

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 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 Christ with all.

Sunday 7th December 2014

The Second Sunday of Advent

6.00 p.m. (*Saturday evening*) Vigil Mass

**10.00 a.m. PARISH MASS
with Kidz Zone**

6.00 p.m. ADVENT PRAYER & PRAISE



Long before the birth of Jesus, God spoke through the prophet Isaiah to tell how he would spread the news of the coming of the Messiah. This is what he said, "I will send my messenger to prepare the way. He will be a voice of one crying in the desert, 'Prepare the way for the coming of the Lord! Clear the road for him.'" John the Baptist was very popular and had a great following, but he always told the people about Jesus. "Someone is coming soon who is greater than I am," he said. "He is so much greater that I am not even worthy to stoop down and untie the straps on his sandals." Yes, John was faithful in bringing the news to the people.

It has been 2000 years since God sent his Son, but God still needs messengers to spread the news. This year, as we celebrate our Saviour's birth, won't you be God's messenger to share the good news with others?

*Welcome to everyone gathered here at St. Edward's
for our Sunday worship.
Refreshments are served in the Hall
after the Parish Mass this morning
and after Prayer & Praise this evening.*

ADVENT PRAYER & PRAISE

this evening at **6.00 p.m.**

Please come back this evening and share in our monthly informal service of worship and praise – with the ministry of prayer for healing and wholeness – and ending with Benediction.

The **Parish Family Christmas Lunch** is **next Sunday** – 14th December. If you would like to join us please make sure your name is on the list. Today is the LAST chance to get your name down!

Music for a Winter's Evening – an evening of entertainment with Burgess Hill's Community Choir – **This Wednesday**– at **7.30 p.m.** here at St. Edward's. Tickets on sale now - **£5 adults – under 16's free**. Drinks & nibbles on sale during the intermission! PLEASE come and support this community venture.

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*

St. Edward's Christmas Greeting Card: This is a card given to all those who worship at St. Edward's just before Christmas. So you can cut down your list by putting your greeting in this card, and also not worry about whom you may have forgotten! Greetings message plus a donation of £5 to Penny Burton by next Sunday please.

Date for your Diary: Sunday 11th January. The celebrant and preacher at the **Parish Mass** at **10.00 a.m.** will be the **Bishop of Horsham**. The Bishop has asked to come on a 'normal Sunday' and worship with us – but 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 21st December – *The fourth Sunday of Advent*

CHRISTMAS CAROL & CHRISTINGLE SERVICE – for all the family
at **6.00 p.m.**

Wednesday 24th December – ***Christmas Eve***

THE FIRST MASS OF CHRISTMAS at **8.00 p.m.**

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 25th December – ***Christmas Day***

PARISH MASS with all-age worship at **10.00 a.m.**

Friday 26th December – ***St. Stephen's Day/'Boxing Day***

Mass at **12 noon** – *followed by 'Drinks & Nibbles' at the Vicarage.*

Happy Birthday to Matthew Preece (Wednesday); and
Sheila Elgie (Thursday)

PRAYER & CARE

For a spiritual observance of the season of Advent.

For our parish, our priest and churchwardens and all who serve God and another within the life of our church.

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 Mepham (aged 6) battling cancer. Pray too for his family

Libby Trotter (aged 11) – battling cancer

Kathy Sadler: after Eye surgery

Recently departed: Greta Matthews, Jan Maddison

And in great love we commemorate the souls of

Kathleen Betts (Sunday), Sidney Gibbons, Arnold West, (Monday)

Cyril Obard, Charles Chester (Tuesday), Dorothy Cole (Wednesday)

Joan Pernet, Stanley Tilly, David Vickery (priest) (Saturday)

This week at St. Edward's

- MONDAY:** **THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF OUR LADY**
MASS at 12 noon
- TUESDAY:** **MASS** at 10.30 a.m. with the ministry of Prayer for
Healing and Wholeness.
- Men's House Group** meets in the CHURCH HALL
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
- Music for a Winter's Evening** – an evening of
entertainment with Burgess Hill's Community Choir
Tickets £5 in advance from Fr. Denis – or at the door
- 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 – meet 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 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
Gaudete/Rejoice Sunday
- Vigil Mass** (*Saturday evening*) at 6.00 p.m.
- PARISH MASS –**
with Kid Zone at 10.00 a.m.