



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

12th July 2020

5th Sunday after Trinity

Our buildings are closed, our Church is open

SUNDAY 12th JULY

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

(Both of these services will be recorded for later sharing on YouTube)

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 11th July**.

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). Service sheets are also available for download on the [parish website](#).

We would love you to join us even if you do not have internet facilities, by phoning the numbers below (audio only - when asked for **Participant ID** just enter #)

Morning Worship

0203 481 5240 (standard rate) **Meeting ID:** 838 4866 0737 **Password:** 875534

iPhone one tap mobile number: +442034815240,,83848660737#,,,,0#,,875534#

Evening Service

0208 080 6591 (standard rate) **Meeting ID:** 961 0728 9393 **Password:** 09205413

iPhone one tap mobile number: +442080806591,,96107289393#,,,,0#,,09205413#

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 25: 19 - end

Romans 8: 1 - 11

Matthew 13: 1 - 9, 18 - 23

Collect

Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Re-Opening of Churches for Worship

Places of Worship are now permitted to open for services again, under certain conditions. The clergy team have written a letter to all parishioners about how the parish will approach the re-opening (the letter is still available on the [parish website](#)). Churchwardens and the PCC are currently considering various options, which will ensure we adhere to government and Church of England guidelines. Further developments will be announced in the newsletter and via other parish communications. Your patience is appreciated.

Do you have the skills to be able to help the parish?

We are looking for individuals to join a rota to edit and upload the recordings of the Sunday Zoom services. If there are enough volunteers, your help should only be needed once a month. If this is something you have the ability to do, please do consider offering to help by contacting Karen at the Parish Office, in the first instance either by emailing office@kidderminstereast.org.uk or by phoning 01562 822131 and leaving a message. We very much look forward to hearing from you.

PARISH PRAYER

The next **Parish Prayer Zoom Meeting** will be on **Wednesday 15th July** 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 14th July**; you will be sent the link & sign in details on Wed morning.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

Please join us every **Thursday** at 7:00pm 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 6pm on Wednesday**. Joining details will be sent 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.

Parish Giving Scheme and One-Off Donations

For those who already contribute to church collections via standing order or gift aid envelopes, there is now the option of joining the new Diocesan-run direct debit parish Giving Scheme. Please contact your Church Treasurer or Churchwarden for more info to arrange to transfer to this Scheme, or if you would like to start regular giving.

There is now **another way to contribute** to individual churches, or to the parish, that is suitable for "one-off" donations and can still be gift-aided. Please visit the parish website, select the "Churches" tab and then "[Giving](#)". You will find a **Donate button** either for the Parish or for each particular Church. Our churches have not maintained their usual income during lockdown, and we are therefore grateful for any help offered.

Parish Newsletter Deadlines

The parish newsletter will be published fortnightly during the summer. There will be newsletters for the following Sundays: 26th July; 9th August; 23rd August; 6th September. Publication will be on the respective preceding Friday. Contributions should be sent to office@kidderminstereast.org.uk by the **Tuesday** before publication. Thank you.

Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd David Hildred for Friday 10th July

If you've been following the daily readings through this week, from Luke's gospel 17-19, you will have travelled with the disciples of Jesus as they heard him teach some shocking truths. There was a shock for the disciples themselves: Jesus said he was to be killed, but he would rise again. At that time they didn't understand, they didn't know what he was talking about. It only made sense once they had experienced the cross and met the risen Lord Jesus. The same is true for us: many things in the Bible don't make sense until we look at them in the light of the cross and the resurrection of Jesus. As we read his word may it lead to a closer meeting today with the risen Lord Jesus.

Daily Readings for this week:

Mon 13 th July	Luke 19: 28 - 40	Tues 14 th July	Luke 19:41 - end
Wed 15 th July	Luke 20: 1 - 8	Thurs 16 th July	Luke 20: 9 - 19
Fri 17 th July	Luke 20: 20 - 26	Sat 18 th July	Luke 20: 27 - 40

There will be videos from David and Robert on the parish [YouTube channel](#) on Monday and Thursday, based on the above readings. Please take a look.

Sign up NOW for Alpha Online this Autumn!

During lockdown many people have shown an interest in finding out about the Christian faith. We are pleased to be able to announce that there will be a [weekly online parish Alpha course](#) beginning on **Tuesday 8th September**. Alpha is a course suitable for those seeking an understanding of Christianity and for those well established in their faith but wanting to know more. If you, or anyone you know, is interested in joining us please ring Joe or Margaret on 01562 67625 or you can register your interest with the Parish Office: Tel: 01562 822131, Email: office@kidderminstereast.org.uk. Don't worry if you struggle with online technology; help will be available. Come and see what we do and, if you feel after one session it's not for you, we won't chase you!

There will be a **Parish PCC** meeting via Zoom at 7:30pm on **Monday 13th July**. Participants should have received documentation and joining information already.

If you are aware of anyone in the parish, who **does not have internet access**, and who would like to receive newsletters **in the post**, please email or phone the Parish Office (contact details below) and leave a message with their name & address.

Who is God? See what pupils of Rushwick C.E. Primary School think in [this video](#).

Riding Lights Theatre Company is one of the UK's most productive and long-established independent theatre companies, with its roots in Christian ethos. They are running their popular summer theatre school, this year online via Zoom, **31st July to 5th August**. So if you are a budding thespian you can find out more information and book your place via their website: <https://ridinglights.org/>

Requests for Prayer:

- Please pray for clergy and church leaders as they make plans for the reopening of churches, the resumption of services and the PCC meeting on 13th July.
- For all those who have lost family members recently; may they receive consolation.

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

DIARY

Two churches are now open for **PRIVATE PRAYER ONLY** at the following times:

St George's:	Tuesday	10:00am – 12:00noon
St Cassian's:	Wednesday	2:00pm – 4:00pm
	Friday	10:00am – 12:00noon

If you visit either of these churches, please always observe the social distancing guidelines in place. Surfaces will be cleaned after each opening.

Sorry, but toilet facilities will **not** be available.

St Cecilia's, St Chad's and St Mary's Stone will **remain closed** for the time being.

Under current guidelines church services remain suspended

(see letter from clergy on [website](#) about future re-opening of churches for worship).

Meanwhile, 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 "attend" our live online services via Zoom or use the phone-in numbers (where available) if you are not an internet user. Main services:

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

Wednesday: Fortnightly Parish Prayer at 7:30pm (next meeting 15th July)

Thursday: Weekly Contemplative prayer at 7:00pm

An edited version of the Sunday Morning Worship (including clips of the hymns used during the service) and a full version of the evening service will later be made available on the [parish YouTube channel](#) (technology permitting).

You can also still access a [recording of David Hildred's Institution](#) and other services.

Children's resources and video clips are available including the [Children's corner](#), Messy Church [Facebook group](#) and Robert's Saturday morning [Children's talk video](#).

Other resources are available on the [parish website](#), plus many videos on our [YouTube channel](#) and posts on our [Facebook page](#).

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.

SUNDAY 19th JULY

READINGS: Genesis 28: 10 - 19a Romans 8: 12 - 25 Matthew 13: 24 - 30, 36 - 43

SUNDAY 26th JULY

READINGS: Genesis 29: 15 - 28 Romans 8: 26 - end Matthew 13: 31 - 33, 44 - 52

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