



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

21<sup>st</sup> March 2021

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

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

## SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> MARCH

As we progress through Lent we now enter the start of Passiontide.

Churches in the parish remain closed for all services except weddings and funerals in continued support of the national lockdown. You are invited, instead, to join together in attending the live online Sunday services, as detailed below:

**11:00am Service with Sharing of 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](mailto:parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk) by **12:00noon on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March**. You will be sent a link to join the service. If you have no internet, you can still join in on your phone (audio only), as follows:

### 11:00am Bread & Wine

Tel: 0131 460 1196 (standard rate)

Meeting ID: 822 1291 1137

Password: 861386

### 6:30pm Evening Prayer

Tel: 0203 051 2874 (standard rate)

Meeting ID: 441 906 9894

Password: 150572

**iPhone** users one tap mobile number:

+441314601196,,82212911137#,,, \*861386#

**iPhone** users one tap mobile number:

+442030512874,,4419069894#,,, \*150572#

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

## READINGS

Jeremiah 31:31 - 34

Hebrews 5:5 - 10

John 12:20 - 33

## COLLECT

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord.



## Kidderminster East Youth (KEY)

**Next Meeting: Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March, 6:00pm, online via Zoom.** For further info please contact Grace (07807 647279) or Richard (07843 136785)

## National Day of Reflection - Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

To mark the anniversary of the first lockdown, next Tuesday has been designated by the **Church of England**, in conjunction with the charity **Marie Curie**, as a special day to reflect on the collective loss and grief of the millions who have been bereaved since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic. Your clergy have penned the following prayer:

*God of Love, as we think about all that has changed this year, help us to trust that you are always with us. As we remember those who have died in the faith of Christ, help us to trust they are at peace with you. Keep us from mourning as if there were no hope as we reach out to others with kindness and care, and may Christ's peace shine out in every heart and home. Amen*

There will be a minute's silence at 12:00noon to **Reflect** on the last 12 months; you could reach out and **Connect** with someone you know who is bereaved and you can 'Share the Light' at 8:00pm by lighting a candle or lantern and displaying it in your window to show your **Support**. Visit the [Marie Curie website](#) to find out more.

## Easter Services and reopening of Churches

Some churches will reopen for in-person services this Easter. We will still need to follow the Covid-19 guidelines, however, we do not intend to operate a booking system.

**Maudy Thursday (1<sup>st</sup> April): 7:00pm at St George's.** Service of Holy Communion to mark the journey that Jesus makes from Palm Sunday to Good Friday.

**Good Friday (2<sup>nd</sup> April): 10:00am Online Service** for all ages, with St Cassian's team.  
**2:00pm Online Service** "Hour at the Cross" with readings, music and prayer.

**Easter Sunday (4<sup>th</sup> April): 9:30am at St Cassian's,** Service of Holy Communion.  
**11:00am at St George's,** Service of Holy Communion.

**11:00am Online Service** with sharing of Bread & Wine and singing Easter hymns.

Further reopening of all churches in the parish will begin the following week.

Details will appear in future newsletters and on the [parish website](#).

## Lent Course 2021 and other Lent Resources

The final session of our Lent Course is titled ***How do we get the most from the Bible?***

This, and all previous sessions, are still available to download via the [parish website](#) so it is possible to catch up with any you have missed. Each one has a introductory video.

Robert's group will meet via Zoom on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 7:30pm**.

Other resources are available on the [parish website](#), or contact the Office to be posted hard copies of Lent Resources: [office@kidderminstereast.org.uk](mailto: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.

**Contemplative Prayer:** a 20 - 25 minute prayer meeting using the liturgy of the Northumbria Community. **Every Thursday** evening at **7:00pm** including, on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April**, a 'Service of Quiet for Maudy Thursday'. All welcome.

**Parish Prayer Meeting:** Next meeting will be on Wednesday **31<sup>st</sup> March**, login from 7:20pm onwards for **7:30pm** start, finishing by 8:00pm. Open to all in the parish.

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 19<sup>th</sup> March

In the midst of reading Jeremiah we pause to celebrate the feast day of 'Joseph of Nazareth', step-dad to Jesus. We are familiar in Jeremiah hearing that God's ancient people face the coming punishment of exile because of their rebellion against him, their refusal to remain true to him; now here in Matthew we hear of the coming rescue in the birth of Jesus for God's people, which is now a group much widened and extended. In both books the message was unexpected. In both places it was questioned. Praise God that in Matthew, Joseph chooses to respond obediently to the message he receives. Is there a choice we must make?

