



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

13<sup>th</sup> December 2020  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

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

## SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

Our theme for 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent is: **Joy**

9:30am	Worship for All	St Cassian's
9:30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
10:45am for 11:00am	Morning Worship	Online via Zoom
11:00am	Morning Worship	St Cecilia's
11:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
5:00pm	Christingle	St Mary's, Stone
6:30pm	Carols from Compassion UK	Online via YouTube

To "attend" the online service, or receive the order of service, please send an email to [parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk](mailto:parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk) by 6:00pm on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

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

**Tel:** 0203 481 5237 (standard rate) **Meeting ID:** 441 906 9894 **Password:** 150572

**iPhone** users one tap mobile number: +442034815237,,4419069894#,,,,,0#,,150572#

**A children's resource pack** is available on request from [helengrist@gmx.co.uk](mailto:helengrist@gmx.co.uk)

### Readings

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

### Collect

God for whom we watch and wait,  
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of  
your Son: give us courage to speak the truth,  
to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause  
of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Compassion UK Carol Service

an hour-long programme packed with  
musical performances from Graham  
Kendrick, Hillsong London, and many  
more. Available on our [YouTube Channel](#)  
from **6:30pm on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December**  
so that we can all watch as a parish.  
For information about the Parish Child  
Sponsorship Scheme please contact  
Karen Morton via the parish office.

### Parish of Kidderminster East Carol Service

Recorded live at St George's Church,  
Radford Avenue, last Thursday and  
professionally edited for your enjoyment.  
This service of Carols and Readings will  
be available on multiple channels:  
[YouTube](#), [Facebook](#) and via the [website](#),  
from **6:30pm on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December**  
so that we can all watch as a parish.

## A Journey into Christmas with Kidderminster East



As we approach one of the greatest events in the Christian calendar, Revd David Hildred and Revd Robert Legge provide further insight into the mystery of the incarnation.

Tune in to nightly videos each evening during the week leading up to Christmas, **18<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> December** via our [YouTube channel](#).



## Kidderminster East Parish - online Christingle

Join with church members from across the Parish, as we meet online on **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December @ 4:30pm** including **Make your own Christingle**, with instructions. Whether you are a regular on Zoom, or a newcomer for this service, **you are very welcome**. **Pre-registration is essential**, please email [office@kidderminstereast.org.uk](mailto:office@kidderminstereast.org.uk) with '**KEP-online Christingle**' as the subject of the email. Please let us know **how many people** will be attending in your household as we will be sending out your '**Make-a-Christingle at home**' Kit. If you require these, **please include your address in the email** so they can be dropped off to you in the run up to the service. **Closing date for registration is TODAY - Sunday 13th December** - after that, we cannot guarantee that you will receive our Christingle kit, although you will still be able to request a link for the service.



## Kidderminster East Youth (KEY) Christmas Quiz

online via Zoom **\*\*TODAY\*\* Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December**, 6:00 - 7:30pm.

Final meeting of the year and also the final ever meeting for leaders **Peter & Sally**. Grace, Sam, Richard and the young people would like to thank them very much for their time and dedication to the group. New & old members of KEY are **very welcome**.

**Dates for next term:** 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> January, 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> February, 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> March  
Until further notice all meetings will be online via Zoom at 6:00pm. For **further info** on any of the above please contact Grace (07807 647279) or Sam (07837 930578).

## You are invited to our socially-distanced Christingle Cracker!

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**, 3-4pm at St George's Church, Radford Avenue, DY10 2ES. We will do a small number of Christmas crafts, including making a Christingle, and tell the Christmas story together. The event is aimed principally at **Primary School age** children. In order to keep to government guidelines, families will be seated at socially-distanced tables, where they must remain throughout the event. **Over 11s must wear face-masks throughout**. These guidelines restrict the number of people we can accommodate at this event, so we are operating a booking system. If you would like to come, please book a **free ticket** at:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/kidderminster-east-christmas-cracker-registration-81611352753>

The event is free, although there will be an opportunity to make a donation to The Children's Society. There will be some take-home bags to continue the celebration.



**Distribution of Parish Christmas Cards:** Many thanks to everyone who collected cards from St Cecilia's last Friday, most of which have since been delivered. All the remaining cards have now been distributed to each church. **Please consider taking a batch and delivering them ASAP** so that we can spread the Christmas message to all who need it this year and give recipients a chance to participate in the Advent Window initiative. Advice on safe door to door delivery is also available.

**Parish Online Quiz:** will finish on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec** and restart on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January**.

## Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd David Hildred for Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December

If a tree falls in a forest and there is no-one there to hear it, does it make a sound? This is the same sort of question as “Do I only need to be sorry for those sins where I have been caught?”, which is the same sort of question as “Does it matter what I do in private, so long as my public life is acceptable?” When Paul writes to the Thessalonians he says a big Yes to that last question. He reminds us that we are called to imitate Jesus with a life of purity that matches the outside with what is in the inside, and that we are offered the power of the Holy Spirit to make that a reality. It’s a high calling, but we have his massive resources to get there.

### **Daily Readings for week beginning Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December:**

**Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Dec** John 1:1 - 14                      **Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Dec** Isaiah 7:10 - 16

**Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Dec** Isaiah 9:6 - 7                      **Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Dec** Micah 5:1 - 3

**Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Dec** Luke 1:5 - 25                      **Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Dec** Luke 1:26 - 38

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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## **Parish Prayers Online via Zoom**

**Morning Prayer** services with your clergy at 8:00am Monday to Thursday & Saturday.

**Parish Prayer Meeting:** Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December, login from 7:20pm onwards for 7:30pm start, finishing by 8:00pm. Open to all in the parish.

**Contemplative Prayer:** Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December, 7:00pm; a 20-25 minute prayer meeting using the liturgy of the Northumbria Community. All welcome.

To join any of the above Prayers please email [parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk](mailto:parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk) requesting a copy of the link & password, **by 6pm on the day before the meeting.**

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Please continue to create and display **Advent Windows** 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](mailto:media@kidderminstereast.org.uk). Photos will be uploaded to our online platforms.

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

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**Bible reading group beginning early January.** A group of us will be reading the bible together **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday** afternoons from 1:30pm for about an hour. This will happen via Zoom. We plan to read *1 Thessalonians* in 6 sessions. If you would like to join us, please make contact via the parish office. *Hilary Hildred*

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**St Cassian’s Crib Service** will be **23<sup>rd</sup> December** at **4pm**. Details to follow next week

There will be a donation point at **St George’s** for anyone who would like to give to **Home Start’s Christmas toy appeal**. Toys should **not** be wrapped. *Jan Ferguson*

**KEMP Hospice Hamper Raffle** - please support **KEMP** by buying some raffle tickets: £1 each or 6 for £5!! Draw takes place **20<sup>th</sup> Dec**. To buy tickets please contact Robert & Katie Hudson on 01299 822434 or on [robertlfhudson@btinternet.com](mailto:robertlfhudson@btinternet.com). Many thanks

**Recently unemployed or need help finding work?** [Vestia Community Trust](#) is a local employment support agency that offers one to one coaching to help you find a job.

**Next week’s newsletter** is the last one before Christmas. The first newsletter of 2021 will be published on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January**. If you have any notices you would like included next week, please ensure they reach the parish office by **Tues 15<sup>th</sup> December**

## Requests for Prayer:

- For all those involved in helping others this Christmas, thinking especially of Foodbanks, the reverse Advent calendar, Christmas hampers, and so on.
- Thinking of those less fortunate than ourselves, those sleeping rough, or simply finding it difficult to make ends meet this Christmas.

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

## DIARY

Churches are open for services but be aware that Covid-19 restrictions continue to apply. Please follow all [guidelines](#) and stewarding instructions, remembering you will need to bring a face covering to attend services. If you cannot come to a church, please make use of the online service and other events, detailed below.

<b>Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	7:30pm	Clergy & Readers meeting	Online via Zoom
<b>Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	7:30pm	Parish Prayer	Online via Zoom
<b>Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	7:00pm	Contemplative Prayer	Online via Zoom
<b>Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	7:00pm	KEP Quiz Night	Online via Zoom
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	9:30am	Holy Communion	St Cassian's
	9:30am	Morning Worship	St Chad's
	11:00am	Holy Communion	St Cecilia's
	11:00am	Morning Worship	St George's
	11:00am	Holy Communion	St Mary's, Stone
	4:30pm	Christingle	Online via Zoom
	6:30pm	Silent Night service	St Cassian's
<b>Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec</b>	6:30pm	KEP Carol Service	Online via YouTube
	3:00pm	Christingle Cracker	St George's

**There will be a full listing of all Christmas services in next week's newsletter.** In the meantime, you can find details on the calendar on the [parish website](#).

**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 20<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

**READINGS:** 2 Samuel 7:1 - 11,16    Romans 16:25 - end    Luke 1:26 - 38

## SUNDAY 27<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

**READINGS:** Isaiah 61:10 - 62:3    Galatians 4:4 - 7    Luke 2:15 - 21

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