



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

28th February 2021

Second Sunday of Lent

Our buildings are closed but our Church is still open

SUNDAY 28th FEBRUARY

Churches in the parish remain closed for all services except funerals & weddings, 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 and Wine Online via Zoom

To "attend" an online service, and/or receive the Order of Service, please send an email to parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk by **12:00noon on Saturday 27th February** and you will receive a link to join. Those who have attended before will automatically be sent the link each week. If you have no internet, you can still join in on your phone (audio only), as follows:

11:00am Morning Worship

Tel: 0203 051 2874 (standard rate)

Meeting ID: 813 0202 9849

Password: 874246

iPhone users one tap mobile number:
+442030512874,,81302029849#,,,,*874246#

6:30pm Bread & Wine

Tel: 0203 051 2874 (standard rate)

Meeting ID: 441 906 9894

Password: 150572

iPhone users one tap mobile number:
+442030512874,,4419069894#,,,,*150572#

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

READINGS

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

COLLECT

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Kidderminster East Youth (KEY)

Sunday 28th February 6.00pm online via Zoom.

For further info or if you want to join KEY (age 11 - 18yrs) please contact Grace (07807 647279) or Sam (07837 930578)



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. In the meantime, we can continue to worship together by taking advantage of all the resources mentioned in this newsletter. Take part in a Online service or prayer meeting or use the Lent resources. Let's continue to keep in touch in all the ways that we can, and continue to pray for & support each other through these difficult times. Yours faithfully in Christ, *David & Robert*

Lent Course 2021 and other Lent Resources

This week's Lent Course session, *An overview of the Bible, its different themes and genre*, is the perfect time to get involved if you haven't done so already. Each session has a introductory video. You can access the material via our website for use on your own or with family or friends. Alternatively, Robert is leading weekly sessions via Zoom. This week's session will be on **Tuesday 2nd March at 7:30pm** (Please note next week will be on **Wednesday 10th March**). To join Robert's group please contact him directly on r.j.legge@kidderminstereast.org.uk or Tel: 01562 827214

If that doesn't grab you there is a specially prepared [reading plan](#) to enable you to read through the **letter to the Hebrews** during Lent or 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

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

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.

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](#)

(22nd Feb to 7th March 2021)

focussing on Climate Change
and its effects on farmers, workers &
Fairtrade communities around the world.

After Easter, **Newsletters** will be
FORTNIGHTLY ONLY. Deadline for copy
will be TUESDAY before publishing date.

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. You can **view a video** prepared by the Women of Vanuatu and **find your nearest service**, plus more information and resources on the [World Day of Prayer website](#).

Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd David Hildred for Friday 26th February

“Peace, peace”, but there is no peace. The former are the words of the false prophets, and the latter is the conclusion of Jeremiah, God’s true prophet. He looks for spiritual leadership from the priests and prophets of his day, but there is none since their message has become nothing more than sentimental religious candy-floss, which has forgotten to teach that a decision to follow the holy ways of the Lord was needed to be able to live in the peace of God. Faith in God is expressed in words, but is not words alone: it is evidenced by the life we lead. Let’s continue to learn how to walk with the Lord now from what was said to his people then.

Daily Readings for week beginning Monday 1st March:

Mon 1st Mar Jeremiah 7:21 - end

Tues 2nd Mar Jeremiah 8:1 - 15

Wed 3rd Mar Jeremiah 8:18 - 9:11

Thurs 4th Mar Jeremiah 9:12 - 24

Fri 5th Mar Jeremiah 10:1 - 16

Sat 6th Mar Jeremiah 10:17 - 24

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.

HELP

the charity supporting the homeless and vulnerable, is always happy to accept donations. At the moment the need for food parcels is, sadly, increasing. Tins of soup, meals e.g. Frey bentos pies, tuna, coffee, tea, cartons of UHT milk, packets of microwave rice (35p in Aldi) cake & biscuits. Please no pasta !! Toiletries are also very welcome.

Chris Griffiths (07919 178236) will collect donations or the Tulip Tree centre is open Mon - Fri, 2.30 - 4pm to drop in donations

Stories to Delight the Soul

Revd Eva McIntyre, our gifted storyteller, has been busy during isolation. She has recorded some of her Bible stories and you can hear the first one [on Spotify](#), entitled *Mrs Zebedee*, about the mother of James and John.

KEMP Virtual Day Hospice

The Care Team at KEMP are looking for some volunteer performers (e.g. singers/musicians) for the Virtual Day Hospice, to provide uplifting entertainment online. If you can help please contact Coralie Hudson on 01562 756066

Diocesan News

Bishop John’s Lent Appeal this year will be for the Diocese of Peru where the Coronavirus pandemic has hit the people extremely hard. [Watch the Bishop's Lent Message](#) on the Diocesan website, <https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk>.

The Church of England’s [#LiveLent: God's Story, Our Story](#) has daily reflections to encourage you to think about the difference Christ makes in your life, this Lent.

Thy Kingdom Come invite you, once again, to join in [#PrayerfortheNation](#). You can find an easy to use, printable prayer booklet [here](#), to help you as you pray.

Carbon ‘net-zero’. The C of E has set a target for all parts of the church to become carbon ‘net-zero’ by 2030. **Did you know**, while I. T. saves 100s of tons of CO₂, it also creates its own. The internet accounts for around 300 million tons of CO₂e a year. Every email uses energy for transmission and storage of data. 1 email = 5g CO₂e (with an attachment = 50g). For an average email user that equals 136kg a year (equivalent to a 200 mile car journey). [Learn more](#)



Diocesan Prayer Diary for March can now be accessed on the [Diocesan website](#).

Requests for Prayer.

- for the Parish Strategic Thinking Group, Costs Review Group & Communications Group, as well as the PCC & DCCs, as they consider and make difficult decisions with regard to the future of the parish in the coming weeks & months.
- for those whose incomes have been reduced, jobs have been suspended and all who are facing unemployment due to the economic crisis caused by the pandemic.

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

Please contact the Parish Office for more details.

DIARY

Please attend the online services either by requesting a link or using the audio dial-in service. Parish **Home Groups** will meet every week during Lent. The Bible Reading group will continue its study of *1 Thessalonians* on **Tuesday 2nd March** at 1.30pm. Services, Prayers and other parish events are detailed below.

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
Mon 8th Mar	7:30pm	Clergy & Readers Mtg	Online via Zoom
Thurs 11th Mar	7:00pm	Contemplative Prayer	Online via Zoom
Friday 12th Mar	7:00pm	KEP Quiz Night	Online via Zoom
Sunday 14th Mar	9:30am	Worship 4 All (St Cassian's)	Online via Zoom
	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](#).

The free [DailyHope](#) national phone line from the Church of England offers music, prayers, reflections and full worship services. Call 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044**.

SUNDAY 7th MARCH

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

SUNDAY 14th MARCH - Mothering Sunday

READINGS: Exodus 2:1 - 10, 15 - 16 2 Corinthians 1:3 - 7 Luke 2:33 - 35

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