

Thursdays at St Edwards

Warm Social Space - We offer an open church for you to spend your Thursdays between 10.00 - 4.00 pm for a chat with tea, coffee and biscuits

Thursday Lunch Club - We also hold a lunch club on Thursdays from 11.30 am to 1.30 pm. You can have a mug of soup, a roll and a chat

Sing for Joy – You are welcome to join the group who enjoy singing the old favourites that we all love. Thursday afternoon from 3.00 pm – 4.00 pm

We would like to welcome everyone to join in these activities

There are small cards at the back of church regarding these events, please take a few and kindly hand out to friends and neighbours

Please Support the Mission, Worship and Upkeep of St Edwards Church with your Contributions - Thankyou

Thank you for joining in Worship at St. Edwards New Addington
We value your presence and your prayers

Note - When attending Church, please keep all valuables and personal effects with you as a precautionary measure

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The Parish Church of **ST. EDWARD KING & CONFESSOR** New Addington

Sunday 28th December 2025

The Holy Innocents

Celebrant & Preacher:

Father Prem



Collect

Heavenly Father, whose children suffered at the hands of Herod, though they had done no wrong: by the suffering of your Son and by the innocence of our lives frustrate all evil designs and establish your reign of justice and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever **Amen**

A Celtic Christmas Prayer

The Child of glory, The Child of Mary,
Born in the stable, The King of all,
Who came to the wilderness
And in our stead suffered;
Happy they are counted
Who to him are near

Amen

Please remember in your Prayers this week

Pray for Children all over the World who suffer due to war and violence, broken homes, natural disasters
Pray for the work of the Children's Society and other charities that work towards the Welfare of Children
Pray that the New Year will be a good one for all people
Pray for the Peace talks between Ukraine & Russia
Pray for the Homeless and the work of the shelters that are open between Christmas and New Year

Pray for those with ongoing Sickness and Concern

Joyce Preston - Betty Attree - Mike Wilkins – John Kendall
Lynette Henry - Carlotta Boyce - Florence Ryan - Paul Patient
Georgiana Mitchell - Sheila Bance - David Garces - Paul Lusher
Lesley Clay

Pray for the Recently Departed – Joan Page – Amy Nabdoo

We also pray for those who are known only to us whose anniversary falls at this time of year namely: George Duncton – Albert Wennel
George Nakitare

Today's Readings

Jeremiah 31: 15 – 17 1 Corinthians 1: 26 – 29 Matthew 2: 13 – 18

Gospel – Matthew 2: 13 - 18

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I have called my son.' When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: 'A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.'

Meetings

Finance Meeting - **Tuesday 6th January, 2026** at 1.30 pm - Parish Office
Could any of the other sub groups please let Lesley or Ian know of any

events or work that will be carried out during 2026 so we can factor the estimated cost into the budget please

Thursday Morning Service & Drop-In/Warm Space

There will be a 9.30 am Service on **Thursday 1st January, 2026** in the Chapel as usual, everyone is very welcome to attend. The Thursday Drop-in/warm space will be from 10.00 am until 3.00 pm. If you know anyone who would like to come for tea/coffee and a chat, please let them know we are here. Everyone is welcome.

St Ed's Magazine

The magazine will be ready for next weekend. The theme for the December issue is "what Christmas Means to Me". Please put pen to paper and let us have all your articles by **Friday 2nd January, 2026** please

CAMEO - Come And Meet Each Other

Wednesday 7th January, 2026 from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm. This is our group for retired and older people who would like to get together once a month for tea and chat plus occasional activities such as quizzes or speakers etc. Please do come along, everyone is welcome

The New Reader and Intercessors Rota

The new rota has been emailed to all that I have email addresses for. If you have not received your rota, please look in your junk or spam folder. There are a couple of printed copies at the back of church. If you need a copy, please let me know

Christmas Charity

Thanks to Lesley, Mary, Christine and Julie for raising funds to help very poor people in Vedal Village in South India. Thanks to all those who contributed. On behalf of St. Edwards, on Christmas Eve 45 families of the Irular tribal village were given food supplies, including rice and lentils, and a blanket each, and 25 poor elderly people in Vedal village were given a blanket each. Seventy-five families who are poor benefited from our Christmas gift.

Readings for Sunday 4th January, 2026

Isaiah 60: 1 – 6

Ephesians 3: 1 – 12

Matthew 2: 1 - 12