

The Parish Church of  
**SAINT EDWARD THE CONFESSOR**  
Burgess Hill

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

**WELCOME**

If you are curious and have come to see,  
If you are weary and have come to rest,  
If you are grateful and have come to give thanks,  
If you are hurting and have come for comfort,  
If you are listening and have come to pray,  
If you are seeking and have come for answers,  
**WE WELCOME YOU IN CHRIST'S NAME!**



**CHRISTMAS 2017**

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December**

**6.00 p.m.**

**Parish Mass of the  
Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December**

**Christmas Eve**

**8.00 p.m.**

**THE MASS OF  
CHRISTMAS NIGHT  
with the Blessing of the Crib**

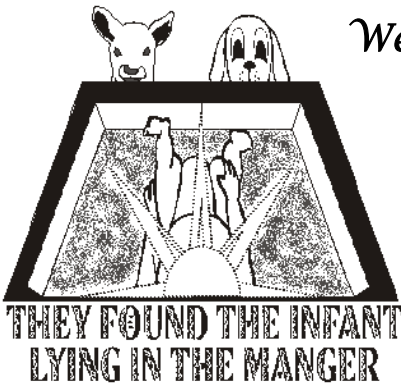
**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December**

**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!

**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**, 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 4th January**.

From then, the Mustard Seed Café is open  
on **Thursdays** and **Fridays**:

**10.00 a.m. – 3.30 p.m.** and

**Saturdays: 10.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.**

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

**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.

**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!*

**NEW YEAR'S DAY:** *'Begin a New Year of Our Lord – with Our Lord – at the Lord's Table'* – **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018 – PARISH MASS at 12 noon.**

**Kidz Zone** – our Sunday morning Children's Ministry will resume on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January. Kidz Zone takes place every Sunday during the 10.00 a.m. Parish Mass – all children are welcome.

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

### **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.** 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.

**June & John Schofield:** for physical recovery.

**Don Harriman** recovering well after a stroke

**Trudie** ME & depression following severe stress.

**Kathleen Walter:** diagnosed with cancer of the spine

**Jack Fernee** very ill in hospital

**Robert Williams** very poorly in hospital.

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

**Anniversary of death:** George Hallett (Sunday)

Albert Smith (Monday)

William Burgess (Wednesday)

Dick Avis, Winifred Marsh, Elizabeth Hardstock (Thursday)

Enid West, Victor Marsh, Maud Waters (Friday)

Heather Trott (Saturday)

# *This week at St. Edward the Confessor*

**SUNDAY:** 24<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2017  
***THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT***  
**6.00 p.m. (Saturday evening) PARISH MASS**

**SUNDAY** **CHRISTMAS EVE:**  
**8.00 p.m. THE MASS OF CHRISTMAS NIGHT – with the Blessing of the Crib**

**MONDAY:** **CHRISTMAS DAY**  
**10.00 a.m. PARISH MASS**  
***with Prayers at the Crib***

**TUESDAY:** *SAINT STEPHEN, the first Christian martyr*  
We celebrate the martyrdom of the first Christian to give his life for the Lord of Christmas  
**12 noon MASS**

**WEDNESDAY:** *SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST*  
St. John was the only one of the apostles to live his life till its natural end  
**10.30 a.m. MASS (Please note extra Mass)**

**THURSDAY:** *THE HOLY INNOCENTS OF BETHLEHEM*  
This feast 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.  
**10.30 a.m. MASS (Please note time)**

**FRIDAY:** *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  
**10.30 a.m. MASS (Please not time)**

**NEXT SUNDAY:** 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER  
***THE HOLY FAMILY – JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH***  
**10.00 a.m. PARISH MASS**