

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 8th March, 2026

3rd Sunday of Lent

Celebrant & Preacher:

Father Prem



Collect

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life 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**

Prayer (*Daphne Fraser*)

By your wounded hands

teach us diligence and generosity

By your wounded feet

teach us steadfastness and perseverance

By your wounded and insulted head

teach us patience, clarity and self-mastery

By your wounded heart

teach us love, teach us love, teach us love

O Master and Saviour

Amen

Please remember in your Prayers this week

Pray for all the people affected by the war in Iran, remembering those who have lost their loved ones

Pray for the people who are struggling with drug abuse and are homeless

Pray for the Anglican communion for unity and understanding

Pray for the residents and carers in the care homes in New Addington

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 - Lesley Fordham - Jacob Kabweru

Pray for the Recently Departed

We also pray for those who are known only to us whose anniversary falls at this time of year namely: Jack Northwood – Joan Connor - George Connor - William Bone
Hazel Griffin – Robinson Omutere - Kenny Abbott

Ashes - The Ashes of Brian David Monk and Olga Eleanor Monk are being laid to rest in our Garden of Remembrance today. Please hold Brian and Olga's family and friends in your prayers as they mourn their loss

Today's Readings		
Exodus 17: 1 - 7	Romans 5: 1 - 11	John 4: 5 - 42

Gospel – John 4: 7 – 15, 23 – 26 (*Shorter Version*)

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.' But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

Meetings

Premises - **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

Children's Easter Workshop Meeting – Today at 12 noon



Mothering Sunday is next week 15th March, 2026

Lent Course - Our Lent Course continue to meet on Thursday evenings in the Church Hall Meeting Room at 7.30 pm and ends at 8.40 pm. This year we are using a book called "Lentwise Spiritual Essentials for Real Life. **Thursday 12th, 19th and 26th March**

Bishop's Lent Call - The Bishop of Southwark's Lent Call for 2026 asks you to pray for and raise money to support projects that focus on the work of schools that will help benefit children and young people to flourish here in our diocese and in our link dioceses in Zimbabwe and Jerusalem. Each day in Lent you can set apart some money as we remember the work among children in our Diocese, in Zimbabwe and Jerusalem and offer it in the church on Easter Sunday

The Funeral of Linette Henry will take place here at St Edwards on **Wednesday 18th March, 2026** at 10.15 am followed by the Croydon Crematorium at 12 noon

St. Ed's Together Parish Magazine – The theme for the March issue is "Easter Joy". Short stories, poems, thoughts, experiences, recipes welcome. Kindly send your articles before **Friday 27th March**

Children's Easter Workshop - Saturday 4th April 10.30 - 12.30pm

We offer the children a variety of activities and they help to plant the Easter Garden while they are told the Easter Story by Fr Prem. There are refreshments available during the session for both children and their responsible adult. This session will end with an Easter Egg Hunt. To be able to hold these workshops three times a year, we need more adult helpers to supervise an activity and help the children as necessary. A responsible adult must stay with their child/children for the session. If you are able to offer a couple of hours on the 4th April, please let Julie or Lesley know. Thank you

Holy Week Services

Sunday 29th March - **Stations of the Cross** – 10.30 am
Tuesday 31st March - **Healing Service with Eucharist** - 7.30 pm
Wednesday 1st April - **Passover Meal** in the church hall - 7.30 pm
Thursday 2nd April - **Maundy Thursday Service**
with foot washing – 8.00 pm followed by the **Watch** until 11.30 pm
Friday 3rd April: **Good Friday Service** – 2.00 pm
Sunday 5th April - **Easter Festival Service** - 10.30 am
including an Easter Bonnet Parade (No 9 am service)

Readings for Sunday 15th March, 2026

Exodus 2: 1 – 10 Colossians 3: 12 – 17 Luke 2: 33 - 35