

The Parish Church of Saint Edward the Confessor, Burgess Hill

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

SUNDAY 21st JANUARY 2018
The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

10.00 a.m. PARISH MASS

With the Ministry of Prayer for Healing & Wholeness



In our Gospel reading today, Jesus was walking along beside the sea of Galilee preaching the good news of God when he made a call for help.

He saw Peter and Andrew throwing a net into the water, because they were fishermen. He called out to them, "Come, follow me and I will teach you how to fish for people."

Jesus wanted Peter and Andrew to help Him teach people about God's love for them.

Jesus, Peter, and Andrew had gone a little farther when they saw James and John sitting in a boat mending their nets.

When Jesus saw them, he called to them, "Follow me." They didn't say, "Not right now, we're busy mending our nets. Perhaps some other time." No, the Bible says that they left their father sitting in the boat with the hired hands and followed Jesus.

Jesus is still calling for help today. He has called you and me to help Him to bring others into God's Kingdom. Is it an emergency? It sure is! It's a matter of life and death! The Bible says, "Unless you repent, you will all perish." (Luke 13:3) Jesus has called us, what will we say? What will we do?

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.

Some dates for our diaries:

Sunday 4th February: 'The Presentation of the Lord'

Parish Mass at 10.00 a.m.

Candlemass Prayer & Praise at 6.00 p.m. with Candlemass ceremonies and Liturgy of Light

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party – Tuesday 13th February

at 7.00 p.m. Followed by 'Night Prayer' (Compline) at 8.45 p.m.

Ash Wednesday – the first day of Lent – Wednesday 14th February

Parish Mass at 7.30 p.m. (This is a day when the Church asks all her members to be at worship)

LENT COURSE: This year we will study the Diocese of Chichester's course for '**The Year of Prayer**' This will take place in church on **Wednesdays** 21st & 28th February, 7th, 14th and 21st March – at 7.30 p.m. Please sign up soon!

As part of the celebrations for our 50th Anniversary, we are planning a photographic exhibition in the church over the celebration weekend (Saturday 14th/Sunday 15th July) A few of you have been parishioners for a long time and may hopefully have memories to share! We are interested in anything from the planning and building of the church in 1968, baptisms, weddings, First Communions, Conformations etc, as well as past priests, events and anything relating to St Edward's since 1968. Any questions - please speak to Sue Silverlock.

Have YOU marked your diary? Saturday 14th/Sunday 15th July

Saturday: 'Community Day' 11.00 a.m. – 3.00 p.m.

Sunday: Celebration Mass at 6.00 p.m.

with the Bishop of Chichester.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on **Sunday 18th March** 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 **as soon as possible please.**

Altar Servers: We *URGENTLY* need more people (men, women and indeed children) to serve in the sanctuary. Please speak to Liz Burton or Father Denis for more information.

The PCC meets next on **Wednesday 31st January** at **7.30 p.m.** in the Mustard Seed Café.

Happy Birthday to **Martin Preece** (Sunday) **Sue Silverlock** (Monday)

PRAYER & CARE

For the **Mustard Seed Community Café** – that we may discern a way of turning our welcome and service into outreach and mission.

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.

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.

June & John Schofield: for physical recovery.

Jack Fernee very ill in hospital

Charlotte- undergoing chemotherapy and family James and Celia at this difficult time.

Grace Williams – broken leg

Maggie & Peter Daly – ongoing medical health problems

Recently departed: Sandra Wiles.

Anniversaries of death: Olive Lewery (Sunday)

William Waller, Winifred Pepperdean (Tuesday)

Alfred Gaston (Friday)

Ian Woodhams (Saturday)

This week at St. Edward the Confessor

This is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

- SUNDAY:** 21st JANUARY 2018
The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
10.00 a.m. PARISH MASS *With the Ministry of Prayer for Healing & Wholeness*
- MONDAY:** *Saint Vincent, deacon, martyr*
Father Denis has Mondays as his 'rest day'
- TUESDAY:** **10.30 a.m. MASS**
- WEDNESDAY:** *Saint Francis de Sales, bishop*
No services or activities in church today
- THURSDAY:** ***THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL***
The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends
9.30 a.m. MASS
- The Mustard Seed Café**
Open 10.00 a.m. – 3.30 p.m.
- FRIDAY:** *Saints Timothy & Titus, companions of St Paul*
7.30 p.m. MASS
- The Mustard Seed Café**
Open 10.00 a.m. – 3.30 p.m.
- SATURDAY:** **The Mustard Seed Café**
Open 10.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.
- NEXT SUNDAY:** 28th JANUARY 2018
The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10.00 a.m. PARISH MASS *With the Ministry of Prayer for Healing & Wholeness*