

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 11<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2018**

**The Fourth Sunday of Lent/ 'Mothering Sunday'**

**10.00 a.m. PARISH MASS**

*with Kidz Zone and with Healing Ministry*



*Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God. (Ephesians 2:8.)*

What is that gift? It is the gift of eternal life. It is the gift from God and it is given to anyone who wants to receive it. The Gospel says:

*God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. (John 3: 16.)*

When someone gives you a gift, it's never polite to ask, "How much did it

cost?" But in this case, the Bible tells us how much God's gift cost - and the cost was great. It cost God his only Son.

Can you imagine how much God loved us to send his one and only Son to earth to die on a cross so that we could have eternal life? Can you imagine how much Jesus loved us to be willing to die on that cross so that we could have eternal life in heaven?

Eternal life - what a gift! And all we have to do to receive it is believe and accept Jesus as our Saviour.

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

*The  
Season  
of  
Lent*



**LENT COURSE:** Every **Wednesday** evening during 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'

**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?

**Do you shop online?** Can I remind you that St Edward's is registered with [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) and we receive a small donation for every purchase made when St Edward's Church Burgess Hill is selected as the chosen charity.

To date we have earned £290.39 from this scheme at no cost to the Church or its users. Easyfundraising gives you free access to over 3,200 online retailers including the major travel, fashion and supermarket brands. It is free to use and easy to join at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>. Try it next time you are shopping online and watch our finances grow!

**The Mustard Seed Café** is open this week on **Thursday** and **Friday: 10.00 a.m. – 3.00 p.m.** and on **Saturday: 10.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.**  
*Do come and support our Parish in this outreach initiative.*

## HOLY WEEK and EASTER 2017

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March:

PALM SUNDAY

10.00 a.m. Palm Procession and  
PARISH MASS

6.00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March:

MAUNDY THURSDAY

7.30 p.m. The Liturgy of  
THE LORD'S SUPPER

Followed by the 'Watch of Prayer'  
until midnight

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March:

GOOD FRIDAY

10.00 a.m. The Liturgy of  
THE LORD'S PASSION

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March:

Holy Saturday

*Spring Clean from 9.00 a.m.*

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March

EASTER EVE – THE EASTER VIGIL

7.30 p.m. The Liturgy of  
THE LORD'S RESURRECTION  
and First Mass of Easter

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April:

EASTER SUNDAY

10.00 a.m. PARISH MASS  
*with Kidz Zone*

**Happy Birthday** to... **Simon Hill** (Tuesday) **Joan Williams** and **Amelia Hill** (Thursday)

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Photographic display:** We still need photos of the **1970's** and **1980's**. It would also be good to include photos from the various clubs and organisations that have been part of the church's life. Such as Thrift Shop, Kisiizi, Teddy Tots, Sunday School, Wives Club. The Wives are still very much with us, but early pictures and memories would be good. All contributions greatly appreciated. Please have a word with Sue Silverlock.

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary weekend – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2018

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

- SUNDAY:** 11<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2018 Mothering Sunday  
**The Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
**10.00 a.m. PARISH MASS** *With the Ministry of Prayer for Healing & Wholeness & Kidz Zone*
- MONDAY:** *Father Denis has Mondays as his 'rest day'*
- TUESDAY:** **10.30 a.m. MASS**  
*The Mustard Seed Volunteers Lunch from 12.30 p.m. in the café.*
- WEDNESDAY:** **'INSPIRING VISION' - LENT COURSE**  
in Church at **7.30 p.m.**
- THURSDAY:** **9.30 a.m. MASS**  
**The Mustard Seed Café**  
**Open 10.00 a.m. – 3.30 p.m.**
- 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:** *Saint Patrick, bishop*  
**The Mustard Seed Café**  
**Open 10.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.**
- NEXT SUNDAY:** 18<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2018  
**The Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
**10.00 a.m. PARISH MASS** *With the Ministry of Prayer for Healing & Wholeness*  
And with the **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL**  
**CHURCH MEETING**

## PRAYER & CARE

Please pray:

For our **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** taking place during the Parish Mass next Sunday. For those standing for election as Churchwardens and for the Parochial Church Council.

For our **Lent Course** 'Inspiring Vision' on Wednesdays.

For a greater participation in **Stations of the Cross** on Fridays.

For God's blessing upon our observance of **Holy Week and Easter**.

For the **Mustard Seed Community Café** – and for our outreach to our Parish Community.

### **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, and 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

**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, Roger Waterson, John Roberts.**

And in love, we commemorate the souls of :

Doris McLening (Monday) Andrea Beedale, Alice Martin (Tuesday)

Charles Franklin, Roy Fry (Friday)

Edward Cole, Peggy Doughty (Saturday)