



# The Catholic Community of Arundel & Storrington

## 1st Sunday of Advent, Year A

### 30th November 2025



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Live Stream	Masses from the Cathedral are livestreamed and are available via the Cathedral website <a href="http://www.arundelcathedral.uk">www.arundelcathedral.uk</a> or <a href="https://www.churchservices.tv/arundel">https://www.churchservices.tv/arundel</a>		
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What sort of inventions change our life? How about the TV remote control? So the experts say, the remote control has had an enormous impact on making TV programmes. As you sit in your armchair, a programme has an average of 7 seconds to grab your attention before you get bored and zap onto the next channel—and that time has probably gone down since the research was done. We live in a society that has forgotten how to wait, a society with zero patience. We seem to need instant and constant excitement.

This is a disaster for Advent, because Advent is all about waiting, staying awake, longing for the Lord to come, as our Gospel and second reading remind us. Waiting and longing are very precious, because they change us. They make us realise that our real fulfilment is not found in the immediate gratification of our desires, but in self-forgetting love; not in getting, but in giving. We discover a deep yearning for God, which is proof of our love for him, and deepens our love for him. In fact, I think this is a rule of all prayer, and of all authentic loving.

But we need to get through the pain-barrier, the boredom-barrier. We need to rediscover how to wait patiently, how to yearn, how to love with commitment, how to pray without ceasing.

*By the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress,  
as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.*

*God bless, Fr Stephen*

**Changes to Mass times this coming week:** Mass on Thursday in Storrington at 10am will be the Requiem Mass for Nuala Stoker RIP. Mass on Friday in the Cathedral will be at 11.00am and will be the Requiem for Elena Smith RIP.

**\*\*Cathedral heating\*\*** Please note that the Cathedral boiler has failed and will need to be replaced in due time. Engineers will be working on site on a temporary solution from Monday 1st December. It is hoped the Cathedral will be heated from 9th December, possibly before. In the meantime, please dress warmly when coming to the Cathedral.

**Please pray for** Elena (Helen) Smith (Arundel) who died recently, her body will be received into the church on 4th December at 4pm followed by a Requiem Mass at 11am on Friday 5th December. Also for Nuala Stoker (Storrington) whose Requiem will take place on Thursday 4th December at 10.00am, and for Austin Bray (Storrington) who died recently. His Requiem will take place in Arundel Cathedral on Thursday 18th December at 11.30am. Please also keep in your prayer Sr. Clare of the Poor Clares at Arundel who died last week.

**Tuesday Drop In** Next meetings: 2 December with the St Philip's Singing Superstars choir & 16 December in the Cathedral Centre, all 2 to 4pm, All welcome for tea/coffee, friendly chat, board games. Lifts available, please contact Maria on 07413 267267.

**Silver Sterlings & Sewing Bees** Our next get-together for general cleaning, polishing and repairs is Thursday 11th December in the Sacristy 10am - 12 noon. Please join us - tea, coffee, chats and laughter guaranteed!

**First Reconciliation & First Communion Application Forms for 2026** are available at the back of the Cathedral and in the porch at Storrington. **Closing date 1st Dec.**

**Confirmation 2026** Application forms for the Parish Confirmation programme are now available at the back of the Cathedral and in the porch in Storrington. If you are in Year 10 or above and want to embark on the course to learn more, please complete a form and return it to the Cathedral or Fr Stephen by **5th January 2026.**

**The Friends of Arundel Cathedral** warmly invite you to Advent Choral Vespers in the Cathedral THIS Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm followed by refreshments in the Cathedral Centre. Please be seated for 6.15pm and bring your friends along. All are welcome.

**The Cathedral Choir** are performing an Advent Concert of extracts from the Messiah and other music for the season on Advent on Saturday 6th December 7.00pm in the Cathedral. Tickets £12.50 from [Messiah Tickets](#) also available on the door.

