



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

29th November 2020

Advent Sunday

Our buildings are closed, but our Church is still open

SUNDAY 29th NOVEMBER

There will be **no church services** taking place in churches across the Kidderminster East parish during **November**, in line with government lockdown regulations.

We will, however, be holding **2 online services** via Zoom **each Sunday**.

Our Theme for 1st Sunday of Advent is: *hope*

10:45am for 11:00am	Morning Worship	Online via Zoom
6:30pm	Evening Prayer	Online via Zoom

To "attend" an online service, or receive the order of service, please send an email to parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk by **6:00pm on Saturday 28th November**.

If you have **no internet**, you can still join in on your phone (audio only), as follows:

Morning Worship

Tel: 0203 051 2874 (standard rate)

Meeting ID: 894 4127 8054

Password: 087602

Evening Prayer

Tel: 0203 481 5240 (standard rate)

Meeting ID: 988 5042 5028,

Password: 915582

iPhone users one tap mobile number:

+442030512874,,89441278054#,,,,,0#,,087602#

iPhone users one tap mobile number:

+442034815240,,98850425028#,,,,,0#,,915582#

A children's resource pack is available on request from helengrist@gmx.co.uk

Readings

Isaiah 64:1 - 9

1 Corinthians 1:3 - 9

Mark 13:24 - end

Collect

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the
light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet
you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Re-opening our churches from 2nd December onwards

The Government guidelines allow places of worship to open at the end of this second lockdown, regardless of the tier we are now in. We are looking forward to being together once again in a service, but we will need to follow the Church of England's guidelines as to what we can do and how we can do it. We can expect the same restrictions as before, and perhaps extra ones on top, but we will seek to focus our attention in each service on the Lord. The 11:00am Online service will continue, via Zoom: please do make use of this opportunity to stay in touch across the parish.



You are invited to create and display an **Advent window** in your homes taking a favourite Christmas Carol as your theme. Please take a photo of your window and either share on the [Kidderminster East Facebook page](#) or send to Kate on media@kidderminstereast.org.uk. It would be helpful for Kate to know, in advance, if you intend to send a photo. We will schedule photos for upload each day to our various online platforms to encourage one another with the Good News that Jesus is with us through all our trials.

NOTE: By sending your photos you consent to us publishing them on the website and social media sites.

A Month of Prayer during Lockdown

Following the renewed lockdown, the **Archbishop of Canterbury** is encouraging churches to continue the good work already started by using technology (where possible), supporting our communities and to make November a **month of prayer**.

During Lockdown, our clergy, Robert and David, will be leading **Prayers online via Zoom** on each **Monday** and **Tuesday** lunchtime respectively, at 12:30 – 1:00pm. Please email parishcomms@kiddermistereast.org.uk to ask to be sent a link to join in.

In addition, there are regular **Morning Prayer** services, online via Zoom, at 8:00am Monday to Thursday & Saturday. Please send an email to the above [parishcomms](#) address if you would like to take part any day. Please use this time of lockdown fruitfully by making it a **Month of Prayer**.



KEMP Hospice Hamper Raffle

Robert and Katie Hudson from St George's Church are helping **KEMP Hospice** with the raffling of one of their hampers, which has been donated by the Co-op. It contains some lovely Christmas goodies, so we do hope that everyone will be happy to support **KEMP**, by buying some raffle tickets. The tickets are £1 each or 6 for £5!! If you would like to buy some, then please contact Robert and Katie on 01299 822434 or on robertlfhudson@btinternet.com. Many thanks.



Order your Christmas baking from Café Chad's virtual cake stall!

We cannot hold our usual Christmas Special but it doesn't mean that you have to go without those seasonal treats. Elaine Voice will be making her usual home-made Christmas cakes, puddings and mince pies and many other favourite bakes. All proceeds will go to the British Red Cross. For more information and/or order form contact Elaine on 07747607216 or elaine.voice7@gmail.com or Lyn Archer (Café Chad Manager) on 07794223476.



Reverse Advent Calendar – An Advent Parish Appeal

Many of you will have received a copy of our **Reverse Advent Calendar** with your Newsletter last week. It should also be available via the [Parish Website](#) and other media from this weekend along with an explanatory note from organiser Shirley Surridge. It suggests **items of food** that you can put aside in a box each day. After Christmas these boxes will be collected and donated to a **local foodbank of your choice**. Thank you for helping out those in need this Christmas.



