



**The Catholic Community of
Arundel & Storrington**
Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King
23rd November 2025



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Our Churches	The Cathedral Church of Our Lady and St Philip Howard, London Road, Arundel, BN18 9AY Our Lady of England, School Lane, Storrington, RH20 4LN Convent of Poor Clares, Crossbush, Arundel, BN18 9PJ		
Live Stream	Masses from the Cathedral are livestreamed and are available via the Cathedral website www.arundelcathedral.uk or https://www.churchservices.tv/arundel		
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Today we reach the end of the liturgical year with the celebration of Christ the King; yet our Gospel reading is from the Crucifixion of Jesus. What sort of Christ do we see on the Cross? Someone mocked and abused, defeated and dying. Where is Christ the King here?

But Jesus is most certainly King at the Cross. Here, supremely, He promulgates His great command: "Love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." (John 15:12-13) On the Cross Jesus shows us His supreme power—indeed, His omnipotence—over the forces of evil. And He does so not by stooping to fight on their terms, with brute force and hatred, but instead with humble obedience to His Father, meekness, acceptance, forgiveness—and by undying love.

On the Cross Christ is definitely King, and a victorious King at that. For He came to bring God's love to all humanity. And love is the one thing all the forces of evil ranged against Jesus failed to kill. "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

God bless, Fr Stephen

Changes to Mass times this coming week: There are changes to **ALL of the weekday Masses** this week. Please check carefully before attending. Monday & Wednesday 10am in Storrington; Tuesday 10am in the Fitzalan Chapel in Arundel, Thursday 11am at the Cathedral (Chapter Mass for Deceased Canons, all welcome) and Friday Requiem 11.30am in the Cathedral.

****Cathedral heating**** Please note that the Cathedral boiler has failed and will need to be replaced in due time. Engineers have been in site this week to devise a temporary solution to provide heating through the winter months and will return on 1st December to start work. 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 Ian Caws (Arundel) who died recently. His body will be received into the Cathedral on Thursday 27th November at 5pm followed by a Requiem Mass on Friday 28th November at 11.30am. Please also pray for 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.

Thanksgiving for the headship of Lucy Horne We will celebrate the 11am Mass in Arundel this Sunday 23rd November in thanksgiving for the 17 years of service Lucy has given to St Philip's School. Do come along and celebrate Lucy's great contribution to Catholic Education in our local school.

Tuesday Drop In Next meetings: 2 & 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.

Advent Small Groups begin to meet this week. If you haven't signed up and still want to join a group, call the parish office ASAP, alternatively **The Convent of Poor Clares** are hosting Advent groups every Monday from 24th November from 3-4pm. All welcome.

First Reconciliation & First Communion Application Forms for 2026 are available at the back of the Cathedral and in the porch at Storrington. Parents of children in school year 3 or above who wish to begin receiving Holy communion in 2026 should complete a form and return it to the parish office as soon as possible. Meetings are scheduled to begin in January on Thursday afternoons. If you have any questions, please contact the Cathedral Office on arundel@abdiocese.org.uk or 01903 882297. **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**.

Blessing of Graves will take place in Storrington **this Sunday 23rd Nov at 3pm** commencing in the cemetery and moving to the church for Vespers followed by tea in the cloister.

Storrington - Come to music rehearsal this (or any) Wednesday 8pm in the church to hear the new Mass setting and music for Advent. All welcome, you don't need to be a singer!

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

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.

Congratulations to Albie Monk who was baptised in Arundel Cathedral last Sunday afternoon. We continue to pray for him and for his parents Mike and Jess.



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.

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.

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.

Cathedral Shop now has Advent and Christmas goods for sale. Open 10.30am—4pm weekdays, after Masses at weekends.

Advance Notice: There will be a Mass in the Castle Chapel on Mon 8th December at 7pm, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception with music from the choir: Vox Humana & Gregoriana. All welcome.

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. Everyone is welcome. It is a chance to gather together over a meal and be with friends old and new. The next lunch is Sunday 14th December. Tickets are £5 and are available from Louisa Austin and the Village Hub in Storrington. The Lunch Club is a valuable social opportunity for many people who would otherwise be at home alone in Storrington. Our Lady of England Parish provides volunteers every month to help with serving. The meal is cooked by each church in turn and our Parish cooks three times a year. If you would be interested in helping with serving and/or cooking please speak to Christine Orpwood or 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 25th 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 15th December by calling Sue Kibblewhite 01903 745325.

Christmas Festive Day, Saturday 6th 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!

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

The Art of Dying Well is a website that offers a helping hand to those grappling with issues around death and dying. Based in the Catholic tradition but open to all, it features real-life stories about dealing with the journey through death to eternal life. See www.artofdyingwell.org There are also resources on our Diocesan website at: [Planning a Funeral & Bereavement Support | Our Faith](#)

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 30th November.

PACT Book Collection A BIG thank you to everyone who very generously donated their unwanted books for this charity during October, you have raised £159.14, for which PACT are very grateful.

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

HOLY MASS & OTHER SERVICES THIS WEEK			Prayers For The Sick
Saturday 22nd		Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King, C	Your prayers are asked for all who are unwell at this time, those at home, in hospital, hospices and in care homes.
Cathedral 5.00pm		People of the Parish	
Sunday 23rd			Sacrament of the Sick Please contact Fr Stephen Tel 01903 882297 Other local parishes: Petworth: 01798 342169 Bognor: 01243 823619 Chichester 01243 782343
Storrington 9.00am		Rosemary Webber RIP	
Cathedral 11.00am		In thanksgiving for the headship of Lucy Horne	 Requiem in Aeternum Your prayers are asked for all those who have died recently.
Monday 24th		St Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest & Companions, Martyrs of Vietnam	
<u>Storrington</u> 10.00am		People of the Parish	Coffee & Tea After 9.00am Mass at Storrington After 11.00am Mass at Arundel
Tuesday 25th		St Catherine of Alexandria	
<u>Fitzalan Chapel</u> 10.00am		Henry Granville XIV Duke of Norfolk RIP	Liturgy of the Word with Children Takes place weekly at 9am Mass in Storrington. At Arundel this will take place at 5.00pm Mass twice a month as follows: 22 Nov; 6 & 20 Dec.
Wednesday 26th			
<u>Storrington</u> 10.00am		Sonalee Wijetunge RIP	 Music at Mass 9.00am Mass Music Group at Storrington—all welcome to rehearsals on Wednesday evenings at 8.00pm in the church.
<u>Storrington</u> 10.30am		Confessions & Adoration to 11.30am	
Thursday 27th		Cathedral Chapter Mass for Deceased	Rosary Wednesdays 7.00pm - Storrington Mondays after 10am Mass - Arundel First Saturday of the month 9.15am - Arundel
<u>Cathedral</u> <u>11.00am</u>		Celebrant's Intention	
Friday 28th			Finance If you have any questions about setting up standing orders or Gift Aid, please contact Martin Hall on ga.arundel@abdiocese.org.uk Martin can help with queries in both Arundel & Storrington.
<u>Cathedral</u> <u>11.30am</u>		Requiem of Ian Caws RIP	
Saturday 29th			Chemin Neuf at Our Lady of England, Storrington 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 storrington@chemin-neuf.org
Cathedral 10.00am		Alain Laroche RIP	
		1st Sunday of Advent, Year A	Masses at the Convent of Poor Clares, Crossbush Monday - Saturday: 8.30am; Sunday: 6.00pm
Cathedral 5.00pm		People of the Parish	
Sunday 30th			
Storrington 9.00am		People of the Parish	
Cathedral 11.00am		Alfred George Eames RIP	

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