

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 11th JANUARY 2015 **THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

6.00 p.m. Vigil Mass
(Saturday evening)

10.00 a.m. PARISH MASS
with Kidz Zone

Today we celebrate the mystery of the Baptism of Jesus.

We are presented with an incredible scene. Jesus Christ, the sinless one, joins the queue of sinners and is baptized by his cousin John in the muddy waters of the River Jordan. He identifies with us, sinners, and in doing so he

enables us to be free from the power of sin.

Today let us thank God for our own Baptism to new life in Christ and pray that we would be faithful to our calling to build His kingdom here on earth as it is in heaven, as we seek to be building a 'Community of God's People in the Power of the Holy Spirit'

Welcome to everyone gathered here at St. Edward's on this Sunday. We bid a warm welcome to any here for the first time or visiting us today. It's good to have you with us and sharing in our Parish Mass.

We bid a special welcome this morning to The Bishop of Horsham,
The Right Reverend Mark Sowerby
who is our celebrant and preacher at the Parish Mass.

Coffee (or tea) and refreshments are available in the Church Hall after the Parish Mass to which we invite everyone. Do please stay, if you can, and share in this short time of fellowship together.

May all our church family know the peace and presence of Jesus Christ this Epiphany season. Thank you to everyone for your commitment to the life and ministry of our parish in 2014 and for the love and support shown to one another and our neighbours. May God be glorified through us and may we continue to serve Jesus as we seek to Build a Community of God's People in the Power of the Holy Spirit as we serve and worship Him in 2015.

HOME GROUPS this week.

The **Men's Group** meet this Tuesday at 7.30 p.m. in the Church Hall.

Wednesday afternoon group this Wednesday at Audrey's (5 Sevenfields). We will be looking at some Gospel stories through the eyes of Gospel women. +

Wednesday evening group at 83 West Street at 7.30 p.m.

'Saints Alive' group this Thursday 7.30 p.m. at Simon and Caroline's (34 Withybush). We will be looking at the epistle of St James. +

+ Each group will comprise six sessions (running up to the beginning of the Lent Course) and each weekly session will be stand-alone so new members or even occasional visitors would be very welcome.

Thank you to everyone who came and helped clear away the Christmas Trees, Crib and other Christmas decorations yesterday, and gave the church a good clean for today. Thank you!

Some dates coming up soon!

Sunday 1st February – the feast of Candlemass

Prayer & Praise with Candlemass ceremonies at 6.00 p.m.

Wednesday 18th February – Ash Wednesday – the first day of Lent – a day when the Church asks all her members to be at the Eucharist.

Sung Mass with the Blessing and Imposition of Ashes at 7.30 p.m.

Walsingham 2015: The date for the annual **Anglo Catholic Charismatic Celebration** is Monday 10th – Friday 14th August. Please consider joining us for this wonderful week of worship, teaching (and fun!)

Congratulations to Mark and Melina Leppard on the safe arrival of a son some weeks ago.

PRAYER & CARE

Please pray for the Diocese of Chichester - for Martin, our Bishop and Mark, Bishop of Horsham. For our Parish Priest, Father Denis and for Kevin and Simon our Churchwardens.

Please pray for the **SICK**:

Frances Roberts: coping with long term ill health

Maureen Knock: recovering from a fall and hand surgery

Grace Atkins (aged 8) with Leukaemia

Chris Reeve – undergoing treatment for Leukaemia

Steve Brooker – diagnosed with spinal tumours

Terry Monk – undergoing chemotherapy for cancer

Fletcher Mephram (aged 6) battling cancer. Pray too for his family

Libby Trotter (aged 11) – battling cancer

Letitia Dawson - suffering from severe migraine headaches

Recently departed: Gillian Walden and George Uilyatt

Anniversary of death: Dorothy Clark, Elizabeth Eggert (Sunday)

David Walker (Monday) Edna Pollard, Kathleen Holmes (Tuesday)

Gertrude 'G' Silverlock (Wednesday)

Nanette Ward, Thomas Williams, (priest) (Thursday)

Mildred Ikin, Samuel McCulogh (Friday)

John Davis, Dennis Parry, Doris Simons, Harry Lower (Saturday)

The week ahead at St. Edward the Confessor

- MONDAY:** *Father Denis has Mondays as his 'rest day'*
- TUESDAY:** *Saint Hilary, bishop*
MASS at 10.30 a.m.
with the Ministry of Prayer for Healing & Wholeness.

The **Men's Group** meet in the Hall at 7.30 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY:** **Home Group** meets at 5 Sevenfields at 1.00 p.m.

Home Group meets at 83 West Street at 7.30 p.m.

'All the Right Notes' meet in the Hall at 7.30 p.m.
- THURSDAY:** **MASS at 10.30 a.m.**

'Saints Alive' group meets at 34 Withybush
at 7.30 p.m.

Wives Group meets in the Hall at 7.30 p.m.
- FRIDAY:** Teddy-Tots Parent & toddler group meet in the
Church Hall 10.00 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.

MASS at 7.30 p.m.
- SATURDAY:** **VIGIL MASS of SUNDAY at 6.00 p.m.**
- NEXT SUNDAY:** ***The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time***
Vigil Mass at 6.00 p.m. (Saturday evening)

PARISH MASS with Kidz Zone at **10.00 a.m.**

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