

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 4th JANUARY 2015 **THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

6.00 p.m. Vigil Mass (Saturday evening)

**10.00 a.m. The Blessing of the
Epiphany Crib and
PARISH MASS
with Kidz Zone**

6.00 p.m. EPIPHANY PRAISE

*Prayer, Praise and Benediction – followed by
Coffee and Cake!*

May all our church family know the peace and presence of Jesus Christ this Epiphany season. Thank you to everyone for your commitment to the life and ministry of our parish in 2014 and for the love and support shown to one another and our neighbours. May God be glorified through us and may we continue to serve Jesus as we seek to Build a Community of God's People in the Power of the Holy Spirit as we serve and worship Him in 2015.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

*Welcome to everyone gathered here at St. Edward's
for our Sunday worship.*

Coffee will be served in the Church Hall after the Parish Mass.

THIS EVENING: 'EPIPHANY PRAISE' at 6.00 p.m.

Come and share in this informal celebration of Prayer, Praise and Benediction. The Ministry of Prayer for Healing and Wholeness is also offered during this service.



The feast of the Epiphany reveals God's love for all peoples. People of every race, creed and colour are invited to glory in the birth of Jesus Christ. His birth, life and death free us from sin and reconcile us with God.

The prophet Isaiah [Chapter 60: 1-6] speaks of a time when many peoples and nations will join the

Jewish people in procession to Jerusalem to praise God.

And St Matthew, in his Gospel for today [Chapter 2: 1-12] tells us that the 'Wise Men' praise the Christ Child and offer their gifts; gold for a King, frankincense for God, and myrrh as a sign of burial. These gifts look forward to the great mystery of Easter, the death and resurrection of Christ.

The feast of the Epiphany officially brings our Christmas celebrations to a close (*although 'Liturgically' the feast of 'Candlemas' on 2nd February does*). Help will be needed this coming **Saturday morning** to strip the Christmas Trees and dispose of them, take down and store the Crib figures and to generally clean up the church. Could **YOU** please come and help any time from **9.30 a.m.**? *YOUR* help would be so appreciated.

Thank you to everyone who came on New Year's Day and shared in our Parish Mass beginning a new year of Our Lord, with Our Lord at the Lord's Table. Thirty-four of us gathered together in praise and worship as we committed this New Year into the Lord's hands.

Next Sunday – 11th January is the feast of the **Baptism of the Lord**. The celebrant and preacher at the Parish Mass will be the **Bishop of Horsham**, the Right Reverend Mark Sowerby. **PLEASE** be here to welcome him and to show that we are a united forward looking Parish Family!

The **Parochial Church Council** are reminded that we meet **this Friday** – beginning with Mass at 7.30 p.m. followed by meeting in the Church Hall.

HOME GROUPS resume this week.

The **Men's Group** will meet this Tuesday at 7.30 p.m. in the Church Hall.

Wednesday afternoon group recommences 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.

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

+ 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.

Happy Birthday to Anne Chitty (Thursday) and Melina Leppard (Saturday)

PRAYER & CARE

Give thanks for the wonderful Christmas and New Year celebrations, and for the love and warmth of each other as we celebrated our Saviour's birth.

Please pray for the **SICK**:

Frances Roberts: coping with long term ill health

Maureen Knock: recovering from a fall and hand surgery

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

Recently departed: Gillian Walden

Anniversary of death: Alma Martyn (Sunday)

Edie Corrigan, Winifred Warren (Monday) Terence Wood, Fred Reed (Tuesday)

Dorothy Thompson (Friday) Daisy Lewery, Jack Winton (Saturday)

*This Pew Sheet is sponsored by Gwen Reed
'For my beloved husband Fred'*

The week ahead at St. Edward the Confessor

- THIS EVENING:** **EPIPHANY PRAYER & PRAISE** at **6.00 p.m.**
- MONDAY:** The Mothers Union meets at 2.00 p.m. in the Church Hall for a New Year party!
- TUESDAY:** **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:** **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:** **MASS** at **10.30 a.m.**
- '**Saints Alive**' group meets at 34 Withybush at 7.30 p.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.**
Followed by PCC meeting in the Church Hall
- SATURDAY:** Church Cleaning from 9.30 a.m. *PLEASE HELP!*
- VIGIL MASS** of **SUNDAY** at **6.00 p.m.**
- NEXT SUNDAY:** **THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**
Vigil Mass at 6.00 p.m. (Saturday evening)
- PARISH MASS** with Kidz Zone at **10.00 a.m.**
Celebrant and preacher: **The Bishop of Horsham**