



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

15th November 2020

2nd Sunday before Advent

Our buildings are closed, but our Church is still open

SUNDAY 15th NOVEMBER

There will be **no church services** taking place in churches across the Kidderminster East parish during **November**, in line with government lockdown regulations. We will, however, be holding **2 online services** via Zoom **each Sunday**.

10:45am for 11:00am	Morning Worship	Online via Zoom
6:30pm	Evening Prayer	Online via Zoom

If you haven't "attended" an **online service** before, please request a link from parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk by **6:00pm on Saturday 14th November**. If you have **no internet**, you can still join in on your phone (audio only). Just **call the following numbers** and follow the instructions to enter the meeting ID & password.

Morning Worship

0203 481 5240 (standard rate)

Meeting ID: 879 8104 6027

Password: 490168

Evening Prayer

0203 481 5240 (standard rate)

Meeting ID: 988 5042 5028,

Password: 915582

iPhone users one tap mobile number: **iPhone** users one tap mobile number:
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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

Please note in the spirit of the government's announcement, churches in the parish will **not be opening** for Private Prayer during the lockdown period.

Readings

Zephaniah 1:7, 12 – end
1 Thessalonians 5:1 – 11
Matthew 25:14 - 30

Collect

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Kidderminster East Youth

KEY will meet this Sunday, **15th November**, 6:00 - 7:30pm, online via Zoom. If you would like to join the group please email Grace Kerrigan on gb.kerrigan@sky.com

The Month of November – A Month of Prayer

Following the renewed lockdown, the **Archbishop of Canterbury** is encouraging churches to continue the good work already started by using technology (where possible), supporting our communities and to make November a **month of prayer**.

In Kidderminster East our clergy, David and Robert, will be leading **Prayers online via Zoom** on each **Monday** and **Tuesday** lunchtime during November, 12:30 – 1:00pm. Please email parishcomms@kiddermistereast.org.uk to ask to be sent a link to join in.

This is in addition to the regular **Morning Prayer** services, online via Zoom, at 8:00am Monday to Thursday & Saturday. Please send an email to the above [parishcomms](mailto:parishcomms@kiddermistereast.org.uk) address if you would like to take part in Morning Prayer. You can also find details, below, of the Wednesday **Parish Prayer** and the Thursday **Contemplative Prayer**.

Nationally, **Thy Kingdom Come** have launched [#PrayerForTheNation](https://www.thykingdomcome.org.uk), which is an opportunity to pause and pray **every day at 6:00pm** for those impacted by the pandemic. You can find suggested daily prayers, themes and resources on the [Church of England](https://www.churchofengland.org) website. There are also [other resources](#) including a [prayer booklet](#), and a [video](#) from the Archbishop of York, on the www.thykingdomcome.global website.

Please use this time of lockdown fruitfully by making November a **Month of Prayer**.

Parish Prayer Meeting: Online via Zoom on **Wednesday 18th November** from 7:20pm onwards. **Open to all in the parish** to pray for the people of the parish and the work of Christ, both here and further afield, that all may come to know the love, hope and peace found in Christ. We will finish by 8:00pm.

Contemplative Prayer: Online via Zoom on **Thursday 19th November** at **7:00pm**; a 20-25 minute prayer meeting using the liturgy of the Northumbria Community. It's a peaceful, quiet, chance to listen to God and to join together to lift our prayers to him.

To join either of these meetings, please email parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk requesting a copy of the link & password, **by 6pm on the day before the meeting**.



Order your Christmas baking from Café Chad's virtual cake stall!

We cannot hold our usual Christmas Special but it doesn't mean that you have to go without those seasonal treats. Christmas Desserts. Elaine Voice will be making her usual home-made Christmas cakes, puddings and mince pies and many other favourite bakes. All proceeds will go to the British Red Cross. For more information and/or order form contact Elaine on 07747607216 or elaine.voice7@gmail.com or Lyn Archer (Café Chad Manager) on 07794223476.



Reverse Advent Calendar – An Advent Parish Appeal

We all love an Advent Calendar, but it gets harder every year to find one with religious meaning. This year we suggest creating the meaning yourself by making a small act of charity every day. Advent is a time to prepare for Christmas, and Christmas is a time for giving. Look out for our special Advent Calendar poster that will appear shortly on all our parish media sites. It suggests **items of food** that you can put aside in a box each day. After Christmas these boxes will be collected and donated to **local foodbanks**. What better way to show the true meaning of Christmas?



Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd David Hildred for Friday 13th November

The world around us might be trembling because it's Friday the 13th, but let's be those who pick up God's blessing for reading this book (remember Rev 1:3). The events that are described in these pages are gruesome and tragic; they represent the real trials of those facing persecution from a power that is far greater than themselves. Yet, the umbrella message, arching over the whole book, is 'remember who is in control'. There's a key aspect to all of this in 9:20 which indicates that the plagues were meant to prompt people to repentance, but their message was ignored. To repent is to re-think what the situation is, who the power really resides with, who the King is; will we lay our crowns before that King?

Daily Readings for week beginning 16th November:

Mon 16th Nov	Revelation 10:1 - end	Tues 17th Nov	Revelation 11:1 - 14
Wed 18th Nov	Revelation 11:15 - end	Thurs 19th Nov	Revelation 12:1 - end
Fri 20th Nov	Revelation 13:1 - 10	Sat 21st Nov	Revelation 13:11 - 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.

The Forget-Me-Not services: thank you to all those who were involved in making the Memorial Services happen last week in our different churches. Many people made use of these opportunities to remember loved ones as each evening we read out around 20-30 names. Some of these had been written on labels and attached to the Forget-Me-Not Places outside each of our churches, and some were emailed in to the Office. The short services were broadcast live on the parish Facebook page, and can be viewed again [here](#). Each time a service is accessed (no matter how briefly) a note is made: one of the services has over 550 views, all of them have over 250 views. We had just one technical problem, on the Friday, and the missing part of the service was recorded once we were back home with a broadband signal. We continue to pray that those who access the services will find God's peace and comfort in their grief.

Compassion Child Sponsorship : Karen Morton would like to extend a big thank you to everyone who has contributed to the **Parish Compassion Child Sponsorship Scheme** and the childrens' **Christmas Gifts**, in particular. There is still a bit of a shortfall so, if anyone else is able to donate, please make a bank transfer to: **Lloyds Bank Account 00605116 Sort Code 30-94-70** in the name of "**St Chads Church - Compassion**" or, send a cheque payable to "**St Chad's Church - Compassion**" to the Parish Office. This Sunday, we will be sharing a couple of short videos at the online services to update you about how the work of Compassion has had to change due to the pandemic. If you are not able to attend either of the services, the videos are available to view on the [parish website](#).

Last Chance Saloon! : Karen is still seeking to find a co-ordinator to take over from her to manage the **Parish Sponsorship Scheme**. If no replacement is found by the end of this month, administration of our account will be handed over to the Compassion UK office, and we will not have so much flexibility as we have currently. Karen is more than happy to explain what is involved in this rewarding role. Please contact Karen at the Parish Office (details on back of newsletter) and leave a message.

Kidderminster East Online Quiz Night: every **Friday evening** at 7:00pm. Just email parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk to receive a link to join us online via Zoom.

Requests for Prayer:

- As many more people become affected by COVID-19 let us pray for all those in the parish who are ill, or who are worried about someone who is ill.
- We give thanks for the frontline workers in danger every day, and for the scientists and volunteers who give us hope for an effective, safe vaccine in the near future.

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

DIARY

Our plans have had to change in line with government restrictions during the month of November. Please make use of the online services and events detailed below.

You can find more details and consult the parish calendar on the [parish website](#).

Mon 16th Nov	7:30pm	PCC meeting	Online via Zoom
Tues 17th Nov	7:30pm	St Mary's, Stone DCC	Online via Zoom
Wed 18th Nov:	7:30pm	Parish Prayer	Online via Zoom
Thurs 19th Nov:	7:00pm	Contemplative Prayer	Online via Zoom
Fri 20th Nov:	7:00pm	KEP Quiz Night	Online via Zoom
Sunday 22nd Nov:	11:00am	Morning Worship	Online via Zoom
	6:30pm	Service of Bread & Wine	Online via Zoom
Mon 23rd Nov	7:30pm	St George's DCC	Online via Zoom
	7:45pm	St Chad's DCC	Online via Zoom
Tues 24th Nov	7:45pm	St Cecilia's DCC	Online via Zoom
Thurs 26th Nov	7:00pm	Contemplative Prayer	Online via Zoom
Sunday 29th Nov	11:00am	Morning Worship	Online via Zoom
	6:00pm	KEY (Youth) group	Online via Zoom
	6:30pm	Evening Prayer	Online via 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 22nd NOVEMBER – CHRIST THE KING

READINGS: Ezekiel 34:11 - 6, 20 - 24 Ephesians 1:15 - end Matthew 25:31 - end

SUNDAY 29th NOVEMBER – ADVENT SUNDAY

READINGS: Isaiah 64:1 - 9 1 Corinthians 1:3 - 9 Mark 13:24 - end

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