



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

17th January 2021

2nd Sunday of Epiphany

Our buildings are closed but our Church is still open

SUNDAY 17th JANUARY

Churches in the parish remain closed for all services except funerals, in support of the national lockdown. You are invited, instead, to join together at one of the live Sunday online services. Details are below:

11:00am	Service with Bread & Wine	Online via Zoom
6:30pm	Evening Prayer	Online via Zoom

To "attend" the online service, and receive the order of service, please send an email to parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk by **12:00noon on Saturday 16th January**. You will be sent a link to join the service. Those of you who have previously attended will automatically receive an invitation. If you have no internet, you can still join in on your phone (audio only), as follows:

11:00am Bread & Wine

Tel: 0203 481 5240 (standard rate)

Meeting ID: 860 7266 2212

Password: 557958

6:30pm Evening Prayer

Tel: 0203 051 2874 (standard rate)

Meeting ID: 441 906 9894

Password: 150572

iPhone users one tap mobile number:

+442034815240,,86072662212#,,,,,0#,,557958#

iPhone users one tap mobile number:

+442030512874,,4419069894#,,,,*150572#

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

READINGS

1 Samuel 3:1 - 10

Revelation 5:1 - 10

John 1:43 - end

COLLECT

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole creation to your glory,
hidden through past ages and made known
in Jesus Christ our Lord.



Kidderminster East Youth (KEY)

Sunday 17th January, 6.00pm online via Zoom.

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

WELCOMING RESPONSES QUESTIONNAIRE

It might seem strange to be talking about welcoming in the context of our buildings being closed once again due to the pandemic, however it is obvious that during this time people have been looking afresh at the claims of Christian faith and we can be fairly sure that once we are back to some sort of normality there may be people wishing to come to church perhaps for the first time.

This is especially true of families who wish to have Baptisms/Christenings or Thanksgivings for the birth of a child services. In the light of this the question as to how we welcome people into our churches, is vitally important to address this right now so that we can be ready.

With this in mind, we would appreciate it if you could fill in a short questionnaire, which you can download from our website at

<http://kidderminstereast.org.uk/welcoming-responses-questionnaire/>

and return it to us at the Parish Office, St Cecilia's Church, 164, Hoo Road, Kidderminster, DY10 1LP or email: office@kidderminstereast.org.uk by **Wednesday 20th January**. We can then start looking at new and fresh ways to welcome people back into our community. Thank you for your input and suggestions. *David & Robert*

Bible Reading Group



A new group that meets every **1st and 3rd Tuesday** of the month, from 1:30pm for about an hour, **online via Zoom**.

In January we are reading *1 Thessalonians*. Please join us by contacting the parish office, office@kidderminstereast.org.uk or call 01562 822131. *Hilary Hildred*

What did we do in 2020?

Was 2020 really a year to forget? Perhaps it wasn't all bad. Kate Charles-Dalloway, our wonderful media guru, has compiled a great [summary of 2020](#) from the point of view of Kidderminster East Parish, in both words and pictures.

Can you remember what you were doing this time last year? Tea Dance, anyone? Take a look for a quick reminder!

Notice of Faculty application at St. Chad's Church Hall

A Faculty has been applied for to replace the windows and corrugated cladding on the NW wall of St. Chad's Church Hall.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the normal process of displaying the information for a Faculty application is not possible, but all the relevant documents and plans can be viewed online at:-

<https://facultyonline.churchofengland.org/public-notices>

(Sort & Filter by Church; enter 'Kidderminster' then Refresh)

If you wish to object to any of the works or proposals you should send a letter or email stating the grounds of your objection to the Diocesan Registrar at:-

8, Sansome Walk, Worcester, WR1 1LW. worcesterregistry@smesolicitors.co.uk

so that it reaches the registrar not later than **14th February 2021**. A letter or objection must include your name and address and state whether you live in the parish and/or your name is entered on the parish electoral roll or any other basis on which you have an interest in the matter.

