

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 21st DECEMBER 2014

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

6.00 p.m. (Saturday evening) Vigil Mass

10.00 a.m. PARISH MASS with Kidz Zone

**6.00 p.m. 'CHRISTMAS PRAISE' with
CHRISTINGLES for the children**



As the birth of a child draws near, naturally all attention focuses on the mother. We are nearing the celebration of the birth of Jesus, and so today we focus upon Mary his mother. Mary was a very humble person - a mere 'handmaid of the Lord' was how she saw herself. Her only concern was to do the will of God in her life.

We are getting closer and closer to Christmas. As we do so the pace of things hots up. There are a hundred and one things calling for our

time and attention. The result could be that the spiritual side of Christmas hardly gets a look in. This morning, let's pause for a while and make room in our minds and hearts for Jesus Christ to come to us during our worship.

*Welcome to everyone gathered here at St. Edward's
for our Sunday worship.
Coffee will be served in the Church Hall after the Parish Mass.
Do please stay and share in this time of fellowship together.*

THIS EVENING: 'CHRISTMAS PRAISE' at 6.00 p.m. – an informal
Carol Service for all the family – with **CHRISTINGLES** for the children.

*Please note that during the service this evening there will be a
COLLECTION taken for the work of the Children's Society. Please come
prepared for the collection and PLEASE BE GENEROUS!*

CHRISTMAS AT SAINT EDWARD'S

Wednesday 24th December

CHRISTMAS EVE

8.00 p.m.

THE FIRST MASS OF CHRISTMAS

*With the same atmosphere and excitement as 'Midnight Mass' but at an
earlier time in the hope that more people would be able to come.*

Thursday 25th December

CHRISTMAS DAY

10.00 a.m.

PARISH MASS OF CHRISTMAS MORNING

An informal celebration for all the family

Friday 26th December

Saint Stephen's Day – 'Boxing Day'

MASS at 12 noon

Followed by 'Drinks & Nibbles' at the Vicarage.

Looking ahead

Thursday 1st January 2015

NEW YEAR'S DAY

PARISH MASS at 12 noon

Begin a New Year of Our Lord – with Our Lord – at the Lord's Table

We have invited the whole of our Parish to join with US in worship of the New
Born King at Christmas. Will YOU be here? Surely the most important thing we
do this Christmas is to be at worship - at CHRIST'S-MASS?

Sunday 11th January – The Bishop of Horsham will be with us for the Parish Mass – PLEASE make sure that YOU are here too!!!

The Social Team would like to thank all who helped in any way at the Parish Lunch last Sunday, those who signed up and those who jumped in to fill the gaps. Splitting the chores like this made it a lot less work for the members of the team. THANK YOU

Special Church Clean-up for Christmas: It would be good to get the church looking spick and span for the Christmas festivities. It would be really marvellous to have as many volunteers as possible who could spare an hour or so **TOMORROW** from **10.00 a.m.** to help make the church look 'sparkling' for Christmas!

'Spiritual Clean-up': A good way to prepare for Christmas is through Repentance and Confession. One of the ways of doing this is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). Father Denis will be available for this sacrament at any time by arrangement. (Tel: 01444 241300)

Happy Birthday to...Kathy Sadler (Monday), Fr. Denis (Wednesday) Jesus Christ (Thursday) and belated wishes to Nadine for last week!

PRAYER & CARE

For a Christian and spiritual observance of Christmas.

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

For a good response to our invitations to worship with us this Christmas

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

Letitia Dawson - suffering from severe migraine headaches

Anniversary of death: Ida Blaker, Rhoda Tomlinson, (Monday)

Robert Womack, Caroline Hallett, Gwen Trash, Liz Waugh (Tuesday)

George Hallett (Wednesday) Albert Smith (Thursday)

William Burgess (Saturday)

This week at St. Edward's

- MONDAY:** Church Cleaning from 10.00 a.m.
PLEASE come and lend a hand!
- TUESDAY:** **MASS** at **10.30 a.m.** with the ministry of Prayer for Healing and Wholeness.
- WEDNESDAY:** **CHRISTMAS EVE**
THE FIRST MASS OF CHRISTMAS
at **8.00 p.m.**
- THURSDAY:** **CHRISTMAS DAY**
PARISH MASS OF CHRISTMAS MORNING
at **10.00 a.m.**
- FRIDAY:** *SAINT STEPHEN*
MASS at 12 noon
Followed by Drinks & Nibbles at the Vicarage
EVERYONE WELCOME!
- SATURDAY:** *SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST*
MASS at 12 noon
- VIGIL MASS (of Sunday) at 6.00 p.m.**
- NEXT SUNDAY:** ***THE HOLY FAMILY – JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH***
(Vigil Mass on Saturday evening at 6.00 p.m.)
PARISH MASS with Kidz Zone
at **10.00 a.m.**

This Pew sheet is sponsored in heartfelt thanks
to all the congregation for your tremendous support,
friendship and affection over the past difficult months.

Di and Jack