

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 20th DECEMBER 2015

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

10.00 a.m.

PARISH MASS *with Kidz Zone*

6.00 p.m.

**'CHRISTMAS PRAISE' with
CHRISTINGLES for the children**

*Followed by Mulled Wine and
Mince Pies in the Church Hall.*



As the birth of a child draws near, naturally all attention focuses on the mother. We are nearing the celebration of the birth of Jesus, and so today we focus upon Mary his mother. Mary was a very humble person - a mere 'handmaid of the Lord' was how she saw herself. Her only concern was to do the will of God in her life.

We are getting closer and closer to Christmas. As we do so the pace of things hots up. There are a hundred and one things calling for our time and attention. The result could be that the

spiritual side of Christmas hardly gets a look in. This morning, let's pause for a while and make room in our minds and hearts for Jesus Christ to come to us during our worship.

*Welcome to everyone gathered here at St. Edward's
for our Parish Mass this morning.
Do please stay for coffee in the hall after the service.*

THIS EVENING: 'CHRISTMAS PRAISE' at 6.00 p.m.– an informal
Carol Service for all the family – with **CHRISTINGLES** for the children.

*Please note that during the service this evening there will be a
COLLECTION taken for the work of the Children's Society. Please come
prepared for the collection and PLEASE BE GENEROUS!*

CHRISTMAS AT SAINT EDWARD'S

Thursday 24th December

CHRISTMAS EVE

8.00 p.m.

THE MASS OF CHRISTMAS NIGHT

*With the same atmosphere and excitement as 'Midnight Mass' but at
an earlier time in the hope that more people would be able to come.*

Friday 25th December

CHRISTMAS DAY

10.00 a.m.

PARISH MASS OF CHRISTMAS MORNING

An informal celebration for all the family

Saturday 26th December

Saint Stephen's Day – 'Boxing Day'

MASS at 12 noon

Followed by 'Drinks & Nibbles' at the Vicarage.

Sunday 27th December

The Holy Family – Jesus, Mary & Joseph

PARISH MASS at 10.00 a.m.

Looking ahead

Friday 1st January 2016

NEW YEAR'S DAY

PARISH MASS at 12 noon

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

We have invited the whole of our Parish to join with US in worship of the New Born King at Christmas. Will YOU be here? Surely the most important thing we do this Christmas is to be at worship - at CHRIST'S-MASS?

Special Church Clean-up for Christmas: It would be good to get the church looking spick and span for the Christmas festivities. It would be really marvellous to have as many volunteers as possible who could spare an hour or so **TOMORROW** from **10.00 a.m.** to help make the church look 'sparkling' for Christmas!

'Spiritual Clean-up': A good way to prepare for Christmas is through Repentance and Confession. One of the ways of doing this is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). Father Denis will be available for this sacrament at any time by arrangement. (Tel: 01444 241300)

Happy Birthday to...Kathy Sadler (Tuesday) and
Father Denis (Christmas Eve)

FOR OUR PRAYERS

For a good response to our invitations to worship with us at Christmas.
For our Christmas Praise service this evening and for our Mass on Christmas Eve night and on Christmas morning.
For the Mustard Seed Community Café project.

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, Nev Burton

And in great love we commemorate the souls of

Florence Donald, Sarah Brigden, Mary Bangor Jones (Sunday)

Rhoda Tomlinson, Ida Blaker (Tuesday)

Caroline Hallett, Gwen Trash, Liz Waugh, Robert Womack (Wednesday)

George Hallett (Thursday) Albert Smith (Friday)

This week at St. Edward's

- MONDAY:** Church Cleaning from 10.00 a.m.
PLEASE come and lend a hand!
- TUESDAY:** **MASS** at 10.30 a.m.
Followed by refreshments in the Church Hall
- WEDNESDAY:** *The church will be decorated with flowers etc this morning*
- THURSDAY:** **CHRISTMAS EVE**
THE MASS OF CHRISTMAS NIGHT
at **8.00 p.m.**
- FRIDAY:** **CHRISTMAS DAY**
PARISH MASS OF CHRISTMAS MORNING
at **10.00 a.m.**
- SATURDAY:** *SAINT STEPHEN*
MASS at 12 noon
Followed by Drinks & Nibbles at the Vicarage
EVERYONE WELCOME!
- NEXT SUNDAY:** ***THE HOLY FAMILY – Jesus, Mary & Joseph***
PARISH MASS at 10.00 a.m.
- Next Monday:** ***The Holy Innocents of Bethlehem***
MASS at 10.30 a.m.

FRIDAY 1st JANUARY 2016

PARISH MASS at 12 noon

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SUNDAY 3rd JANUARY

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

PARISH MASS at 10.00 a.m.

EPIPHANY PRAYER & PRAISE at 6.00 p.m.