Any questions re. the Faculty request – please contact David Underhill 01562 630560

Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd David Hildred for Friday 15th January

Paul writes to the Corinthians in this section with a somewhat sarcastic tone: “you are so rich, like kings, so wise, so strong, so honoured”. It seems they have been listening to other teachers who told them those are the results to expect when becoming Christians. Paul urges them to consider again how he and his team came to them and worked and lived amongst them. Growing up as a Christian means we evaluate what we hear rather than just take on every new fad and teaching emphasis. And also in this section we are reminded that the call of Jesus to be forgiven is the call also to live a holy life – from that moment on. What new teachings are tempting us?

Daily Readings for week beginning **Monday 18th January:**

Mon 18th Jan	1 Corinthians 6:1 - 11	Tues 19th Jan	1 Corinthians 6:12 - end
Wed 20th Jan	1 Corinthians 7:1 - 24	Thurs 21st Jan	1 Corinthians 7:25 - end
Fri 22nd Jan	1 Corinthians 8:1 - end	Sat 23rd Jan	1 Corinthians 9:1 - 14

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.

[Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18th - 25th January 2021](#)

This year's prayer has been prepared by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland. The chosen theme, “***Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit***”, is based on John 15:1-17 and expresses the Grandchamp Community's vocation to prayer, reconciliation and unity. Abiding in Christ is an inner attitude that takes root in us over time. The sisters of Grandchamp invite churches to enter into their tradition of prayer and silence, remembering that prayer and everyday life are not two separate realities but are meant to be united. All that we experience is meant to become an encounter with God. We will mark the **Week** in KEP with special emphasis on the theme of Christian Unity during our services, including Morning Prayer & Contemplative Prayer. To learn more please visit the [Churches Together in Britain and Ireland](#) website

Parish Prayers Online via Zoom

Morning Prayer services with your clergy at **8:00am** daily **except** Friday and Sunday

Parish Prayer Meeting: Next meeting will be on Wednesday **20th 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. Every Thursday evening at **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**.

Diocesan News

Read a [message from Bishop John](#) about the latest Lockdown on the Diocesan website.

The latest in the **Called to Action** series from the Diocesan Environmental group looks at the website [Creation Care](#), which helps households monitor how they care for God's world in a similar way to [Eco Church](#).

Job Vacancy: [Stewardship & Resources Officer](#), circa £35K, deadline 27th January.

Are you missing your regular fix of church music and hymns? [Clainesong](#), from All Saint's Worcester, have created a new YouTube channel with old and new songs for your enjoyment. Definitely worth a look.

Requests for Prayer.

 Please pray for -

- The families of those who lost their lives in the Indonesian plane crash.
- All those involved in the roll out of the Covid-19 vaccine.
- Everyone in the parish who is unwell, especially those waiting for hospital treatment
- The situation in the USA; may the inauguration of President Biden be peaceful.

*Would you like to be included in the Parish Newsletter for prayer?
Please contact the Parish Office for more details.*

DIARY

Churches are now closed for all services except funerals to support the National Lockdown. Please attend the online services either by requesting a link or using the audio dial-in service. Parish homegroups meet on the week beginning **25th January**. Other parish events are detailed below.

Mon 18th Jan	7:30pm	Standing Committee	Online via Zoom
Wed 20th Jan	7:30pm	Parish Prayer	Online via Zoom
Thurs 21st Jan	7:00pm	Contemplative Prayer	Online via Zoom
Friday 22nd Jan	7:00pm	KEP Quiz Night	Online via Zoom
Sun 24th Jan	11:00am	Morning Worship	Online via Zoom
	6:30pm	Service with Bread & Wine	Online via Zoom
Mon 25th Jan	7:30pm	St George's DCC (also 1 st Feb)	Online via Zoom
Tues 26th Jan	7:45pm	St Cecilia's DCC	Online via Zoom
Thurs 28th Jan	7:00pm	Contemplative Prayer	Online via Zoom
Friday 29th Jan	7:00pm	KEP Quiz Night	Online via Zoom
Sun 31st Jan	11:00am	Morning Worship	Online via Zoom
	6:00pm	KE Youth	Online via Zoom
	6:30pm	Evening Prayer	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 24th JANUARY

READINGS: Genesis 14:17 - 20 Revelation 19:6 - 10 John 2:1 - 11

SUNDAY 31st JANUARY - Presentation of Christ in the Temple

READINGS: Malachi 3:1 - 5 Hebrews 2:14 - end Luke 2:22 - 40

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