

The Parish Church of Saint Edward the Confessor, Burgess Hill

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

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 18th JANUARY 2015 ***The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time***

6.00 p.m. Vigil Mass
(Saturday evening)

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

John the Baptist had gathered a group of students including Philip and Andrew. John realizes that he has taught all that he can and encourages them to continue with Jesus. Jesus asks them what they are "looking for" and they

answer, "Where do you live?" This seemingly casual conversation is actually a serious meditation about the meaning of a vocation. Jesus isn't simply asking them why they are following Him. He is questioning whether they are seeking something more in life. They have jobs already. They work in a fishing industry. Jesus tests them to see if they will accept religious duties. Will they commit themselves to new life styles and careers? The students respond by asking Jesus where He lives. They aren't looking for directions to his tent. They want to understand His life and ministry. They desire to know His own life decision. The description of the hour may be John's way of saying that the sun is setting on their old careers. Both men will start a new day by spreading the good news (or Gospel) to someone else. Andrew goes to Peter. Philip will seek out Nathaniel.



Welcome to everyone gathered here at St. Edward's on this Sunday. We bid a warm welcome to any here for the first time or visiting us today. It's good to have you with us and sharing in our Parish Mass.

Coffee (or tea) and refreshments are available in the Church Hall after the Parish Mass to which we invite everyone. Do please stay, if you can, and share in this short time of fellowship together.

HOME GROUPS this week.

'Saints Alive' group meets this Monday at 7.30 p.m. at Simon and Caroline's (34 Witherby). We will be looking at the epistle of St James. +

The **Men's Group** meet this Tuesday at 7.30 p.m. in the Church Hall.
This week: *"Understanding the Church/Liturgical Year"*

Wednesday afternoon group meets this Wednesday at Audrey's (5 Sevenfields). We will be looking at some Gospel stories through the eyes of Gospel women. +

Wednesday evening group at 83 West Street at 7.30 p.m.

+ Each group will comprise six sessions (running up to the beginning of the Lent Course) and each weekly session will be stand-alone so new members or even occasional visitors would be very welcome.

Some dates coming up soon!

Sunday 1st February – the feast of Candlemass

Prayer & Praise with Candlemass ceremonies at 6.00 p.m.

Shrove Tuesday – 17th February: The Men's Group invite **everyone** to join them for a **Pancake Party** on Shrove Tuesday at 7.30 p.m. in the Church Hall - ending with Compline (Night Prayer) in preparation for Lent at 8.45 p.m. in Church. Further details soon.

Wednesday 18th February – Ash Wednesday – the first day of Lent – a day when the Church asks all her members to be at the Eucharist. Sung Mass with the Blessing and Imposition of Ashes at 7.30 p.m.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on **Sunday 15th February** during the Parish Mass at 10.00 a.m. In preparation for this we need to produce our Annual Report and Year Book with all the relevant reports from the different groups within the life of our church. Leaders, please email them to Father Denis at denis.bradshaw1@btinternet.com

The Vicarage: Work begins on the Vicarage tomorrow morning. Five walls will be knocked down, a new study created as well as a new kitchen/diner. Its all very exciting, but...will be very disruptive and the work will last approximately ten weeks! (Your prayers please!)

Walsingham 2015: The date for the annual **Anglo Catholic Charismatic Celebration** is Monday 10th – Friday 14th August. Please consider joining us for this wonderful week of worship, teaching (and fun!)

This week is the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**. All our Masses will be with special intention for unity among Christians throughout the world.

Happy Birthday to **Martin Preece** (Wednesday) **Sue Silverlock** (Thursday)

PRAYER & CARE

Please pray for the **SICK**:

Frances Roberts: coping with long term ill health

Grace Atkins (aged 8) with Leukaemia

Chris Reeve – undergoing treatment for Leukaemia

Steve Brooker – diagnosed with spinal tumours

Terry Monk – undergoing chemotherapy for cancer

Fletcher Mephram (aged 6) battling cancer. Pray too for his family

Libby Trotter (aged 11) – battling cancer

Letitia Dawson - suffering from severe migraine headaches

Eirlys Williams – having surgery this weekend

Sarah Jones - major surgery

Recently departed: Eva West, Gillian Walden and George Ulyatt

Anniversary of death:

Hepzibah Mace Start (Sunday)

FP Haines, Leslie Taylor, Karen David (Monday)

Phyllis Appleton, Gladys Chitty (Tuesday)

Olive Lewery (Wednesday)

William Waller, Winifred Calder (Friday)

The week ahead at St. Edward the Confessor

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

The Social Team meet at 5.00 p.m. in the Hall

'Saints Alive' group meets at 7.30 p.m. at 34 Withybush

TUESDAY: *Saint Sabastian, Martyr*

MASS at 10.30 a.m.

with the Ministry of Prayer for Healing & Wholeness.

The **Men's Group** meet in the Hall at 7.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY: *Saint Agnes, virgin & martyr*

Home Group meets at 5 Sevenfields at 1.00 p.m.

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

'All the Right Notes' meet in the Hall at 7.30 p.m.

THURSDAY: *Saint Vincent, deacon*

MASS at 10.30 a.m.

FRIDAY: Teddy-Tots Parent & toddler group meet in the Church Hall 10.00 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.

MASS at 7.30 p.m.

SATURDAY: *Saint Francis de Sales, bishop*

VIGIL MASS of SUNDAY at 6.00 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY: *The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Vigil Mass at 6.00 p.m. (Saturday evening)

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