



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

14th June 2020

1st Sunday after Trinity

Our buildings are closed, our Church is open

SUNDAY 14th JUNE

You are invited, along with all parishioners from across Kidderminster East, to join together this Sunday, via Zoom, for:

- **Service of Morning Worship at 10:45am for 11:00am**
- **Traditional Evening Service with sharing of bread and wine at 6:30pm**

To join either of these **live services**, please send an email, stating which service you are interested in "attending", to Parish Communications: parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk by **12noon on Saturday 13th June**.

You will be sent the details of how to join on Saturday afternoon, along with a link to download the order of service. (If you have "attended" before, the link will be sent automatically). If possible, please have the service sheet available either printed or as online copy so that you can join in worship & prayer with worshippers from across the parish. Service sheets are also available for download on the [parish website](#).

If you do not have internet facilities, you can join us on **audio only** by phoning:

Morning Worship

0203 481 5240 (standard rate)

Meeting ID: 863 9609 7473

Password: 389296

Evening Service

0203 481 5240 (standard rate)

Meeting ID: 919 9987 0648,

Password: 577461

iPhone users one tap mobile number:
+442034815240,,86396097473#,,1#,389296#

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+4402034815240,,91999870648#,,1#,577461#

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

Genesis 18: 1 – 1

Romans 5: 1 – 8

Matthew 9: 35 - 10: 8

Collect

God of truth,
help us to keep your law of love
and to walk in ways of wisdom,
that we may find true life
in Jesus Christ your Son.

A Message from your new Team Rector

Dear Friends,

What a tremendous welcome we have experienced over these last few weeks. We appreciate so much your generosity and thoughtful ways of helping us to settle into our new home and new role. Your cards have brightened up our new surroundings whilst we've been unpacking our familiar decorations, and we will carry their sentiments on into the journey ahead of us.

Thank you for your support at the **Institution service**, whether that was by attending on Zoom, or being at home praying at the time, and we hope that we'll be able to have the second part, **the Installation**, as soon as we can use our churches for larger services. We trust that all of this will help others to see that what binds us together is our faith in Jesus, and that what they see in us and between us will encourage them to seek and follow Jesus for themselves.

With our grateful thanks,

David & Hilary



An Apology: We are deeply and sincerely sorry that, despite the best laid plans (and the purchase of a Zoom licence for up to 500 screens!), many of you were unable to login to David's Institution Service on Thursday evening. The issue was around the allocation of said licence, which was not made clear by Zoom. We appreciate how disappointed you must have been and hope that you will enjoy the recording of the service when it has been uploaded. A further message will be issued via Mailchimp when it is available to view. *David, Robert and the Parish Team.*

Welcome Gift for David & Hilary - A huge thank you to all who contributed to David & Hilary's welcome gift of store cupboard essentials and some fresh items as well as a welcome gift of flowers, luxury biscuits & wine. A total of £775 was raised and has been gratefully accepted by David & Hilary! As the amount exceeded by far that which was spent, they have opted to put some of the gift towards a new lawn mower and put any balance towards upgrading David's computer.

PARISH PRAYER

The next **Parish Prayer Zoom Meeting** will be on **Wednesday 17th June** from 7:20pm onwards (prayer 7:30 – 8:00pm) and is **open to all in the parish** to pray for our current situation and the work of Christ in the parish & the world.

It has been encouraging to see so many parishioners attending this prayer. Please join us if you possibly can by sending an email to: parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk by 6pm on **Tues 16th June**; you will be sent the link & sign in details on Wed morning.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

Please join us for our regular **Thursday prayer** at 7:00pm on **18th June** for a 20-25 minute service, via Zoom, 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. **To join this meeting, please send an email** requesting a copy of the link & password, to Parish Communications: parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk **by 6:00pm on Wednesday 17th 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.

Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd Robert Legge for Friday 12th June

Hebrews 4:16: *For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathise with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

I wonder when you read the gospels do you come away with a feeling that Jesus had an unfair advantage in that he was the Son of God and perfect in His very nature? Well He was certainly these things and more, however we need to remember that He was also fully human; as fully human as you and I and so when we talk about weakness He really does understand what we go through. He doesn't give us help from afar; rather He gives us help because he has been there Himself. Don't hide yourself from His help, embrace it.

DIOCESE OF WORCESTER NEWS

- **The Church at Prayer:** watch this video of people from across the Diocese, clergy and lay, saying [the Lord's Prayer](#) together. You may even recognise one or two faces.
- In response to the **Open Conversations** initiative and as part of the changes necessary in the Diocese, **Archdeacon Nikki Groarke** will become Diocesan Leader for Transformation and Change. To help free up her time, **Archdeacon Robert Jones** will begin looking after the deaneries of Stourport and Kidderminster.
- Dudley Rector, **Hugh Burton** and his wife Alison are cycling their tandem to raise money for Yeldall Manor Christian rehab centre, where their daughter Rachel works. [Support them here.](#)

THY KINGDOM COME 2020 – Wrap up Video: Thy Kingdom Come looked very different this year due to COVID-19. But still, between 21st and 31st May 2020, Christians from more than 170 different countries gathered online, bowed their knees in prayer, lifted their voices in hope, as we all prayed *Thy Kingdom Come*. You can use this link to [watch the wrap up video](#).

Zoom Support: If you have not used Zoom before and would like support with setting your access up, please contact the Parish Office (details below) giving your name and phone number. We will put you in touch with someone who will be able to help.

Stop Press: Dave and Lynn Bennett have some spare tomato plants to give away. Please contact the parish office if you are interested.

Requests for Prayer:

- For teachers and pupils as they transition back to the classroom.
- 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 Rector David, and his wife Hilary, as they begin their new role the parish, and also for the Parishioners of Darfield, David's previous parish, at this difficult time.

*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

Churches Together in England 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](#)

DIARY

In line with government guidelines, Church services remain suspended.

Direction has been given that Churches can, from 15th June, open for private prayer. However, before reopening any of the Churches in the Kidderminster East Parish it will be necessary to undertake risk assessments, prepare churches for social distancing and possibly cover other considerations requiring PCC approval, in line with Church of England guidelines. Further information will follow in due course. In the meantime, please remember that the Archbishops and Bishops have called on us, the Church, to:

“continue to pray, to love, to care for the vulnerable”.

Please continue to make use of the online services and resources that we have made available including:

Sunday: 11:00am Morning Worship and 6:30pm Evening Service

Wednesdays: Fortnightly Parish Prayer at 7:30pm, including 17th June

Thursdays: Weekly Contemplative prayer at 7:00pm

You can also access resources on the [parish website](#), the many videos on our [YouTube channel](#) and posts on our [Facebook page](#). There is a [Children’s Corner](#) on the parish website and Robert’s Saturday [Children’s Talk video](#) once a week on the Parish YouTube account. There’s also a [Messy Church](#) video with latest information.

Daily Hope, from the Church of England, is a free national phone line that is a simple, new way to bring worship and prayer into people’s homes. 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.

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

SUNDAY 21st JUNE

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

SUNDAY 28th JUNE

READINGS: Genesis 22: 1 – 14 Romans 6: 12 – end Matthew 10: 40 - end

SUNDAY 5th JULY

READINGS: Genesis 24: 34 – 38, 42 – 49, 58 – end Romans 7: 15 – 25a
Matthew 11: 16 – 19, 25 - end

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