

The Parish Church of  
SAINT EDWARD THE CONFESSOR, BURGESS HILL  
*Building a Community of God's People  
in the Power of the Holy Spirit*

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We are an Anglican Church (Church of England) 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 Jesus with all.

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2018**  
***The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time***

**10.00 a.m.**

**PARISH MASS – with Kidz Zone**

*With the Ministry of Prayer for  
Healing and Wholeness*



**Our Gospel Reading today:** "He has done all things well": "He even makes the deaf to hear and the dumb to speak."

When Jesus commands a man's ears and mouth to 'Be opened', He is not simply performing a physical cure. The ears must be open to hear the word of God; the tongue is loosened in order to proclaim the wonderful deeds of the Most High. Every gospel story is a personal message for you and me. As we listen to the healing in today's Gospel reading, we can ask ourselves what needs to be opened in our lives so that we can experience the healing presence of the Lord.

**WELCOME TO EVERYONE GATHERED HERE  
AT ST. EDWARD'S THIS MORNING!**

*We bid a special welcome to any who are here for the first time or who are visiting us this morning.*



**Coffee** and other refreshments are served in the Mustard Seed Café after the Parish Mass this morning

Do come and join us in the Café and get to know one another better!

**The Mustard Seed Community Café**

Is open this week on:

**Thursday and Friday:**

**10.00 a.m. – 3.30 p.m.**

**Saturday: 10.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.**

The  
**Mustard Seed**  
Café



**Home Groups:** We are looking to renew and revitalise our Home Group network, in the hope that many more people will join a group. This really is a last-ditch attempt to get Home Groups off the ground. A healthy parish has a healthy Home Group network where people are open to learning and growing in their

faith. Sadly, parishes that are dying are those where there are no Home Groups at all. At the moment we have no Home Groups and for this I feel an absolute failure. It has not been for the want of trying, and this really is my last attempt at this. If you would be interested in joining a group, please sign your name on the list on the table at the back of the church – stating your preferred day for a group. *Fr.D*

**GIFT DAY:** This year's annual Gift Day will be on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October.** We will soon receive a letter from our Churchwardens giving details of this year's appeal. The amount received will be announced on the following Sunday – *the feast of St. Edward the Confessor* – at our Patronal Festival Mass at 6.00 p.m.

**Communion Wine:** Thank you to those who have donated bottles of Muscatel de Valencia for use at the Eucharist. We could still do with more bottles. Please keep them coming in!

**The Pagoda Project:** Folk and jazz fusion from two accomplished musicians **Thursday 27th September 2018, 7.30pm** (doors open 6.45pm). **here at St. Edward's. *Please see enclosed flyer***

### PRAYER & CARE

**Please pray for St. Edward's.** We are going through a very difficult time regarding our finances and our lack of growth.

**Please pray for the PCC** as we seek ways to grow our church – both spiritually and numerically and seek to overcome our financial difficulties.

**Please pray** that many would seek to join and be a part of a Home Group where spiritual growth is at the heart of a healthy church.

**Please pray** for the future of Prayer & Praise. So few attended last Sunday that Fr. Denis has grown disheartened.

**Please pray** for the Mustard Seed Community Café – that members of our Parish Family would use this opportunity of inviting others

#### **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, Desiree Archer.**

And for...

**Carmela:** in a very difficult place at this time

**Peter:** recurring secondary cancer

**Dave Treby:** very ill with Cancer.

**Gillian Christensen** who is terminally ill

Recently departed: **Paul Myles**

In love we commemorate the souls of:

Audrey Gilbert, Harold Pinnock, Frank Haythorthwaite (Priest), (Tuesday)

Hilda Tiller (Wednesday) Bill Trott (Thursday)

William Sked, William Morris, Theodora Tucker, Donald Stonham,

Roy Stoner (Friday)

