

# 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.

**SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2018**

***The First Sunday of Lent***  
**10.00 a.m. PARISH MASS**  
*with the Ministry of Prayer  
for Healing & Wholeness*



In today's Gospel reading Jesus is tested in the wilderness. Satan tempts Him, and thus provides proof that Jesus can be trusted and relied upon. This happens before the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. It is John the Baptist who has been in the wilderness, and now Jesus takes the stage as John is arrested.

**LENT** is a time when all serious followers of Jesus try to renew their spiritual lives. In a sense we go into the desert with Jesus.

*Welcome to everyone  
gathered here for worship today.  
Do stay for coffee after the Parish Mass.*

# The Season of Lent



**LENT** is a time for Spiritual Renewal and growth. We began the season of Lent well on Ash Wednesday when almost 40 of us gathered for Mass.

**LENT COURSE:** Every **Wednesday** evening in Lent at 7.30 p.m. we will gather here in church to study the Diocese of Chichester's Lent Course '**Inspiring Vision**' – for the 'Year of Prayer'  
*If you haven't already, PLEASE sign up for the Lent Course today.*

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** is a wonderful and moving Lenten Devotion (which will be different every week) and will take place every **Friday** in Lent *during* the **7.30 p.m. Mass**. Please commit to this special Lenten devotion and be prepared to be changed, renewed and moved by it.

**WEEKDAY MASS:** While some people feel that it is good to give something up for Lent, it is far better to take something on! How about committing to come to a weekday Mass during Lent?

**Tuesdays @ 10.30 a.m. - Thursdays @ 9.30 a.m.**

**Fridays @ 7.30 p.m.** (with Stations of the Cross)

## **The Mustard Seed Community Café**

is open this week on **Thursday** and **Friday** from **10.00 a.m. – 3.30 p.m.**

**Saturday** from **10.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.**



**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 **Women's World Day of Prayer** is prepared by the Christian women of Suriname in South America. It will take place in St John's Church on **Friday 2nd March** at 10.30 am Everyone is welcome !

It is prepared by women for everyone! It is interdenominational!

The **Social Team** meets this week on **Thursday** at 7 Bramble Gardens at 7.30 p.m.

The **Parochial Church Council** meets next on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** – beginning with **Mass** at **7.30 p.m.** (*No Stations of the Cross that evening*)

**Sunday morning Coffee Rota:** The rota is looking very empty and is waiting for YOUR name to go on it. Brothers and sisters, is it too much to ask that everyone who normally stays for coffee would also be willing to serve others their coffee? This is surely something that **everyone** can do!

**Easter Flowers:** During the season of Lent the church is not decorated with flowers. In order to have a good display of flowers at Easter, please give your donations to Pat Myers. If you would like flowers placed in church in memory of a loved one, please make sure that Pat is aware of that. Thank you.

### **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, Amelia Hill.**

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

**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

**Peter** – recurring secondary cancer

**Gerry** – recovering from 3 strokes

**Recently departed: Bill Peacock** And in love, we commemorate the souls of : Peter Allen, Bill Pattenden, Audrey Robinson, Harold Grainger, Kenneth Chalmers Stuart (priest) (Sunday) Horace Tame (Tuesday) Jane Pinnock (Wednesday) Alec Gasson, Don Martin, Alec Anthon (Thursday) Rose Robinson, Marjorie Smith (Saturday)

## *This week at St. Edward the Confessor*

- SUNDAY:** 18<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2018  
***The First Sunday of Lent***  
**10.00 a.m. PARISH MASS** *With the Ministry of Prayer for Healing & Wholeness*
- MONDAY:** *Father Denis has Mondays as his 'rest day'*
- TUESDAY:** **10.30 a.m. MASS**
- WEDNESDAY:** **'INSPIRING VISION' - LENT COURSE**  
in Church at **7.30 p.m.**
- THURSDAY:** **9.30 a.m. MASS**  
  
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- FRIDAY:** **The Mustard Seed Café**  
**Open 10.00 a.m. – 3.30 p.m.**  
  
**7.30 p.m. MASS with**  
**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**
- SATURDAY:** **The Mustard Seed Café**  
**Open 10.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.**
- NEXT SUNDAY:** 25<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2018  
***The Second Sunday of Lent***  
**10.00 a.m. PARISH MASS** *With the Ministry of Prayer for Healing & Wholeness*  
**and with KIDZ ZONE**