



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

4<sup>th</sup> October 2020

## Harvest Thanksgiving

*A warm welcome to our services online and in our churches*

### SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER

We look forward to welcoming you to one of these services in the parish this week.  
If you cannot attend one of the churches please attend the Zoom service:

<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>St Cassian's Church</b>
<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>via Zoom</b>
<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>St Mary's Church, Stone</b>
<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>St George's Church</b>
<b>3:00pm</b>	<b>Evening Prayer</b>	<b>St Chad's Church</b>
<b>3:00pm</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>St Cecilia's Church</b>

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](mailto:parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk) by **12noon on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**.

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 051 2874 (standard rate) **Meeting ID:** 839 6980 5679 **Password:** 676033  
one tap mobile number: +442030512874,,83969805679#,,,,,0#,,676033#

**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

Deuteronomy 8: 7 – 18  
2 Corinthians 9: 6 – 13  
Luke 12: 16 - 31

#### Collect

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for the harvest, may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord.



When you visit the Churches in Kidderminster East this weekend you will notice **something new**. It's a large poster displaying a **QR (Quick Response) code**. That's a square sign with a lot of lines, dots and squiggles. If you have a smart phone and have downloaded the **NHS Covid-19 App**, please scan this sign to show you have attended. Thank you.

## Harvest Services

We will be celebrating **Harvest** all across the parish **THIS Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October**. **St Cecilia's** will be collecting non-perishable food for the Kidderminster Foodbank. Donations can be left at the church or if unable to attend the service contact Shirley on [shirley.surrIDGE@sky.com](mailto:shirley.surrIDGE@sky.com) or phone the parish office to arrange a collection. **St George's** will also be supporting the Foodbank. Donations can be left in church. Also, Kidderminster homeless charity **HELP** are in need of non-perishable goods. Please leave in the collection points in St George's. There will also be envelopes for **Harvest for the Hungry** which we have supported for the last 20 years. **St Cassian's**: Please bring along a gift. This could be something you have made, home grown produce or something for the Foodbank. We would also like people to bring with them a wonky fruit or vegetable! **St Mary's Stone** and **St Chad's** will also be supporting the Foodbank at their Harvest service; please bring appropriate items **from the list below**, or other non-perishables. **Foodbank**: The following items are in short supply or urgently needed: tinned custard, rice pudding, fruit juice, jam, biscuits, sugar, hot and cold meat, crisps, washing capsules, washing up liquid, toiletries and treats such as chocolate bars.

## Kidderminster East Online Quiz Night

All are welcome to join us for **Friday Night is Quiz Night!** We would love to **welcome you all** to this time of fellowship & fun **every Friday night**. We don't take ourselves too seriously and just enjoy some time together. We all need community, so come and be part of this one. Doors open, **on Zoom**, for a 7.00pm start. Interval at 8:00pm and finish around 9.15pm. Please email [parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk](mailto:parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk) to receive a link to join us. See you there!



## Strategic Thinking Group Survey

At the APCM last Monday we launched a **survey** with the aim of gathering the opinions of as many of our congregation members as possible. The **survey** has been designed by the "*Strategic Thinking Group*", set up by the PCC to consider the pattern of services amongst the five churches in the parish. The present pattern of services is a response to Covid-19 restrictions and is reviewed monthly by the clergy and wardens of each church. **The survey** is about what we hope to achieve when restrictions are lifted and life returns to a more normal shape. [Please fill in the survey](#) as you pray and think about life together as a parish. Some of you will have received it by email. Hard copies will be available from this Sunday in Churches. Thank you.

**PARISH PRAYER:** The next **Parish Prayer Zoom Meeting** will be on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October** 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.

**CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER:** Please join us **every Thursday** at 7pm for a 20-25 minute Northumbria Community style service, via Zoom. A chance to listen to God, together, in the peace and quiet.

**To join either of these prayer meetings, please send an email** requesting a copy of the link & password, to: [parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk](mailto:parishcomms@kidderminstereast.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.

## Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd David Hildred for Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

King Ahab shows just how much influence a leader can have on the life of his people and their spiritual outlook. Sadly, he has lost sight of God's power and ability to bless his faithful people, and so Elijah must step in. Elijah challenges the king to bring his new advisors (the prophets of the false god Baal) to a great contest to show which god is God. A drenched altar and sacrifice bursts into flames, showing that God is God. For us it might not be something miraculous, but simply unusual, that God uses to prompt us to ask whether God has something to say to us. Shall we listen, for instance, as we read these chapters this week?

