

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 4<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2015**

*The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**THANKSGIVING FOR THE HARVEST**

- 6.00 p.m.** (Saturday evening)  
**Vigil Mass of Sunday**
- 10.00 a.m.** **PARISH MASS**  
*with All Age Worship*
- 6.00 p.m.** **PRAYER & PRAISE**



Today, the theme of our worship centres upon thanksgiving as we give thanks for the harvest. Sometimes people forget to say "Thank You" when someone does something nice for them. God does so much for us! Every day He provides everything we need: food, clothing, and a

place to live. Do we ever forget to say, "Thank You?" In our Mass today we say "Thank You" for the Harvest and we ask Him to help us remember to thank Him each and every day.

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

The Ministry of Prayer for **Healing & Wholeness** is offered during the Parish Mass (during the time of Holy Communion) and at Prayer & Praise this evening. Everyone is welcome to use this opportunity to pray and be prayed for.



**Coffee** and other refreshments are served in the Church Hall after the Parish Mass this morning and after Prayer & Praise this evening. Do come and join us and get to know one another better!



**PRAYER & PRAISE** – our monthly Sunday evening service takes place this evening at **6.00 p.m.** Do *PLEASE* come this evening – we need as much **PRAYER** as possible as we seek to reach out to our parish community with our Mustard Seed Project.

**THIS SATURDAY- 10<sup>th</sup> October** -there will be a 'half-day' **VIGIL OF PRAYER** praying especially for the success of our Gift Day and for a change in our financial situation. The Vigil of Prayer begins at **12 noon** and will end with **Benediction** at **4.00 p.m.**

There is a list on the table at the back of the church for you to sign to say when you will be here to ensure that not only is the Vigil of Prayer kept unbroken – but also by as many of us as possible. Please 'sign up'

Our annual **GIFT DAY** will be **NEXT SUNDAY - 11<sup>th</sup> October**. This year we are looking to finance '**THE MUSTARD SEED**' Community Café' Project which we hope to set up in our Church Hall. Please place your gifts in the bowl at the back of the church as you arrive next Sunday.

The feast of **Saint Edward the Confessor** – our **PATRONAL FESTIVAL** is on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October** when there will be a **CELEBRATION MASS** at **7.30 p.m.** and the preacher will be **Fr. Steve Benford**. At this Mass we will announce how much has been raised by our Gift Day.

We have invited lots of people to share this celebration with us, which will be followed by a **PARTY** in the Church Hall – **PLEASE** make this day a **PRIORITY!**

# NEIGHBORHOOD Prayer Walk



## **Parish Prayer Walk:**

We have been invited to join members of The Point in a prayer walk around the area

on **Sunday October 18th**. The idea is that all interested would meet at St Edward's after Mass where we would be divided into small groups and given an area to walk around and some suggestions for topics for prayer e.g. those who live in that street, the businesses nearby, the schools, surgeries or care centres etc. It is envisaged that this would take about an hour and participants would re-convene at St Edward's afterwards for refreshments. This is an important joint venture with another church to bring to our Lord the needs of the community about us. Please consider joining us.

**WINE:** Thank you to those who have responded for our appeal for more wine for use at the Eucharist. The wine we use is **Moscatel de Valencia** and is available at Tesco and Sainsbury's at around £5 a bottle.

**Happy Birthday to Ann Savidge** on Thursday.

### **FOR OUR PRAYERS**

For our Prayer Vigil on Saturday, for the success of our Gift Day next Sunday, and for a joyful celebration at our Patronal Festival next Tuesday (13<sup>th</sup> October – the feast of St. Edward the Confessor)

#### **For those who are sick**

Within our congregation, we would especially pray for...

**Peter Robinson, Frances Roberts, Kathy Sadler.**

**Steve Brooker** - undergoing treatment for spinal tumours

**Chris Reeve** – very ill with an infection.

**Sybil Millard** - recovering from heart attack

Recently departed: Val Gordon, Kim Davison and Pam Turk

In great love we commemorate the souls of ...

Coraie Cumberland (Sunday) Julia Jones, Charles Ford (Tuesday)

Michael Lambert, Percy Haines, Edward Speck (Wednesday)

Barry Pearce (Thursday)

Chris Guest, Thomas Peirce, Eileen Peacock (Friday)

Bernard Wigan (priest) (Saturday)

# *This week at St. Edward the Confessor*

- MONDAY:** *Father Denis has Monday as his 'Rest-Day'*  
The Mothers Union meet at 2.00 p.m. in the Hall  
**Home Group** at 34 Withy Bush at 7.30 p.m.
- TUESDAY:** *Saint Bruno, priest*  
**MASS** at **10.30 a.m.**  
*Followed by coffee and fellowship*
- WEDNESDAY:** *Our Lady of the Rosary*  
**Home Group** at 39 West Park Crescent at 1.30 p.m.  
**Home Group** at 11 Fry Crescent at 7.30 p.m.
- THURSDAY:** **MASS** at **10.30 a.m.**  
*Followed by coffee and fellowship*  
**Home Group** (for men)  
at 7 Bramble Gardens 7.30 p.m.
- FRIDAY:** *Saint Denis, bishop & martyr*  
Teddy-Tots – parent & toddler group from 9.00 a.m.  
**MASS** at **7.30 p.m.**
- SATURDAY:** **HALF-DAY VIGIL OF PRAYER** for the success of  
our annual **GIFT DAY**  
Beginning at **12 noon** ending at **4.30 p.m.**  
**BENEDICTION** at **4.00 p.m.**  
  
*Please note there will NOT  
be a Vigil Mass at 6.00 p.m.*
- NEXT SUNDAY:** **The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**GIFT DAY**  
**PARISH MASS** at **10.00 a.m.**

**NEXT**  
**TUESDAY**  
13th  
October

**SAINT EDWARD THE CONFESSOR**  
**PATRONAL FESTIVAL**  
**CELEBRATION MASS** at **7.30 p.m.**  
*Followed by a Party in the Hall.*