

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 20th DECEMBER 2020
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10.00 a.m. PARISH MASS

Celebrant & preacher:
Fr. Clay Knowles

Our Gospel reading today tells what happened after God sent the angel Gabriel to tell Mary that she was going to have a baby and that she would name him Jesus. Can you imagine how Mary, a teenager engaged to marry a young carpenter, must have felt to hear news like that? After she recovered from the shock, the Bible tells us that Mary hurried to the home of a relative, Elizabeth, to tell her the news. Elizabeth was also expecting a baby and the Bible tells us that when she heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.



*Welcome to everyone gathered here
at St. Edward's
for our Parish Mass this morning.*

CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

THURSDAY 24th DECEMBER: CHRISTMAS EVE
8 p.m. THE MASS OF CHRISTMAS NIGHT
with the Blessing of the Crib



25th DECEMBER THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD
10.00 a.m. SERVICE for CHRISTMAS MORNING

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Due to the current restriction on the number of people allowed in the church, it has been seen advisable that we take "bookings" for both these services. This includes the 'regular' congregation and any visitors they might bring.

All will need to **contact Val** who will compile a list of names and keep a check on numbers. 01444 235305 valbroom1944@gmail.com

Happy Birthday to: Kathy Sadler (Tuesday) and we remember Fr. Denis Bradshaw too (Thursday)

ST. EDWARDS GREETING CARD

We produce a Christmas Card with as many greetings on as those who would like to participate which will be given to all members of the Parish Family and sent out virtually. Your personal greeting can be sent to Penny (pennybb@live.co.uk; 01444 246783 and donation of £5 can be left at church; put through 41 Petworth Drive or the church letterbox, given to the churchwardens or paid by BACS (details from Jonathan, Penny or Val)

All entries by TODAY please.

Some family news:

Joan Williams passed away at the Princess Royal Hospital on Wednesday morning. May she rest in peace. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this difficult time.

Met Pam and Bub Cox: They are doing well but being very cautious because of their ages, although hoping to see the family, at a distance, at Christmas.

Our Churchwardens, Val Broom and Jonathan Kingcome and the members of the PCC Wish you all a

HAPPY AND SAFE CHRISTMAS

DAYLIGHT BIBLE READING NOTES

Numbers requiring this are now so low it would be more appropriate for each individual to order their own copies online or by post. Details can be found in the booklets.

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, and for our safety as we return after the last lockdown.

As ever, pray for all those being adversely affected by this pandemic, and those who support them. As vaccination is offered, pray for its success.

For those who are sick

Within our congregation, we would especially pray for

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

Jack Chitty for relief from pain.

Audrey Pugh: Physical well but confused. (Truscott Manor N. Home)

Stephen Gray and Kathy Sadler: Multiple health issues

Cathie Ford: recovering from a broken arm, now in light splint

Hannah: liver problems, Other therapy going well. Very low at present.

Gloria Baptist Smith: Continuing to recover slowly from her illness

Also for:

Nick Borland: recovering from his knee operation

Moyra (café): recovering from her second hip operation

Jonathan Davies: severe injuries after a cycling accident, now home but still a long way to go.

Camille Orr: multiple health issues

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

Recently departed: Joan Williams

Anniversaries:

Sarah Brigden, Mary Bangor Jones, and Florence Donald (Sunday)

Ida Blaker and Rhoda Tomlinson (Tuesday)

Gwen Trash, Liz Waugh, Robert Womack, and Caroline Hallett (Wednesday)

George Hallett (Thursday)

Albert Smith (Friday)

The week ahead at St. Edward the Confessor

SUNDAY: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

O Clavis David

20th December 10.00 a. m. **PARISH MASS**

Today is designated a Day of Special Prayer for Expectant Mothers



MONDAY in Advent: St. Peter Canisius, priest & doctor of the church

21st December Pray for the Church of Holy Trinity, Hurstpierpoint: its congregation and leaders

TUESDAY in Advent: O Rex Gentium

22nd December 10.30 a.m. **MASS**

Pray for the residents of Poveys Close and Primrose Close.

WEDNESDAY in Advent: O Emmanuel Saint John of Kanty priest

(1.15 p.m. Burial: Margaret Vincent R. I. P)

23rd December Pray that our services and observances over Christmastide will bring us closer to our Lord and God.

THURSDAY: CHRISTMAS EVE

24th December 8 p.m. **First Mass of Christmas**
with Blessing of the Christmas Crib

Pray for all communicants of the Holy Sacraments



FRIDAY: THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

25th December 10.00 a.m.

PARISH MASS OF CHRISTMAS MORNING

Pray for all churches in the Diocese of Chichester

SATURDAY SAINT STEPHEN First Christian Martyr

26th December Pray for All Christian Martyrs
and all who suffer oppression and persecution for their faith,

NEXT SUNDAY: THE HOLY FAMILY

27th December 10.00 a. m. **PARISH MASS**

Pray for all families