



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

3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**Our buildings are closed, our Church is open**

## SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> MAY

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.

**All parishioners from across Kidderminster East are invited to join together for a Service of Morning Worship via Zoom on Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> May**

**10:45am** for coffee, from the comfort of your own home

**11:00am Service led by Joe and Margaret Hodgson, with the sermon preached live by Rev. Robert Legge.**

Click [here](#) for the service order. If you have this available either in a printed or online copy, you will be able to join in worship and prayer with the worshippers of Kidderminster East.

**To join the service, please send an email** requesting a copy of the link and password for 3<sup>rd</sup> May Morning Worship Service to Parish Communications: [parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk](mailto:parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk) **by 12 noon on Saturday** and you will be sent the details of how to join, on Saturday afternoon.

**A children's resource pack is also available** on request by email to [helengrist@gmx.co.uk](mailto:helengrist@gmx.co.uk). This can be downloaded and gives access to a YouTube story, memory verse activities, colouring and games.

### Readings

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

### Collect

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father.

## Parish Giving Scheme

The Diocese of Worcester have rolled out a new scheme which enables individuals to give to their church regularly by Direct Debit, with an option to increase their donation annually in line with inflation. Each of our churches have registered for this service and are encouraging donors who usually pay via Gift Aid envelope or Standing Order to change to this way of contributing, or to start giving using this scheme. Please contact your Church Treasurer or Churchwarden for further information:

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### Parish Prayer - Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May

The Parish Team have been looking into ways of how we could hold Parish Prayer during the current lockdown and on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, the Parish Prayer Ministry Team joined together via Zoom to pray for 30 minutes. Following this successful trial run, there will be **Parish Prayer fortnightly on Wednesday evenings** starting on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May, open to all in the parish.**

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](mailto:parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk) by 6pm on Tues 5<sup>th</sup> May, and you will be sent the link & sign in details on Weds morning.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, has launched a **free national phone line as a simple new way to bring worship and prayer into people's homes** while church buildings are closed because of the coronavirus.

**Daily Hope** 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 during the period of restrictions in mind.

### 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](#)

On **17<sup>th</sup> May**, there was to have been a visiting speaker from **Compassion UK**, who was due to come and preach at St Chad's Church. Obviously, this will not now be happening but on that Sunday we will be sharing a **recorded talk from Luke Gratton**, Head of Partnerships (Midlands, Wales & Ireland) about the work of Compassion, & the Child Sponsorship Scheme that we run within the parish. Robert's Sunday sermon will be available in the afternoon. For further details about the **Parish Child Sponsorship Scheme**, please contact Karen at the Parish Office on 01562 822131 (please leave a message and she will call back) or email [office@kidderminstereast.org.uk](mailto:office@kidderminstereast.org.uk)

## Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd Robert Legge for Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May

**Psalm 32:7-8** “*You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.*”

Does anybody remember that scene from the Sound of Music where the Von Trapp family are hiding from the Nazis and the youngest child asks Maria if they can sing about their favourite things (Raindrops on roses, whiskers on kittens, etc, etc!) Maria tells her that they mustn't do so but rather they must be absolutely quiet. By contrast isn't it wonderful that in these verses we have both protection from trouble and songs of deliverance. We can be protected and we can sing at the same time! Praise God!

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Robert would like to share this [link from Facebook](#) for a short video by Andy Bannister on “How to become a Christian” for our readers, and to be passed on to any friends and family who may be asking questions. Please also check out the other Solas-cpc (Short Answers) videos on Facebook or by going to [their website](#)

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@kiddermintereast.org.uk](mailto:office@kiddermintereast.org.uk) or 01562 822131.

**Free resource to help families cope with the COVID-19 pandemic** These are difficult and can sometimes be frightening times for everyone all over the UK & beyond. At David C Cook Ministries they have developed some response sessions particularly for parents and teachers to go through to help children ages 6-11 who may be feeling emotionally vulnerable due to the COVID-19 pandemic and these are being shared Free of Charge! If your children, or those you know, have fears & worries that result from health concerns, family financial struggles, and the rapid changes taking place in their schools, churches & communities, or they may have friends / family members who are sick or have died, they need to know that God has not forsaken them. Topics covered include worry, fear, loss, prayer & helping. Please click [this link](#) for the booklet in pdf format.

### Requests for Prayer:

- Please pray for all those who are ill or bereaved, particularly those known to us personally, including the families and friends of Brenda Cartwright, formerly from St Chad's, who died on Tuesday, aged 98 and the Gough family following the death of Michael's sister.
- 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.

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

**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.

**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](mailto: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 for inclusion in the newsletter to: [office@kidderminstereast.org.uk](mailto:office@kidderminstereast.org.uk)

## DIARY PAGE

**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"*.

**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 10<sup>th</sup> MAY

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

### SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> MAY

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

### SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> MAY

**READINGS:** Acts 1: 6 – 14                      1 Peter 4: 12 - 14; 5: 6 – 11                      John 17: 1 - 11

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