

The Parish Church of
SAINT EDWARD THE CONFESSOR
Burgess Hill

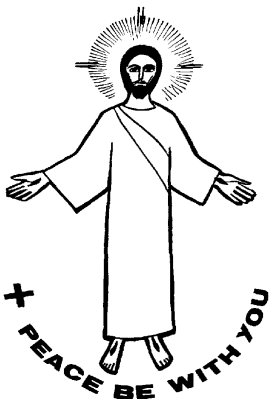
*Building a Community of God's People
in the Power of the Holy Spirit*

SUNDAY 3rd APRIL 2016

The Second Sunday of Easter

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

6.00 p.m. PRAYER & PRAISE



A week after Easter Sunday the disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.'

Thomas answered him, '**My Lord and my God!**' Jesus said to him,

'Have you believed because you have seen me?

Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

It's not always easy to believe that Jesus is present in our world. Like doubting Thomas, we all experience moments of doubt and uncertainty. But as we assemble here each Sunday to celebrate Mass, we ought to experience a great strengthening of faith. So let's not try to hide our doubts but bring them to the Risen Lord Jesus and He will do for us what He did for Thomas. ALLELUIA!



**WELCOME INTO THE PRAYER AND PRAISES OF GOD'S PEOPLE
HERE AT ST. EDWARD'S ON THIS SUNDAY**

Fresh Coffee is served in the **Mustard Seed Café** after the Parish Mass this morning and after Prayer & Praise this evening. Everyone is welcome to join us for this short time of fellowship together.

There will be a short meeting of the **Parochial Church Council** after Mass this morning regarding the Mustard Seed and to fix a date for a full meeting in the coming weeks.

PRAYER & PRAISE this evening at **6.00 p.m.** This evening we are especially praying for the Anglo Catholic Charismatic Celebration at Walsingham later this year. Even if you are not able to join us for the celebration at Walsingham, PLEASE come this evening and share in worship together.

THANK YOU to **EVERYONE** who helped make the Grand Opening of the **Mustard Seed Café** such a wonderful success yesterday. It's now up to each of us to ensure the success of the project. The **opening times** of the Café are **Thursday, Friday and Saturday – 9.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.** Come along any time for a coffee and something to eat – and do put the word out there.

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Holy Week and Easter celebrations so wonderful this year. There was a very real sense of God's presence among us as we contemplated the Lord's passion, death and glorious resurrection.

Thank you also to all those who helped 'Spring Clean' the church last Saturday morning. I think the number of people who came was probably a record high – so thank you to everyone who contributed in any way.

The feast of the **Ascension of the Lord** ('Ascension Day') falls this year on **Thursday 5th May**. On this day there will not be a Mass at 10.30 a.m. but there will be a **SUNG MASS** at **7.30 p.m.**

PENTECOST 2016 – the feast of Pentecost this year is on **Sunday 15th May**. As agreed at a PCC meeting last year, instead of two services (Parish Mass at 10.00 a.m. and Pentecost Praise at 6.00 p.m.) we will have ONE Mass – **PENTECOST PRAISE** at **6.00 p.m.** in the hope that all of us can come together in the evening and be joined by many others from local churches. Please book this date now!

Kidz Zone: As from this Sunday, the older children (all those who have been admitted to Holy Communion) will return to church earlier (at the Offertory) Parents, please make sure your child stays with you and help them and encourage them to participate in the Mass.

Happy Birthday to **Robyn Preece** on Thursday and to any others celebrating their Birthday during this week.

Home Group Leaders meet this **Wednesday** at **7.30 p.m.** at 7 Bramble Gardens. **Home Groups** will resume during the week beginning Sunday 10th April. If YOU have not joined a Home Group yet – this would be the perfect time to join one.

Plant Sale - Saturday 7th May: We will need donations of flowers, shrubs, vegetables, hanging baskets etc.. Please start thinking about what you could plant/grow for us to make the plant sale a success. If and when you want to bring the plants etc you can put them in 'On's Garden' and we will make sure they get watered.

FOR OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for **THE MUSTARD SEED** Community Café Project, that we would serve God in and through each other.

Please pray for those who are sick:

For those who are sick Within our congregation, we would especially pray for... **Peter Robinson, Frances Roberts, Kathy Sadler, Anne Chitty, Betty Killaspey.**

Paul Myles – give thanks for his healing

Marge Breeze - chemotherapy for recurring oesophageal cancer

Bruce Smetham - being treated for recurring cancer

Adrian in Princes Royal Hospital

Liz and Jane – both with cancer

Jim Winter - recovering from stroke, leaking aneurism

Roy –war injury and ME

Richard Brown (priest) with a leaking heart valve

Graham Bailey – terminally ill.

Anniversary of death: William Broomer, Sophia Pennington, Ena Brash, Dorothy Brosannovitch (Monday) George Corrigan, Tom McQuiggan (Tuesday) Leslie Lawrence (Thursday)
Ernest Funnell, June Allen (Friday) Gladys Jordan (Saturday)

The week ahead at St. Edward the Confessor

- MONDAY:** *Fr Denis has Monday as his 'rest day'*
The Mothers Union meet in the Café at 2.00 p.m.
- TUESDAY:** **MASS at 10.30 a.m.**
Followed by coffee in the Café
- WEDNESDAY:** Home Group Leaders meeting 7.30 p.m.
at 7 Bramble Gardens
- THURSDAY:** **The Mustard Seed Café**
open 9.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.
- MASS at 10.30 a.m.**
Followed by coffee in the Café
- St Edward's Wives Group meets in the Café*
at 7.30 p.m.
- FRIDAY:** **The Mustard Seed Café**
open 9.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.
- MASS at 7.30 p.m.**
- SATURDAY:** **The Mustard Seed Café**
open 9.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.
- NEXT SUNDAY:** *The Third Sunday of Easter*
PARISH MASS at 10.00 a.m.
With Kidz Zone

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed - Alleluia!