



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

31<sup>st</sup> January 2021

## Presentation of Christ in the Temple

*Our buildings are closed but our Church is still open*

### SUNDAY 31<sup>st</sup> 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 Evening Prayer**

**Online via Zoom**

To attend the online service, and/or receive the order of service, please send an email to [parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk](mailto:parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk) by **12:00noon on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> 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 Morning Worship**

**6:30pm Evening Prayer**

**Tel:** 0203 481 5240 (standard rate)

**Tel:** 0203 051 2874 (standard rate)

**Meeting ID:** 831 4984 1062

**Meeting ID:** 441 906 9894

**Password:** 157027

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

#### READINGS

Malachi 3:1 - 5

Hebrews 2:14 - end

Luke 2:22 - 40

#### COLLECT

Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel: make your home among us, and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God.

#### Kidderminster East Youth (KEY)

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January, 6.00pm online via Zoom.



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

## Lent Course 2021: What is the Bible?

During this Lent season, as we will most likely still be in lockdown, we will be providing various online materials for study. One of the things we are putting together, as a parish, is a five session course on the Bible. The Course will be covering the following topics:

- Session 1. Why Bother? Why should we read the Bible anyway?
- Session 2. An overview of the Bible, its different themes and genre.
- Session 3. God speaks to us in revelation of himself.
- Session 4. God speaks to us in relationship.
- Session 5. So what? How do we get the most from the Bible?

These courses will be available mainly via home groups. However, if you are not a member of any home group you can still access the materials and go through them either yourself, or with your family, or with other friends.

And for those who'd prefer to do something together on their own (!) - rather than only thinking about what to give up for Lent, how about taking on something for Lent? On our website there is a reading plan to enable us to read through the letter to the Hebrews during this season. Why not add this to your usual Bible readings? Or, equally, you might like to make use of the booklet of prayers from a selection of pray-ers; one each day in the season.

Please download all these resource materials from the website, or contact the Office to be posted a hard copy: [office@kidderminstereast.org.uk](mailto:office@kidderminstereast.org.uk) tel. 01562 822131

### Parish Prayer

Dates for the online Parish Prayer meetings will be different over the next

couple of months. **Dates:**  
(Weds) **3<sup>rd</sup> Feb, 3<sup>rd</sup> March,**  
**31<sup>st</sup> March, 14<sup>th</sup> April**

### Deanery News

From Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February the structure of the Diocese is changing. The number of deaneries will be reduced.

For us here, two deaneries are brought together to make the **new deanery** of "Kidderminster & Stourport". The former Rural Dean of Kidderminster **Tim Williams** becomes the Area Dean of Kidderminster & Stourport.

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

To replace windows & 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/](http://kidderminstereast.org.uk/faculty-application-notice-at-st-chads/)

You can also contact: David Underhill 01562 630560

### Newsletter dates:

Next newsletter (7<sup>th</sup> Feb) will cover 2 weeks. For notices of events up to Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February please submit by Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February.

### 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 **3<sup>rd</sup> 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@kidderminstereast.org.uk](mailto:parishcomms@kidderminstereast.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 29<sup>th</sup> January

Paul writes to the Corinthians about how they behave with each other when it comes to the Lord's Supper, which in our context we would understand as the service of Holy Communion. He wasn't happy; he had to point out to them how this part of their life together was far more than just a religious picnic, where it might be unfortunate if all the salmon sandwiches had gone leaving something less attractive for those later in the queue. He draws us back to focusing on Jesus, on the cross, on the transformation it works in our lives, and how the meal is a proclamation of how vital the cross is between now and when Jesus returns: so much more than a picnic!

### Daily Readings for week beginning Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February:

**Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Feb** 1 Corinthians 12:12 - end

**Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb** 1 Corinthians 13:1 - end

**Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb** 1 Corinthians 14:1 - 9

**Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> Feb** 1 Corinthians 14:10 - end

**Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Feb** 1 Corinthians 16:1 - 9

**Sat 6<sup>th</sup> Feb** 1 Corinthians 16:10 - end

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.

### Staying safe Online

We still get people asking "is it safe to join the online service?" As a rule you should not click on any link in an email from an **unknown source**, however, **our links are safe to use**. We have security in place, so they do not pose any threat or contain any viruses. If it comes from us, **yes it's safe**.

### Parish Prayerlink

Prayer requests can be emailed to: [prayerlink@kidderminstereast.org.uk](mailto:prayerlink@kidderminstereast.org.uk). Our praying friends across the whole parish are happy to pray for you. Alternately, Glenn & Anne Scott can take requests for prayer. Phone 01562 822690 or email on [glennscott@mac.com](mailto:glennscott@mac.com). The relevant Prayer Ministry Team will pray for you.

### Diocesan News



The Church of England's Lent resources theme for 2021 is entitled [#LiveLent: God's Story, Our Story](#). It is based on the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent book for 2021, [Living His Story by Hannah Steele](#). Both the book and the accompanying daily reflections encourage all Christians to think about their calling, how to share their faith and reflect on the difference Christ makes in our lives.

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

**Virtual Diocesan Passion Play:** If you are interested in participating in this exciting online project for Palm Sunday please [get in touch with James](#) to express an interest.

There are a range of roles available, speaking and non-speaking, big and small.

Please utilise the Diocese's **Training and Events**. The diary can be accessed [here](#).

**Requests for Prayer.** Please pray for -

- The parish Communications Group and Costs Review Group who meet next week
- That we may soon be able to open our churches again, safely, and for everyone in the parish who is involved in planning for this.
- As we mourn 100,000 Covid deaths we remember those who have lost loved ones.

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

*Please contact the Parish Office for more details.*

In this time of pandemic it is easy to forget that other problems in the world haven't gone away. **The Bible Society** report horrific attacks in Cameroon on their workers and villagers by Boko Haram terrorists. You can [read the latest report](#) on the aftermath and how they continue supporting local villagers on the [www.biblesociety.org.uk](http://www.biblesociety.org.uk) website.

## DIARY

Churches will remain closed until at least the end of February for all services except funerals to support the National Lockdown. Please make good use of all the online services provided across the parish. There will be an additional Sunday service on **14th February** (see below) courtesy of the St Cassian's team. To attend the online services either request a link or use the audio dial-in service. Parish **homegroups** next meet on the week beginning **8th February**. Other parish events are detailed below.

<b>Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Feb</b>	7:30pm	St George's DCC (pt 2)	Online via Zoom
	7:45pm	St Chad's DCC	Online via Zoom
<b>Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb</b>	7:00pm	St Cassian's DCC	Online via Zoom
<b>Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb</b>	7:30pm	Parish Prayer	Online via Zoom
<b>Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	7:00pm	Contemplative Prayer	Online via Zoom
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	7:00pm	KEP Quiz Night	Online via Zoom
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	11:00am	Morning Worship	Online via Zoom
	6:30pm	Evening Prayer	Online via Zoom
<b>Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	7:30pm	St Mary's Stone DCC	Online via Zoom
<b>Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	7:00pm	Contemplative Prayer	Online via Zoom
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	7:00pm	KEP Quiz Night	Online via Zoom
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	9:30am	Worship for All (St Cassian's)	Online via Zoom
	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 7<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY

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

## SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY

**READINGS:** 2 Kings 2:1 - 12    2 Corinthians 4:3 - 6    Mark 9:2 - 9

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