

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 9th DECEMBER 2018
The Second Sunday of Advent
10.00 a.m. PARISH MASS

with the Ministry of Prayer for Healing & Wholeness

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 Second Sunday of Advent*

Coffee and other refreshments are available in the Mustard Seed Café after the Parish Mass – everyone welcome!

**CHRISTMAS at
ST. EDWARD'S**

**Sunday 23rd December
CHRISTMAS PRAISE
with CHRISTINGLES
at 6.00 p.m.**

*An informal Carol Service
for ALL the family*

**Monday 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 with the
same atmosphere as
'Midnight Mass'*

**Tuesday 25th December
CHRISTMAS DAY
PARISH MASS of
Christmas Morning
at 10.00 a.m.
*A joyful Eucharist
for ALL the family***

The Parish Family
**Christmas Lunch is next
Sunday – 16th December.**

Just £5
*Please remember to bring
your own drink!*

Parish Christmas Card

If you would like to be included in this, please give your message (and your £5) to Penny Burton by next Sunday at the very latest.

**St Edward's and St Andrew's
Scout Groups** are arranging a **Christmas card delivery service.**

Please put your RH15 cards in the box with 35p per card. Last collection is Thursday 20th December at 11.00 a.m.

New Year's Eve Party:
We need to know how many are likely to come to our annual New Year's Eve Party – anyone who would otherwise be on their own is most welcome to join us!
Please sign the list!

Happy Birthday to Sheila Elgie (Tuesday)

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 23rd 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**.

Confessions before Christmas: It is always good to prepare spiritually for a great festival, and to take heed of John the Baptist who urges us to 'Repent' and confess our sins. One way of doing this is through the Church's Ministry of Sacramental Confession.

Is this an Anglican thing? Absolutely yes! Are we 'obliged' to go to confession? Absolutely no! Remember ALL MAY – NONE MUST – SOME REALLY OUGHT TO! Fr. Denis will be available for this very special sacrament in the week leading up to Christmas – by appointment (Tel: 01444 241300)

FOR OUR PRAYERS

For those who are SICK:

Within our congregation we would especially pray for ...

Kathy Sadler, Anne Chitty, Gloria Baptist-Smith, Jenny Smith, Stephen Gray, Sue Silverlock (in hospital) Pray also for **Ian Dyke**

Also, for:

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| Dave Treby: | very ill with cancer |
| Lizz: | undergoing third course of chemotherapy |
| Brother Angelo: | gently fading away |
| Caroline Heath | aggressive cancer |
| Barbara: | recovering from ankle operation |
| Sheila: | recovering from mastectomy |
| Teresa King | recovering from Mastectomy |

For the recently departed: Bill Bertram

We commemorate the souls of

Cyril Obard, Charles Chester (Sunday) Dorothy Cole (Monday)

Stanley Tilly, David Vickery (Priest), Joan Pernet (Thursday)

Lionel Craske, Adelaide Betts, Beryl Groves, Jonathan Reeves (Friday)

Ivy Richardson, Walter Weeden, Molly Avis, Wreford Heard, Dick Cory (Saturday)

This Pew Sheet is sponsored by the Burton's in Loving Memory of Doreen Burton and all family members whose absence is especially noticed at this time of the year.

The week ahead at St. Edward the Confessor

SUNDAY

9th December

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10.00 a.m. PARISH MASS

with the Ministry of Prayer for Healing & Wholeness.

MONDAY:

Father Denis has Monday as his 'Rest Day'

TUESDAY:

10.30 a.m. MASS

Followed by coffee and cake in the Café.

WEDNESDAY:

Funeral in church at 11.30 a.m. (Bill Bertram)

followed by burial at B.H. Burial Ground

THURSDAY:

Saint Lucy

9.30 a.m. MASS

The Mustard Seed Café

open 10.00 a.m. – 3.30 p.m.

FRIDAY:

Saint John of the Cross, priest

The Mustard Seed Café is open

10.00 a.m. – 3.30 p.m.

7.30 p.m. MASS

SATURDAY:

The Mustard Seed Café is open

10.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY:

16th December

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

'GAUDETE/REJOICE SUNDAY'

10.00 a.m. PARISH MASS

*With the Ministry of Prayer for
Healing & Wholeness*

12.30 p.m. PARISH FAMILY

CHRISTMAS LUNCH