



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 April 2020

2nd Sunday of Easter

Our buildings are closed, our Church is open

SUNDAY 19th APRIL

David Grist, Lay Reader at St Cecilia's, held a virtual church service last Sunday with some members from St Cecilia's and St Chad's meeting for worship and prayer via Zoom. Robert's Easter Sunday sermon was streamed from YouTube, as well as live music.

The **next interactive service is planned for Sunday 19th April at 11am** and we would invite anyone from across the parish, who wants to meet, to join us through this link:

Topic: STCS Sunday service

Time: Apr 19, 2020 11:00 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76106413209>

Meeting ID: 761 0641 320

An order of service can be found on the St Cecilia's private Facebook page, if you are a member, or alternatively send an email to davidgrist@gmx.co.uk in advance of the service, and David will send one out to you.

Also, there is a [service of Holy Communion](#) celebrated by the Revd Robert Legge available on the Parish YouTube channel, which can be viewed at your convenience online. The Liturgy for this service is available on the [parish website](#). Robert will be also sharing a sermon on-line each Sunday and it will be available, all being well with the technology, by 9:30am on Sunday on the [website](#) and as a post on the [Facebook page](#).

Details of online services from across the diocese can be found [here](#).

Families may also enjoy checking out the [Messy Church BRF Facebook page](#) for worship ideas.

Readings

Acts 2:14a, 22 – 32

1 Peter 1: 3 – 9

John 20: 19 - end

Collect

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:

open the doors of our hearts,

that we may seek the good of others

and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and

peace, to the praise of God the Father.

All Church of England churches remain closed in line with the Government's instructions. The Archbishops and Bishops of the Church of England have urged everyone to stay in their homes, as instructed, in a national effort to limit the transmission of the coronavirus (COVID-19).

They also called on us, the Church, to:
"continue to pray, to love, to care for the vulnerable".

There will be no Church weddings or baptisms. Also, funerals are not permitted in church - they should only take place at the crematorium or at the graveside.

Prayers Of Hope and "Lighting" candles

As our nation continues to face the unprecedented challenge of the coronavirus pandemic, **Churches Together in England (CTE)** is encouraging Christians across our nations to continue uniting in prayer, **praying #PrayersOfHope in their homes at 7:00pm each Sunday evening**. Please do print off the [candle poster](#) to display a permanent symbol of Christ's light shining in the darkness.

Premier Christian radio: [Prayers of Hope service](#) at 7.00 pm on Sundays. Listen live on DAB Digital Radio, Freeview 725 on your Smartphone or [Online](#)

'The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.' John 1:5

Pray Through May: Barry Mason, Director, Wyre Forest Youth for Christ, has extended an invitation to everyone to **pray for revival**, the youth of Wyre Forest in particular and to seek after God's heart on this matter. This will take place online via Zoom at **7:00pm on Friday 1st May** and will last for one hour. In order to make sure the meeting is not hijacked by anyone with ill intention, it has been set up so that people need to register beforehand, which they can do through this link:

You are invited to a Zoom meeting. When: May 1, 2020 7:00pm London

Register in advance for this meeting:

https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcqc--hrz4oE9yR3-MP9_Q_duPa0R-8lYjg

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. You can view an intro at: <https://youtu.be/4Oww2FuNjEs>

There is also a Facebook page – [Wyre Forest Prayer for Revival](#).

Further information and an invitation will appear on that page also.

Review of Parish Electoral Roll

The deadline for applications to be added to the Parish Electoral Roll has been extended and will now be set 4 weeks prior to the APCM (tbc). Please contact your Church Electoral Roll Officer if you wish to be added, or if you have any queries contact the Parish Electoral Roll Officers Bob & Maddy Smith. Thank you.