Kidderminster East Youth meet this Sunday **29th November** online at 6.00 – 7.30pm

Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd David Hildred for Friday 27th November

In this part of Revelation the forces for evil have gathered at that famous place, called Armageddon, seemingly for a great battle, but in the very next verse we hear from heaven, "It is done!". Doesn't that remind us of the cry of Jesus from the cross? In which case let's see the next two chapters as the view from victory of the complete and final destruction of all that is evil. It's still hard to live through the times that are described in these chapters, but we do so knowing that the battle is the Lord's and the victory is his, and we share in both! In the darkest of days we are invited to remember that the light of Christ has come into this world, and light is stronger than darkness.

Daily Readings for week beginning 30th November:

Mon 30th Nov	Matthew 4:18 - 22	<i>Andrew the Apostle</i>
Tues 1st Dec	Revelation 20:1 - end	Wed 2nd Dec Revelation 21:1 - 8
Thurs 3rd Dec	Revelation 21:9 - 21	Fri 4th Dec Revelation 21:22 - 22:5
Sat 5th Dec	Revelation 22:6 - 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.

Distribution of Christmas Cards: With so many people feeling isolated this year it is more important than ever that we find a way to deliver the Christmas Message to every household in the parish. If you are able, and willing, to take a batch or two of cards to deliver to streets within the parish, please **collect them from St Cecilia's Church, Hoo Road, on Fri 4th Dec, 9:30am - 1:00pm**. COVID regulations will be maintained (please wear a mask in the building, bring your own pen and use hand gel as you arrive & leave). Advice on delivering the cards safely will be given out with the batches of cards. With our Churches re-opening in December any unclaimed streets will be distributed through each Church on **Sun 6th Dec**. **Please collect & distribute the cards as soon as possible** so that recipients can participate in the Advent Window initiative. Thank you to all our volunteers who carry out this task every year. The more people who help, the easier it will be for everyone. Thank you. *Parish team*

Parish Prayer Meeting: Online via Zoom on Wednesday **2nd December** login from 7:20pm onwards for 7:30pm start, finishing by 8:00pm. Open to all in the parish.

Contemplative Prayer: Online via Zoom on Thursday **3rd December**, 7:00pm; a 20-25 minute prayer meeting using the liturgy of the Northumbria Community. All welcome.

To join either of the above Prayers email parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk requesting a copy of the link & password, **by 6pm on the day before the meeting**.

The UK Government is currently undertaking a **Faith Engagement Review** about how those of all faiths perceive the government's engagement with faith organisations. To give your views you can fill in the form on the gov.uk website by **11th December**.

Diocesan News: you can download the **Prayer Diary** for [December and January](#) plus special [Prayers for Advent](#) from the Diocesan website.

Worcester Cathedral Christmas Tree Festival will go ahead this year. Entry is free but [advance booking](#) is essential via the Cathedral website.

Faith at Work in Worcestershire: "Supporting those facing Redundancy". This online event is **free** on Tuesday **1st December**, 2pm – 4pm. Book a place [using this link](#). For further info contact Revd Dick Johnson 07946 655450/dickjohnson@faithatwork.org.uk

Requests for Prayer:

- Please continue to pray for all those in the parish who are ill and those who care for them.
- For the work of foodbanks, homeless charities and all those who help the poor, the vulnerable, the afraid and the disheartened, especially at this time of year.

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

DIARY

The government have lifted restrictions on meeting in church after **2nd December**. We are pleased to be able to reopen our churches from **Sunday 6th December**. However, please be aware that Covid-19 restrictions continue to apply as they were in October. If you cannot come to a church, please make use of the online service detailed below.

Mon 30th Nov	12:30pm	A Month of Prayer	Online via Zoom
Tues 1st Dec	12:30pm	A Month of Prayer	Online via Zoom
Wed 2nd Dec	7:30pm	Parish Prayer	Online via Zoom
Thurs 3rd Dec	7:00pm	Contemplative Prayer	Online via Zoom
Fri 4th Dec	7:00pm	KEP Quiz Night	Online via Zoom
Sunday 6th Dec	9:30am	Holy Communion	St Cassian's
	9:30am	Morning Worship	St Chad's
	11:00am	Service with Bread & Wine	Online via Zoom
	11:00am	Holy Communion	St Cecilia's
	11:00am	Morning Worship	St George's
	11:00am	Morning Worship	St Mary's, Stone
Mon 7th Dec	7:30pm	Homegroup Leaders	Online via Zoom
Thurs 10th Dec	7:00pm	Contemplative Prayer	Online via Zoom
Fri 11th Dec	7:00pm	KEP Quiz Night	Online via 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 6th DECEMBER

READINGS: Isaiah 40:1 - 11 2 Peter 3:8 - 15a Mark 1:1 - 8

SUNDAY 13th DECEMBER

READINGS: Isaiah 61:1 - 4, 8 - end 1 Thessalonians 5:16 - 24 John 1:6 - 8, 19 - 28

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