

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

11<sup>th</sup> October 2020

**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

*A warm welcome to our services online and in our churches*

## SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER

We look forward to welcoming you to one of these services in the parish this week.  
If you cannot attend one of the churches please attend the Zoom service:

<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Worship for All</b>	<b>St Cassian's Church</b>
<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>via Zoom</b>
<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>St Mary's Church, Stone</b>
<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>St George's Church</b>
<b>3:00pm</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>St Chad's Church</b>
<b>3:00pm</b>	<b>Evening Prayer</b>	<b>St Cecilia's Church</b>

If you're attending for the first time since reopening please read the sheet explaining [what to expect at church services](#), which includes the **wearing of face coverings**.

If you haven't "attended" the **11:00am Zoom service** before, please send an email to [parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk](mailto:parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk) by **12noon on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October**.

If you cannot attend church services and have no internet, **we would love you to join us for the 11:00am service by phoning the number below** (audio only)

0203 901 7895 (standard rate) **Meeting ID:** 885 3000 6356 **Password:** 137884  
one tap mobile number: +442039017895,,88530006356#,,,,,0#,,137884#

**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](mailto:helengrist@gmx.co.uk)

### Readings

Exodus 32: 1 – 14

Philippians 4: 1 – 9

Matthew 22: 1 – 14

### Collect

God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord.



All the churches in Kidderminster East are now displaying their unique **QR (Quick Response) code**. If you have a smart phone you can download the **NHS Covid-19 App** and use it to register your presence at church by scanning the QR code. This is part of the government's track and trace system to help limit the spread of Covid-19. Thank you.

## Harvest Follow up - What can we offer now?

Many thanks to everyone who contributed a gift or donated foodstuffs at last Sunday's Harvest Thanksgiving. To anyone who wasn't able to come to church last Sunday, you might want to consider donations of food or money to a local charity in lieu of a Harvest gift this year. Here are 2 suggested possibilities – The Foodbank and The Night Stop for the homeless. You can use these links or copy the address into your browser:

<https://kidderminster.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food-2/>

<https://www.wyreforestnightstop.org.uk>

**Foodbank:** The following items are in short supply or urgently needed: tinned custard, rice pudding, fruit juice, jam, biscuits, sugar, hot and cold meat, crisps, washing capsules, washing up liquid, toiletries and treats such as chocolate bars.

## Kidderminster East Online Quiz Night

All are welcome to join us for **Friday Night is Quiz Night!** We would love to **welcome you all** to this time of fellowship & fun **every Friday night**. We don't take ourselves too seriously and just enjoy some time together. We all need community, so come and be part of this one. Doors open, **on Zoom**, for a 7.00pm start. Interval at 8:00pm and finish around 9.15pm. Please email [parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk](mailto:parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk) to receive a link to join us. See you there!



## Strategic Thinking Group Survey

Covid-19 and Lockdown has, by necessity, changed the way we do things in the parish, especially how we come together to worship. The PCC has set up the "*Strategic Thinking Group*" with the aim of considering the pattern of services amongst the five churches in the parish. They have subsequently commissioned a **survey** with the aim of gathering the opinions of as many of our congregation members as possible. The present pattern of services is a response to Covid-19 restrictions and is reviewed monthly by the clergy and wardens of each church. **The survey** is about what we hope to achieve when restrictions are lifted and life returns to a more normal shape. **Please fill in the survey** as you pray and think about life together as a parish. Some of you will have received it by email. Hard copies are also available in Churches.

**PLEASE RETURN THE SURVEY BY SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER.** Thank you.

**CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER:** every **Thursday** at 7pm; 20-25 minute Northumbria Community style service, via Zoom. Listen to God, together, in the peace and quiet.

**PARISH PRAYER MEETING:** via Zoom on **Wed 21<sup>st</sup> October** from 7:20pm onwards. **Open to all in the parish** to pray for the work of Christ in the parish and the world.

**To join either of these prayer meetings, please send an email** requesting a copy of the link & password, to: [parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk](mailto:parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk) **by 6pm on the day before the meeting.** Joining details will be sent the next morning. **If you cannot join us by Zoom,** please pray at home at the same time and join as a Parish in prayer.

**ReSource** have produced a 4 session online retreat entitled [Sanctuary Days for our times](http://www.resource-arm.net/), that can be used by individuals or groups. If you are missing the opportunity of a retreat you can find this one their website at <http://www.resource-arm.net/>

Please note that there will be no **Bereavement Service** this year, however, plans are being made to mark the occasion in other ways. Hopefully a short ceremony will also be recorded and made available on the parish [Youtube Channel](#). Full details to follow.

## Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd David Hildred for Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October

Paul finds himself in hot water, but he takes the opportunity of sharing the good news of Jesus with those who might not normally have a chance to meet a disciple of Jesus. The Jews who were upset by his preaching were trying to use the legal system to silence Paul and move him out of the way, but it simply moved him into some very influential circles. He speaks with Roman governors Felix and Festus, and then with Jewish King Agrippa (of the Herod clan), and is sent on his way to stand before the Roman Emperor. When things don't go according to our plans, might we be able to see how they still fit with God's plans? Does this give us a different perspective on the Covid-19 restrictions?

