ENGLISH HERITAGE REVIEW OF DIOCESAN CHURCHES 2005 (EXTRACT)

St Edward the Confessor, Keymer

2 Lodge Lane, Keymer, Hassocks, West Sussex BN6 8NA



HISTORIC IMPORTANCE OF CHURCH

ARCHITECT(S) & DATE(S): Leo Hothersall of Bingham Towner & Partners 1973

LISTED STATUS: Not listed

IN CONSERVATION AREA: Yes

LIST DESCRIPTION: N/A

POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS/ADDITIONS TO LIST DESCRIPTION AND/OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: N/A

HISTORY AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF CHURCH IF NOT LISTED:

The land on which St Edward the Confessor's church stands was given by the Munster family in 1922. From then until 1973 an Army hut on the site was used as the church. During the 1960s various furnishings by the Guild of St Joseph & St Dominic were acquired. These include a silver communion bowl by Dunstan Pruden, silver crowns, the processional cross and a Calvary by Winifride Pruden, lime wood statues by Joseph Cribb. These were all moved

into the new church, opened on 6th April 1972. A cheaply-built polygonal church. More recent fittings include the bronze statue of the Risen Christ, 1992 by John Glazier, placed on the front of the presbytery. Associated with a re-ordering of 1997 are the stone altar and stand for the tabernacle by David John. In 1999 David John also designed the font and ambo. Of c1999 is a stained glass window by Cox & Barnard of Hove. The presbytery was built in 1985 and extended in 1990.

SOURCES Parish priest The Story of a Parish in Sussex – St Edward the Confessor Keymer c2000

STATEMENT OF IMPORTANCE

The church building is of no architectural distinction, although it provides a pleasant and light interior. It was built to a modest budget, c£35,000. Some good quality fittings.

