



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

7th February 2021

Second Sunday before Lent

Our buildings are closed but our Church is still open

SUNDAY 7th 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:

11:00am Morning Worship

Online via Zoom

6:30pm Evening Prayer

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 6th 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 481 5237 (standard rate)

Meeting ID: 813 6285 4423

Password: 494005

iPhone users one tap mobile number:
+442034815237,,81362854423#,,,,*494005#

6:30pm Evening Prayer

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

Proverbs 8:1, 22 - 31

Colossians 1:15 - 20

John 1:1 - 14

COLLECT

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation
and respect for every person,
that we may mirror your likeness
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Recorded Services on the Parish YouTube Channel

Our live, online [Sunday Morning services](#) are recorded and can be viewed later on the Parish [YouTube channel](#). If you are unable to attend the live service you can always catch up later. [Orders of service](#) are available to download from the parish website.

SUNDAY 14th FEBRUARY - Sunday next before Lent

This week we have a choice of three Sunday services for you, with a new online service at 9:30am from the St Cassian's team. Details are below:

9:30am **Worship for All** (see notice below) **Online via Zoom**

11:00am **Morning Worship** **Online via Zoom**

6:30pm **Evening Prayer** **Online via Zoom**

To "attend" any of these services please request a link by sending an email to parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk by **12:00noon on Sat 13th February**.

If you have no internet, you can still join in at two of the services (not available for the 9:30am, sorry) on your phone (audio only), as follows:

11:00am Morning Worship

Tel: 0203 481 5240 (standard rate)

Meeting ID: 878 7618 8252

Password: 357247

iPhone users one tap mobile number:
+442034815240,,87876188252#,,,,*357247#

6:30pm Evening Prayer

Tel: 0131 460 1196 (standard rate)

Meeting ID: 936 0592 0990

Password: 085194

iPhone users one tap mobile number:
+441314601196,,93605920990#,,,,*085194#

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READINGS

2 Kings 2:1 - 12

2 Corinthians 4:3 - 6

Mark 9:2 - 9

COLLECT

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives:
set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills
to love your goodness and your glory
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

9:30am Sunday 14th February - Worship 4 All

Theme: 'Christ's Love transfigures'. St Cassian's Church will be leading this W4A service. It is a short interactive service designed for all ages. On this **Valentines day** we look at the Love of Jesus and how it changes our lives. You are invited to bring to the service pictures or drawings of what Love means to you or email them to beth.page517@btinternet.com. Or perhaps fashion a large heart to wear at the service! Please contact parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk for online link to the service.



Kidderminster East Youth (KEY)

Sunday 14th February 6.00pm online via Zoom.
We meet fortnightly on Sunday evenings via Zoom.
For **further information** or if you want to join KEY
(age 11 - 18yrs) please contact Grace Kerrigan
(07807 647279) or Sam Thompson (07837 930578).



WEDNESDAY 17th FEBRUARY - Ash Wednesday

Ash
Wednesday



Please join us at one of our two online Zoom services today, celebrating the beginning of Lent and the start of our preparation for the Easter season. Please provide your own Ashes and Bread & Wine

10:00am Service with Bread & Wine (BCP) Online via Zoom

7:00pm Service with Bread & Wine Online via Zoom

To “attend” either of these services please request a link by sending an email to parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk by **12:00noon on Tues 16th February**. If you have no internet, you can still join using your phone (audio only), as follows:

10:00am Bread & Wine

Tel: 0203 481 5237 (standard rate)

Meeting ID: 840 7980 9768

Password: 037635

iPhone users one tap mobile number:
+442034815237,,84079809768#,,, *037635#

7:00pm 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

Isaiah 58:1 - 2

2 Corinthians 5:20b - 6.10

Matthew 6:1 - 6, 16 - 21

COLLECT

Holy God, our lives are laid open before you: rescue us from the chaos of sin and through the death of your Son bring us healing and make us whole, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lent 2021 – making your own ashes

On Ash Wednesday (17th February) there will be two services to mark the beginning of Lent. In the morning we will be using wording from the Book of Common Prayer (1662) and in the evening from Common Worship (2000). They will both be online services, using zoom, and both will use bread and wine as visual aids to help us remember the death of Jesus on the cross, and both will use ashes as a symbol of our penitence and reception of forgiveness through Jesus.

Of course, this year we will each need to provide our own ashes in our homes. Please do this as safely as possible. Traditionally it is the palm cross from the previous year that is burned to provide the ash, but any kind of ash can pick up the Biblical symbolism of ‘repenting in dust and ashes’. If you wish to create new ash it’s probably best to do your burning outside, in a metal bucket (a metal saucepan could be used). Once the ash has cooled add a couple of drops of cooking oil to make it into a paste. And then you’re ready.

Some will draw a cross with the paste on their own forehead. Others may wish to create a symbol that will last longer during Lent, such as drawing the ash cross on a piece of card, or on a stone, or a piece of wood. Be creative with how you use the symbol, to let it speak of our need of God’s mercy.

