

The Parish Church of  
**Saint Edward the Confessor, Burgess Hill**  
*Building a Community of God's People  
in the Power of the Holy Spirit*

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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.



**CHRISTMAS 2016**

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December

**Christmas Eve**

8.00 p.m.

**THE MASS OF**

**CHRISTMAS NIGHT**

**With the Blessing of the Crib**

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December

**Christmas Day**

10.00 a.m.

**PARISH MASS**

**With prayers at the Crib**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**



*Welcome to everyone sharing in  
the joy and wonder of Christmas  
here at*

*St. Edward the Confessor,  
Burgess Hill*

We bid a very special welcome to all our  
visitors and newcomers.

It's good to have you with us.

Please know that you are most welcome.

**THEY FOUND THE INFANT  
LYING IN THE MANGER**

**Thank you** to everyone who helped clean the church and get it ready  
for our Christmas celebrations.

**Thank you** to **Pat Myers** and her **team** for the flower decorations.

**Thank you** to our **altar servers** for their ministry for us over the  
Christmas period.

**Father Denis** would like to say a big **THANK YOU** (in advance!) for all  
your cards and gifts for my Birthday on Christmas Eve and for  
Christmas itself. I am so VERY grateful.

**Simon Hill** and **Jonathan Kingcome**, our Churchwardens,  
along with **Father Denis** wish you all a very  
**Happy Christmas – and every blessing in the New Year**

Wendy Kingcome, Christine Pritchard  
and all the volunteers at the **Mustard  
Seed Community Café** wish all our  
customers a Merry Christmas  
and a very Happy New Year.



The Mustard Seed Café is closed for the  
Christmas Holiday and will re-open on  
**Thursday 12th January**. From then,  
the Mustard Seed Café is open on  
**Thursdays** and **Fridays**  
10.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.  
and **Saturdays** 9.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY** in the Mustard Seed Community Café from 8.30 p.m. – 12.30 a.m. Absolutely FREE!!!

We will be having a 'BRING & SHARE' supper, so *PLEASE BRING SOME 'PARTY FOOD' TO SHARE* on the food table, and *PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN DRINK!*

**NEXT SUNDAY** is **NEW YEAR'S DAY!**

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

**PARISH MASS** at **10.00 a.m.**

Please note a slight change to the 'Ministry Rota'.  
We will keep the feast of Epiphany on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January  
(instead of Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January)

**Kidz Zone** – our Sunday morning Children's Ministry will resume on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January. Kidz Zone takes place every Sunday during the 10.00 a.m. Parish Mass.

**Happy Birthday** to... **Father Denis** (Christmas Eve) and **Christina Furber** (Thursday)

### FOR OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for those who are sick:

Within our congregation, we would especially pray for... **Kathy Sadler, Anne Chitty, Audrey Pugh, Heather Farrant, Stephen Gray.**

Pray also for.....

**Frances Farmer** – severe stroke

**Richard Brown** - slight improvement after minor operation but still very ill.

**Laurie** (and his family) – now undergoing intensive therapy

**Gill Oldfield**: - numerous cancers (that God's will be done)

**Pat Farrant** – recovering from stroke

**Derek Newman** – cancer

**Graham Bailey** –cancer clear but numerous secondary infections

**Lisa King** – breast cancer

**Peter Funnell** – stomach cancer

**Fletcher Mephram** (8) – chemotherapy for recurring cancer

### **Anniversaries of death:**

Albert Smith (Sunday) William Burgess (Tuesday)

Elizabeth Hardstock, Dick Avis, Winifred Marsh (Wednesday)

Maud Waters, Enid West, Victor Marsh (Thursday) Heather Trott (Friday)

## *This Week at Saint Edward's*

Many of the days that follow Christmas have special celebrations attached to them. Do please, if you can, come and celebrate these special commemorations:

- MONDAY:**            *SAINT STEPHEN, the first Christian martyr*  
We celebrate the martyrdom of the first Christian to give his life for the Lord of Christmas  
**MASS at 12 noon**
- TUESDAY:**            *SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST*  
St. John was the only one of the apostles to live his life till its natural end  
**MASS at 12 noon**  
*Followed by 'Drinks & Nibbles' at the Vicarage*
- WEDNESDAY:**        *THE HOLY INNOCENTS OF BETHLEHEM*  
The Holy Innocents of Bethlehem commemorates all the little boys who were killed by King Herod and who were the first to give their lives in an involuntary way for the Child of Mary.  
**MASS at 10.30 a.m.**
- THURSDAY:**            *SAINT THOMAS OF CANTERBURY*  
This day commemorates that 'Murder in the Cathedral', when Thomas à Becket as Archbishop of Canterbury was murdered by followers of King Henry II  
**MASS at 10.30 a.m.**
- FRIDAY:**                *THE HOLY FAMILY – JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH*  
**MASS at 7.30 p.m.**
- SATURDAY:**            *NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY*  
*in the Mustard Seed Café 8.30 p.m. – 12.30 a.m.*  
*with QUIZ: 'That was the Year that was'*
- NEXT SUNDAY:**        *NEW YEAR'S DAY – THE NAMING OF JESUS*  
**PARISH MASS at 10.00 a.m.**