

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 15th February, 2026

Sunday Next before Lent

**Celebrant & Preacher:
Father Prem**



Collect

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever **Amen**

Prayer – A Way to Jesus (**Amy Carmichael**)

It is not far to go, for you are near.

It is not far to go, for you are here.

And not by travelling, Lord,
we come to you,
but by the way of love,
and we love you

Amen

Please remember in your Prayers this week

Pray for the work of the General Synod of the Church of England
Pray for people who are struggling with debt

Pray for the work of community groups in New Addington

Pray for the Deanery Synod meeting on the 17th February at our Church

Pray for the children and families affected by the school shootings in Canada

Pray for an end to knife violence on our streets and schools and the unnecessary loss of young lives

Pray for those with ongoing Sickness and Concern

Joyce Preston - Betty Attree - Mike Wilkins – John Kendall
Carlotta Boyce - Paul Patient - Georgiana Mitchell - Sheila Bance
David Garces – Lesley Clay - Graham Baker - Emiah Okorejior
Paul Lusher - Elizabeth Ambrose - Sarah Markee-Hicks

Pray for the Recently Departed - Steven Shaw - Matthew Michael Cousins

We also pray for those who are known only to us whose anniversary falls at this time of year namely: Linda Griffin – Win Marshall
Josephine Mott - Anne Threadgill

Altar Flowers were arranged in Memory of Josephine & William Mott

Today's Readings

Exodus 24: 12 – end 2 Peter 1: 16 – end Matthew 17: 1 – 9

Gospel – Matthew 17: 1 - 9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

Meetings

Finance Group – **Tuesday 3rd March** at 7.45 pm - Parish Office
Sub-Group - **Monday 9th March** at 7.45 pm - Parish Office
Mission Group – **Wednesday 11th March** at 7.45 pm - Parish Office
Stewardship Group – **Sunday 22nd March** at 12 noon in Church
PCC Meeting – **Monday 23rd March** at 7.45 pm - Parish Office

Ash Wednesday Service – 18th February at 7.30 pm

There will be an Ash Wednesday Service with the Imposition of Ashes
Please try to attend and mark this important day in our Faith

Mission Action Plan - Each church in our Diocese needs to have a document called the **MISSION ACTION PLAN (MAP)**. This is a guidance document the congregation creates as a plan for the next three years. Our PCC has started the process of making our MAP. This is a process where the entire congregation is involved. To begin with you will receive a questionnaire today, in which you can express your opinions and ideas. We will have an away day on **Saturday 28th February** from 10.00 am until 12.30 pm in our church to discuss different aspects of our mission and to share suggestions about this. There will be a sign-up sheet at the back of church

Parish Magazine: The theme for the February issue is 'Love'. **Short articles, poems, thoughts, experiences, recipes welcome. Kindly send your contributions before 27th February.**

Lent Course - Our Lent Course will meet on five Thursdays in the Church Hall Meeting room on **26th February, 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th March** at 7.30 pm, ends at 8.40 pm. This year we shall be using a book called "Lentwise Spiritual Essentials for Real Life. Everyone will need a copy of this book as there will be reflections that need to be studied at home as well as in the group. The church will provide a book for each person who attends the lent course. Each book costs £8.99. There will be no charge for the book but if you are in the position to buy or make a small donation toward the cost that would be appreciated. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church. Please add your name if you plan to attend so that the correct number of books can be ordered. Thankyou

2026 Stewardship Envelopes - There are a number of ways that our Parishioners support St Edwards financially, and we can all be grateful for that. A popular means of doing so, is by use of the weekly envelope scheme. If this is your choice, please note that 2026 envelopes are now available. Please contact Ian Beazley for your box of envelopes, thankyou

Readings for Sunday 22nd February, 2026

Genesis 2: 15 – 17, 3.1 – 7 Romans 5: 12 – 19 Matthew 4: 1 – 11