

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 13th JANUARY 2019 **THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

10.00 a.m. PARISH MASS

*With the Ministry of Prayer for
Healing & Wholeness*

Today we celebrate the mystery of the Baptism of Jesus.

We are presented with an incredible scene.

Jesus Christ, the sinless one, joins the queue of sinners and is baptized by his cousin John in the muddy waters of the River Jordan. He identifies with us sinners, and in

doing so he enables us to be free from the power of sin.

Today let us thank God for our own Baptism to new life in Christ and pray that we would be faithful to our calling to build His kingdom here on earth as it is in heaven, as we seek to be building a 'Community of God's People in the Power of the Holy Spirit'

A VERY WARM WELCOME TO YOU ALL!

Thank you to all those who have been so kind and understanding regarding my forthcoming retirement. It has not been an easy decision to make, but I believe it to be the right decision both for me and also for you as a parish.

The Bishop of Chichester and the Archdeacon of Horsham have been very supportive and kind, and I have every confidence regarding the future of St. Edward's.

Arrangements are still to be made regarding my 'farewell' on **Sunday 28th April**, but I propose that Mass on that Sunday will be at **6.00 p.m.** (*No Mass at 10.00 a.m.*) followed by whatever seems appropriate!

In the meantime, may I ask for your prayers both for myself and for Alan as we prepare for this big change in our lives, and of course for St. Edward's as you prepare for the uncertainty of a period of interregnum.

With my love and prayers

Fr.D

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting this year will be on **Sunday 24th February** during the Parish Mass at **10.00 a.m.** To prepare for this we have to completely renew the Church Electoral Roll (this has to be done every 6 years) which means that the old Roll is scraped, and everyone needs to fill in a new form to be on the Roll. This will be done over the next few weeks. Also, we need reports for the Year Book as soon as possible. Nomination Forms for Churchwardens and Parochial Church Council will also be available soon.

The Mustard Seed Café will be open this week on **Thursday** and **Friday: 10.00 a.m. – 3.30 p.m.** and on **Saturday: 10.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.**

The **Parochial Church Council** Meet this **Wednesday** at **7.30 p.m.** in the Holy Spirit Chapel.

Home Groups will be starting up again in the next couple of weeks. This term we will be studying a course on **outreach** and **evangelism**. The act of sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ is called evangelism. Evangelism is the whole work of the whole church for the whole age. The gospel is not something we come to church to hear, it is something we go from church to tell. The Natural Evangelism Course has six sessions, which provides a simple, yet insightful training programme for all churches wanting to encourage and equip their members towards more effective friendship evangelism.

PLEASE SIGN UP TODAY!

Altar Servers: We *URGENTLY* need more people (men, women and indeed children) to serve in the sanctuary. Please speak to Liz Burton or Father Denis for more information.

FOR OUR PRAYERS

For the life, work, mission and ministry of St. Edward's during this coming year – especially for the Mustard Seed Community Café.

For Fr. Denis as he begins to prepare for retirement.

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:

Dave Treby:	very ill with cancer
Lizz:	undergoing third course of chemotherapy
Brother Angelo:	very frail
Teresa King	recovering from Mastectomy
Tony	starting chemo in January

For the recently departed: **Francis Young** and

Fr. Alan Reed (29th December) – former priest at St. Edward's

And in love we commemorate the souls of

Edna Pollard, Kathleen Holmes (Sunday)

Eva West, Gertrude 'G' Silverlock (Monday)

Marie-Therese (Nanette) Ward, Thomas Williams (priest) (Tuesday)

Mildred Ikin, Samuel McCulloch (Wednesday)

John Davis, Dennis Parry, Doris Simons, Harry Lower (Thursday)

Hepzibah Mace Start (Friday)

Leslie Taylor, Karen David, F. P. Haines (Saturday)

This week at St. Edward the Confessor

- SUNDAY:** **THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**
13th January **PARISH MASS at 10.00 a.m.**
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- MONDAY:** *The First week in ‘Ordinary Time’*

Father Denis has Monday as his ‘rest day’
- TUESDAY:** **MASS at 10.30 a.m.**
- WEDNESDAY:** The Parochial Church Council meet in the
Chapel of the Holy Spirit at 7.30 p.m.
- THURSDAY:** *Saint Anthony, abbot*
MASS at 9.30 a.m.

The Mustard Seed Café is open:
10.00 a.m. – 3.30 p.m.
- FRIDAY:** *The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*
begins today

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10.00 a.m. – 3.30 p.m.

MASS at 7.30 p.m.
- SATURDAY:** **The Mustard Seed Café is open:**
10.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.
- NEXT SUNDAY:** ***The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time***
20th January **PARISH MASS at 10.00 a.m.**
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