### Daily Readings for the next week:

<b>Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	1 Kings 21: 1 - end	<b>Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	1 Kings 22: 1 - 28
<b>Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	1 Kings 22: 29 - 45	<b>Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Acts 24: 1 - 23
<b>Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Acts 24: 24 - 25: 12	<b>Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Acts 25: 13 - 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.

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At last Monday's **APCM** various **Deanery Synod reps** and **Churchwardens** were elected. Here is a full list of those who currently hold these positions:

<b>Church</b>	<b>Wardens</b>	<b>Deanery Synod Reps</b>
St Cassian's:	Susie Pugh, Clare Stockford	Christine Hickman-Smith
St Cecilia's:	Tony Bartlett, Margaret Hodgson	Katy Cornwell
St Chad's:	Andy Tainton + <i>vacancy</i>	John Chesworth, Aley Richards
St George's:	Jan Ferguson, Les Bishton	Joy Crosher, Rob Poulsen
St Mary's Stone:	Colin Emeny, Michael Gough	Colin Emeny

Hugh Richards & Peter Gosling are members of the Diocesan Synod and therefore also sit on the Deanery Synod.

The parish would like to thank outgoing PCC & DCC members, who have stood down recently, for all their hard work over recent years. We welcome all who have taken on new roles and ask for prayers for all wardens and representatives across the parish.

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**Kidderminster East Youth** will meet this Sunday evening, **4<sup>th</sup> October** 6:00 – 7.30 pm via Zoom. To find out more or to join us please [check out our page](#) on the parish website or contact us via the [parish office](#).

The next **Prayer Walk** will be on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October**, meeting at 10:00am outside St. Cecilia's Church, Hoo Road, to prayer walk the **Spennells Valley Estate**. Why not spare an hour to walk & pray for this part of the community, or remember the Spennells Valley Estate in your prayers if you are unable to join us. For further information, contact Valerie Bond on 07969 081092. Thank you.

If anyone is interested in being involved in this year's **Shoebox Appeal**, please contact Dave Pearson (07527 197842) or Barrie Lewis (07563 369786) for further information.

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**Billy Graham Evangelistic Association:** has recently released a video and resources as part of their *Graham Tour UK*. The video, [I am Andrew](#), based around the life of the apostle Andrew, is still available to watch. You can use the link above or search for: *I am Andrew Graham Tour UK*.

**Requests for Prayer:** Please pray for

- Archdeacon Nikki Groake who had a serious fall and broke her shoulder; may she have a full and speedy recovery.
- Churchwardens, their deputies, PCC, DCC and Synod representatives.
- Janet & Peter Gosling who are both currently undergoing treatment in hospital.

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

**DIARY**

All churches are now open, plus we still have a **live online service via Zoom** for those who cannot come to church. For guidance on who should attend services, please see the [separate communication](#) from Revd David Hildred & Revd Robert Legge, sent out towards the end of August and still available on the [parish website](#). As we continue to work out how best to have our churches open for services, please note that throughout October all services on a Sunday at St Cassian's are at 9:30am, and at St George's are at 11:00am. There are no 6:30pm services for the moment. Other parish events are also detailed below:

<b>Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	7:20pm	Parish Prayer	Zoom
<b>Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Oct:</b>	7:00pm	Contemplative prayer	Zoom
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	7:00pm	KEP Online Quiz night	Zoom
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Oct:</b>	9:30am	Worship for All	St Cassian's
	11:00am	Morning Worship	Zoom
	11:00am	Holy Communion	St Mary's, Stone
	11:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	3:00pm	Holy Communion	St Chad's
	3:00pm	Evening Prayer	St Cecilia's
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	7:30pm	Standing Committee	Zoom
<b>Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Oct:</b>	7:00pm	Contemplative prayer	Zoom

**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 11<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

**READINGS:** Exodus 32: 1 - 14      Philippians 4: 1 - 9      Matthew 22: 1 - 14

**SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

**READINGS:** Exodus 33: 12 - end      1 Thessalonians 1: 1 - 10      Matthew 22: 15 - 22

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