



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

20th December 2020

4th Sunday of Advent

A warm Christmas welcome to our services in churches and online

Our theme for 4th Sunday of Advent is: **LOVE**

COLLECT	SUNDAY 20 th DECEMBER	
Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord.	ST CASSIAN'S	
	9:30am	Holy Communion
	6:30pm	Silent Night Service
	ST CECILIA'S	
	11:00am	Holy Communion
	ST CHAD'S	
	9:30am	Morning Worship
	ST MARY'S, STONE	
	11:00am	Holy Communion
	ST GEORGE'S	
11:00am	Morning Worship	
ONLINE		
4:30pm	Christingle (via Zoom)	
6:30pm	Carol Service (via YouTube)	
To "attend" the online Christingle, or receive the order of service, please send an email to: parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk by 12:00 noon on Saturday 19th December . A children's resource pack is available on request from helengrist@gmx.co.uk		
If you have no internet, you can still join the Christingle service, (by phone) as follows: Tel: 0203 481 5240 (standard rate) Meeting ID: 831 6212 6107 Password: 337317 iPhone one tap mobile number: +442034815240,,83162126107 #,,,,,0#,,337317#		

Kidderminster East Parish - online Christingle

Join with church members from across the Parish, as we meet online **THIS SUNDAY 20th December @ 4:30pm** including **Make your own Christingle**, with instructions. It's not too late to register to attend but no more Christingle kits will be delivered. To be sent a link for the service.

Just email parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk by 12.00noon on **Saturday 19th December**, with 'KEP-online Christingle' as the subject of the email.



There's still a few days of Advent left at time of writing so there's still time 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. Photos will be uploaded to our online platforms. Thank you to everyone for taking part in this event.



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



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](#), on **Sunday 20th December**, from **6:30pm** so 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 & 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, **18th – 24th December** via the parish [YouTube channel](#).



You are invited to a socially distanced Christingle Cracker event!

Tuesday 22nd 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.



Online Crib Service from St Cassian's Church

Wednesday 23rd December 4.00pm

To join this service please email

parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk by 4:00pm on **Tuesday 22nd December** and you will be emailed a link

Reverse Advent Calendar

Many thanks to all of you who have taken part in this parish appeal.

Please deposit your food parcels in one of the churches by **Sunday 3rd January**.

If anyone is unable to get to a church when it is open, please let the parish office know and I will arrange for a collection. *Shirley Surridge*



Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd David Hildred for Friday 18th December

The miraculous conception of John the Baptist stirred hope in a world that hasn't heard from any prophet of God for 400 years. Did God still care? How much longer did they have to wait for the old prophecies of a Messiah to be fulfilled? It's no wonder that some were doubtful, including the father of this important child who would become to be known as John the Baptist, the herald of the Messiah. Others would slowly begin to piece together the old prophecies and the new events in their day. Can we appreciate afresh all that God was doing THEN and how it still has an impact upon our lives NOW?

David's Blogs for Friday 25th December and Friday 1st January will be published via Mailchimp at the relevant time and will also be made available on the parish website.

Daily Readings for week beginning Monday 21st December:

Mon 21st Dec	Luke 1:39 - 45	Tues 22nd Dec	Luke 1:46 - 56
Wed 23rd Dec	Luke 1:57 - 66	Thurs 24th Dec	Luke 1:67 - 80
Fri 25th Dec	Luke 2:1 - 7	Sat 26th Dec	Luke 2:8 - 20

Daily Readings for week beginning Monday 28th December:

Mon 28th Dec	Matthew 1:18 - 25	Tues 29th Dec	1 John 4:7 - 11
Wed 30th Dec	Galatians 4:1 - 7	Thurs 31st Dec	2 Corinthians 5:17
Fri 1st Jan	John 3:16	Sat 2nd Jan	Matthew 2:1 - 15

Daily Readings for week beginning Monday 4th January:

Mon 4th Jan	John 1:43 - end	Tues 5th Jan	John 2:1 - 12
Wed 6th Jan	John 2:13 - end	Thurs 7th Jan	1 John 3:1 - end
Fri 8th Jan	1 John 4:7 - end	Sat 9th Jan	1 John 5:1 - 12

There will be videos from David and Robert on the parish [YouTube channel](#) each Monday and Thursday, based on the above readings. Please take a look.

Parish Prayers Online via Zoom

Morning Prayer services with your clergy at 8:00am from Monday 21st December to Thursday 24th December, then breaking for Christmas and New Year and resuming Monday 4th January, daily except Friday & Sunday, as before.

Parish Prayer Meeting: Next meeting will be on Wednesday 6th January, login from 7:20pm onwards for 7:30pm start, finishing by 8:00pm. Open to all in the parish.

Contemplative Prayer: a 20 - 25 minute prayer meeting using the liturgy of the Northumbria Community. We are taking a break for Christmas and New Year so the next meeting will be Thursday 7th January, 7:00pm; All welcome.

