

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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**SUNDAY 29th November 2020**

**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**10.00 a.m. PARISH MASS**

*said privately and live streamed.*

*Celebrant & preacher: Fr. Clay Knowles*



We call this season Advent. Christmas is coming. We look forward to hearing the beautiful music and seeing the decorations. We look forward to sharing gifts with family and friends. Most of all, we look forward to celebrating the birth of Jesus.

We are also looking forward to the day when Jesus is coming again. Jesus told

His disciples that He would come again, but when they asked when, He told them that no one knows when that day will be. He said, "No one knows the day or the hour, not even the angels in heaven. Only the Father knows." What should we do to make sure we are ready for Jesus when he returns? We should be doing the things that Jesus wants us to be doing -- loving one another, caring for the sick, feeding the hungry, and helping the poor. If we are doing those things, we will be ready when He comes.

*Welcome to everyone gathered together  
this morning*

**OUR GRATEFUL THANKS** to all those who have been labouring over telephones, drains and dirty floors to return the church back to some kind of normal. The carpet has been removed and hazard tape in place; floors dried and cleaned deeply; and the whole church de humidified in readiness for a return to some kind of use.

Thanks to all this hard work Fr. Clay hopes to say Mass at church this week and will try to live stream these services.

The church will be open for Private Prayer before the Holy Sacrament from 10.30 a.m.to 11.45 a.m.

We need to check the regulations and hear from the bishop, but we hopefully will be together at church from Sunday 6th December.

It appears there will be strict rules about no socialising outside of household groups.

Please keep Fr. Clay and our churchwardens in your prayers (and all those who help them out) during this problematic period.

Your churchwardens would like to remind you that if you need of help over this time, please contact them, there will be someone who can help.

Continue to share your news via WhatsApp, phone, and email  
You are not alone.

**Happy Birthday to:** Val Broom and Betty Killaspey (Wednesday)  
and Fr. Clay and Myra Shaw (Friday)

As is our custom here at St. Edward's, we produce a Christmas Card with as many greetings on as those who would like to participate (rather than sending individual Christmas cards) which will be given to all members of the Parish Family and sent out virtually. Your personal greeting can be sent to Penny (pennybb@live.co.uk; 01444 246783 and donation of £5 can be left at church; put through 41 Petworth Drive, given to the churchwardens or paid by BACS (details from Jonathan, Penny or Val)

It is also our custom to have a 'Toy Collection' on the first Sunday of December, Things are rather different this year, so we will hold a retiring collection: cash, cheque or BACS can be given as above and will be passed on to the charity chosen (previously Christmas Wishes or FSW)

**TODAY'S PEW SHEET IS SPONSORED BY SHEILA IN FOND  
MEMORY OF FATHER MICHAEL BRUNDLE:  
PRIEST OF THIS PARISH to 2007**

## PRAYER AND CARE



During our interregnum, pray for the church wardens and officers and all the congregation that we may be empowered to build the kingdom in this community, and for Father Clay as he provides our pastoral care at this time, and for our safety as we work through another Lockdown, and for our church as it recovers from last week's flooding.

As ever, pray for all those being adversely affected by this pandemic, and those who support them. As vaccination is offered, pray for its success.

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

Within our congregation, we would especially pray for

**Geoffrey Burton:** Just finished further course of treatment

**Hannah:** liver problems, Other therapy going well. Very low at present.

**Gloria Baptist Smith:** Continuing to recover slowly from her illness

**Amelia Hill:** Coping with severe hyper flexibility problems; counselling for pain management and joint issues, and for **Caroline and Simon** under stress also at this time.

**Jack Chitty** for relief from pain.

**Joan Williams:** recovering from a chest infection, also heart problems

**Audrey Pugh:** Physical well but confused. (Truscott Manor N. Home)

**Stephen Gray and Kathy Sadler:** Multiple health issues

**Cathie Ford:** recovering from a broken arm

### **Also for:**

**Jonathan Davies:** severe injuries after a cycling accident, now home but still a long way to go.

**Camille Orr:** multiple health issues

**Yvonne:** continuing treatment for stage 4 cancer, liver, lung & spine

**Nick Borland:** recovering from his knee operation

### **Recently departed:**

### **Anniversaries:**

Syd Beresford, Leonard Myles, and Daphne Boyd (Sunday)

Frederick Brigden, Agnes Poole, Robert Master-Curtis, and Frederick Towers (Monday)

Dane Nutley (Tuesday)      Michael Brundle (priest) (Wednesday)  
John Farmer, Cecil Randall, Eric Hester, Ernest Carter, and Elizabeth  
Blunt (Friday)      Ivy Warner (Saturday)

## *The week ahead at St. Edward the Confessor*

### **SUNDAY:      FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*29th November*      10.00 a. m.      **PRIVATE PARISH MASS**  
**(live streamed)**  
10.45 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.      Church open for Private Prayer  
*Pray for all the Care Homes in Burgess Hill*

### **MONDAY:      SAINT ANDREW, Apostle & Patron of Scotland**

*30th November*      *Pray for Scotland, its leaders and people*

### **TUESDAY in Advent:**

*1st December*      **10.30 a.m.: PRIVATE MASS (live streamed)**  
*Pray for the church of St. Bartholomew's, Albourne: its leaders and  
congregation.*

### **WEDNESDAY in Advent:**

*2nd December*      *Pray for the residents of Orchard Way and Pannett*

### **THURSDAY      Saint Francis Xavier, priest**

*3rd December*  
*Today is designated a day of special prayer for migrants and refugees.*

### **FRIDAY in Advent**

*4th December: Saint John Damascene, priest and doctor of the church.*  
*Pray for our church at this difficult time, not only Coronavirus,  
but the flooding and disruption. Giving thanks for those who  
are working hard to keep the church open and safe.*

### **SATURDAY in Advent**

*5th December:      Pray for the Hurst Deanery Synod*

### **NEXT SUNDAY: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Bible Sunday)**

*6th December: 10.00 a. m.      PARISH MASS with retiring collection*  
*Pray for openness to the Word of God, that many more may hear and  
know of His love and grace.*