bottle tops and bring them to the café every now and then. Many thanks.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on **Sunday 18th March** 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 ***as soon as possible please.***

Nomination Forms for election/appointment as Churchwarden and Parochial Church Council are available at the back of the church.

Sunday morning Coffee Rota: The rota is looking very empty and is waiting for YOUR name to go on it. Brothers and sisters, is it too much to expect that everyone who normally stays for coffee would also be willing to serve others their coffee? This is surely something that **everyone** can do!

Easter Flowers: From this Wednesday (Ash Wednesday) flowers are taken out of the church for the season of Lent. In order to have a good display of flowers at Easter, please give your donations to Pat Myers. If you would like flowers placed in church in memory of a loved one, please make sure that Pat is aware of that. Thank you.

Change of Plan! During Lent this year, **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will take place on **Friday evenings** during the **7.30 p.m. Mass** (*except on Friday 2nd March when there is a PCC meeting*) Please consider committing to Stations of the Cross this Lent. Stations of the Cross is a wonderful, moving act of worship as we walk with the Lord to Calvary.

PRAYER & CARE

For those who are sick:

Within our congregation we would especially pray for ...

Kathy Sadler, Anne Chitty, Gloria Baptist-Smith, Jenny Smith, Stephen Gray, Doug Myers, Cathie Ford.

And for:

Gill Oldfield: numerous cancers – that God's will be done.

Sally Slatter: in very poor health, now registered blind.

Mark: mental health problems.

Jack Fernee very ill in hospital

Charlotte- undergoing chemotherapy and family James and Celia at this difficult time.

Grace Williams – broken leg

Maggie & Peter Daly – ongoing medical health problems

Roger Waterson – crippled with spinal tumour

Carmela – in a very difficult place at this time

Recently departed: Adina Emerson, Zena Porter

And in love, we commemorate the souls of :

Annie Lewery, Keith Douglas-Mann (Sunday) Gwendoline Bunkell (Monday)

Larry Sadler, Roy Hurrell (Tuesday) Cyril Pink, Betty Wallis (Wednesday)

Elizabeth Gasson, William Goddard, Henry Bunkell (Friday)

Alice Kinsman (Saturday)

This week at St. Edward the Confessor

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MONDAY: *Father Denis has Mondays as his 'rest day'*

TUESDAY: **10.30 a.m. MASS**
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party' in the Mustard Seed Café from 7.00 p.m.

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THURSDAY: **9.30 a.m. MASS**
The Mustard Seed Café
Open 10.00 a.m. – 3.30 p.m.

FRIDAY: **The Mustard Seed Café**
Open 10.00 a.m. – 3.30 p.m.
7.30 p.m. MASS

SATURDAY: **The Mustard Seed Café**
Open 10.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY: 18th FEBRUARY 2018
The First Sunday of Lent
10.00 a.m. PARISH MASS *With the Ministry of Prayer for Healing & Wholeness*