



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

21st February 2021

First Sunday of Lent

Our buildings are closed but our Church is still open

SUNDAY 21st FEBRUARY

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:

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| 11:00am | Service with Bread & Wine | 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 by **12:00noon on Saturday 20th February**. 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: 824 5729 2222

Password: 023856

iPhone users one tap mobile number:

+442034815240,,82457292222#,,,*023856#

6:30pm Evening Prayer

Tel: 0208 080 6591 (standard rate)

Meeting ID: 912 2786 1168

Password: 833688

iPhone users one tap mobile number:

+442080806591,,91227861168#,,,*833688#

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

READINGS

Genesis 9:8 - 17

1 Peter 3:18 - end

Mark 1:9 - 15

COLLECT

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.



Prayers for the NHS: Our wonderful NHS staff have born the brunt of the Covid-19 pandemic and now, more than ever, need our help. Please download this [compilation of prayers](#) from our website to support them at this time.

A Message from your Clergy: Continued Closure of Churches in March

The Standing Committee has decided that our churches should remain closed for the month of March, except for weddings and funerals. It is always a matter of trying to balance our desire to be together to worship with the need to be as safe as possible. We will review the decision in the middle of March, and we are hoping for a partial re-opening for some services during Holy Week. This does not mean we are prevented from worshipping together. Please take advantage of all the resources mentioned in this newsletter. You can take part in a Zoom service but with your camera switched off, as well being 'fully present' in the Online service. During March we will continue to run a quieter, more reflective, more traditional evening service on Zoom on a Sunday, as well as the morning service that so many are gaining much from. Let's continue to keep in touch in all the ways that we can, and continue to pray for and support each other through these difficult times. Yours faithfully in Christ, *David & Robert*

Lent Course 2021: What is the Bible?

During this Lent season we have a specially designed five session study course on **The Bible**, which we hope will provide stimulation during Lockdown, The first session starts this week and is entitled: **Why Bother?** and looks at why we should read the Bible. There will be one session per week leading up to Easter.

Each session has a introductory video. Homegroups will be using this course. However, anyone can access the materials via our website for use on your own or with family or friends. Alternatively, Robert has offered to lead weekly sessions via Zoom, **each Tuesday at 7:30pm** during Lent, beginning on **23rd February**. Please make arrangements direct with Robert on r.j.legge@kidderminstereast.org.uk or Tel: 01562 827214

Bible and Prayer Resources for Lent

Rather than only thinking about what to give up for Lent, how about taking something on? You can download a specially prepared [reading plan](#) to enable you 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](#) compiled from a selection of pray-ers; one each day in the season.

Please download both these resource materials from the parish website, or contact the Office to be posted a hard copy: office@kidderminstereast.org.uk tel. 01562 822131

Parish Prayers Online via Zoom

PLEASE NOTE: Morning Prayer 8am service this week will be on **Monday 22nd ONLY**

Parish Prayer Meeting: Next meeting will be on Wednesday **3rd March**, 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 requesting a copy of the link & password, **by 6pm on the day before the meeting.**



CHOOSE THE WORLD YOU WANT THIS FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

[Fairtrade Fortnight 2021](#) (22nd Feb to 7th Mar) focusses on Climate Change and its effects on farmers, workers & Fairtrade communities around the world.

Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd David Hildred for Friday 19th February

God speaks to his wayward people through the prophet Jeremiah, and in this section he uses the startling picture language of marriage. God's people are likened to a wife who has abandoned her husband in favour of running off with another suitor: they have committed adultery by worshipping gods other than the one they were betrothed to. Can we glimpse how God's heart is wounded when we ignore him, or mess about with other belief systems or superstitions, or put someone or something else at the heart of our devotion? The grace of God is such that when we turn to return he is waiting to welcome: we praise God for the cross of Jesus.

Daily Readings for week beginning Monday 22nd February:

Mon 22nd Feb Jeremiah 4:19 - end

Tues 23rd Feb Jeremiah 5:1 - 19

Wed 24th Feb Jeremiah 5:20 - end

Thurs 25th Feb Jeremiah 6:1 - 15

Fri 26th Feb Jeremiah 6:22 - end

Sat 27th Feb Jeremiah 7:1 - 20

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 Society Lent Encounter

Hungry for more Lent resources? You could sign up for [The Lent Encounter](#) and receive an email each day featuring Bible verses, beautiful and inspiring images, video reflections and practical challenges from [The Bible Society](#).

World Day of Prayer 2021

5th March - Republic of Vanuatu

Women, men and children of all ages are called to 'Build on a strong foundation' and live in unity, love and peace in the context of ethnic & cultural diversity like Vanuatu and many places around the world. Find your nearest service, plus more info and resources on the [WDP website](#).

No Meat , lots of Veg & a few Flowers

Calling all gardeners! It's time to plant your seeds! Parishioner Bernie Halama is offering FREE packs of seeds. Please contact him on 07871 823759 or email b.wladyslaw.h.51@gmail.com for a full, extensive, list of what's available. He is happy to deliver to your home.

KEMP Virtual Day Hospice

Singers/performers etc required to provide uplifting entertainment online for KEMP. Can you help? Please contact Coralie Hudson on 01562 756066

Diocesan News

#LIVE LENT



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.

For those without internet the free [DailyHope](#) national telephone line, offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of the phone. Call 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044**.

Kingdom People: [Watch](#) Nikki Groarke & Rob Quarton explain the Diocesan changes.

Spring Harvest 2021 There will be no live events at Minehead or Skegness this year. Focus will be on their online event. [More information](#) on the Spring harvest website.

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

Requests for Prayer. Taken from [Prayers for the NHS](#)

- Pray for the relief of pressure on the rest of the staff when their colleagues are off sick or have to isolate when family members are ill.
- Pray for the clients and patients who, for example, have to be checked for an injury at hospital and they and their carers need to self-isolate.

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

DIARY

Churches in the parish will remain closed until at least the end of March for all services except funerals and weddings to support the National Lockdown. Please make good use of all the online services provided across the parish. To attend the online services either request a link or use the audio dial-in service. Parish **homegroups** meet every week during Lent. The **Bible Reading group** will continue its study of *1 Thessalonians* on Tues 2nd March at 1.30pm. Other parish events are detailed below.

Mon 22nd Feb	7:30pm	PCC Meeting	Online via Zoom
Thurs 25th Feb	7:00pm	Contemplative Prayer	Online via Zoom
Friday 26th Feb	7:00pm	KEP Quiz Night	Online via Zoom
Sunday 28th Feb	11:00am	Morning Worship	Online via Zoom
	6:00pm	KE Youth	Online via Zoom
	6:30pm	Service with Bread & Wine	Online via Zoom
Wed 3rd Mar	7:30pm	Parish Prayer	Online via Zoom
Thurs 4th Mar	7:00pm	Contemplative Prayer	Online via Zoom
Friday 5th Mar	7:00pm	KEP Quiz Night	Online via Zoom
Sunday 7th Mar	11:00am	Morning Worship	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 28th FEBRUARY

READINGS: Genesis 17:1 - 7, 15 - 16 Romans 4:13 - end Mark 8:31 - end

SUNDAY 7th MARCH

READINGS: Exodus 20:1 - 17 1 Corinthians 1:18 - 25 John 2:13 - 22

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