St Cassian's - Anna Hanson contact Bob & Maddy

St Chad's - Helen Perry-Smith haperry@hotmail.co.uk

St Cecilia's - Katy Cornwell 01562 861023

St George's - Jan Ferguson jferg541@gmail.com or 01562 630431

St Mary's, Stone - Konrad Nofer 01562 639227

Bob & Maddy Smith bob37_smith@yahoo.co.uk or 07791 804135

Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd Robert Legge for Friday 17th April 2020

Philippians 4: 12-13 *I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation . . . I can do everything through him who gives me strength.*

The last part of verse 13 is on a little plaque on my desk here in Legge Towers. From time to time I look at it and it always gives me great encouragement but perhaps even more so over the last few weeks. It is a verse that reminds us of God's promise that we do not need to live our lives with all of its messiness in our own strength but rather we can rely on God's strength and promises. True strength is a gift from God that he gives to his people. Let's accept that gift with thankful hearts and minds in the coming days.

Investigations are being made into providing a **"live" Sunday service** that can be accessed via landlines (at local call rate) or mobile phones (varying charges) for those who do not have internet access. If you think this is something you might like to take part in, please would you give **Robert Legge a call on 01562 827214 by Wednesday 22nd April, to register your interest.**

If enough people tell us they would like to be a part of this, further details will follow.

Please **be aware of sharing content** on social media, including pictures and videos, particularly when representing the parish. Please ensure **permissions have been granted and copyright has been adhered to**, where applicable. Before posting content and comments always think:

- Is this my story to share?
- Would I want my mum to read this?
- Would I want God to read this?
- Would I want this on the front page of a newspaper?"

(extract from CofE guidelines and Digital Charter

<https://www.churchofengland.org/terms-and-conditions/our-social-media-community-guidelines>)

KIDDERMINSTER FOODBANK – Donations to the local foodbank have decreased at a time when there is greater need. Please continue to support them by adding some items to your shopping and leaving them in the baskets in the local supermarkets.

Requests for Prayer:

- Please pray for residents and staff in the residential homes in our area, as they cope with providing continuing care & support under difficult circumstances.
- For all those who are ill or bereaved, particularly those known to us personally.
- Continue to pray for Revd David Hildred, and his wife Hilary, whose move has been delayed. Also pray for the parishioners of Darfield.
- For Team Vicar, Robert; all lay readers; office staff & volunteers who help to keep the parish running, and for all key workers providing vital services.

Would you like to be included in the Parish Newsletter for prayer?

Please contact the Parish Office and let us know

Parish Prayerlink

Prayer requests can be emailed to: prayerlink@kidderminstereast.org.uk. Our praying friends across the whole parish will then be happy to pray for you. If you would like to become part of Prayerlink, please e-mail the same address.

Please note that for anyone without internet access or who would prefer to pass their prayer request to the Prayer Ministry Team in their church, Glenn & Anne Scott are willing to take requests for prayer for specific people / situations by phone or email (if available). They will then relay those requests on to the relevant Church / Parish Prayer Ministry / Prayerlink Teams by email. Contact number 01562 822690. Email address: glennscott@mac.com. You can, of course, make direct contact with any member of the Prayer Ministry Teams if you have their phone or email details.

DIARY PAGE

All events in the parish are suspended / cancelled until further notice.

Please remain at home, in accordance with government guidelines.

Remember to wash your hands regularly with soap and avoid spreading the virus.

If you have to go out of the house use the social distancing guidelines and keep 2 metres (6 feet) apart from other people.

Check on family, friends and neighbours who live alone, are elderly or vulnerable, by phone if possible.

Keep yourself safe: Coronavirus COVID-19 is dangerous and can kill.

CHILDREN'S CORNER – There is now a [Children's Corner](#) on the parish website to encourage all age family worship, learning and fun. It includes ideas for worship activities and links to other resources including Robert's Saturday [Children's Talk video](#) once a week on the parish YouTube account.

SUNDAY 26th APRIL

READINGS: Acts 2: 14a, 36 – 41 1 Peter 1: 17 – 23 Luke 24: 13 - 35

SUNDAY 3rd MAY

READINGS: Acts 2: 42 – end 1 Peter 2: 19 – end John 10: 1 - 10

SUNDAY 10th MAY

READINGS: Acts 7: 55 – end 1 Peter 2: 2 – 10 John 14: 1 - 14

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Find us also on Facebook – “Parish of Kidderminster East” and on Twitter - @parishofke

If you can think of any other ways we can support you, as a Parish, please get in touch.