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

Kidderminster East Youth (KEY)

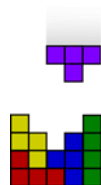
First Meeting of 2021 is on 3rd January, online at 6.00pm

Other dates for next term: 17th & 31st January,
14th & 28th February, 14th & 28th March

Until further notice all meetings will be online via Zoom at 6:00pm.

We always welcome new members (ages 11 to 18) so please get in touch.

For **further info** please contact Grace (07807 647279) or Sam (07837 930578).





Christmas Services around the Parish



Tues 22nd December 3:00pm Christingle Cracker at St George's *(need to book)*

Wed 23rd December 4:00pm Crib Service from St Cassian's online via Zoom

Christmas Eve 6:30pm Holy Communion at St Mary's, Stone
11:30pm Midnight Communion at St George's
choir singing from 11:00pm (also live streamed on [Facebook](#))

Christmas Day 9:30am Holy Communion at St Cassian's
9:30am Holy Communion at St Chad's
9:45am for 10:00am Morning Worship online via Zoom
10:30am Holy Communion at St George's
11:00am Holy Communion at St Cecilia's

To "attend" the online service, or receive the order of service, please send an email to parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk by **12:00noon on Thurs 24th December**.

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

Tel: 0203 051 2874 (standard rate) **Meeting ID:** 880 8093 8989 **Password:** 707234
iPhone users one tap mobile number: 442030512874,,88080938989#,,,,,0#,,707234#



COLLECT of Christmas Night

Eternal God, in the stillness of this night you sent your almighty Word to pierce the world's darkness with the light of salvation: give to the earth the peace that we long for and fill our hearts with the joy of heaven through our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

READINGS for Midnight

Isaiah 9:2 - 7 Titus 2:11 - 14
Luke 2:1 - 14

COLLECT of Christmas Day

Lord Jesus Christ,
your birth at Bethlehem
draws us to kneel in wonder
at heaven touching earth:
accept our heartfelt praise
as we worship you,
our Saviour and our eternal God.

READINGS for Christmas Day

Isaiah 62:6 - end Titus 3:4 - 7
Luke 2:8 - 20



*A warm welcome is extended to everyone attending services
in the Parish over Christmas and in the New Year.*

*Wishing everyone in the Parish a very Happy,
Peaceful Christmas and a Blessed 2021.*

From David, Robert and all the Parish Team.

SUNDAY 27th DECEMBER - 1st Sunday of Christmas

There is one **Parish United Service** in Church today and our usual **Online Service via Zoom** this Sunday.



11:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
11:00am	Morning Worship	Online via Zoom

To "attend" the online service, or receive the order of service, please send an email to parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk by **12:00noon on Saturday 26th 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:** 823 9857 0993 **Password:** 628275
iPhone users one tap mobile number: +442034815237,,82398570993#,,,,,0#,,628275#

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

COLLECT

God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love:
gather the nations to be one family, and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ.

READINGS

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

☞ ✚ ❄️ 🔔 📖 🙏 ⚡ Ω HAPPY NEW YEAR Ω ☆ 🙏 🕊️ ✚ ⌚ ✚ ☞

SUNDAY 3rd JANUARY– Epiphany

Please see below for all services this Sunday both in **Church** and **Online**

9:30am	Holy Communion	St Cassian's
9:30am	Morning Worship	St Chad's
11:00am	Morning Worship	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
6:00pm	K.E.Youth	Online via Zoom



To "attend" the online service, or receive the order of service, please send an email to parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk by **12:00noon on Saturday 2nd January**.

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

Tel: 0203 481 5240 (standard rate) **Meeting ID:** 868 7095 7452 **Password:** 192175
iPhone users one tap mobile number: +442034815240,,86870957452#,,,,,0#,,192175#

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

COLLECT

Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child:
guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord.

READINGS

Isaiah 60:1 - 6
Ephesians 3:1 - 12
Matthew 2:1 - 12

If all these services aren't enough, you can find more on the **Church of England's** website using the link below.

[Church of England - Comfort and Joy at Christmas](#)

Just scroll down the page for National online services streaming dates

Services will be broadcast on the C of E [YouTube channel](#) and [Facebook page](#) and are also available on the [Weekly online services](#) page.

Parish Compassion Child Sponsorship Scheme

Thank you to everyone who has supported the 9 children we sponsor as a parish, via **Compassion UK**, over the past year and to all the letter-writers for your continuing help. Thank you, too, for your interest in the "**Carols with Compassion**" recording, which is [still available to view](#) on the parish YouTube channel if you missed it. Further to previous notices, Karen is delighted to report that she is working with 3 kind individuals, who have offered to take over the Co-ordinator role. We are currently working on a handover and the new team will be in touch with all our supporters and letter-writers soon. Happy Christmas and God Bless you all in 2021. *Karen Morton*



Bible reading group beginning early January

A group of us will be reading the Bible together **1st and 3rd 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*

Kidderminster East Online Quiz Night

Our last Quiz before the Christmas break is Friday **18th December**. We will restart in the New Year on Friday **8th January**. 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, **online via Zoom**, in time for a 7pm start. Interval at 8pm and finish around 9:15pm. Please email parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk to receive a link to join us.



