



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

19th July 2020

6th Sunday after Trinity

Our buildings are closed, our Church is open

SUNDAY 19th JULY

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 by **12noon on Saturday 18th July**.

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 051 2874 (standard rate) **Meeting ID:** 869 9404 6290 **Password:** 905047

iPhone one tap mobile number: +441314601196,,86994046290#,,,0#,,905047#

Evening Service

0203 481 5237 (standard rate) **Meeting ID:** 912 6344 1702 **Password:** 57656437

iPhone one tap mobile number: 442034815237,,91263441702#,,,0#,,57656437#

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

Readings

Genesis 28: 10 - 19a

Romans 8: 12 – 25

Matthew 13: 24 - 30, 36 - 43

Collect

Creator God,
you made us all in your image:
may we discern you in all that we see,
and serve you in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Re-Opening of Churches for Worship – from Revd David Hildred

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this period when we have all faced so much disruption. We have been thinking and talking and planning about how we can begin to open safely our churches for Sunday services, following carefully the guidelines we have, whilst recognising that Covid-19 is still dangerous.

The pattern of services we begin with is not the one that will run for ever, since not all of our churches are opening on the same date, and we also need to include an online service for those who do not yet wish to attend a live service, or are not able to attend such a service. Further details will be sent out about what to expect at the live services, but from **2nd August** we will be providing three services each Sunday:

9:30am alternating between St Cassian and St George

11:00am Zoom service,

6:30pm alternating between St George and St Cassian

until other churches can open and then the pattern will change.

This will mean that there will no longer be a Zoom service at 6:30pm, and, due to the need for either extra cleaning or quarantining we will no longer be offering the mid-week openings for supervised private prayer. This will give more availability for funerals mid-week.

Let's recognise we will need to go on showing each other patience and grace whilst we ease slowly towards whatever a 'new normal' might look like. Amongst many other blessings these are what God shows us, so let's reflect his character to each other. Please be praying for those who are turning these decisions into actions.

Parish Newsletter Deadlines: publication during the summer will be fortnightly on Fridays: 24th July; 7th August; 21st August; 4th September. Contributions should be sent to office@kidderminstereast.org.uk by the **Tuesday** before publication. Thank you.

Do you have the skills to be able to help the parish?

We are looking for individuals to join a rota to edit and upload the recordings of the Sunday Zoom services. If there are enough volunteers, your help should only be needed once a month. If this is something you have the ability to do, please do consider offering to help by contacting Karen at the Parish Office, in the first instance either by emailing office@kidderminstereast.org.uk or by phoning 01562 822131 and leaving a message. We very much look forward to hearing from you.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

Please join us every **Thursday** at 7:00pm 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 **by 6pm on Wednesday**. Joining details will be sent 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.

(The next **Parish Prayer** is on 29th July – details next week)

There is a collection point in **St George's** for local homeless charity **HELP**. Items needed are coffee, fruit juice, pasta, UHT milk, cereal bars, tinned items, pasta sauce, cereal, crisps, men's/lady's toiletries. Further info contact Chris Griffiths 07919 178236

Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd David Hildred for Friday 17th July

Luke 20: 20 – 26: Our readings take us into the final week of the life of Jesus, and in his interaction with those who opposed him he gives as good as he gets. The chief priests knew that he had spoken a particular parable against them, and so they send spies in order to try to catch him out. He graciously sees through them, answers their question and offers them a better way forward. Whatever state of mind or heart we are in when we approach Jesus we can be assured of being met with the same grace. The answer he offers us might not be the one we were wanting, but we can be certain that he will always lead us to a better place. This last week of his life leads to the cross: the place of the ultimate offer of a better way forward.

Daily Readings for this week:

Mon 20th July Luke 20:41 - 21:4 **Tues 21st July** Luke 21:5 - 19

Wed 22nd July John 20:1 - 2, 11 - 18 *Festival of Mary Magdalene*

Thurs 23rd July Luke 21:29 - end **Fri 24th July** Luke 22:1 - 13

Sat 25th July Matthew 20:20 - 28 *Festival of St James the Apostle*

There will be videos from David and Robert on the parish [YouTube channel](#) on Monday and Thursday, based on the above readings. Please take a look.

Sign up NOW for Alpha Online this Autumn!

We are pleased to be able to announce that there will be a [weekly online parish Alpha course](#) beginning on **Tuesday 8th September**. 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. If you, or anyone you know, is interested in joining us please ring Joe or Margaret on 01562 67625 or you can register your interest with the [Parish Office](#). Help will be available for those who struggle with online technology. Come and see what we do and, if you feel after one session it's not for you, we won't chase you!

Watch **Top Church Community Choir**, Dudley, perform a virtual version of the Ben Trigg / Graham Kendrick worship song '[Holy Overshadowing](#)'.

Scripture Union SUMmer Online: over 30 different summer events, during July and August, for children, young people and families, each with an exciting programme of fun, games, Bible exploration, worship and more. And best of all, the events are FREE! Using pre-recorded video content, Video calls, Online workshops and games as well as activities to do at home. Follow [this link](#) to find out more and book now.

Millions of people across the globe are facing crisis due to the Coronavirus pandemic. **Tearfund** are supporting the Disasters Emergency Committee's appeal for help those in places like Syria, Yemen and the Democratic Republic of Congo where conflict and famine already threaten life. Please visit the [Tearfund website](#) and give what you can.

Requests for Prayer:

- Please pray for clergy, churchwardens and lay readers as they make plans for the reopening of churches and the resumption of services.
- For those across the world who face crisis due to the coronavirus pandemic.

*Would you like to be included in the Parish Newsletter for prayer?
Please contact the Parish Office and let us know*

DIARY

Two churches are open **THIS WEEK** for **PRIVATE PRAYER** at the following times:

St George's: Tuesday 10:00am – 12:00noon

St Cassian's: Friday 10:00am – 12:00noon

Please Note that St Cassian's will NOT be open on Wednesday this week.

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.

For now, 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 29th July)

Thursday: Weekly Contemplative prayer at 7:00pm

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

Limited Church Services will resume in AUGUST

(See notice on page 2 of this newsletter)

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.

DCC meetings this week (all via Zoom):

St Cassian's Monday 20 th July 7:00pm	St Mary's, Stone Monday 20 th July 7:30pm	St Cecilia's Tuesday 21 st July 7:45pm
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SUNDAY 26th JULY

READINGS: Genesis 29: 15 - 28 Romans 8: 26 - end Matthew 13: 31 - 33, 44 - 52

SUNDAY 2nd AUGUST

READINGS: Genesis 32: 22 - 31 Romans 9: 1 - 5 Matthew 14: 13 - 21

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