



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

5th July 2020

4th Sunday after Trinity

Our buildings are closed, our Church is open

SUNDAY 5th 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 4th 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 051 2874 (standard rate) **Meeting ID:** 883 0187 3404 **Password:** 169808

iPhone one tap mobile number: +442030512874,,88301873404#,,,0#,,169808#

Evening Service

0330 088 5830 (standard rate) **Meeting ID:** 979 7399 7271 **Password:** 26516792

iPhone one tap mobile number: +443300885830,,97973997271#,,,0#,,26516792#

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 24: 34 – 38,
42 – 49, 58 – end

Romans 7: 15 – 25a

Matthew 11: 16 – 19,
25 - end

Collect

Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world: draw us into harmony with your will, that we may find all things restored in him, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Re-Opening of Churches for Worship

Under new government guidelines, from 4th July Places of Worship are permitted to open 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](#)). 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 & upload the recordings of the Sunday Zoom services. If this is something you have the ability to do, perhaps on a monthly basis, please contact Karen at the Parish Office:

office@kidderminstereast.org.uk or 01562 822131 and leave a message.

We look forward very much 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**. Please join us by sending an email to: parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk by 6pm on **Tuesday 14th July**; you will be sent the link & sign in details on Wednesday 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.

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!

Zoom Security: The parish document about Zoom Security has been updated. It includes advice for Zoom hosts on best practices when setting up Zoom calls to make them more secure. The document can be downloaded [from the parish website](#).

There will be a **Parish PCC** meeting via Zoom at 7:30pm on **Monday 13th July**. Participants will receive documentation this week via email

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.

Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd David Hildred for Friday 3rd July

“Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God” - Matthew 4:4.

Jesus knew the necessity of feeding on the word of God each and every day, such that in Matthew chapter 4 it helped him resist the temptations of the devil. Our feasting will support us in our daily lives just as much, and so through the newsletter we are offering people some passages from the Bible to read, which we will also talk about in two videos during the week and a ‘Faithful Friday’ piece.

You might already have your routine for daily Bible reading: please continue - we are not in competition with the “Daily Bread” notes, or whatever you might use. These readings are for any who wish to link in with those that are used at daily Morning Prayer, and again, there is the flexibility for you using them at whatever point during the day you are able to make time.

We suggest you find a quiet space where you can focus on the reading. It’s good to pray before you read, asking the Holy Spirit to make his word come alive to you today. Then, as you read you might want to listen out for some of the following: is the passage showing you something about God, something about yourself, something to be thankful for, something that will prompt you to a particular action today? You might want to note down some of the thoughts that come to mind.

We are five churches, one parish, and these readings will help to underline the ‘one parish’ aspect as we listen for God’s voice to us through them.

Daily Readings for this week:

Mon 6 th July	Luke 17: 20 – end	Tues 7 th July	Luke 18: 1 – 14
Wed 8 th July	Luke 18: 15 – 30	Thurs 9 th July	Luke 18: 31 – end
Fri 10 th July	Luke 19: 1 – 10	Sat 11 th July	Luke 19: 11 – 27

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.

‘The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life.’ Job 33.4

Are you a budding Dylan Thomas? Has the experience of lockdown inspired you to put pen to paper? Esther King from the Bible Society (who also happens to be Hilary Hildred’s niece) is appealing for contributions to describe your recent experiences. If you have written a poem, story or reflection on life inspired by the Bible during Covid-19 and would like the opportunity to see it featured in the next edition of the Bible Society’s *Word in Action* you can [read more and submit your contribution](#) via their website.

The Bible Society also produces **Children’s Resources** on a variety of subjects that are suitable for children ages 5-11 yrs, which can be [downloaded](#) from their website.

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 the NHS on the anniversary of its formation, 5th July, and for all who work for and within the healthcare sector.

*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. (You can read churchwarden Clare Stockford's experience of reopening St Cassian's on [the Diocesan website](#)).

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 12th JULY

READINGS: Genesis 25: 19 - end Romans 8: 1 - 11 Matthew 13: 1 - 9, 19 - 23

SUNDAY 19th JULY

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

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