

The Parish Church of
Saint Edward the Confessor, Burgess Hill

*Building a Community of God's People
in the Power of the Holy Spirit*

SUNDAY 4th FEBRUARY 2018
THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
'CANDLEMASS'

10.00 a.m. PARISH MASS

With the Ministry of Prayer for Healing & Wholeness



6.00 p.m.

PRAYER & PRAISE

*with Candlemass Ceremonies
and Liturgy of Light
ending with Benediction*

Today marks the formal end of Christmas/Epiphanytide when on the 40th day, Mary and Joseph presented Jesus in the Temple.

In our first reading (Malachi 3: 1-5) the prophet looks forward to the day when God's servant will come to judge

and purify His people. And in our Gospel reading we see Mary and Joseph come to the temple to consecrate Jesus to God, and there the old prophet Simeon proclaims Him to be a light to lighten the gentiles and the glory of Israel, His people.

When Jesus was presented in the temple He was consecrated to God, and went on to live out that consecration fully.

To commemorate this day, we will have a 'Liturgy of Light' (Candlemass Ceremonies) at Prayer & Praise this evening when we 'Walk in the Light' and pray that as we approach Lent that we would never forsake the light of Christ.

WELCOME to EVERYONE

gathered here at St. Edward's today.

Coffee/tea is served in the Mustard Seed Café after the Parish Mass this morning - do please stay if you can.

Coffee & cake is served after Prayer & Praise this evening!



THE MUSTARD SEED COMMUNITY CAFÉ
OPEN THIS WEEK

THURSDAY & FRIDAY
10.00 a.m. – 3.30 p.m.

SATURDAY
10.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.

Do please support this community project – and enjoy good food – good coffee – at very reasonable prices!

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday 14th February

A day when the Church asks all her members to be at the Eucharist.

SUNG MASS at 7.30 p.m.
with the Liturgy of Penance and the Blessing and Imposition of Ashes

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party – Tuesday 13th February

at 7.00 p.m. *Followed by 'Night Prayer' (Compline) at 8.45 p.m.*

PLEASE SIGN THE LIST TODAY *if you would like to attend and please remember to bring your own drink!*

LENT COURSE: This year we will study the Diocese of Chichester's course for '**The Year of Prayer**' This will take place in church on **Wednesdays** 21st & 28th February, 7th, 14th and 21st March – at 7.30 p.m. Please sign up today!

Friends of Gattons School are collecting Plastic Milk Bottle Tops for the school to help raise money for new equipment. If you would like to help with this, please save your plastic bottle tops and bring them to the café every now and then. Many thanks.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on **Sunday 18th March** during the Parish Mass at 10.00 a.m. In preparation for this we need to produce our Annual Report and Year Book with all the relevant reports from the different groups within the life of our church. Leaders, please email them to Father Denis at denis.bradshaw1@btinternet.com **as soon as possible please.**

Happy Birthday to Ted Griffiths (Thursday)

PRAYER & CARE

For those who are sick:

Within our congregation we would especially pray for ...

Kathy Sadler, Anne Chitty, Gloria Baptist-Smith, Jenny Smith, Stephen Gray, Doug Myers, Cathie Ford.

And for:

Gill Oldfield: numerous cancers – that God's will be done.

Sally Slatter: in very poor health, now registered blind.

Mark: mental health problems.

Jack Fernee very ill in hospital

Charlotte- undergoing chemotherapy and family James and Celia at this difficult time.

Grace Williams – broken leg

Maggie & Peter Daly – ongoing medical health problems

Roger Waterson – crippled with spinal tumour

Carmela – in a very difficult place at this time

Recently departed: Adina Emmerson, Audrey Todd, Zena Porter

And in love, we commemorate the souls of :

Pauline Moore, Peter Robinson (Sunday)

Peter Case (Tuesday) Annie Gaston, Arthur Moulding, Duncan Battey,

Horace Marsh, Rose Mellor (Wednesday)

Henry Williams, William Worsfold, Charles Smith (Friday)

**This Pew sheet is sponsored by Audrey
in Loving Memory of Tom Pugh**

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10.00 a.m. PARISH MASS *With the Ministry of Prayer for Healing & Wholeness*
6.00 p.m. PRAYER & PRAISE
- MONDAY:** *Saint Agatha*
Father Denis has Mondays as his 'rest day'
- TUESDAY:** **10.30 a.m. MASS**
- WEDNESDAY:** *Service at Forrest View Nursing Home at 11.00 a.m.*
The Mustard Seed Management Committee meets at 7.00 p.m. in the Café.
- THURSDAY:** **9.30 a.m. MASS**
The Mustard Seed Café
Open 10.00 a.m. – 3.30 p.m.
- FRIDAY:** **7.30 p.m. MASS**
The Mustard Seed Café
Open 10.00 a.m. – 3.30 p.m.
- SATURDAY:** *Saint Scholastica*
The Mustard Seed Café
Open 10.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.
- NEXT SUNDAY:** 11th FEBRUARY 2018
The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10.00 a.m. PARISH MASS *With the Ministry of Prayer for Healing & Wholeness*
and with KIDZ ZONE