



## St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR A**

**30TH NOVEMBER, 2025**

### Theme: Christ Brings Us Hope



A person of faith is a person of hope. As Christians we cannot live without dreams, without ideals that inspire us and even make us impatient at times. The message of this First Sunday of Advent tells us about God's dream regarding our world. It is meant to become a world of peace and justice. This will happen when the light of Christ will shine in it. God will write this future only with the help of people. Are we awake and ready to make Christ's light and peace come into this world and change today's world into God's world of tomorrow?

**MEDITATE:** Have you ever been waiting in a long line wondering what you could be doing, or even worse, should be doing?

**ACT:** Commit to spending some time each day in quiet prayer as a preparation for Jesus' coming.

### **PC/FC MEETING**

The Parish Council and the Finance Committee will be meeting on

**WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER** at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

It is important that all members attend this meeting

### **FUND RAISING**

To celebrate the feast of Saint Francis Xavier the Asian community is organising a Curry Night on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December**. This will be a ticketed event (80 maximum available). Ticket price £20 per adult; £15 for Senior Citizens and children 12years & under available after Mass from this weekend. Licensed Bar and Live Music. Money raised will go towards the Church Restoration Fund. See Poster for details



### **FUNERAL**

With sadness we announce the death of Robbie Lane. His funeral will take place on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 10.00am. The Mass will be live-streamed and recorded. We offer our sympathy to his family and friends. May he rest in peace.

## **ADVENT 2025 – JOURNEYING TO THE CRIB**

The season of Advent is a time of preparation for the birth of Our Saviour. Listed below are activities and devotions to help us prepare for the coming feast of Christmas and its true meaning.



### **THE ADVENT WREATH**



The Advent Wreath [this can be a simple drawing to colour in, or something more elaborate], consisting of a circle of evergreens, symbolising the eternal nature of God and the continuing and everlasting life that comes from God through Christ. The four candles [3 purple – symbolising repentance - and 1 pink – 3<sup>rd</sup> week, reminds us that we are drawing nearer to Christmas Day], mark the four weeks of Advent, and attest to the truth of Jesus as the Light of the World [John 3. 17-21]. The “Prayer of Blessing” is available at the back of the Church.

### **THE JESSE TREE**

*The name Jesse Tree comes from a Bible passage describing the descent of the Messiah from Jesse in Isaiah 11:1: "A shoot will come out of the stock Jesse, and a branch out of his roots will bear fruit." The Gospels in Luke 3:23-38 and in Matthew 1:1-17 have genealogies of Jesus Christ.*



*The symbols show some important figures and events from Creation to the birth of Jesus Christ. This year it would be nice if we could make our own version of a Jesse Tree. The ornaments to cut out and colour in, are available at the back of the Church. Adapted from: “Jesse Tree Ornaments” by Kathryn Marcellino. Abundant Life Publishing]*

### **ADVENT GIVING CALENDAR**



This Advent Giving Calendar gives suggestions for items to collect each day, reaching out to those going hungry, making a food parcel. Like previous years we will be supporting “The Larder”. *Details of when to bring the “food parcels” will be given later.* Available at the back of the Church.

*For more Advent resources for all ages please visit: [cafod.org.uk/advent](http://cafod.org.uk/advent)*

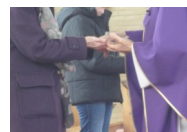
### **MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

*On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December, at 11.00am  
followed by soup and rolls in the Parish Hall.*

*This Mass is for everyone especially the sick and elderly.*

*[There will be no 9.30am Mass]*

*Kenbrook: Tuesday December 9<sup>th</sup> 10.30am*



### **SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION WITH ABSOLUTION**

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm.**

### **THE LARDER**

*Thank you for your kind donations.  
Please leave your donations in the box provided by the Lady Chapel.*



### **POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER 2025**

For the Prevention of Suicide

Let us pray that those who are tempted to commit suicide might find support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

## **LIVE STREAMING 24/7 - FOR YOUR AWARENESS**

The sanctuary area is continuously monitored via a 24/7 livestream, serving as a focal point for prayer and contemplation for congregants who are at home. Please be aware that if you are present in this area, your image and actions will be captured on the livestream.

## **TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS IF VISITING ST. ERCONWALD'S**

*There is a School Street in operation in our area from 8am - 9am and 2.30pm - 4pm. If you enter the following streets Carlton Ave. East, Elmstead Ave. and Princess Ave. during these times, you will receive a fine from the Council.*

## **REPOSITORY**

The last of the Christmas Cards are now on display on the table near the Repository. Also available 2026 Church Art Calendars, 2026 Diaries, the last of the Advent Calendars and a selection of Christmas gifts including Cribbs.

