

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 4th DECEMBER 2016

The Second Sunday of Advent

10.00 a.m. PARISH MASS with

KIDZ ZONE

6.00 p.m. PRAYER & PRAISE

The Gospels tell us nothing of the time between Jesus' childhood and his emergence at the Jordan as a disciple of John.

That is a sign to us in preparing for the Advent of the fragile shoot (the baby Jesus whose life is immediately in danger

from Herod in Matthew's account), that it is into an adult world - a world of injustice and violence that Jesus comes.

John's preaching is excruciatingly uncomfortable for the religious insiders who approach him - as it is also for us, the insiders to the Church.

John echoes the prophets with a call to 'bear fruit that befits repentance' - in other words, to *do justice*, to *love mercy* and to walk humbly *with God*. Only in this way will the Advent of Isaiah's vision of a renewed creation become a possibility.

WELCOME TO EVERYONE

gathered here at St. Edward's today.

A special welcome to any newcomers or visitors today.

Coffee is served in the Mustard Seed Café after the Parish Mass
Do please stay and get to know one another better!

THIS EVENING: There will be a very special ADVENT PRAYER & PRAISE this evening at 6.00 p.m. PLEASE, please come back this evening and share in this informal Advent worship as we prepare for Christmas. After Prayer & Praise this evening there will be a BIRTHDAY PARTY – celebrating Sheila Elgie's Birthday which is next week and Myra Shaw's Birthday today. EVERYONE WELCOME!

Parish Christmas Lunch – next Sunday. First 50 names on the list by the end of today! £5 each – please remember to bring your own drink!

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 next Sunday please.

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.**

Scouts Christmas Post: Burgess Hill Scouts will be delivering Christmas cards in the Burgess Hill area (RH15 addresses only) for 30p per card. Please put your addressed cards and money in the post box in the Narthex before Monday 19th December.

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!

CHRISTMAS AT ST. EDWARD'S

SUNDAY 18th DECEMBER

6.00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS PRAISE

*An informal service for all the family
with CHRISTINGLES for the children.*

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
to enable more people to attend.*

CHRISTMAS DAY

Sunday 25th December

10.00 a.m.

PARISH MASS

*An informal celebration
for all the family*

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.

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!

Happy Birthday to Myra Shaw
(Today)

FOR OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for those who are sick:

Within our congregation, we would especially pray for... **Peter, Kathy, Anne, Audrey, Heather, Stephen.**

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: Cecil Randall, Eric Hester, Ernest Carter, Elizabeth

Blunt, John Farmer (Sunday) Ivy Warner (Monday)

Kathleen Betts (Wednesday) Sidney Gibbins, Arnold West (Thursday)

Cyril Obard, Charles Chester (Friday) Dorothy Cole (Saturday)

This Week at Saint Edward's

- MONDAY:** **MASS at 2.00 p.m.**
(Mothers' Union Corporate Communion)
- Home Group at 7.30 p.m.**
 at the home of Simon & Caroline Hill –
 34 Withy Bush. *'Church & Kingdom'*
- TUESDAY:** *Saint Nicholas, bishop*
 MASS at 10.30 a.m.
 Followed by coffee & cake in the Café
- WEDNESDAY:** *Saint Ambrose, bishop*
 'All the Right Notes' Choir
 meet in the café at 7.30 p.m.
- THURSDAY:** ***The Immaculate Conception of Our Lady***
 The Mustard Seed Café
 open 10.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.
- MASS at 10.30 a.m.**
 Followed by breakfast in the café.
- Home Group (for Men) at 7.30 p.m.**
 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. – 3.00 p.m.
- NEXT SUNDAY:** **The Third Sunday of Advent**
 'REJOICE' Sunday!
 PARISH MASS at 10.00 a.m.
 with Kidz Zone