**Daily Readings** for week beginning **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**:

**Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar** Jeremiah 21:1 - 10

**Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar** Jeremiah 22:1 - 5, 13 - 19

**Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Mar** Jeremiah 22:20 - 23:8

**Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> Mar** *Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary* Luke 1:26 - 38

**Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Mar** Jeremiah 24:1 - end **Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Mar** Jeremiah 25:1 - 14

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.

### Kidderminster East Online Quiz Night:

Our friendly parish quiz continues **every Friday night**. We would love to welcome you for a time of fellowship and fun. Doors open, **online via Zoom**, in time for a 7pm start. To receive a link to join us email: [parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk](mailto:parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk).

**PLEASE NOTE:** There will be **NO QUIZ** on Good Friday but we will return on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April**.

### Stories to Delight the Soul

This week's story from Revd Eva McIntyre is called 'Photina's Story' and is dedicated to the memory of Sarah Everard. All Eva's stories can be heard [on Spotify](#).

### KEMP HOSPICE: Virtual Balloon Race!

Join KEMP for their eco-friendly seven-day virtual balloon race where everything is real apart from the balloon! The race begins at **noon** on Easter Sunday **4<sup>th</sup> April**. Lots of prizes include £500 cash and an Apple iPad! Each balloon is only £3.00 and raises funds for KEMP. To find out how to enter visit the [KEMP hospice website](#).

### Diocesan News

Watch a [Lent Reflection](#) from our own Clare Stockford, churchwarden at St Cassian's.

To mark **International Earth Hour** switch off your lights and join Bishop Martin and others for an online vigil of prayer and silence livestreamed from Worcester Cathedral on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March**, 8.30 - 9.30pm on the [Cathedral Facebook page](#).

It's now even easier for you to donate to your church using the **Parish Giving Scheme**. You can now set up your donations via the [PGS website](#), as well as via the telephone line (0333 002 1271, Mon-Fri 9am-5pm) and the paper forms, which are available from your Church (DCC) treasurer. Please see the [parish website](#) for more information.

**Next week's newsletter** will cover Holy Week and the 1<sup>st</sup> week of Easter. It is the first of what will be a permanent move to **fortnightly publications** as a cost saving in these difficult times. If you have an item for publication remember to think two weeks ahead and please ensure all copy reaches the parish office by the **Tuesday evening** on the week of publication. From **April** you will also have to give 72hrs (3 days) notice for anything to be posted on the [parish website](#) or the [Facebook page](#). Thank you.

## Requests for Prayer.

- Family & friends of the late Elizabeth (Bettie) F. Robbins, who died on 12<sup>th</sup> March.
- All those bereaved over the last year due to the Covid-19 pandemic, or otherwise.

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

## DIARY

**Homegroups** meet every week during Lent. The **Bible Reading group** will continue its study of *1 Thessalonians* on Tues 30<sup>th</sup> March at 1.30pm. Other events detailed below.

<b>Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	7:00pm	Contemplative Prayer	Online via Zoom
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	7:00pm	KEP Quiz Night	Online via Zoom
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	11.00am	Morning Worship	Online via Zoom
	6:00pm	KE Youth	Online via Zoom
	6:30pm	Sharing Bread & Wine	Online via Zoom
<b>Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	7:00pm	St Cassian's DCC	Online via Zoom
<b>Wed 31<sup>st</sup> Mar</b>	7:30pm	Parish Prayer	Online via Zoom
<b>Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> Apr</b>	7:00pm	Service of Quiet Prayer	Online via Zoom
	7:00pm	Holy Communion	St George's
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Apr</b>	10:00am	Worship 4 All (St Cassian's)	Online via Zoom
	2:00pm	Hour at the Cross	Online via Zoom
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	9:30am	Holy Communion	St Cassian's
	11:00am	Sharing Bread & Wine	Online via Zoom
	11:00am	Holy Communion	St George's

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 28<sup>th</sup> MARCH - Palm Sunday

**READINGS:** Isaiah 50:4 - 9a      Philippians 2:5 - 11      Mark 14:1 - 15:47

## SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> APRIL - Easter Sunday

**READINGS:** Acts 10:34 - 43      1 Corinthians 15:1 - 11      John 20:1 - 18

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