

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 (Church of England) 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 Jesus with all.

SUNDAY 27th NOVEMBER 2016
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10.00 a.m.

PARISH MASS

*with Kidz Zone and the Ministry of
Prayer for Healing and Wholeness*



Today we begin the season of **ADVENT**.
Advent is not a preparation for
Christmas: It's a preparation for the
coming of Jesus!

Of course, one of the best ways to
prepare for His second coming (at the
end of time) is to celebrate His first
coming (two thousand years ago). But
the next time we see the one who lay in
the manger, He will be riding on the
clouds of heaven!

ADVENT, although not the same as Lent, is a
'penitential season' (and that is why the
liturgical colour is purple) and is a wonderful
time to begin again. In fact it is the church's
New Year.



Welcome to everyone gathered here on this Advent Sunday



Coffee and other refreshments are served in the Mustard Seed Café after the Parish Mass. Do please come into the café and get to know one another better!

The Ministry of Prayer for **Healing & Wholeness** is offered during the Parish Mass (during the time of Holy Communion) this morning, and every Sunday morning. Everyone is welcome to use this opportunity to pray and be prayed for in the power of the Holy Spirit.

THE MUSTARD SEED COMMUNITY CAFÉ

Will be open this week on
THURSDAY and FRIDAY
10.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.
and **SATURDAY**
10.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.



FOR ALL WHO VOLUNTEER IN ANY CAPACITY IN THE MUSTARD SEED CAFÉ.

There will be a meeting **this Tuesday 29th November** after the 10.30 a.m. Mass (at around 11.30 a.m.) and everyone who is involved is asked to please do their best to attend.

We would like to have feedback (good and bad) and to discuss the way forward with this very successful project.

PRAYER & PRAISE – our next Prayer & Praise will be **next Sunday 4th December** at **6.00 p.m.** This service will have a very **ADVENT** feel to it with the theme of **'PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD'** After Prayer & Praise there will be a party in the Café to celebrate **Sheila Elgie's** birthday!

Wine for use at the Eucharist: We are beginning to run low on Communion wine and would welcome donations of bottles of **MOSCATEL DE VALENCIA** which is a sweet golden desert wine. On sale at Tesco's and Sainsbury's at £5 (Tesco is the best as theirs has a 'screw-top'!)

Christmas Lunch – Sunday 11th December. Have YOU signed up for this yet? We can only take the first 50!

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY! We are planning a party for Saturday 31st December: **8.30 p.m. – 12.30 a.m.** to see in the New Year. If YOU would like to join us (*absolutely free – bring your own drink!*) please sign up for this today so that we have some idea of interest. During the evening there will be **a QUIZ 'That was the Year that was'**

If anyone would like to bring fireworks to set off at midnight – that would be great!



Collection of Toys: It is our custom here at St. Edward's that on the first Sunday of December (Sunday 4th December at the Parish Mass) we have a collection of (new) toys which will be given to the Diocese of Chichester Family Support Work and passed on from them to children of deprived families this Christmas. Please be generous in your support of this annual appeal. If at all possible, please provide Christmas Wrapping Paper (but please don't wrap the toys!)

Happy Birthday to... Wendy Kingcome (Monday) Pat Myers (Thursday)
Val Broom & Betty Killaspey (Friday)

FOR OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for those who are sick:

Within our congregation, we would especially pray for...

Peter, Kathy, Anne, Audrey, Heather

Pray also for.....

Frances Farmer – severe stroke

Richard Brown slight improvement after minor operation but still very ill.

