



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

26th April 2020

3rd Sunday of Easter

Our buildings are closed, our Church is open

SUNDAY 26th APRIL

A [service of Holy Communion](#) celebrated by the Revd Robert Legge is 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 is also sharing a sermon on-line each Sunday and it will be available by 9:30am on Sunday, technology permitting, 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](#) or the [Together at Home website](#) for worship ideas.

St Cecilia's next interactive service is on Sunday 26th April at 11am (Coffee from the comfort of your own living room is available from 10.45am when the meeting room opens, ready for an 11.00am start.) and anyone from across the parish, who wants to meet, is invited to join us through this link:

Topic: Sunday Worship 26.4.20

Time: Apr 26, 2020 11:00am London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/71675686492>

Meeting ID: 716 7568 6492

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.

Security update.

As a result of increased security for our meetings; there will be no break in the meeting this week, and **the meeting room will be locked to newcomers after the service starts. If you try to join after about 11.10am, unfortunately, you may find the door is closed** - Sorry, but this agreed Parish strategy has been put in place to avoid any of the unpleasant things we have seen that have been happening in Zoom meetings elsewhere.

Readings

Acts 2: 14a, 36 – 41

1 Peter 1: 17 – 23

Luke 24: 13 - 35

Collect

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory 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, as well as urging everyone to stay in their homes, as instructed, 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.

Message from the Revd David Hildred – Team Rector, designate

Back in December last year, during my interview, I was asked to give a short talk on one of the Bible readings for the day. I chose Psalms 40 which begins *"I waited patiently for the Lord"* and ends *"You are my help and my deliverer; O my God, do not delay"*. This coming Saturday, 2nd May, would have been the time when one aspect of that waiting would have come to an end (when my Institution as Team Rector was to have taken place) but alas, the Lord clearly has more to teach me about patience and about his timing!

Amidst all the frustration and disappointments that we are facing because of the virus restrictions, let us draw encouragement from the wisdom and life experience of the Psalmist David. He knew that, whatever circumstances he faced, he could declare confidently that the Lord is his help and deliverer - no shadow of a doubt. He knew that *"blessed is the man who makes the Lord his trust"*. He was aiming for the result that *"many will see and fear and put their trust in the Lord"*. What a great goal to have!

Whilst we continue to wait, let's live in such a way that we show the Lord is our help & deliverer, so that others might yet put their trust in the Lord along with us.

Prayers Of Hope and "Lighting" candles

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 and either display the [candle poster](#) or light a candle safely.**

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](#)

Pray Through May: Barry Mason, Director, Wyre Forest Youth for Christ, has extended an invitation to everyone to **pray for revival**. This will take place online via Zoom at **7:00pm on Friday 1st May** and will last for one hour.

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>
Facebook page – [Wyre Forest Prayer for Revival](#) for further info and invitation

Unfortunately, there has been very little interest in a **dial-in "live" Sunday service** so we will not be setting this facility up.

Individuals who had expressed an interest are being contacted and another way of providing a form of service via telephone is being offered.

Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd Robert Legge for Friday 24th April 2020

Isaiah 41:10 *So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.*

How good are you at not being afraid?

Truth be told most of us feel fear from time to time for all sorts of reasons. However, in this verse, we are given a wonderful reason NOT to fear; the help of God is ours and we are upheld by God's right hand. In biblical times to be at someone's right hand was to be in a place of honour. So let's not fear; we are honoured and loved by God even in the most fearful of circumstances.

Robert Legge has recently read a short little book in one sitting (62 pages) by John C. Lennox called "**Where is God in a Coronavirus world?**", which he highly recommends. It helps Christians to think about where God is in the middle of all of this. It might be of use to our folks both for their own understanding and to answer questions that family & friends might have. Paperback £2.54 or Digital Download £1.59 from [The Good Book Company ISBN- 978-1-78498-569-1](https://www.thegoodbookcompany.com/)

During these difficult times, we are all finding new and different ways to communicate and it is a big "learning curve" for many! If you have skills or expertise that you would be happy to share with those across the parish (including leading worship / bible studies etc.) via video calling, newsletter, Mailchimp or in other ways, please contact the Parish Office office@kidderminstereast.org.uk or 01562 822131.

Carol Morris from St George's is happy to be contacted by any ladies who are pregnant, who need advice and support. She is a **practicing midwife** at Worcester and has all the latest updates etc. in relation to care, visiting etc. If any **pregnant ladies**, or their family members, need **advice, a chat or simply a prayer / time of reflection** and would like to contact Carol, please get in touch with the Parish Office on 01562 822131 or office@kidderminstereast.org.uk and we will pass on Carol's contact details.

Jean has joined a local group, who are **making bags for NHS workers** to put their uniforms in to take home and then put whole bag into the washing machine. The bags are being made from pillowcases, which must be washable at 60° or more. If anyone else would like to join the group, please contact Helen Hyrons on 07931 225128. She can provide ribbon for the ties and material and collects on a Thursday. Alternatively, if you have any pillowcases to donate, please contact Jean on 07761 580503.

Requests for Prayer:

- Please pray for all those who are ill or bereaved, particularly those known to us personally.
- For residents and staff in the residential homes in our area, as they cope with providing continuing care & support under difficult circumstances.
- Continue to pray for the 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.

Zoom Security – Within the parish, over the past few weeks, we are increasingly using Zoom to meet for services, homegroups, prayer meetings etc. Please see this [link on the parish website](#) with advice that you can download to make Zoom calls more secure.

Also, **if you are setting up a Zoom call which is open for others in the parish to join**, please would you **send the Zoom login details** including the password to: parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk You should also ask **those who wish to participate to register their interest in that service / meeting**, via the same email address, **at least 24 hours in advance**. The meeting link, ID and Password will then be shared with all the participants via Mailchimp.

If you wish your service / meeting to be advertised parish-wide, please also send a notice to be included in the weekly newsletter, by the previous Wednesday, to: office@kidderminstereast.org.uk

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 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

SUNDAY 17th MAY

READINGS: Acts 17: 22 - 31 1 Peter 3: 13 - end John 14: 15 - 21

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