



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

6th September 2020
13th Sunday after Trinity

A warm welcome to our services online and in our churches

SUNDAY 6th SEPTEMBER

Today we are pleased to announce that **St Cecilia's Church** is the latest church in the parish to reopen its doors for live services. We look forward to welcoming you to one of the four open parish churches or to the parish online Zoom service this week:

9:30am	Morning Worship	St George's Church
11:00am	Morning Worship	via Zoom
3:00pm	Holy Communion	St Cecilia's Church
3:00pm	Evening Prayer	St Chad's Church
6:30pm	Holy Communion	St Cassian's Church

If you're attending for the first time since reopening please read the sheet explaining [what to expect at church services](#), which includes the **wearing of face coverings**.

If you haven't "attended" the **11:00am Zoom service** before, please send an email to parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk by **12noon on Saturday 5th September**

If you cannot attend church services and have no internet, **we would love you to join us for the 11:00am service by phoning the number below** (audio only)

0203 481 5237 (standard rate) **Meeting ID:** 817 2600 7803 **Password:** 066054
one tap mobile number: +442034815237,,81726007803#,,,0#,,066054#

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

Exodus 12: 1 – 14
Romans 13: 8 – end
Matthew 18: 15 - 20

Collect

Almighty God, you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reopening of Churches in the Parish and who should attend

For guidance, please see the [separate communication](#) from Revd David Hildred, Team Rector and Revd Robert Legge, Team Vicar sent out on Friday 21st August and still available on the [parish website](#).

Next week, 13th Sept, we look forward to the reopening of **St Mary's Stone**.

Individual Church AGMs 2020 Please note that [COVID-19 restrictions apply](#)

St George's Church, Sunday 6th September, after 9:30am service in Church.

St Cassian's Church, Monday 7th September, 7:00pm in Church.

St Mary's Stone Church, Tuesday 8th September, 7:30pm in Church.

St Chad's Church, Monday 14th September 7:45pm in **St George's Church**.

St Cecilia's Church, Wednesday 16th September, 7:45pm in Church.

Meeting of Parishioners (for all in the parish) and Annual Parochial Church Meeting APCM (for all on the Parish Electoral Roll):

Monday 28th September in St George's Church, Radford Avenue at 7:30pm.

Electoral Roll Review - To check your entry and for any other queries, please contact Bob / Maddy Smith on 07791 804135. Thank you.

Messy Church Christmas Card competition!!

I know!! It's only September!! But we're already thinking about our **Parish Christmas Card** and we'd love you to design a colourful cover based on the Christmas story. The competition is open to all Messy Church families. Drawings can be sent to the Parish Office (St Cecilia's Church, 164 Hoo Road, DY10 1LP), or scanned and emailed to office@kiddminstereast.org.uk. Closing date for entries is **Sunday 20th September**.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER: Please join us **every Thursday** at 7pm for a 20-25 minute Northumbria Community style service, via Zoom.

PARISH PRAYER: The next **Parish Prayer Zoom Meeting** will be on **Wednesday 9th September** 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.

To join either of these prayer meetings, please send an email requesting a copy of the link & password, to: parishcomms@kiddminstereast.org.uk **by 6pm on the day before the meeting.** Joining details will be sent the next morning. **If you cannot join us by Zoom**, please pray at home at the same time and join as a Parish in prayer.

It's not too late to sign up for [Alpha Online this Autumn](#) beginning on **Tues 8th Sept.** 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](#). Come and see what we do and, if you feel after one session it's not for you, we won't chase you!

Parish Awayday / Healing Service - Unfortunately, due to current circumstances, the difficult decision has been made to postpone the **Parish Awayday**, which was due to have taken place on Saturday 17th October, as well as the **Healing Service** at St Chad's Church on 18th October. It is hoped that arrangements can be made for the event to go ahead sometime in **Lent 2021**. All being well, further information will be made available towards the end of the year. Please pray for this important event for the parish, and for the plans that will be made. Thank you.

Kidderminster East Youth (KEY)

will continue to meet fortnightly via Zoom at 6pm-7.30pm on the following dates:

6th Sept, 20th Sept, 4th Oct, 18th Oct, 1st Nov, 15th Nov, 29th Nov, 13th Dec

Shirley & Melvyn Thompson will celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on **17th September**. Married at St. George's in 1960 by the Rev. Leonard Chidzey.

Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd David Hildred for Friday 4th September

We read of turbulent times in the life of ancient Israel, and also difficult times for David, their great king. This is especially seen when Absalom (David's son) rebels against him and seeks to humiliate him out of the throne. David is not innocent; he is a real mix of good and evil intentions and actions - and we are no different from him in that respect, only in the degree to which our lives affect others. Yet, let's see in these readings why David is described by God (1 Sam 13:14) as a "man after my own heart". We are all 'works in progress' who have the opportunity to respond to God's call in Jesus to be transformed by him.

