

# 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 that seeks to be...**

- **Catholic** in the way we express our faith
- **Charismatic** in our 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 30<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2014** ***THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT***

6.00 p.m. (Saturday evening) Vigil Mass of Sunday  
**10.00 a.m. PARISH MASS with Kidz Zone**



We call this season Advent. Christmas is coming. We look forward to hearing the beautiful music and seeing the decorations. We look forward to Christmas parties and 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.



**ADVENT** is a time of preparation for Christmas and also a time when we think of the promise of Jesus in the Bible that He will return again in glory 'to judge both the living and the dead'

**ADVENT**, although not the same as Lent, is a 'penitential season' (and that is why the liturgical colour is purple) and is a wonderful time to begin again. In fact it is the church's New Year.

This Advent could be a time of resolutions - of new beginnings. We could resolve to be at Mass more regularly on Sundays. we could resolve to come to a weekday Mass. Also what about our prayer life and our Bible reading?

**The theme of Advent** is '**PREPARE**'. One way of preparing through Advent for Christmas is through 'self-examination' followed by Sacramental Confession. Father Denis would be pleased to talk this through with anyone unfamiliar with this sacrament.

*Welcome to everyone gathered here  
at St. Edward's for our Sunday worship!  
A Special welcome to newcomers  
and visitors today.*

**Music for a Winter's Evening** – an evening of entertainment with Burgess Hill's Community Choir – **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December** – at **7.30 p.m.** at St. Edward's. Tickets on sale now - £5 adults – under 16's free. Drinks & nibbles on sale during the intermission!

**Christmas Post:** Once again St. Edwards and St. Andrews Scout Groups are delivering cards this Christmas. Just put your cards in the box with 25p per card. Last collection will be on Thursday 18th December and will be delivered in time for Christmas. **REMEMBER** this service is for **RH15 postcodes only**. Thank you for your support. *Kathy Sadler*

**Date for your Diary: Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January**. The celebrant and preacher at the **Parish Mass** at **10.00 a.m.** will be the **Bishop of Horsham**. Obviously it's important that each and every one of us is here! **PLEASE** book this date **NOW!**

Our **Christmas worship** this year will be as follows:  
**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December** – *The fourth Sunday of Advent*  
**6.00 p.m. Christmas Carol and Christingle Service**

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December** – ***Christmas Eve***  
**8.00 p.m. The First Mass of Christmas**

*With the same atmosphere, excitement and anticipation as 'Midnight Mass' but at an earlier time in the hope that many more will be able to attend. Lifts will be offered to all those who would otherwise not be able to come.*

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December** – ***Christmas Day***  
**10.00 a.m. Parish Mass with all-age worship**

**Happy Birthday** to... Pat Myers (Monday), Betty Killaspey (90) and Val Broom (70) (Tuesday) Myra Shaw and Fr. Clay ((Thursday)

**Collection of Toys:** It is our custom here at St. Edward's that on the first Sunday of December we have a collection of (new) toys which will be given to the Diocese of Chichester's Family Support Work and passed on from them to children of deprived families this Christmas. Please be generous in your support of this annual appeal. If at all possible, please provide Christmas Wrapping Paper (but please don't wrap the toys!)

### **PRAYER & CARE**

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

**Kathy Sadler:** Eye surgery in December

**Recently departed: Trish Williams, Lorna Brownell, Annie Waterson, Valerie Twining.** And in great love we commemorate the souls of Robert Master-Curtis, Frederick Towers, Frederick Brigden, Agnes Poole (Sunday) Dane Nutley (Monday) Michael Brundle (priest) (Tuesday) Elizabeth Blunt, John Farmer, Cecil Randall, Eric Hester, Ernest Carter (Thursday) Ivy Warner, Matti Pidduck (Friday)

## *This week at St. Edward's*

- MONDAY:** **MASS** at **2.00 p.m.**  
*The Mothers Union meet at this Mass for their Corporate Communion*
- TUESDAY:** **MASS** at **10.30 a.m.** with the ministry of Prayer for Healing and Wholeness.
- Men's House Group** meets at 7 Bramble Gardens at 7.30 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY:** **Home group** at 39 West Park Crescent tea from 1 p.m. to start at 1.30 p.m. promptly
- Home group** at 83 West Street at 7.30 p.m.
- THURSDAY:** **MASS** at **10.30 a.m.**
- 'Saints Alive' Home group** at 39 West Park Crescent at 7.30 p.m. *NEW MEMBERS WELCOME*
- FRIDAY:** Teddy Tots – parent and toddler group – meets in the Hall from 10.00 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.
- MASS** at **7.30 p.m.**
- SATURDAY:** **VIGIL MASS** (of Sunday) at **6.00 p.m.**
- NEXT SUNDAY:** **THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**Vigil Mass** (*Saturday evening*) at **6.00 p.m.**  
**PARISH MASS – with Kid Zone** at **10.00 a.m.**
- ADVENT PRAYER & PRAISE** at **6.00 p.m.**

This Pew Sheet is sponsored by Sheila Elgie In loving memory of  
Father Michael Brundle, priest and friend,  
Joy Tucker-Hawkins,  
and her mother, Lorna Brownell who died last week.  
May they Rest in Peace.