

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

24th January 2021

3rd Sunday of Epiphany

Our buildings are closed but our Church is still open

SUNDAY 24th 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 Morning Worship Online via Zoom

6:30pm Service with Bread & Wine Online via Zoom

To "attend" the online service, and/or receive the order of service, please send an email to parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk by **12:00noon on Saturday 23rd January**. If you cannot attend the service you can still request an order of service to read, pray and celebrate in communion with the rest of the parish.

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

11:00am Morning Worship

6:30pm Bread & Wine

Tel: 0203 051 2874 (standard rate)

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Meeting ID: 886 1805 9279

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

READINGS

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

COLLECT

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord.

What did we do in 2020? You can read a great [summary of 2020](#) listing what we did in Kidderminster East, in both words and pictures. Take a look for a quick reminder!

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR CLERGY - ONGOING CLOSURE OF CHURCHES

Firstly, this message assures you all of our continuing prayers for the parish and our world as we continue to come to terms with the COVID 19 pandemic.

The Parish Standing Committee met on 18th January and together we made the difficult but ultimately necessary decision to keep all churches in the parish closed **until the end of February**. We emphasise that we do not take any church closures lightly or willingly and will review the situation in mid-February to decide about services in March.

We know that for many people this will be disappointing; we strongly want to get back to our buildings and worship face-to-face. However, with the pandemic still present in such a virulent form we felt that this was the only course of action open to us in order to keep both our worshippers and the wider community as safe as possible.

Meanwhile as it says on the banner on the front page of this newsletter, **“Our buildings are closed but our church is still open!”** We encourage you to take carefully note of all the online resources mentioned in this newsletter and make as much use of them as possible so that we may continue to worship God as a parish community and family.

Please also consider how you can keep in touch with those who don't have access to online material or are not confident in using such.

In the knowledge that God is with us all at this difficult time.

Robert and David Tuesday 19th January 2021

A Prayer for Putting on a Facemask

Creator God, as I prepare to go into the world, help me to see the sacramental nature of the wearing of this cloth. Let it be a tangible and visible way of living love for my neighbours, as I love myself.



Christ Jesus, since my lips will be covered, uncover my heart, that people would see my smile in the crinkles around my eyes. Since my voice may be muffled, help me to speak clearly, not only with my words, but with my actions.

Holy Spirit, as the elastic touches my ears, remind me to listen carefully and caringly to all those I meet. May this simple piece of cloth be shield and banner, and may each breath that it holds, be filled with Your love. In your name and in that love, I pray, Amen

Revd Richard Bott, Moderator, Presbyterian Church of Canada

Parish Prayer

Please note that dates for the online Parish Prayer meetings will be different over the next couple of months.

Dates: (Wednesdays)

3rd February,

3rd March,

31st March,

14th April

This will free up time for other initiatives during Lent (watch this space!)

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 **3rd February**, login from 7:20pm onwards for **7:30pm** start, finishing by 8:00pm. Open to all in the parish. Please note the **revised dates** for Parish Prayer during Lent (see separate notice).

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@kiddermistereast.org.uk requesting a copy of the link & password, **by 6pm on the day before the meeting.**

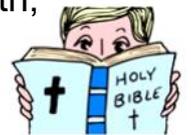
Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd David Hildred for Friday 22nd January

In this letter we are hearing one side of a conversation where Paul is answering some things that have been said to him or that he has noticed in Corinth. One of them was that people were being told that nothing in the way that we live can harm us because we have ultimate spiritual power in Jesus to defeat it. Paul says, "Yes, but...". He wants them to live together as a united church and that means being aware of how younger or weaker believers might stumble because of our bravado. He urges them, and us, to be thoughtful for how our lifestyle impacts others. Are we helping others to live a holy life for Jesus? **Daily Readings** for week beginning **Monday 25th January:**

Mon 25th Jan Acts 9:1-22 *Conversion of Paul* **Tues 26th Jan** 1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Wed 27th Jan 1 Corinthians 10:14 – 11:1 **Thurs 28th Jan** 1 Corinthians 11:2-16
Fri 29th Jan 1 Corinthians 11:17-end **Sat 30th Jan** 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

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.

Bible Reading Group: We meet every **1st and 3rd Tuesday** of the month, from 1:30pm for about an hour, **online via Zoom**. Currently we're reading *1 Thessalonians*. Please join us by contacting the parish office, office@kidderminstereast.org.uk or call 01562 822131. *Hilary Hildred*



Kidderminster East Youth (KEY)

Next Meeting : 31st January, 6.00pm

We meet fortnightly on Sunday evenings. Currently all meetings are **online via Zoom**. New members always welcome (ages 11 to 18) so please get in touch. For **further info** please contact Grace (07807 647279) or Sam (07837 930578).

Kidderminster East Online Quiz Night:

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. Come and be part of this community. Doors open, **online via Zoom**, in time for a 7pm start. Interval at 8pm and finish around 9:15pm. Just email: parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk to receive a link to join us.

A prayer for all those affected by coronavirus



Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support the anxious,
be with those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may find comfort
knowing that nothing can
separate us from your love.
In Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

Car to a Good home

Parishioner Richard Baker writes: "*I've changed cars and I now have one car too many. £100 to good home. It runs and is MOT'd til April . It would pass another MOT.*"

If anyone is interested please contact the parish office.

Diocesan News

Prayer Diary for February is now available on the [Diocesan website](#)

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

To replace the windows and corrugated cladding on the NW wall.
For full details and information on how to object please visit <http://kidderminstereast.org.uk/faculty-application-notice-at-st-chads/>
You can also contact: David Underhill 01562 630560

Requests for Prayer. Please pray for -

- The rapid distribution of vaccines for the elderly and vulnerable; for NHS staff, volunteers and all those who help to administer it.
- Christian unity, as we come to the end of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- Urgent action on the issue of climate change, by governments around the world.

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

DIARY

Churches remain 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 **Home Groups** will meet this week (**25th January**) online via Zoom. Other parish events and meetings are detailed below.

Mon 25th Jan	7:30pm	St George's DCC (pt 1)	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
Sunday 31st Jan	11:00am	Morning Worship	Online via Zoom
	6:00pm	KE Youth	Online via Zoom
	6:30pm	Evening Prayer	Online via Zoom
Mon 1st Feb	7:30pm	St George's DCC (pt 2)	Online via Zoom
	7:45pm	St Chad's DCC	Online via Zoom
Tues 2nd Feb	7:00pm	St Cassian's DCC	Online via Zoom
Wed 3rd Feb	7:30pm	Parish Prayer	Online via Zoom
Thurs 4th Feb	7:00pm	Contemplative Prayer	Online via Zoom
Friday 5th Feb	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 31st JANUARY - Presentation of Christ in the Temple

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

SUNDAY 7th FEBRUARY

READINGS: Proverbs 8:1, 22 - 31 Colossians 1:15 - 20 John 1:1 - 14

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