

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 (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 30th September 2018
The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10.00 a.m. PARISH MASS

With the Ministry of Prayer for Healing and Wholeness



The disciples tried to stop someone not from their group casting out a devil. They thought Jesus would be pleased by their actions, so they went and told him what they had done. To their surprise, Jesus was not pleased. "Don't stop people who are doing good things in my name" Jesus said. "No one who is doing good things in my name will then turn around and say bad things about me. Anyone who is not against us is for us."

It is good to belong to a group, but it is especially good to be a part of the family of God. The family of God is very large and there are many different groups who make up that family. Whenever we see anyone who is doing good in Jesus' name, we should not be jealous. We should rejoice and be glad because "If they aren't against us, they are for us."

**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**

*PLEASE come and support YOUR Café
and help make the café a place of welcome, outreach and mission.*

GIFT DAY: Next Sunday is our Annual Gift Day when all of us are asked to give a one-off gift to St. Edward's. You may be aware from our Stewardship Sunday and other references in our pew sheet, that the PCC has had to seek a reduction of £1,000 per month in our Parish Share (the amount which each Parish pays to the Diocese to cover the costs of ministry, clergy stipends, pensions etc). Even before the reduction we were only pledged to pay approximately 66% of our full costs, meaning that other parishes are having to make up our shortfall. Following the reduction which the Deanery have kindly agreed for us, we are obviously falling a long way short of meeting our costs. We ask you PLEASE be GENEROUS.

Next Sunday we will also be giving **THANKS** for the **HARVEST**. We are *not* asking you to bring any 'Harvest Goodies' (*just your 'One-Off Gift' for our annual Gift Day*) **Harvest** and **Gift Day** go together so well as we give thanks for the abundance that we have and show our gratitude by our response to Gift Day. Please PRAY for the success of Gift Day that we may be more financially secure.

AN HOUR OF PRAYER to pray for God's blessing on our Gift Day and for a good and generous outcome will be held **THIS SATURDAY** from **5.00 p.m.** to **6.00 p.m.** Please come, if you can, and join in this hour of prayer. If you are unable to come to church, please be praying at home or wherever you are!

PATRONAL FESTIVAL – the feast of **St. Edward the Confessor** - will be celebrated on **Sunday 14th October** (*transferred from 13th October*) with a special **Celebration Mass** at **6.00 p.m.** (*There will not be a Mass at 10.00 a.m. for this Sunday*) The preacher will be **Father David Biggs**, Vicar of **The Chapel Royal, Brighton**. Mass will be followed by a party in the Mustard Seed Café.
Do invite your family and friends to join us!

Home Groups will begin during the week beginning 8th October. Please now sign up for either Tuesday or Thursday evening. Please see 'flyer' in this Pew Sheet.

Happy Birthday to Pauline White (Wednesday)

PRAYER & CARE

Please pray for St. Edward's. For our upcoming GIFT DAY

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.

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

Lizz undergoing 3rd course of chemotherapy

Recently departed: Gary Hannington, David Risby

Anniversaries of death: Harry Lewery, Diane Tuppen, Joy Tucker-Hawkins (Sunday)

The week ahead at St. Edward the Confessor

SUNDAY **The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
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MONDAY: *Saint Therese of the Child Jesus*
Father Denis has Monday as his 'rest day'

TUESDAY: *The Holy Guardian Angels*
10.30 a.m. MASS
Followed by coffee and cake in the Café.

WEDNESDAY: *Fr. Denis is celebrating a Funeral Mass (Gary*
Hannington, R.I.P.) at St. Joseph's, Northolt.

THURSDAY: *Saint Francis of Assisi*
9.30 a.m. MASS
Followed by breakfast in the Café

The Mustard Seed Café
open 10.00 a.m. – 3.30 p.m.

FRIDAY: **The Mustard Seed Café is open**
10.00 a.m. – 3.30 p.m.

7.30 p.m. MASS

SATURDAY: **The Mustard Seed Café is open**
10.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.

AN HOUR OF PRAYER at 5.00 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY **HARVEST THANKSGIVING – GIFT DAY**
7th October **10.00 a.m. PARISH MASS**
with the Ministry of Prayer for Healing & Wholeness