### Daily Readings for the next week:

<b>Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Acts 26: 1 - 23	<b>Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Acts 26: 24 - end
<b>Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Acts 27: 1 - 26	<b>Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Acts 27: 27 - end
<b>Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Acts 28: 1 - 16	<b>Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Acts 28: 17 - end

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.

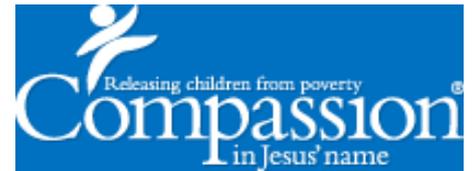
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If anyone is interested in being involved in this year's **Shoebox Appeal**, please contact Dave Pearson (07527 197842) or Barrie Lewis (07563 369786) for further information.

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### **Compassion Child Sponsorship**

Due to the Coronavirus restrictions, it has been difficult to collect donations to sponsor the 10 children we support as a parish via Compassion UK. In addition, a request has been received for £162 to cover their **Christmas Gifts**.



If you are able to make a contribution, or have not been able to make your usual donations, please make a bank transfer to:

**Lloyds Bank      Account number 00605116      Sort Code 30-94-70**

in the name of "St Chads Church - Compassion" or, alternatively, send a cheque payable to "St Chad's Church - Compassion" to the Parish Office.

Karen Morton is also still seeking to find a **new** Co-ordinator to manage the **Compassion Child Parish Sponsorship Scheme**. She has managed the scheme for nearly 20 years and, latterly, has not been able to give it the focus it deserves. She has now made the difficult decision to finish this work at the end of the year and, if no replacement Co-ordinator is found, administration of our account will be handed over to the Compassion UK office. Karen is more than happy to explain what is involved in this rewarding role to manage the contact we have with "our Compassion children" and the financial contributions. Please contact Karen at the Parish Office (01562 822131 or [office@kidderminstereast.org.uk](mailto:office@kidderminstereast.org.uk)). Thank you.

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**Digital Training:** The Church of England's Digital Labs is hosting a two-day [online conference](#) to inspire and equip churches to share Good News, grow people's faith and bring more people to faith by harnessing digital and social media. Topics include livestreaming, mix mode services, online engagement and insights. If this interests you please [register your interest](#). Dates are **23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> October**. Cost £5.

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The parish Healing service had to be cancelled, however, we still have the pleasure of welcoming **Georgina Byrne**, Residentiary Canon at Worcester Cathedral, to preach for us at **St Chad's on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October**, 3:00pm. Please come along; all welcome.

### Requests for Prayer: Please pray for

- Archdeacon Nikki Groarke who had a serious fall and broke her shoulder; may she have a full and speedy recovery.
- The family & friends of Anne Ricketts, whose funeral is on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Oct, and for the family & friends of John Dixon, recently deceased.

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

## DIARY

We currently have services in each of the five churches in the parish every Sunday, plus we still have a **live online service via Zoom** for those who cannot come to church. For information about [what to expect at church](#) under Covid-19 restrictions and [guidance on who should attend](#) services, please see the [parish website](#). Please note that throughout October all services on a Sunday at St Cassian's are at 9:30am, and at St George's are at 11:00am. There are no 6:30pm services for the moment. Other parish events over the next fortnight are also detailed below:

<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	7:30pm	Standing Committee	Zoom
<b>Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Oct:</b>	7:00pm	Contemplative Prayer	Zoom
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	7:00pm	KEP Online Quiz Night	Zoom
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Oct:</b>	9:30am	Holy Communion	St Cassian's
	11:00am	Morning Worship	Zoom
	11:00am	Morning Worship	St Mary's, Stone
	11:00am	Morning Worship	St George's
	3:00pm	Evening Prayer	St Chad's
	3:00pm	Holy Communion	St Cecilia's
	6:00pm	Kidderminster East Youth	Zoom
<b>Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Oct</b>	7:20pm	Parish Prayer	Zoom
<b>Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct:</b>	7:00pm	Contemplative Prayer	Zoom
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct</b>	7:00pm	KEP Online Quiz Night	Zoom

**Other online resources** are available including the [Children's corner](#), Messy Church [Facebook group](#), Robert's Saturday morning [Children's talk video](#) plus many videos on our [YouTube channel](#), posts on our [Facebook page](#) and on the [parish website](#).

## SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER

**READINGS:** Exodus 33: 12 - end    1 Thessalonians 1: 1 - 10    Matthew 22: 15 - 22

## SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER - BIBLE SUNDAY

**READINGS:** Nehemiah 8: 1 - 12    Colossians 3: 12 - 17    Matthew 24: 30 - 35

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