

The Parish Church of
SAINT EDWARD THE CONFESSOR
Burgess Hill

Church of England - Diocese of Chichester

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

SUNDAY 17th MAY 2020

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

10.00 a.m. PRIVATE PARISH MASS

2017's reflection by Fr. Denis

I WILL NOT LEAVE YOU ORPHANS

Jesus didn't want the apostles to remain dependent upon His physical presence. They would have to make their own way in the world.

They had a destiny to fulfil as missionaries, spreading the faith to the world.

At a certain point Jesus had to cut the apron strings. As He had said to Mary Magdalene on Easter morning, "do not cling to me, but go and tell my brothers..."

Now it was the apostles' turn to let go. But Jesus did not abandon them. He

promised to send another "Paraclete"- a legal word implying a defender, a sort of barrister. This would be the Holy Spirit who would come a little over a week later at Pentecost. Jesus gave ample warning of His departure, but the reality of this farewell did not sink in until He finally ascended into heaven.





We have two great festivals coming up in May:

Ascension Day on Thursday 21st and PENTECOST on Sunday 31st.

Wherever we celebrate these may they be special this year (and wherever you are – don't forget the RED for Pentecost.)

Samantha is busy practising (on her guitar) some 'Holy Spirit' songs for Pentecost for us to sing together after the Mass on Pentecost Sunday. She is hoping to organise a 'zoom' sing along / group worship. More details next week.

ARE YOU WHATS APP CAPABLE?

A number of St. Edward's family are staying in contact via this medium, if you are interested please contact Val Broom on 01444 235305; 07740513867. Even if you cannot join, if you have news or concerns to share please let us know. Stay well, keep safe, God bless.



It is our intention to send out by email, each week, the weekly service sheet which Fr. Clay is producing a so we can all 'attend' 10 a.m. Mass together, separately, in our own homes.

Attached to this is a 'bulletin' containing any news, and prayer requests

Roy is also putting the mailings on the St. Edward's Facebook page and Jonathan puts the bulletin on our web site.

Thank you to all of you who are keeping in touch with our isolated members by phone etc.

Caroline Hill is knitting baby bonnets and would be grateful for any donations of double-knit wool.

Hannah tells us that she is moving to her new ward (within the Priory) at the beginning of June as her funding has come through, also that Andrea will be moving out to Aylesbury at the end of June. Please keep them in your prayers.

There are many services out there from a variety of churches, at home and abroad, which you can access if you a Google- capable.

Samantha is still cooking for the YMCA residences while they are still receiving food, mainly through Fare Share, so if you have any takeaway tubs you can spare please let us know. (Situation desperate!)

PRAYER AND CARE

During our interregnum, pray for the church wardens and officers and all the congregation that we may be empowered to build the kingdom in this community, and for Father Clay as he provides our pastoral care at this time.

Pray for all our brothers and sisters in Christ, that they may be kept safe and well through this time.

Please pray for all our hospital and hospice chaplains under enormous pressure at this time, and for our younger priests who are carrying a larger load too.

For those who are sick

Within our congregation, we would especially pray for

Stephen Gray and Kathy Sadler: Multiple health issues

Geoffrey Burton; Bladder cancer.

Hannah: liver problems, undergoing tests, moving to a new ward next month

Gloria Baptist Smith: Recovering slowly from her illness

Amelia Hill: Coping with severe hyper flexibility problems; counselling for pain management and joint issues, (joints spontaneously dislocating) and for **Caroline and Simon** under stress also at this time.

Sue Silverlock: in pain and awaiting knee procedure

Also for:

Randall Orr: recovering from treatment for cancer

Hazel: undergoing chemotherapy

Shelley Burges: stage 4 lymphoma

Anne Baughan & On Furber: recovering from surgery, now at home

Carol: breast cancer

Canon Beau Brandie: terminal pancreatic cancer

Yvonne: treatment for stage 4 cancer, liver, lung & spine

Anniversaries:

Michael Whelan and Joan Marsh (Sunday);

Kenneth Millard, Willie Spreadbury and Enid Shannon (Monday)

Arthur Simmonds (Wednesday), Raymond Burton (Thursday)

Eddie Blaber and Nellie Penton (Saturday).

The week ahead at St. Edward the Confessor

NEXT SUNDAY: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

17th May 10.00 Private Mass – please join in at home

Pray for Norway on their Constitution Day.

MONDAY *Saint John 1, pope & martyr*

18th May *.Pray for the residents of Colmer Place*

TUESDAY *Saint Dunstan, bishop*

19th May 10.30 am Private Mass – please join in at home

Pray for those who read the lessons at church services.

WEDNESDAY *Saint Bernadine of Siena, priest*

20th May *Pray for our Deanery chapter*

THURSDAY THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

21st May *Pray for Hospices, especially St. Peter and St. James, Chailey and the Chestnut Tree Children's Hospice*

THY KINGDOM COME PRAYER EVENT 21ST TO 31ST

FRIDAY *Saint Rita of Cascia, religious*

22nd May *Pray for the work of Christian Aid.*

SATURDAY

22nd May *Holy Trinity, Poynings, its congregation and leaders*

NEXT SUNDAY: SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

23rd May 10.00 Private Mass – please join in at home

Pray for the residents of Commercial Road.

World Communications Day;

Today is designated a Day of Prayer for the Right Use of the Media