

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 6th DECEMBER 2015
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10.00 a.m. PARISH MASS
*with Kidz Zone and the Ministry of
Prayer for Healing and Wholeness*

6.00 p.m. PRAYER & PRAISE

In our Gospel reading today, we see that John the Baptist has no time for froth or trivia. For clothing and food he chooses the bare essentials, and his message is lean and minimalist: 'Repent, confess your sins, and await the One who will baptize with fire and the Holy Spirit'. In John the Baptist not a single word is wasted, and every word points to JESUS.



As Christmas draws ever closer, may our lives, our words and our actions, like John the Baptist, point to the One whose Birthday we prepare to celebrate, and who will come again in glory.

*Welcome to everyone gathered here on this
Advent Sunday*



Coffee and other refreshments are served in the Church Hall after the Parish Mass. Do please come into the hall and get to know one another better!

**CHRISTMAS at
ST. EDWARD'S**

Sunday 20th December
CHRISTMAS PRAISE
with Christingles
at 6.00 p.m.

*An informal service
for ALL the family*

Thursday 24th December
CHRISTMAS EVE
THE MASS OF
CHRISTMAS NIGHT
at 8.00 p.m.

*Come and experience the joy
and wonder of this
very special service*

Friday 25th December
CHRISTMAS DAY
PARISH MASS of
Christmas Morning
at 10.00 a.m.

*A joyful Eucharist
for ALL the family*

THIS EVENING
ADVENT PRAYER & PRAISE
at 6.00 p.m.

*Do please come back this
evening for this informal worship
looking forward to Christmas –
followed by Coffee & Cake in the
Church Hall*

ALL THE RIGHT NOTES
CHRISTMAS CONCERT

an evening of entertainment with Burgess Hill's Community Choir **this Wednesday at 7.30 p.m.** here at St. Edward's. Tickets on sale now - **£5 adults – under 16's free.** Drinks & nibbles on sale during the intermission! PLEASE come and support this community venture.

St. Edward's Christmas card to all from all, which goes out just before Christmas, saves you time, the worry of missing somebody out or not knowing their name. Please give your personal message, plus a donation of £5 to Penny today if possible - deadline next Sunday.

Saturday 26th December – the feast of St. Stephen (and 'Boxing Day')
Mass at 12 noon – followed by Drinks & Nibbles at the Vicarage.

Christmas is a time which brings many people to church who don't normally attend – therefore it is so important that WE are here to welcome them! I urge you in particular to be at our **Christmas Praise** (with Christingles) on **Sunday 20th December** at **6.00 p.m.**, the **Mass of Christmas Night** on **Christmas Eve evening** (8.00 p.m.) and/or our **Family Mass** on **Christmas morning**.

St. Edward's & St. Andrew's Scout groups are once again delivering Christmas Cards in the **RH15 area**. Please put your addressed cards plus a donation of 30p per card in the box in the Narthex. Last collection is 7.00 pm Friday December 18th. *Thank you. Kathy & Roger*

The **Parish Family Christmas Lunch** is **next Sunday** – 13th December. If you would like to join us please make sure your name is on the list. Today is the LAST chance to get your name down and to pay up!

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

This Thursday – Delivery of Parish Christmas Cards advertising our Christmas services (as well as the Mustard Seed Project).

Meet at **7 Bramble Gardens** at **7.30 p.m.** and afterwards for Mulled Wine and Mince Pies. On Thursday we hope to cover the 'Vicarage Estate' and the 'Woolpack Estate' – PLEASE come and help!

Happy Birthday to Matthew Preece (Thursday) and Sheila Elgie (Friday)

FOR OUR PRAYERS

For those who are sick

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

Peter Robinson, Frances Roberts, Kathy Sadler.

Robin Williamson – having triple heart bypass surgery

Paul Myles - diagnosed with Lymphatic Cancer

Gloria Norris – with cancer

Sybil Millard - recovering from heart attack

Marge Breeze - chemotherapy for recurring oesophageal cancer

Bruce Smetham - being treated for recurring cancer

Roger Sadler – undergoing investigations for circulation problems

For the departed: Paul Barnes

And in great love we commemorate the souls of...

Kathleen Betts (Monday) Arnold West, Sidney Gibbins (Tuesday)

Charles Chester, Cyril Obard (Wednesday) Dorothy Cole (Thursday)

This week at St. Edward the Confessor

THIS EVENING: **ADVENT PRAYER & PRAISE** at **6.00 p.m.**
With the Ministry of Prayer for Healing and Wholeness and ending with Benediction.

MONDAY: *Saint Ambrose, bishop*
The Mothers Union meet at 2.00 p.m. in the Hall

TUESDAY: **THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF OUR LADY**
MASS at **10.30 a.m.**
Followed by refreshments in the Church Hall

WEDNESDAY: **CHRISTMAS CONCERT**
an evening of entertainment with Burgess Hill's
Community Choir 'All the Right Notes'
at **7.30 p.m.** **PLEASE SUPPORT THIS**

THURSDAY: **MASS** at **10.30 a.m.**
*The Church Hall will be used as a Polling Station
today (The Burgess Hill Town Council's
Neighbourhood Plan Referendum)*

CHRISTMAS INVITATION CARD DELIVERY
Please meet at the Vicarage (7 Bramble Gardens) at
7.30 p.m.

FRIDAY: Teddy-Tots in the Church Hall from 9.00 a.m.

MASS at **7.30 p.m.**



NEXT SUNDAY
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Gaudete/Rejoice Sunday
PARISH MASS with KIDZ ZONE
at **10.00 a.m.**

*With the Ministry of Prayer for
Healing and Wholeness*