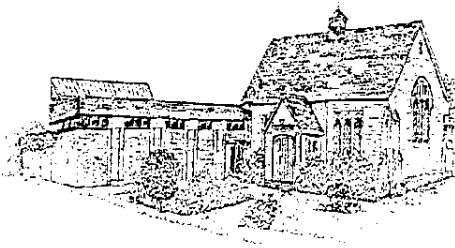


The Parish Church of  
SAINT EDWARD THE CONFESSOR, BURGESS HILL  
*Building a Community of God's People  
in the Power of the Holy Spirit*

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**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2016**  
**DEDICATION FESTIVAL**

**10.00 a.m. PARISH MASS with Kidz Zone**  
*With the Ministry of Prayer for Healing and Wholeness*



Today, we give thanks and praise to God for His faithfulness to us, as a church, over these past 48 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 and worship.

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.



**Coffee** and other refreshments are served in the Mustard Seed Café after the Parish Mass.

## THE MUSTARD SEED COMMUNITY CAFÉ

Will be open this week on  
**Thursday, Friday and Saturday**  
**9.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.**

*COME AND ENJOY OUR NEW  
SUMMER MENU!*

### DEDICATION FESTIVAL BAR-BE-QUE

takes place at **12.30 p.m.** today.

The cost of the Barbie is **£6 per adult** (Children are free) If you have not paid yet, **PLEASE** pay **Sue Silverlock** this morning after Mass.

Remember this is a *BRING YOUR OWN DRINK* 'do' so if you have forgotten to bring a bottle (or 2) there will be time to go and buy some after coffee this morning!

The Bar-be-Que will take place in the church grounds (Churchyard side) for easy access in and out of the Café (and toilets!)



**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?. *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 Masses 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 **Parochial Church Council** meets on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July** at the Vicarage at **7.30 p.m.**

**QUIZ NIGHT** – Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July 7.00 p.m. in the Mustard Seed Café.

**Audrey Pugh** is making good progress, but will not be home for a while. We continue to keep her very much in our prayers.

One of the things that Audrey was responsible for was to wash (and Iron) the altar linen (the purificators used to wipe the chalice during Holy Communion). Obviously this hasn't been done for four weeks now and we ran out of purificators! Is there anyone who would be willing to do this on a weekly basis – to save Fr Denis from washing and ironing 4 weeks' worth as he did last week! If you could help in this way, please have a word with Fr Denis. Thank you.

**Happy Birthday** to... **Stephen Farrant** (Thursday)  
and **Jack Chitty** (Friday)

### FOR OUR PRAYERS

Pray for the people of Nice and all of France after the terrible attack in Nice last Thursday night. Pray for the ending of terrorism.

For the Mustard Seed Community Café – praying that we may serve Christ in one another and love as he loves us.

**Please pray for those who are sick:**

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

**Peter Robinson, Kathy Sadler, Anne Chitty, Kathryn Farrant, Audrey Pugh.**

And also...

**Marge Breeze** - chemotherapy for recurring oesophageal cancer

**Bruce Smetham** - being treated for recurring cancer

**Jim Winter** - recovering from stroke, leaking aneurism

**Richard Brown** (priest) with a leaking heart valve

**Graham Bailey** – terminally ill.

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

**Marc's best friend** to get him through his overdose and make a full recovery.

Anniversary of death: Joan Jones (Sunday) Pamela Hurrell (Tuesday)

Harold Gaston, Dorothy Chapman, (Wednesday)

Ellen Lee, Alan McRae (priest) (Thursday) Alfred Whymark, Mabel Blaber,

Thomas Baker, Alice Stovell (Friday) Sheila Wood (Saturday)

**This Pew Sheet is sponsored by Penny  
in Loving Memory of Mum, Joan, Peggy and Lily**

# *The week ahead at St. Edward the Confessor*

**This evening:** *Father Denis is preaching at St. Silas, Pentonville (North London) for their Patronal Festival and would appreciate your prayers.*

**MONDAY:** *Father Denis has Monday as his 'rest day'*

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

**TUESDAY:** **MASS at 10.30 a.m.**  
*Followed by coffee in the Café*

**WEDNESDAY:** **Home Group** at 39 West Park Crescent at 1.30 p.m.

**THURSDAY:** **The Mustard Seed Café is open**  
**9.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.**

**MASS at 10.30 a.m.**

**Home Group** (Men's Group) meets at 7 Bramble Gardens at **7.30 p.m.**

**FRIDAY:** *Saint Mary Magdalene*  
**The Mustard Seed Café is open**  
**9.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.**

**MASS at 7.30 p.m.**

**SATURDAY:** **The Mustard Seed Café is open**  
**9.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.**

**NEXT SUNDAY:** *The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
**PARISH MASS at 10.00 a.m.**  
*With Ministry of Prayer for Healing and Wholeness –  
and with **Kidz Zone***