Requests for Prayer

- For all the Christmas services across the parish, for everyone leading, preaching and providing support in various ways and for all those thinking of attending, that they will encounter Jesus in a new and different way.
- For all those working over the Christmas and New Year Holidays, especially NHS workers, carers, the emergency services and all key workers.
- 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 for more details.*

Distribution of Parish Christmas Cards



Many thanks to everyone who distributed parish Christmas cards. With so many people feeling isolated this year it was even more important that we took the message of Christmas to everyone in the parish. If there are any cards left in church **please consider delivering them ASAP**. Advice on safe door to door delivery is also available.

Diocesan News

The Consultation on the **Simplification of Deaneries** is now complete and will take effect on **1st February**. You can [read the full report](#) and learn about the structure of the new Deaneries on the Worcester Diocesan website.

The **Revd Alison Maddocks** has been appointed the new **Dean of Smaller Churches**. Alison will work specifically with those churches which have fewer members, helping them to grow in confidence and in numbers as they discern how best they can serve their communities over the coming years.

Other News

[Week of Prayer for Christian Unity](#) 18th - 25th January 2021: This year's theme is "**Abiding in Christ**". With restrictions still in place it is unlikely that we will be able to get together with friends from Churches Together in Kidderminster. We will still mark the **Week** in KEP with special emphasis on the theme of Christian Unity during our own services, including Morning Prayer and Contemplative Prayer. For those who wish to find out more please see the website of the [Churches Together in Britain and Ireland](#).

Daily Hope: Bringing Comfort and Joy to those Isolated & Lonely: 0800 804 8044

The Daily Hope line was launched in April in response to the Coronavirus pandemic, offering inspiration and hope to the elderly and isolated, who do not have access to the internet. The phone line has received more than 325,000 calls so far. For Christmas there is a wonderful range of festive content including Bible readings and Christmas Carols available on the line. To find more about **Daily Hopeline** you can [visit here](#).

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.

PLEASE NOTE: The first **newsletter** of 2021 will be published on **Friday 8th January**. Notices should reach the parish office by the end of **Tuesday 5th January**.

The **Parish Office** will close on **24th December** and **reopen on Monday 4th January**. Following government guidelines staff have been working from home most of the year so thank you for bearing with us if we sometimes take a bit longer to get back to you. Phone and email messages are still checked every day. The office staff would like to thank you all for your help this difficult year, especially those who have spent many voluntary hours oiling the wheels of our increasingly digital parish.

We wish you all a Happy and Holy Christmas and a peaceful New Year

More Church Services for You in the New Year

Sunday Evening Services are returning at St George's, starting with **Evening Prayer** at 6:30pm on **10th** and **24th January**.

Midweek Services will also return in January with **Holy Communion** on Wednesday **13th January** at St Cassian's and **27th January** at St George's, both at 10:00am.

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.

For events during **Christmas week 21st to 26th December** see **page 4**

For events during the week **27th December to 3rd January** see **page 5**

Wed 6th Jan	7:30pm	Parish Prayer	Online via Zoom
Thurs 7th Jan	7:00pm	Contemplative Prayer	Online via Zoom
Fri 8th Jan	7:00pm	KEP Quiz Night	Online via Zoom
Sunday 10th Jan	9:30am	Worship for All	St Cassian's
	9:30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
	11:00am	Morning Worship	Online via Zoom
	11:00am	Morning Worship	St Cecilia's
	11:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	11:00am	Holy Communion	St Mary's, Stone
	6:30pm	Evening Prayer	St George's
Wed 13th Jan	10:00am	Holy Communion	St Cassian's
Thurs 14th Jan	7:00pm	Contemplative Prayer	Online via Zoom
Fri 15th Jan	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 10th JANUARY - Baptism of Christ

READINGS: Genesis 1:1 - 5 Acts 19:1 - 7 Mark 1:4 - 11

SUNDAY 17th JANUARY

READINGS: 1 Samuel 3:1 - 10 Revelation 5:1 - 10 John 1:43 - end

CONTACT US

PARISH OFFICE office@kidderminstereast.org.uk 01562 822131

TEAM RECTOR – David Hildred 01562 743895 / 07906 156239

TEAM VICAR – Robert Legge 01562 827214 / 07854 252329

www.kidderminstereast.org.uk

d.hildred@kidderminstereast.org.uk

r.j.legge@kidderminstereast.org.uk

Find us also on **Facebook** – “Parish of Kidderminster East” and on **Twitter** - @parishofke