



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

31st May 2020

Pentecost Sunday

Our buildings are closed, our Church is open

SUNDAY 31st MAY

This Sunday all parishioners from across Kidderminster East are invited to join together, via Zoom, for:

- **Service of Morning Worship at 10:45am for 11:00am**
- **Traditional Service of Holy Communion at 6:30pm**

To join either of these services, please send an email, stating which service you are interested in "attending", to Parish Communications:

parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk **by 12noon on Saturday 30th May.**

You will be sent the details of how to join on Saturday afternoon, along with a link to download the order of service. If possible, please have this available either as printed / online copy so that you can join in worship & prayer with worshippers from across the parish. (If you have "attended" before, the link will be sent automatically.)

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

A [service of Holy Communion](#) celebrated by the Revd Robert Legge is also 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](#). A sermon for each Sunday is available by 9:30am on the [website](#) and as a post on the [Facebook page](#)

Daily Hope, a free national phone line as a simple new way to bring worship and prayer into people's homes offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line.

The line – which is available 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044** – has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services in mind.

Readings

Acts 2: 1 – 21
1 Corinthians 12: 3b – 13
John 20: 19 – 23

Collect

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

LICENSING OF THE REVD DAVID HILDRED AS TEAM RECTOR OF THE PARISH OF KIDDERMINSTER EAST

David will be instituted as Team Rector by Bishop John Inge on **Thursday 11th June at 6:00pm**. The service will be relayed live via Zoom. Login details for the service will be emailed to all parishioners on the Mailchimp distribution list on Saturday 6th June. If you have not been receiving Mailchimp communications from the parish during lockdown, and would like to be notified of the Licensing Service details, please email parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk by **6:00pm on Friday 5th June**. There will be the opportunity to stay behind at the end of the service in a breakout room. You may like to have a drink and some nibbles on hand! Plans are also being made to record the service so that it will be available to view at a later date on the Parish YouTube channel.

Zoom Support If you would like to access this service, have not used Zoom before and would like some support with setting your access up, please contact the Parish Office (office@kidderminstereast.org.uk or phone 01562 822131 & leave a message) giving your telephone number and you will be put in touch with someone who will be able to help.

For those without internet access A printed copy of the Order of Service will be posted to all those who already receive the printed weekly newsletters so that they can follow the service, even if they are not able to view the Zoom meeting. If anyone else, who does not have internet access, would like a printed copy, please contact the Parish Office by Monday 8th June so that a copy can be posted to you in time.

These arrangements will be followed up by an Installation Service to be held in Church at a later date to be confirmed in due course.

We look forward very much to this new stage of David's ministry and pray God's Blessings on his work here in Kidderminster.

Please pray for David & Hilary, as they settle into their new home & into the parish, as well as for the **Parishioners of Darfield** at this difficult time.



THY KINGDOM COME

Archbishop Justin Welby delivers a [Pentecost reflection](#) for the conclusion of the "Thy Kingdom Come" initiative.

Since Ascension Day, we have been praying in various ways for the growth of God's Kingdom, including for 5 others that they would come to know Christ so that they may come to give their lives to serve God's Kingdom and know the love of Christ. Please also continue to pray for ourselves, that we would have the opportunity to invite our chosen friends and family along to something appropriate once our church buildings are reopened. All this prayer is reliant and expectant that the Holy Spirit would draw more and more to encounter God's love in Christ, so we might be and bring the difference in the world he sends us to stake everything on.

Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd Robert Legge for Friday 29th May

John 14:27 *Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.*

Perhaps in order to unpack this verse it might be better to ask how the world gives peace as opposed to Jesus? I think part of the answer is that the world often gives peace conditional upon our health, wealth, success and other variables. By contrast the peace that Jesus gives goes beyond all of this and into something much deeper, His love and power daily sustaining us.

So let's not look to our personal circumstances for our ultimate foundational peace; let's turn to our faith in Jesus and His love.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER - THURSDAY 4th JUNE

The Contemplative Prayer meeting that we hold on most Thursdays at 7:00pm, via Zoom, is a 20-25 minute service using the liturgy of the Northumbria Community. It's a chance, in the peace and quiet, to listen to God and to join together to lift our prayers to him. This is intended to be a regular Thursday event, although it will of course give way to important occasions such as David Hildred's licensing on 11th June.

To join this meeting, please send an email requesting copy of the link & password, to Parish Communications: parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk **by 6:00pm on Wednesday 3rd June.** You will be sent the details of how to join on Thursday morning. **If you do not have internet access,** please do pray from your own home at the same time and join as a Parish in prayer.

ALPHA ONLINE IS COMING SOON – WATCH THIS SPACE!

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.

DIOCESE OF WORCESTER TOILET ROLL CHALLENGE

Have you seen some of our amazing clergy take on the toilet roll challenge?

[Watch them pass a toilet roll between them on this video...](#)

Requests for Prayer:

- For those who live alone and who are feeling isolated. Pray also that we can be aware and offer ways to help / keep in touch.
- For those who are ill or bereaved, particularly those within the Parish and those known to us personally.
- 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*

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 7pm each Sunday evening and either display the [candle poster](#) or light a candle safely.**

Premier Christian radio: [Prayers of Hope service](#) at 7:00pm on Sundays. Listen live on DAB Digital Radio, Freeview 725 on your Smartphone or [Online](#)

PARISH PRAYER

There will be a **Parish Prayer Zoom Meeting on Weds 3rd June, open to all in the parish** to pray for our current situation and the work of Christ in the parish & the world. If you would like to login this Wednesday from 7:20pm, in order to join together in prayer from 7:30 to 8:00pm, please would you send an email to: parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk by 6pm on Tues 2nd June, and you will be sent the link & sign in details on Wednesday morning.

DIARY PAGE

All Church of England churches remain closed in line with Government instructions.

Whilst some Government guidance has been revised, it is still vital that the necessary hygiene & social distancing precautions are kept in place to protect the NHS & save lives. The Archbishops and Bishops of the Church of England have called on us, the Church, to: *“continue to pray, to love, to care for the vulnerable”*.

Please remain at home, where possible, and stay alert 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 a [Children’s Corner](#) on the parish website to encourage all age family worship, learning & fun. It includes ideas for worship activities and links to other resources inc Robert’s Saturday [Children’s Talk video](#) once a week on the Parish YouTube account.

SUNDAY 7th JUNE – TRINITY SUNDAY

READINGS: Isaiah 40: 12–17, 27–end 2 Corinthians 13: 11–end Matthew 28: 16-20

SUNDAY 14th JUNE

READINGS: Genesis 18: 1 – 15 Romans 5: 1 – 8 Matthew 9: 35 - 10: 8

SUNDAY 21st JUNE

READINGS: Genesis 21: 8 – 21 Romans 6: 1b – 11 Matthew 10: 24 - 39

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