Laurie (and his family) – now undergoing intensive therapy

Gill Oldfield: numerous cancers (that God's will be done)

Pat Farrant – recovering from stroke and severe shingles

Derek Newman – cancer

Graham Bailey –cancer clear but numerous secondary infections

Lisa King – breast cancer

Peter Funnell – stomach cancer

Fletcher Mephram (8) – chemotherapy for recurring cancer

Anniversary of death: Yvonne Brigden (Sunday) Leonard Myles, Syd Beresford, Daphne Boyd (Tuesday) Frederick Brigden, Agnes Poole, Robert Master-Curtis, Frederick Towers (Wednesday) Dane Nutley (Thursday) Michael Brundle – priest (Friday)

This Pew Sheet is sponsored in memory of
FATHER MICHAEL BRUNDLE

The week ahead at St. Edward the Confessor

- MONDAY:** *Father Denis has Mondays as his 'rest day'*
Home Group at 7.30 p.m.
at the home of Simon & Caroline Hill –
34 Withy Bush. *'Church & Kingdom'*
- TUESDAY:** **MASS at 10.30 a.m.**
Followed by coffee and fellowship in the Café
Mustard Seed Volunteers Meeting.
- WEDNESDAY:** ***Saint Andrew, Apostle***
Home Group at 1.30 p.m.
in the Mustard Seed Café. 'The Lord's Prayer'
- THURSDAY:** **The Mustard Seed Café**
open 10.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.
- MASS at 10.30 a.m.**
Followed by coffee and fellowship in the Café
- Home Group at 7.30 p.m. (Men's Group)**
at 7 Bramble Gardens
- FRIDAY:** **The Mustard Seed Café**
open 10.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.
- MASS at 7.30 p.m.**
- SATURDAY:** **The Mustard Seed Café**
open 10.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.
- NEXT SUNDAY:** ***THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT***
PARISH MASS at 10.00 a.m.
With KIDZ ZONE
- PRAYER & PRAISE at 6.00 p.m.**
'Prepare the Way of the Lord'

Christmas at St. Edward's 2016

Sunday 18th December

6.00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS PRAISE

*An informal Carol Service for all the family
with CHRRISTINGLES for the children.*

*During this service there will be a collection taken
for the work of the Children's Society.*

CHRISTMAS EVE

Saturday 24th December

8.00 p.m.

THE MASS OF CHRISTMAS NIGHT

*With the same atmosphere as 'Midnight Mass' but
at an earlier time in the hope that many more of us
would be able to share in this exciting worship.*

CHRISTMAS DAY

Sunday 25th December

10.00 a.m.

PARISH MASS of CHRISTMAS MORNING

An informal celebration for all the family

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Sunday 1st January 2017

10.00 a.m.

PARISH MASS of NEW YEAR'S DAY

*Begin a New Year of Our Lord – with Our Lord
at the Lord's Table*

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS CARD:

As is our custom here at St. Edward's, we produce a Christmas Card with as many greetings on as those who would like to participate (rather than sending individual Christmas cards) which will be given to all members of the Parish Family.

Your personal greeting and donation of £5 should be with Penny Burton by Sunday 11th December please.

CHRISTMAS INVITATIONS: Once again we hope to invite as many people as possible through our invitation cards around the parish. We will need lots of help getting these out before 18th December. PLEASE help with this. This really is so important.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: *All the Right Notes* **CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION** - an evening entertainment with Burgess Hill's Community Choir with songs from around the world for choir and audience - **Wednesday December 14th at 7.30 p.m.** here at St. Edward's. Tickets are available today **£6.**

THE MUSTARD SEED COMMUNITY CAFÉ

The Mustard Seed Café will be closed for the Christmas period from December 19th to January 7th inclusive.

Thank you for all your support during 2016 and we look forward to even greater support during 2017!

A very special THANK YOU to all CAFÉ VOLUNTEERS!

SCOUTS CHRISTMAS POST:

Post boxes will be distributed at public locations throughout Burgess Hill, including here at St. Edward's – from Monday 28th November until midday on Monday 19th December.

Christmas Cards can only be posted with a RH15 postcode.

The cost is 30p per card (which you put into the post box separately from your card).

The Christmas cards will be hand delivered by the Scouts shortly after 19th December, but in time for Christmas, of course!