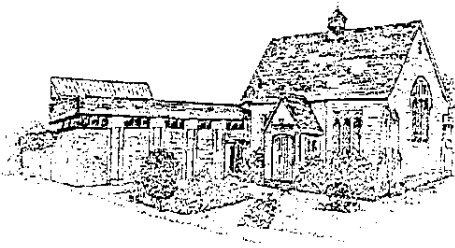


The Parish Church of
SAINT EDWARD THE CONFESSOR, BURGESS HILL
*Building a Community of God's People
in the Power of the Holy Spirit*

Sunday 12th July 2015
DEDICATION FESTIVAL

6.00 p.m. (Saturday Evening) **Vigil Mass**
10.00 a.m. **PARISH MASS with Kidz Zone**
With the Ministry of Prayer for Healing and Wholeness
Preacher: Father Peter Bustin.



Today, we give thanks and praise to God for His faithfulness to us, as a church, over these past 47 years, and especially for our church here and now.

God has been gracious to us over all these years, giving growth in our church today, and setting before us a vision for the future. We are glad that we can come to this church of bricks and mortar and meet the Lord here in prayer.

But we ourselves are living stones in the church of Christ our Lord, whose body we are. The Bible says *"Here God lives among his people. He lives among them and he will be their God "God with us"*. This is said about US - God's people! We are that temple in whom God lives, both as members of Jesus' body and as a living Christian community.

Let us give thanks for St. Edward's Church, but above all, let us live out our calling to BE the living presence of Christ in our Parish and community.

Welcome to everyone gathered here at St. Edward's this morning

We bid a special welcome today to **Fr. Peter Bustin** who will preach the Homily at Mass this morning. Fr. Peter who was until recently Chaplain of St. Michael's Anglican Church, Beaulieu-sur-Mer, in the South of France, is a long-standing friend of Fr. Denis' and having taken early retirement he now lives in Tangmere, near Chichester, so we hope to see a lot more of him!

Tea and Coffee is served in the Church Hall after the Parish Mass. Do please stay, if you can, and share in this time of fellowship together. – *EVERYONE WELCOME!*

The Barbeque: The Parish Barbeque to celebrate this special day of Dedication will take place after coffee in the Hall. Where we actually eat will very much depend on the weather! If you have not paid yet, please do so today – and please remember to bring your own drink!

TODAY, we give thanks to God for this church building. But a building without Christian people is not a church at all – just a building. A church is above all else, a place of worship, where Christian people gather to offer worship to our Father in heaven.

We celebrate the Eucharist Sunday by Sunday – but surely our Sunday worship is the minimum we can offer? It has long been the tradition of St. Edward's (and indeed, the whole Church) to have worship during the week, but apart from Tuesdays, these special quite times of worship are so poorly attended.

On this Feast of Dedication, could we please dedicate ourselves more to God by resolving to be at Mass *EVERY* Sunday? There is a Sunday (Vigil) Mass every Saturday evening at 6.00 p.m. for those not able to get to the Parish Mass on any Sunday morning at 10.00 a.m. and coming just once during the week?

We **URGENTLY** need more people to come to the Thursday morning Mass (10.30 a.m.) and Friday evening Mass (7.30 p.m.) as these services are so poorly attended.

Thank you to those who, week by week, support these services, and who help make the church of St. Edward the Confessor a place of prayer and worship day by day.

The **Deanery Synod** meets here at St. Edward's this Thursday, beginning with **Mass** at **7.15 p.m.**

The **Wednesday afternoon Home Group** are having a **House Mass** this Wednesday at 39 West Park Crescent at 1.30 p.m. and invite others who would like to join us. Please have a word with Christine Pritchard for further details (and so we know how many will join us.)

The **Men's Home Group** will not be meeting this Thursday because of the Deanery Synod here at St. Edward's – but will meet next Thursday for a House Mass at 7 Bramble Gardens at 7.30 p.m.

The Social Team invite you to join them in an **Afternoon Tea** at 3 p.m. on **Saturday 22nd August**. More details soon but put the date in your diaries NOW. The Social Team would also be glad to relieve you of any items suitable for raffle prizes!!

Congratulations to **Father Denis** on the 34th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood today.

Next Sunday we bid farewell to **Jack** and **Di** who are moving to Bognor. Drinks & Nibbles after Mass next Sunday!

FOR OUR PRAYERS

For those who are sick:

Within our congregation, we would especially pray for...

Peter Robinson, Frances Roberts, Kathy Sadler, Natasha Stannard

Pray also for...

Steve Brooker - undergoing treatment for spinal tumours

Chris Reeve - recovering from Leukaemia, please pray that the transplant may soon kick in fully.

Sarah Jones – having further tests.

For the recently **departed**: Phyllis Awcock.

In great love we commemorate the souls of...Dennis Whiting (Sunday)

Frank Jones (Monday) Joan Jones (Friday)

**This Pew sheet sponsored in memory of
Mums and sisters (great friends) sadly missed.**

The week ahead at St. Edward the Confessor

MONDAY: *Father Denis has Monday as his 'rest-day'.
The churchyard gardening Team
meet this morning*

Home Group
meets at 34 Withy Bush at 7.30 p.m.

TUESDAY: **MASS at 10.30 a.m.**
Followed by tea/coffee/fellowship
Funeral in church at 12 noon (Joan Awcock)

WEDNESDAY: *Saint Bonaventure, bishop*
House Mass
at 39 West Park Crescent at 1.30 p.m.

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

THURSDAY: **MASS at 10.30 a.m.**
Followed by tea/coffee/fellowship

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beginning with **MASS at 7.15 p.m.**

FRIDAY: Teddy-Tots – parent and toddler group
meets from 9.00 a.m. – 11.00 a.m. in the Hall.

MASS at 7.30 p.m.

SATURDAY: **VIGIL MASS of SUNDAY at 6.00 p.m.**

NEXT SUNDAY: ***The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***
Vigil Mass at 6.00 p.m. (Saturday evening)
PARISH MASS
at **10.00 a.m.** *With Kidz Zone*
followed by Drinks & Nibbles to say 'Farewell'
to Jack and Di.