

# 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 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 16<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER  
2018**

***The Third Sunday of Advent  
'GAUDETE SUNDAY'***

**10.00 a.m. PARISH MASS**  
With the Ministry of Prayer for  
Healing & Wholeness

Today is known as '*GAUDETE SUNDAY*' - which means '**REJOICE**'  
The desire for happiness lies deep in the human heart. It's also  
God's deepest desire for us. We have every reason, therefore, to  
rejoice. The Lord is near and will keep us in peace. May He help us  
to rejoice in our faith and in our community.

Today the liturgical colour is Rose Pink rather than purple to  
denote that rejoicing even in the midst of our waiting and longing  
for the Lord's coming.

*REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS AND AGAIN I SAY, REJOICE*

*Welcome to everyone gathered here at St. Edward's  
for our Sunday worship.*

*This morning, after the Parish Mass,  
coffee will be served at the back of the church,  
while the Café is prepared for our  
annual Parish Family Christmas Lunch.*

**CHRISTMAS at  
ST. EDWARD'S**

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December  
CHRISTMAS PRAISE  
with CHRISTINGLES  
at 6.00 p.m.**

*An informal Carol Service  
for ALL the family*

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December  
CHRISTMAS EVE  
THE MASS OF  
CHRISTMAS NIGHT  
at 8.00 p.m.**

*Come and experience the joy  
and wonder of this  
very special service with the  
same atmosphere as  
'Midnight Mass'*

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> December  
CHRISTMAS DAY  
PARISH MASS of  
Christmas Morning  
at 10.00 a.m.**

*A joyful Eucharist  
for ALL the family*

**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 TODAY please.

**St Edward's Scout Group  
are arranging a  
Christmas card  
delivery service.**

Please put your RH15 cards in the box with 35p per card. Last collection is Thursday 20th December at 11.00 a.m.

**New Year's Eve Party:**  
We need to know how many are likely to come to our annual New Year's Eve Party – anyone who would otherwise be on their own is most welcome to join us!  
Please sign the list!

**Christmas** is a time which brings many people to church who don't normally attend – therefore it is so important that WE are here to welcome them! I urge you in particular to be at our Christmas Praise Service next Sunday evening, the First Mass of Christmas on Christmas Eve evening and/or our Family Mass on Christmas morning.

**Happy Birthday to Nadine Christiansz** (Tuesday) and **Kathy Sadler** (Saturday)

**Confessions before Christmas:** It is always good to prepare spiritually for a great festival, and to take heed of John the Baptist who urges us to 'Repent' and confess our sins. One way of doing this is through the Church's Ministry of Sacramental Confession.

Is this an Anglican thing? Absolutely yes! Are we 'obliged' to go to confession? Absolutely no! Remember ALL MAY – NONE MUST – SOME REALLY OUGHT TO! Fr. Denis will be available for this very special sacrament in the week leading up to Christmas – by appointment (Tel: 01444 241300)

### **FOR OUR PRAYERS**

For God's blessing upon our Christmas worship, and that somehow, we can manage to bring those who visit us over Christmas to see beyond the Crib to the Cross and come to know Jesus as their Saviour.

#### **For those who are SICK:**

Within our congregation we would especially pray for ...

**Kathy Sadler, Anne Chitty, Gloria Baptist-Smith, Jenny Smith, Stephen Gray, Sue Silverlock** (in hospital) **Pray also for Ian Dyke**

Also, for:

<b>Dave Treby:</b>	very ill with cancer
<b>Lizz:</b>	undergoing third course of chemotherapy
<b>Brother Angelo:</b>	gently fading away
<b>Caroline Heath</b>	aggressive cancer
<b>Teresa King</b>	recovering from Mastectomy

#### **For the recently departed: Bill Bertram**

We commemorate the souls of Dorothy Hambrook (Sunday)

Niel Heard, Doreen Burton (Monday)

Florence Donald, Sarah Brigden, Mary Jones (Thursday)

Rhoda Tomlinson (Saturday)

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

- SUNDAY**  
16<sup>th</sup> December      **THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**10.00 a.m. PARISH MASS**  
*with the Ministry of Prayer for Healing & Wholeness.*
- MONDAY:**      *Father Denis has Monday as his 'Rest Day'*
- TUESDAY:**      **10.30 a.m. MASS**  
*Followed by coffee and cake in the Café.*
- WEDNESDAY:**      *No services or activities in church today*
- THURSDAY:**      **9.30 a.m. MASS**  
  
**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.**
- NEXT SUNDAY:**      **THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
23<sup>rd</sup> December      **10.00 a.m. PARISH MASS**  
*With the Ministry of Prayer for Healing & Wholeness*  
**6.00 p.m. CHRISTMAS PRAISE**  
*An informal Carol Service for ALL the family with CHRISTINGLES for the children. A collection will be taken during this service for the Children's Society.*