



KIDDERMINSTER EAST PARISH  
Five Churches One Parish One Lord

# THE KIDDERMINSTER EAST PARISH NEWSLETTER

Churches of St Cassian's, St Cecilia's,  
St Chad's, St George's & St Mary's, Stone

28<sup>th</sup> June 2020

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

***Our buildings are closed, our Church is open***

## SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> JUNE

**You are invited, along with all parishioners from across Kidderminster East, to join together this Sunday, via Zoom, for:**

- Service of Morning Worship at 10:45am for 11:00am**
- Traditional Evening Service with sharing of bread and wine at 6:30pm**

(Both of these services will be recorded for later sharing on YouTube)

To join either of these **live services**, please send an email, stating which service you are interested in "attending", to Parish Communications: [parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk](mailto:parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk) by **12noon on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June.**

You will be sent the details of how to join on Saturday afternoon, along with a link to download the order of service. (If you have "attended" before, the link will be sent automatically). Service sheets are also available for download on the [parish website](#).

**We would love you to join us even if you do not have internet facilities**, by phoning the numbers below (audio only - when asked for **Participant ID** just enter #)

### Morning Worship

0203 481 5240 (standard rate)

**Meeting ID:** 892 8594 6040

**Password:** 141019

### Evening Service

0330 088 5830 (standard rate)

**Meeting ID:** 957 7866 1519

**Password:** 376541

**iPhone** users one tap mobile number:

+441314601196,,89285946040#,,,0#,141019#

**iPhone** users one tap mobile number:

+443300885830,,95778661519#,,,0#,376541#

**A children's resource pack**, giving access to a YouTube story, memory verse, colouring & games is also available on request by email to [helengrist@gmx.co.uk](mailto:helengrist@gmx.co.uk)

### Readings

Genesis 22: 1 – 14

Romans 6: 12 – end

Matthew 10: 40 - end

### Collect

God our saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and in power;  
hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

## Re-Opening of Churches for Worship

Under new government guidelines, from 4<sup>th</sup> July Places of Worship will be allowed to open again under certain conditions. Those of you who receive our weekly Mailchimp newsletter should have already received a letter from the Team Rector and Team Vicar about how the parish will approach the re-opening (the letter is also available on the [parish website](#)). Please read this letter carefully as it contains important information.

## Parish Giving Scheme and One-Off Donations

If you wish to join the new Diocesan-run, direct debit, Parish giving scheme as an alternative for those who already contribute to church collections via Standing Order or Gift Aid envelopes, or if you wish to start regular giving, please contact your Church Treasurer or Churchwarden for more info, or to arrange to transfer to this scheme.

There is now **another way to contribute** to individual churches, or to the parish, for those who are not yet part of a congregation or perhaps for donating for specific needs (e.g. restoration funds); in thanksgiving for weddings / funerals in the future or for other "one-off" donations. To make a donation, which can be gift-aided, please visit the parish website - select "Churches" tab and then "[Giving](#)". You will find a **Donate button** either for the Parish or for each particular Church. Our churches have not maintained their usual income during lockdown and we are therefore grateful for any help offered.

## PARISH PRAYER

The next **Parish Prayer Zoom Meeting** will be on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July** from 7:20pm onwards (prayer 7:30 – 8:00pm) and is **open to all in the parish** to pray for our current situation and the work of Christ in the parish & the world.

It has been encouraging to see so many parishioners attending this prayer. Please join us if you possibly can by sending an email to: [parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk](mailto:parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk) by 6pm on **Tues 30<sup>th</sup> June**; you will be sent the link & sign in details on Wed morning.

## CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

Please join us for our regular **Thursday prayer** at 7:00pm on **2<sup>nd</sup> July** for a 20-25 minute service, via Zoom, using the liturgy of the Northumbria Community. It's a chance, in the peace and quiet, to listen to God and to join together to lift our prayers to him. **To join this meeting, please send an email** requesting a copy of the link & password, to Parish Communications: [parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk](mailto:parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk) by **6:00pm on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July**. You will be sent the details of how to join on Thursday morning. **If you do not have internet access**, please do pray from your own home at the same time and join as a Parish in prayer

## PARISH PRAYERLINK

Prayer requests can be emailed to: [prayerlink@kidderminstereast.org.uk](mailto:prayerlink@kidderminstereast.org.uk). Our praying friends across the whole parish will then be happy to pray for you. Alternately, Glenn & Anne Scott are willing to take requests for prayer for specific people / situations by phone or email on 01562 822690, [glenncott@mac.com](mailto:glenncott@mac.com). They will then relay those requests on to the relevant Church / Parish Prayer Ministry / Prayerlink Teams. You can, of course, make direct contact with any member of the Prayer Ministry Teams.

**Zoom Support:** If you have not used Zoom before and would like support with setting your access up, please contact the Parish Office (details below) giving your name and phone number. We will put you in touch with someone who will be able to help.

## Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd David Hildred for Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June

**Genesis 12:4** “Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Haran”.

**Genesis 21:5** “Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him”

On recent Sundays we have been reading the record about Abraham and his walk with the Lord and these two verses for today tell us something important about that walk: it is not an exhausting sprint, but it is a steady, constant movement into an assured future. Back in **Genesis 12** the promise to Abraham was that he would become a great nation, but it took 25 years before the ‘child of promise’ was born. I think I have much to learn from Abraham about patience. As we live through the changes leading us out of lockdown, can we believe like Abraham and trust in the Lord’s assured future for us?

Catch up on Robert's [The 12 Apostles](#) video blog on the Parish YouTube channel.

### \*\*\*\*\* Alpha Online comes to Kidderminster

During lockdown many people have shown an interest in finding out about the Christian faith. If you, or anyone you know is interested in joining an Alpha course, we are hoping to have an Alpha online course running **in the autumn**. Alpha is a course suitable for those seeking an understanding of Christianity and for those well established in their faith but wanting to know more. Come and see what we do and, if you feel after one session it's not for you, we won't chase you! If you want to know more please ring Joe or Margaret on 01562 67625. If you would like to join us please register your interest with the Parish Office: Tel: 01562 822131, Email: [office@kidderminstereast.org.uk](mailto:office@kidderminstereast.org.uk)

### \*\*\*\*\* Bible Society – National Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast

This year, because of the coronavirus pandemic, the National Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June (8:30 – 9:00am)** will be held online. For the first time ever, everyone is welcome to attend. You can join MPs and Peers as well as Ambassadors and church leaders as they pray and speak on the theme of **‘Hope and peace in a time of fear and suffering’**. Afterwards the Bible Society will host a seminar entitled, **‘Mission during lockdown and beyond’** which you are also welcome to attend. Visit the [Bible Society webpage](#) for more information.

The Bible Society also produces **Children’s Resources** on a variety of subjects that are suitable for children ages 5-11 yrs, which can be [downloaded](#) from their website.

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**Rectory Garden:** last of the cherries - still available. Loganberries - doing well. Blackcurrants - coming in. Feel free to come and ring the doorbell, introduce yourself, and then pick-your-own. *David & Hilary*

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Prayer Diaries for July are now available from the [Diocesan website](#).

### Requests for Prayer:

- For Members of Parliament as they hold their National Prayer Breakfast this week.
- Please pray for clergy and church leaders as they make plans for the reopening of churches and the resumption of church services.
- For those who are ill or bereaved, particularly those within the Parish and those known to us personally.

Would you like to be included in the Parish Newsletter for prayer?

Please contact the Parish Office and let us know

## DIARY

New government guidelines and Church of England protocols for the re-opening of churches for **private prayer** were discussed at a recent emergency meeting of the PCC.

**It is now possible to open two churches at the following times:**

<b>St George's:</b>	Tuesday	10:00am – 12:00noon
<b>St Cassian's:</b>	Wednesday	2:00pm – 4:00pm
	Friday	10:00am – 12:00noon

If you visit either of these churches, please always observe the social distancing guidelines in place. Surfaces will be cleaned after each opening. Sorry, but toilet facilities will **not** be available.

St Cecilia's, St Chad's and St Mary's Stone will **remain closed** for the time being.

**Under current guidelines church services remain suspended**

(see earlier notice about re-opening of churches for worship).

Meanwhile, please remember that the Archbishops and Bishops have called on us, the Church, to: "*continue to pray, to love, to care for the vulnerable*".

Please continue to "attend" our live online services via Zoom or use the phone-in numbers (where available) if you are not an internet user. Main services:

**Sunday:** **11:00am Morning Worship and 6:30pm Evening Service**

**Wednesday:** **Fortnightly Parish Prayer at 7:30pm (next meeting 1<sup>st</sup> July)**

**Thursday:** **Weekly Contemplative prayer at 7:00pm**

An edited version of the Sunday Morning Worship (including clips of the hymns used during the service) and a full version of the evening service will later be made available on the [parish YouTube channel](#).

You can also still access a [recording of David Hildred's Institution](#) and other services.

**Children's resources** and video clips are available including the [Children's corner](#), Messy Church [Facebook group](#) and Robert's Saturday morning [Children's talk video](#).

Other resources are available on the [parish website](#), plus many videos on our [YouTube channel](#) and posts on our [Facebook page](#).

**Daily Hope**, from the Church of England, is a free national phone line that is a simple, new way to bring worship and prayer into people's homes. The line – which is available 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044** – has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services in mind.

## SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JULY

**READINGS:** Genesis 24: 34 – 38, 42 – 49, 58 – end      Romans 7: 15 – 25a  
Matthew 11: 16 – 19, 25 - end

## SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> JULY

**READINGS:** Genesis 25: 19 – end      Romans 8: 1 – 11      Matthew 13: 1 – 9, 19 - 23

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