Parish Prayers Online via Zoom

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

Contemplative Prayer: a 20 - 25 minute prayer meeting using the liturgy of the Northumbria Community. Every Thursday evening at **7:00pm**; All welcome.

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).

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.**

Parish Prayer

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

Dates: (Wednesdays)

3rd March, 31st March, 14th April.

thus freeing up time for Lent initiatives.

Bible Society Lent Encounter

If our own Lent resources encourage you to want more 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.

Lent Course 2021: What is the Bible?

During this Lent season we will be providing various online materials for study. One of these is a five session course on the Bible 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?

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. If you don't want to go through it by yourself, Robert has offered to lead groups via Zoom, one session per evening respectively, on the following dates:

23rd Feb, 2nd March, 9th March, 16th March, 23rd March (all Tues at 7:30pm)

Please make arrangements direct with Robert on r.j.legge@kidderminstereast.org.uk or Tel: 01562 827214 / 07854 252329.

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

There will be **NO NEWSLETTER** on 14th February. Next **NEWSLETTER** will be dated Sunday 21st February. Contributions by Wednesday 17th February please.

Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd David Hildred for Friday 5th February

Towards the end of this letter, in which Paul has had to point out so much that the Corinthians had got wrong with regard to living the Christian life, he begins to show them how easy it is to start to get it right. He describes a number of lovely relationships in the very last chapter as he colours in the wider church 'getting it right'. So for us we may well indeed be able to contribute a hymn, or a word of instruction, or a revelation, or a tongue or interpretation – and if not, then there must be something else we can bring that will edify and build up those around us. We really do all have a contribution to make. Bring it on!

Daily Readings for week beginning Monday 8th February:

Mon 8th Feb John 19:1 - 6

Wed 10th Feb John 19:31 - end

Fri 12th Feb John 20:11 - 18

Tues 9th Feb John 19:17 - 30

Thurs 11th Feb John 20:1 - 10

Sat 13th Feb John 20:19 - end

Daily Readings for week beginning Monday 15th February:

Mon 15th Feb Jeremiah 1 - end

Wed 17th Feb Isaiah 1:10 - 18 Ash Wednesday

Fri 19th Feb Jeremiah 3:6 - 22

Tues 16th Feb Jeremiah 2:1 - 13

Thurs 18th Feb Jeremiah 2:14 - 32

Sat 20th Feb Jeremiah 4:1 - 18

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.

FREE to a good home

Parishioner has a *Technics six- KN 901 keyboard* plus stand and stool.

Must be collected.
If interested please contact the parish office.



Kidderminster East Online Quiz Night:

We would love to **welcome you all** to this time of fellowship & fun **every Friday night**. Doors open, **online via Zoom**, in time for a 7pm start, Interval 8pm and finish around 9:15pm.

To receive a link to join please email:

parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk

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.

Thy Kingdom Come invite you, once again, to join in [#PrayerfortheNation](#). You can re-watch Archbishop Justin Welby launch the event on his [Facebook Live prayer session](#). Every day in February we will pause and pray at 6pm for those impacted by the pandemic. Set an alarm, light a candle or use a light on your mobile phone as a prompt to pray, or you may even hear a church or cathedral bell ring as a reminder. You can find an easy to use, printable prayer booklet [here](#), to help you as you pray.

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 visit

<http://kidderminstereast.org.uk/faculty-application-notice-at-st-chads/>

You can also contact: David Underhill 01562 630560

Requests for Prayer.

- Let us give thanks for the life & inspiration of Captain Sir Tom Moore RIP. "Captain Tom was the very best of us. Where he walked, a nation followed." *Justin Welby*
- For the success of the Lent Bible Study course and other Lent initiatives.

*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 (**8th February**) online via Zoom, and weekly during Lent. The Bible Reading group will continue its study of *1 Thessalonians* on **Tues 16th February** at 1.30pm. Other events are detailed below.

Tues 9th Feb	7:30pm	St Mary's Stone DCC	Online via Zoom
Thurs 11th Feb	7:00pm	Contemplative Prayer	Online via Zoom
Friday 12th Feb	7:00pm	KEP Quiz Night	Online via Zoom
Sunday 14th Feb	9:30am	Worship for All	Online via Zoom
	11:00am	Morning Worship	Online via Zoom
	6:00pm	KE Youth	Online via Zoom
	6:30pm	Evening Prayer	Online via Zoom
Wed 17th Feb	10:00am	Service with Bread & Wine	Online via Zoom
	7:00pm	Service with Bread & Wine	Online via Zoom
Thurs 18th Feb	7:00pm	Contemplative Prayer	Online via Zoom
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Sunday 21st Feb	11.00am	Service with Bread & Wine	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 21st FEBRUARY

READINGS: Genesis 9:8 - 17 1 Peter 3:18 - end Mark 1:9 - 15

SUNDAY 28th FEBRUARY

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

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