



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

22nd November 2020

Christ the King

Our buildings are closed, but our Church is still open

SUNDAY 22nd 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	Service with Bread & Wine	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 21st November**.

If you have **no internet**, you can still join in on your phone (audio only), as follows:

Morning Worship

Tel: 0203 901 7895 (standard rate)

Meeting ID: 810 9934 2391

Password: 266906

Evening Service

Tel: 0203 481 5240 (standard rate)

Meeting ID: 988 5042 5028,

Password: 915582

iPhone users one tap mobile number:
+442039017895,,81099342391#,,,,,0#,,266906#

iPhone users one tap mobile number:
+442034815240,,98850425028#,,,,,0#,,915582#

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

Ezekiel 34:11 - 6, 20 - 24

Ephesians 1:15 – end

Matthew 25:31 - end

Collect

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory.



ADVENT

You are invited to create and display an **Advent window** in your homes taking a favourite Christmas Carol as your theme. Please take a photo of your window and either share on the [Kidderminster East Parish Facebook page](#) or send to: media@kidderminstereast.org.uk. We will upload photos each day in Advent to our various online platforms to encourage one another with the Good News that Jesus is with us through all our trials.

NOTE: By sending your photos you consent to us publishing them on the website and social media sites.

A Month of Prayer during Lockdown

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**.

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

In addition, there are 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 any day. You can also find details, below, of the fortnightly, Wednesday **Parish Prayer** & 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.uk) 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 it a **Month of Prayer**.

Contemplative Prayer: Online via Zoom on **Thursday 26th 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.



Parish Prayer Meeting: Online via Zoom on **Wednesday 2nd December** 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.

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 20th November

Revelation, you might remember, is written to encourage those Christians who were facing great persecution. They are not lifted out of their troubles, but they are given a greater understanding by seeing something of the spiritual reality behind their physical circumstances. In these chapters this week we see how our enemy, the devil, tries to mimic God in an attempt to mislead people and prevent them from seeing God's goodness: he has 'crowns', and 'a fatal wound that was healed'. However, this trinity of something less than God's perfection is no match for God; this is not a battle of equals. Let's pray that we (and those around us) might indeed be people of patience and endurance and faithfulness.

Daily Readings for week beginning 23rd November:

Mon 23rd Nov	Revelation 14:1 - 13	Tues 24th Nov	Revelation 14:14 - 15:8
Wed 25th Nov	Revelation 16:1 - 11	Thurs 26th Nov	Revelation 16:12 - end
Fri 27th Nov	Revelation 17:1 - end	Sat 28th Nov	Revelation 18:1 - 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.

The Forget-Me-Not services: these Memorial Services were extremely popular, being viewed hundreds of times on our [Facebook page](#). They are still available to view on our [YouTube channel](#) including the missing part of the Friday service. We continue to pray that those who access the services will find God's peace and comfort in their grief.

Scam emails. We need to be alert. Three people recently received an email that tried to make them think it came from me; thankfully they realised in time and took no action. Even if my name is on an email, always check that it comes from the *kidderminstereast* account. Please do let me know if you receive something unusual. *David Hildred.*

Kidderminster Homeless Charity HELP: are always grateful to receive donations of food and toiletries especially over Christmas and the winter months. Parishioner Chris Griffiths has offered to collect or be a drop-off point for donations. If you would like to support this local charity please contact Chris: 07919 178236 / chrsgffths@gmail.com.

Distribution of Christmas Cards: With so many people feeling isolated this year it is more important than ever that we find a way to deliver the Christmas Message to every household in the parish. If you are able, and willing, to take a batch or two of cards to deliver to streets within the parish, please **collect them from St Cecilia's Church, Hoo Road, on Fri 4th Dec, 9:30am - 1:00pm.** COVID regulations will be maintained (please wear a mask in the building, bring your own pen and use hand gel as you arrive & leave). Advice on delivering the cards safely will be given out with the batches of cards. Hopefully, our Churches will be open again in December so unclaimed streets will be distributed through each Church on **Sun 6th Dec.** **Please collect & distribute the cards as soon as possible** so that recipients can participate in the Advent Window initiative. Thank you to all our volunteers who carry out this task every year. The more people who help, the easier it will be for everyone. Thank you. *Parish team*

Parish Compassion Child Sponsorship: A huge thank you to everyone who has responded to Karen's appeal for extra financial support and for a new co-ordinator. Your amazing response is very much appreciated. Talks are currently on-going with regard to the Co-ordinator role and further info will follow.

Please access the [Parish YouTube channel](#) for recordings of Services, Morning Prayers, Children's Talk and much more from your Clergy & other parish contributors.

Requests for Prayer:

- For all those in the parish who are ill, or who know someone who is ill. Also for frontline workers and those who strive every day for a solution to the pandemic.
- For the work of foodbanks, homeless charities and all those who help the poor, the vulnerable, the afraid and the disheartened.

*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 23rd Nov	12:30pm	A Month of Prayer	Online via Zoom
	7:30pm	St George's DCC	Online via Zoom
	7:45pm	St Chad's DCC	Online via Zoom
Tues 24th Nov	12:30pm	A Month of Prayer	Online via Zoom
	7:45pm	St Cecilia's DCC	Online via Zoom
Thurs 26th Nov	7:00pm	Contemplative Prayer	Online via Zoom
Fri 27th Nov	7:00pm	KEP Quiz Night	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
Mon 30th Nov	12:30pm	A Month of Prayer	Online via Zoom
Tues 1st Dec	12:30pm	A Month of Prayer	Online via Zoom
Wed 2nd Dec	7:30pm	Parish Prayer	Online via Zoom
Thurs 3rd Dec	7:00pm	Contemplative Prayer	Online via Zoom
Fri 4th Dec	7:00pm	KEP Quiz Night	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 29th NOVEMBER – ADVENT SUNDAY

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

SUNDAY 6th DECEMBER

READINGS: Isaiah 40:1 - 11 2 Peter 3:8 – 15a Mark 1:1 - 8

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