



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

18th October 2020

19th Sunday after Trinity

A warm welcome to our services online and in our churches

SUNDAY 18th 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 you are welcome at the online service:

9:30am	Holy Communion	St Cassian's Church
11:00am	Morning Worship	Online via Zoom
11:00am	Morning Worship	St Mary's Church, Stone
11:00am	Morning Worship	St George's Church
3:00pm	Evening Prayer	St Chad's Church
3:00pm	Holy Communion	St Cecilia's Church

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 request a link from parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk by **12noon on Sat 17th 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 051 2874 (standard rate) **Meeting ID:** 824 5580 8600 **Password:** 234394
one tap mobile number: +442030512874,,82455808600#,,,,,0#,,234394#

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

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

Collect

Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Guest Preacher at St Chad's Church

Today, **Sunday 18th October**, we have the pleasure of welcoming **Georgina Byrne**, Residentiary Canon at Worcester Cathedral, to **St Chad's** for the 3:00pm service of Evening Prayer. We are very grateful to Georgina for agreeing to come and fortunate to have her here, so please do come along to hear her preach.



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.

Apologies to anyone who was trying to access the recording of our **online service** last week. Due to a technical problem we were not able to bring this to you. You can always access our library of older recordings on the [Parish YouTube channel](#) or, if you fancy a change, there is a range of services on the [Church of England's YouTube](#) page.

Strategic Thinking Group Survey – Last chance to have your say

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 TODAY Sunday 18th October or in the next few days.

PARISH PRAYER MEETING: via Zoom on **Wed 21st October** from 7:20pm onwards. **Open to all in the parish** to pray for the work of Christ in the parish and the world. This week there is a special focus on **schools** including material from Youth for Christ.

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

To join either of these prayer meetings, please send an email requesting a copy of the link & password, to: 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.

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 to receive a link to join us. See you there!



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.

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 **23rd/24th October**. Cost £5.

Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd David Hildred for Friday 16th October

Where we have a hobby there may be times when we want a break from it, perhaps because it has lost its initial appeal to us or it's been getting difficult. In these chapters Paul shows that his Christian faith is not a hobby but his life and identity. After surviving a 14-day storm, during which he encourages his guards and fellow prisoners, he then brings healing in the name of Jesus to a new group of people. The same Spirit of Jesus is available to us as we live for Jesus and find our identity in him, so that we might share his blessings with those around us – even when times are tough and we're feeling less than our best. Shall we risk being bold for Jesus?

Daily Readings for the next week:

Mon 19th Oct	Philippians 1: 1 - 11	Tues 20th Oct	Philippians 1: 12 - end
Wed 21st Oct	Philippians 2: 1 - 13	Thurs 22nd Oct	Philippians 2: 14 - end
Fri 23rd Oct	Philippians 3: 1 - 4:1	Sat 24th Oct	Philippians 4: 2 - 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.

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.

There will be **no Newsletter** on Sunday **1st November** due to Half Term. Items for the newsletter dated **25th October** should be sent to the office by **Wed 21st October**.

Diocesan News

You can now access the resources used during the [Diocesan Open Conversations](#) via the Worcester Diocesan website, including videos, briefing notes, etc which you may find especially useful if you were unable to attend any of the latest round of meetings.

Safeguarding: The Church of England has launched **Safe Spaces**, an independent service which offers support to survivors of church-related abuse whether or not a report has been made. It is run by the charity Victim Support and funded by the **Church of England** together with the **Catholic Church in England and Wales** and the **Church in Wales**. It is free to access via telephone, email or web-chat.

- **Tel: 0300 303 1056** (answerphone available outside of opening times)
- **Email:** safespaces@victimsupport.org.uk
- **WebChat** - via the website <https://www.safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk/>

Requests for Prayer:

- Archdeacon Nikki Groarke, for a full & speedy recovery from her broken shoulder.
- In this week of prayer for schools please remember pupils, teachers and all staff at our local schools, especially in these trying times of Covid pandemic.

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

News from Around the Parish

Flower arrangers: we have been offered two free flower stands. If you are interested, please contact the parish office.

Did You Know? If you have a Library card you can download books and audiobooks to your phone or tablet. Just go to **Play Store** and download the **Borrow Box** app to get started. Another useful site is [RBDigital](#). This allows you to download very nice magazines for free; all courtesy of the Library Service. *Jean Bailey*

Josh and Esther Mortimer are very happy to announce the safe arrival of **Niamh Elizabeth** on 1st October, weighing 6lbs 1oz. A little sister for Aoife and Jasper.

Local homeless charity **HELP** would like to register their thanks for the very kind and generous gifts from the harvest festival. They were gratefully received by the folks who needed them. There is a **HELP** basket in St George's if anyone would like to donate food and toiletries; this is collected weekly. *Chris Griffiths*

DIARY

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.

Wed 21st Oct:	7:20pm	Parish Prayer	Zoom
Thurs 22nd Oct:	7:00pm	Contemplative Prayer	Zoom
Friday 23rd Oct:	7:00pm	KEP Online Quiz Night	Zoom
Sunday 25th Oct:	9:30am	Morning Worship	St Cassian's
	11:00am	Morning Worship	Zoom
	11:00am	Holy Communion	St Mary's, Stone
	11:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	3:00pm	Holy Communion	St Chad's
	3:00pm	Evening Prayer	St Cecilia's
Thurs 29th Oct:	7:00pm	Contemplative Prayer	Zoom
Friday 30th Oct:	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 25th OCTOBER - BIBLE SUNDAY

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

SUNDAY 1st NOVEMBER - ALL SAINTS' DAY

READINGS: Revelation 7: 9 - end 1 John 3: 1 - 3 Matthew 5: 1 - 12

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