**Advent Reconciliation Services** in the deanery will take place in Arundel Cathedral on Sunday 7th December at 3pm and Our Lady of Sorrows in Bognor on Tuesday 16th December at 7pm. All welcome to either. The sacrament is available in the Cathedral every Saturday after 10am Mass, and Thursdays in Storrington after 10am Mass.

**Safeguarding Representative Storrington** - We owe a huge debt of thanks to Theresa Byrne who has served as the Parish Safeguarding Representative in Storrington for many years and is now stepping down. We therefore need to find a replacement volunteer. The Parish Safeguarding Representative is responsible for: making sure the Parish is aware of the importance of safeguarding children and vulnerable adults; promoting good and safe practice, including what is appropriate and inappropriate behaviour; working with the Parish Priest and the Diocesan Safeguarding Co-ordinator in deciding how to administer the National Safeguarding Policies and Procedures within the Parish. Expressions of interest in the role to Fr Stephen or Deacon Roger. Thank you.



St Vincent  
de Paul Society  
England and Wales  
Turning Concern into Action

There are SVP Groups in Arundel and Storrington who meet regularly and can offer help and support. If you, or someone you know, would like a friendly visit or help in any way or you would like to know more, please contact the parish office.

**Missio Red Boxes (Arundel)** - If you would like your Missio Red Box emptied, please give to Frances Challen after 5pm Mass or leave in the sacristy during Advent.

**Choral Vespers** was recorded at the Cathedral recently for BBC Radio 3 and will be broadcast on **Wednesday 3 December 2025**, 3.00pm, the first Wednesday in Advent and Memorial of St Francis Xavier, for repeat broadcast on Sunday 7 December 2025, 3.00pm. Congratulations to Elizabeth Stratford, the choir and organists on the magnificent music they sang for this occasion.

**Mass in the Castle Chapel** will take place on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception with music from the choir: Vox Humana & Gregoriana. All welcome. Entry is via the High Street Gate from 6.30pm, a buggy will be available at the gate for anyone who needs it.

**Sunday Lunch Club in Storrington:** The Churches in Storrington provide a cooked Sunday Lunch on the second Sunday of every month in The Old School, next one on Sunday 14th December. Tickets £5 from Louisa Austin (shop) and the Village Hub in Storrington. If you would be interested in helping with serving and/or cooking please speak to Susan Stone or contact Louise in the Parish Office.

**Christmas Day Lunch—Arundel** Don't be on your own on Christmas Day, you are warmly invited to lunch and festivities on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December at the Norfolk Centre, Mill Road, Arundel, BN18 9PA. Cost £5.00, transport available. For more information call 01903 883469.

**Don't be alone this Christmas – Storrington** 1pm lunch on Christmas Day at The Old School, tickets £10.00. Book by 15<sup>th</sup> December by calling Sue Kibblewhite 01903 745325.

**Christmas Festive Day, Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December** 10am-5pm @ Chanctonbury Leisure Centre, Storrington. This fun event is being arranged by Life Community Church in conjunction with Chanctonbury Leisure Centre. There will be a live Nativity, Christmas stalls, Santa's Grotto and live music performances. Our Lady of England has been invited to be involved, and we will be hosting a craft making stall. If anyone is available to help – even for part of the day, please contact Julia Purcell on 07473 880120. Many thanks!



**Christmas in Memoriam at Arundel** An opportunity to remember your loved ones this Christmas by bringing a poinsettia to help decorate the Cathedral. Please leave your poinsettia in the baptistery. It would be lovely to have some in place for Advent Vespers on 30<sup>th</sup> November.

**Catholic Young Adults Christmas Party!** All aged 18–30 welcome — come celebrate with us at St Peter's, Witterings, from 5pm on Saturday 6th December! There'll be Mass, great company, festive vibes, and plenty of Christmas cheer. Need a lift? Rides available from St Richard's in Chichester (offers of lifts also welcome!) RSVP to Olivia by 3 Dec: 07411 951297

**Chemin Neuf at Storrington Priory: Quiet Day** Thursday 4th December 10am-3.30pm. A talk, guided prayer and simple lunch. More information/to book: [storrington@chemin-neuf.org](mailto:storrington@chemin-neuf.org)

**Storrington Mothers Prayers** at 2pm this Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December in the church. All are welcome.

