



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

6<sup>th</sup> December 2020  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

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

## SUNDAY 6<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

Today we are pleased to **re-open our churches** after lockdown. Covid restrictions still apply inside and outside church buildings. Please bring face coverings, observe social distancing, leave contact details for Test & Trace or use the QR Code with your smart phone and follow all stewarding requests while in church. We will also continue the 11:00am online Sunday service for those who are unable to come to church.

Our theme for 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent is: **Light**

9:30am	Holy Communion	St Cassian's
9:30am	Morning Worship	St Chad's
10:45am for 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

To "attend" the online service, or receive the order of service, please send an email to [parishcomms@kiddminstereast.org.uk](mailto:parishcomms@kiddminstereast.org.uk) by **6:00pm on Saturday 5<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:** 852 0997 8928 **Password:** 902060

**iPhone** users one tap mobile number: +442034815237,,85209978928#,,,0#,,902060#

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

### Readings

Isaiah 40:1 – 11

2 Peter 3:8 - 15a

Mark 1:1 - 8

### Collect

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God.

### Re-opening our churches from this weekend

[Government guidelines](#) now allow places of worship to open again. We must still follow legislation under Tier II regulations plus additional guidelines to minimise the spread of the virus during services. We are looking forward to being together, in Church, once again and we will seek to focus our attention in each service on the Lord. The 11:00am Online service will also continue, via Zoom. *DH & RL*



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](mailto: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.

## 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 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.



## 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 [robertlhudson@btinternet.com](mailto:robertlhudson@btinternet.com). Many thanks.



## 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.

## Reverse Advent Calendar – An Advent Parish Appeal

It's **not too late** to get involved with the parish **Reverse Advent Calendar Appeal**. Posters are now available via the [Parish Website](#) and other parish media along with an explanatory note from organiser Shirley Surridge. Just put aside suitable **items of food** each day in a box. After Christmas, these boxes will be collected and donated to a **local foodbank of your choice**. Thank you for helping those in need this Christmas.

## Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd David Hildred for Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December

As we read to the end of the book of Revelation we can in many ways breathe a sigh of relief: we have made it to the end, and we are looking for that blessing for those who read the words of this prophecy. But more than this, we see that we can make it safely to The End because Jesus is the one who wins in the end, and we can share in that victory if we have ‘nailed our colours to his mast’ – to his cross. Sit back and enjoy these final chapters and their descriptions of all that lies ahead for those who follow Jesus – and then sit forward, remembering that we are not meant simply to hold onto this good news for ourselves, but are to hold it out to others.

### **Daily Readings for week beginning Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December:**

<b>Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	1 Thessalonians 1:1-end	<b>Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	1 Thessalonians 2:1-12
<b>Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	1 Thessalonians 2:13-end	<b>Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	1 Thessalonians 3:1-end
<b>Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	1 Thessalonians 4:1-12	<b>Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	1 Thessalonians 4:13-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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**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. **Thank you** to everyone who collected batches of cards from St Cecilia's Church on Friday. The remaining batches have now been distributed to each church. **Please consider taking some and delivering them ASAP** so that recipients can participate in the Advent Window initiative. Advice on how to deliver safely, door to door, is available. 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. *Parish team*

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### **Parish Prayers Online via Zoom**

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

**Contemplative Prayer:** Thursday **10<sup>th</sup> December**, 7:00pm; a 20-25 minute prayer meeting using the liturgy of the Northumbria Community. All welcome.

**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.

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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**Compassion UK Carol Service:** an hour-long programme packed with musical performances from Graham Kendrick, Hillsong London, the London Community Gospel Choir and many more, plus songs and Bible readings from around the world. We will make this service available on our [YouTube Channel](#) from 6:30pm on **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December** so that we can all watch as a parish. **Please Note** we are also recording our own Parish Carol Service at St George's which will be broadcast on **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec.**

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*

**Kidderminster East Youth (KEY) Christmas Quiz** online via Zoom on **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December**, 6:00 - 7:30pm. Final meeting of the year and 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 and old members of KEY are **welcome** to join us. Drop Grace a message on 07807 647279 for details.

## Requests for Prayer:

- For all those involved in the preparation of parish events this Christmas, one that will be like no other we have experienced.
- that we may be able to reach out this Christmas to all those affected by the events of the past 9 months and remind them of the love of Jesus who comes to save us.

*Would you like to be included in the Parish Newsletter for prayer?*

*Please contact the Parish Office and let us know*

## DIARY

We are pleased to be able to reopen our churches this week. However, please be aware that Covid-19 restrictions continue to apply. If you cannot come to a church, please make use of the online service and other events, detailed below.

<b>Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	7:30pm	Homegroup Leaders	Online via Zoom
<b>Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	7:00pm	Contemplative Prayer	Online via Zoom
<b>Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	7:00pm	KEP Quiz Night	Online via Zoom
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	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
	5:00pm	Christingle	St Mary's, Stone
	6:00pm	KEY Christmas Quiz	Online via Zoom
	6:30pm	Compassion UK Carols	Online via YouTube
<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

**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 13<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

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

## SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

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

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