Daily Readings for the next week:

Mon 7th Sept	2 Samuel 18:1 - 18	Tues 8th Sept	2 Samuel 18:19 - 19:8a
Wed 9th Sept	2 Samuel 19:8b - 23	Thurs 10th Sept	2 Samuel 19:24 - end
Fri 11th Sept	2 Samuel 23:1 - 7	Sat 12th Sept	2 Samuel 24:1 - end

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.

Prayer Walk starting and finishing from St Cecilia's Church and taking in Hoo Road **Saturday 12th September**, from 10:00 - 11:00am. If you haven't done a prayer walk before, why not offer your support by walking round part of the Parish neighbourhood? For further details contact Valerie Bond Tel. No: 07969 081092.

Sadly, **John Franklin**, a former Churchwarden at St George's, passed away early Tuesday morning, 26th August. Our thoughts and prayers are with Laura and the family. The funeral was due to take place in Devon at 3pm on 4th September.

The **Foodbank** at Franche Community Church is desperately **in need of drivers** to deliver food to their clients. Would anyone who can help, contact Sam 01562 748342

Diocesan News

The Diocese are holding more **Open Conversations** following up the ones held at the start of the year about the future of the Church. This time they will be held via Zoom on the following dates / times:

Tues 8 th Sept: 3 - 5pm & 6 - 8pm	Fri 18 th Sept: 10am - 12noon
Mon 21 st Sept: 6 - 8pm	Tues 22 nd Sept: 6 - 8pm
Thurs 24 th Sept: 6pm - 8pm	Mon 28 th Sept: 2 - 4pm and 6 - 8pm

To sign up for one of the **Conversations**, please contact the training team with your preferred date on training@cofe-worcester.org.uk or 01905 732812. You will be sent the Zoom details ahead of the conversation. There are also options if you do not have access to Zoom. We would encourage everyone who attended the earlier events to check out the webpage <https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/open-conversations> and register for a follow-up event so that our Parish has a good representation. Thank you.

The **Prayer Diary for September** is now available via the [Diocesan website](#).

The **Calling Young Disciples** team have produced a [fun resource](#) based on the Dr Seuss book, *Oh, the Places You'll Go!* for you to share with your families.

Bishop Martin, Bishop Robert Paterson and the Revd Ian Spencer are rowing from Stratford to **Holland House** on Friday 18th September to raise £5,000 for the diocesan retreat house. You can [Support the rowers](#) using this link.

Advance info on **Spring Harvest 2021** is available at <https://springharvest.org/>

Ride and Stride 2020: This national event, promoted locally by Worcester & Dudley Historic Churches Trust, will still go ahead on **Sat 12th September**. It is an important fundraiser toward repairs and improvement of local churches. Participants visit as many churches as possible on the allotted day. To find out more, take part, sponsor someone or just to make a donation please visit the [website](#) or email tobiastjw@googlegmail.com

Requests for Prayer:

- As schools reopen this week, please pray for teachers, pupils and their families.
- For participants and those organising the parish Alpha course starting next week.

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

DIARY

As we transition back to limited church services, we have a mixture of **live online services via Zoom** and **church services** and events over the next week, as follows:

Monday 7th Sept:	7:00pm	AGM & DCC meeting	St Cassian's
Tues 8th Sept:	7:30pm	Introduction to Alpha	Zoom
	7:30pm	AGM	St Mary's, Stone
Wed 9th Sept:	7:20pm	Parish Prayer	Zoom
Thurs 10th Sept:	7:00pm	Contemplative prayer	Zoom
Sunday 13th Sept:	9:30am	Worship for All	St Cassian's
	11:00am	Morning Worship	Zoom
	11:00am	Holy Communion	St Mary's, Stone
	3:00pm	Holy Communion	St Chad's
	3:00pm	Evening Prayer	St Cecilia's
	6:30pm	Evening Prayer	St George's
Monday 14th Sept:	7:45pm	St Chad's AGM	St George's
Wed 16th Sept:	7:45pm	AGM	St Cecilia's

Other online resources are available including the [Children's corner](#), Messy Church [Facebook group](#), Robert's Saturday morning [Children's talk video](#) plus many videos on our [YouTube channel](#), posts on our [Facebook page](#) and on the [parish website](#).

SUNDAY 13th SEPTEMBER

READINGS: Exodus 14: 19 - end Romans 14: 1 - 12 Matthew 18: 21 - 35

SUNDAY 20th SEPTEMBER

READINGS: Exodus 16: 2 - 15 Philippians 1: 21 - end Matthew 20: 1 - 16

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