Arundel and Storrington Offertory Summary		
	October 2025	Special collections in October
Standing Orders (Gift Aid)	£6,355	CAFOD Harvest £771 PACT £523 World Mission Sunday £383 Missionaries of Africa Appeal £840 Thank you all for your continuing generosity.
Envelopes and card transactions (Gift Aid)	£1,752	
Cash	£1,750	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£9,857</b>	
Monthly Offertory Budget	£9,000	

HOLY MASS & OTHER SERVICES THIS WEEK		<b>Prayers For The Sick</b> Your prayers are asked for all who are unwell at this time, those at home, in hospital, hospices and in care homes.
<b>Saturday 29th</b> Cathedral 5.00pm	<b>1st Sunday of Advent, Year A</b> People of the Parish	<b>Sacrament of the Sick</b> Please contact Fr Stephen Tel 01903 882297 Other local parishes: Petworth: 01798 342169 Bognor: 01243 823619 Chichester 01243 782343
<b>Sunday 30th</b> Storrington 9.00am Cathedral 11.00am	People of the Parish Alfred George Eames RIP	
<b>Monday 1st</b> Cathedral 10.00am	Andrew Hall RIP	
<b>Tuesday 2nd</b> Storrington 10.00am	People of the Parish	 <b>Requiem in Aeternum</b> Your prayers are asked for all those who have died recently.
<b>Wednesday 3rd</b> Cathedral 10.00am Cathedral 6.00pm	Mgr Jim Joyce RIP Cathedral Deanery Schools Service	<b>Coffee &amp; Tea</b> After 9.00am Mass at Storrington After 11.00am Mass at Arundel
<b>Thursday 4th</b> Storrington 10.00am Cathedral 4.00pm	Requiem for Nuala Stoker RIP Reception of the body of Elena Smith RIP	
<b>Friday 5th</b> Cathedral <u>11.00am</u>	Requiem of Elena Smith RIP	<b>Liturgy of the Word with Children</b> Takes place weekly at 9am Mass in Storrington. At Arundel this will take place at <b>5.00pm</b> <b>Mass</b> twice a month as follows: 6 & 20 December.
<b>Saturday 6th</b> Cathedral 10.00am Cathedral 10.30am  Cathedral 5.00pm	Walter and Anne Stone RIP Confessions and Adoration to 11am  <b>2nd Sunday of Advent, Year A</b> People of the Parish	
<b>Sunday 7th</b> Storrington 9.00am Cathedral 11.00am Cathedral 3.00pm	Stephen Cole RIP Sr. Giles RIP Deanery Reconciliation Service	<b>Music at Mass</b>  9.00am Mass Music Group at Storrington—all welcome to rehearsals on Wednesday evenings at 8.00pm in the church.
<b>Chemin Neuf at Our Lady of England, Storrington</b> Mon - Frid: Adoration 6pm-6:30pm in Church Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat Mass (Maronite) 9.00am in the Church Tuesday 7.30-8.30pm Prayer Group 01903 742150 <a href="mailto:storrington@chemin-neuf.org">storrington@chemin-neuf.org</a>		<b>Rosary</b> Wednesdays 7.00pm - Storrington Mondays after 10am Mass - Arundel First Saturday of the month 9.15am - Arundel
<b>Masses at the Convent of Poor Clares, Crossbush</b> Monday - Saturday: 8.30am; Sunday: 6.00pm		<b>Finance</b> If you have any questions about setting up standing orders or Gift Aid, please contact Martin Hall on <a href="mailto:ga.arundel@abdiocese.org.uk">ga.arundel@abdiocese.org.uk</a> Martin can help with queries in both Arundel & Storrington.

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