## **CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION GRAND CHRISTMAS DRAW** **SATURDAY 20<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

*Takes place at the end of the Christmas Celebration. Raffle books are now available for our Christmas Draw. Please return counterfoils and unsold tickets no later than **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December**. There are lots of good prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Nativity Crib; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: £100 Cash, 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Christmas Goodies Hamper, 4<sup>th</sup> Prize: Children's Prizes, plus many other fantastic prizes. Please do support the Draw which is in aid of the Restoration Fund. Book of 5 tickets cost £5.*

## **THE PASSAGE CHRISTMAS GIFT BAGS—OPTIONS FOR DONATING**

**Option 1: Gift Bag Contents [x 50]:** Hat, Scarf, Gloves, Socks, 2in1 Shampoo/Conditioner; Shower Gel, Deodorant, Flannel, Towel, Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Bar of Chocolate.  
[You can donate all or some of these items].



**Option 2: Money Donation:** You can donate money to help with the bulk purchase of some of these items for example Scarves or hats this would be helpful. Just put your donation in the envelope marked "Passage Gifts" and place in one of our "Donation Boxes" in Church.

### **OPTION 3: OTHER WAYS:**

**A:** Knitting: For example, Scarves which are difficult to source - S.O.S. Knitters!

**B:** If you work in retail could your company give a discount on bulk buying?

You do not need to supply a gift bag.

Please place your items in the basket provided in Church.

## **NO CHILDREN'S CLOTHES PLEASE**

## **ADVENT GIVING TREE**

Andrew Hollingsworth will collect the "gifts" on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent [21<sup>st</sup> December] after the 11.30am Mass.

## **CHURCH CLEANING**

If you have any spare time please do come along and join us after the 9.30am Mass on Tuesday mornings to help clean God's House.

## **LITURGY FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT - Psalter Week 1**

All services can be followed online: <https://www.churchservices.tv/wembley3>

Saturday 5.30pm and Sunday 10.00am/11.30am Masses are recorded

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**Sunday 30th November: First of Advent, Year A [10.00am/11.30am] Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 2.1-5; Psalm: 121; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 13.11-14; Gospel: Matthew 24.37-44. **Intention:** 10.00am: People of the Parish  
11.30am: Suzette De Ornelos Gomes [RIP]

**Monday 1st December: Advent Feria [9.30am] Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 2.1-5; Psalm: 121; Gospel: Matthew 8.5-11. **Intention:** Holy Souls

**Tuesday 2nd December: 10.00am: Funeral Mass for the Late Robbie Lane RIP. [The Mass will be live-streamed and recorded]**

**Wednesday 3rd December: St. Francis Xavier [9.30am] Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 25.6-10; Psalm: 22; Gospel: Mark 16.15-20. **Intention:** Jim O'Donovan [RIP, A].

**Thursday 4th December: NO SERVICE**

**Friday 5th December: Advent Feria [9.30am] Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 29.17-24; Psalm: 26; Gospel: Matthew 9.27-31. **Intention:** Dominic and Bartholomew Tiernan [RIP, A]

**Saturday 6th December: Second of Advent, Year A [5.30pm] Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 11.1-10; Psalm: 71; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 15.4-9; Gospel: Matthew 3.1-12. **Intention:** Michael McMahon [RIP, A].

**Sunday 7th December: Second of Advent, Year A [10.00am/11.30am] Readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 11.1-10; Psalm: 71; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 15.4-9; Gospel: Matthew 3.1-12. **Intention:** 10.00am: John McAree [RIP, A]  
11.30am: People of the Parish

## **PRAYERS FOR THE SICK - [for those who have asked to be remembered]**



We keep in our thoughts and prayers: Magdalene Davis, Michael Andrew, Sue McGovern, Cathy Singer, Martin Geary, Susan Bradley, Radwan Naffa, and Yves Remedios.

We remember also those in Kenbrook, Birchwood Grange and Brook House.

***In case you are admitted to hospital....***

**Please indicate on entering hospital that your details are to be passed to the RC Chaplain, and that you would like a visit from the RC Chaplain.**

*May the Lord Jesus bless, console and strengthen all the sick,  
and may Mary, health of the sick, intercede for them.*

## **SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.

*[based on a prayer of St Alphonsus Liguori]*