

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 28th FEBRUARY 2016

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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

With the Ministry of Prayer for Healing & Wholeness

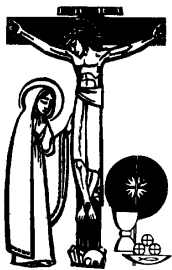


The Gospel reading today –is the parable of the fig tree. Jesus told a story about a farmer who came every year to look for figs on the tree, but there weren't any. So the farmer told the gardener to cut the tree down. But the gardener asked the farmer to give it another chance for another year. During that year the gardener would take special care of the tree so that maybe it would produce fruit for the farmer next year.

Jesus was really talking about us - and about God. God wants us to do good things - he expects it of us. When we don't do good things he is very disappointed - sometimes he is angry - but like parents, when we get things all wrong, He is willing to give us another chance. Jesus says that He will take care of us - that He will help us to grow and bear fruit.

For that to happen we need to believe in Him which is like the sun to us, and to study His word which is like the water we need, and pray to Him - which is like the fertilizer that we need to stay healthy.





EVERY SUNDAY EVENING DURING LENT STATIONS OF THE CROSS

at 6.00 p.m.

This will be our main Lenten devotion and each week will be different as we walk the 'Way of the Cross' with the Lord and share in His risen presence in Benediction..

PLEASE try to commit to being at this very special Lenten devotion each Sunday evening during this wonderful season of Lent.

Prayer Walk and Leaflet Drop: Many thanks to all who helped with this venture. Over 3500 homes received an advertising flier about our café and, even more importantly, were commended to the Lord in prayer.

Mustard Seed Café Volunteers: Training will be given to volunteers either individually or in very small groups. Wendy will be arranging these sessions with all the people whose names were put on the list on Volunteers' Day. If you were not there but are interested in helping it is not too late to join the merry band! Please speak to Wendy about your availability and arrange your training.



Help required for the café: The Vision Group would like to publicise the café menu and its prices outside on A-framed display boards. If you are able to make us one (or two!) of these, or would like to hear more before you commit yourself, please speak to Fr Denis as soon as possible.



*Happy
Mother's Day*

Mothering Sunday – next Sunday:

There will be a special 'Parish Mass with 'All-Age Worship' at 10.00 a.m. Why not, this year, invite a member of your family or neighbours and friends to join us on this special day when we give thanks for the love we have received from our mothers?

Although next Sunday is the first Sunday of the month, due to various circumstances, Prayer & Praise is cancelled next Sunday evening and instead we will continue with Stations of the Cross at 6.00 p.m.

Prayer Ministers: Could I please ask all those involved in the Ministry of Prayer for Healing and Wholeness (both current and new ministers joining us) to meet in the Baptistery Chapel after coffee this morning to arrange a 'Training' morning/afternoon/evening. Thank you, Fr.D

'Visual' Stations of the Cross – using the screen and powerful images will take place as usual on Palm Sunday evening at 6.00 p.m.

Women's World Day of Prayer prepared by the Christian women of Cuba. At the Methodist Church London Road Burgess Hill on Friday 4th March 2016 at 10.30 a.m.

HOME GROUPS this week:

Monday 7.30 p.m. (Caroline & Simon @ 34 Withybush):
The Beatitudes]

Wednesday 1.30 p.m. (Penny & Christine @ 5, Sevenfields)
The Bible

Wednesday 7.30 p.m. (Pauline @ 11 Fry Crescent)
Church and Kingdom

Thursday 7.30 p.m. **Men's Group**
(Fr Denis @ 7 Bramble Gardens)
The Lord's Prayer

PRAYER & CARE

For those who are sick Within our congregation, we would especially pray for... **Peter Robinson, Frances Roberts, Kathy Sadler, Anne Chitty.**

Paul Myles - diagnosed with Lymphatic Cancer

Marge Breeze - chemotherapy for recurring oesophageal cancer

Bruce Smetham - being treated for recurring cancer

Adrian in ITU in Brighton

Liz and Jane – both with cancer

Jim Winter - recovering from stroke, leaking aneurism

Roy –war injury and ME

Richard Brown (priest) with a leaking heart valve

Graham Bailey – terminally ill.

Recently departed: **Hilda Bewick**

Anniversaries of death: David Jones; Freda Pattenden (Sunday)

Elsie Watts, Michael Breeze, George Mitchell (Thursday)

Alfred funnel, Frances Broomfield (Friday) Jean Paul (Saturday)

The week ahead at St. Edward the Confessor

THIS EVENING: **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** at 6.00 p.m.

MONDAY: *Father Denis has Mondays as his 'rest day'*

Home Group at 34 Withybush at 7.30 p.m.

TUESDAY: ***SAINT DAVID, patron saint of Wales***

MASS at 10.30 a.m.

Followed by Coffee in the Café

WEDNESDAY: **MASS** at 10.30 a.m.

Home Group at 5 Sevenfields at 1.30 p.m.

Home Group at 11 Fry Crescent at 7.30 p.m.

All the Right Notes meets in the Café at 7.30 p.m.

THURSDAY: **MASS** at 10.30 a.m.

Followed by Coffee in the Café

Home Group – especially for men – at 7 Bramble Gardens at 7.30 p.m.

FRIDAY: **MASS** at 7.30 p.m.

SATURDAY: Burial of Ashes at 12 noon

NEXT SUNDAY: **The Fourth Sunday of Lent**

MOTHERING SUNDAY

PARISH MASS with 'All-Age Worship'
at 10.00 a.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS at 6.00 p.m.

This Pew sheet is sponsored by Penny
in Loving Memory of Michael and all brothers sadly missed.