



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 March 2021

Third Sunday of Lent

Our buildings are closed but our Church is still open

SUNDAY 7th MARCH

Churches in the parish remain closed during March for all services except weddings & funerals, in support of the national lockdown. Instead, you are invited to join together at one of the live Sunday online services. Details 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 by **12:00noon on Saturday 6th March**. 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: 0131 460 1196 (standard rate)

Tel: 0203 051 2874 (standard rate)

Meeting ID: 820 7764 7230

Meeting ID: 441 906 9894

Password: 473927

Password: 150572

iPhone users one tap mobile number:

iPhone users one tap mobile number:

+441314601196,,82077647230#,,,*473927#

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

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

READINGS

Exodus 20:1 - 17

1 Corinthians 1:18 - 25

John 2:13 - 22

COLLECT

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Kidderminster East Youth (KEY)

Next Meeting: Sunday 14th March, 6:00pm, online via Zoom.

New Logo (left) designed by Jasmine, one of our young KEY members.



A Message from your Clergy: Reopening of Churches at Easter

We are aiming for a gradual re-introduction of in-person services around Easter, alongside the continuation of our online Zoom service. Full details will appear on the website and in the newsletter. Briefly, we will have a **Maundy Thursday** service at 7:00pm in St George's, and then **Easter Day** services in St Cassian's & St George's. The following week, **11th April**, all our churches will be open. Covid-19 restrictions will still be in place, in that we will need to keep distanced, wear masks, sanitise hands, and we will not be able to sing. Holy Communion will use both bread and wine, with a drop of wine being placed on the bread – as we did before Christmas. At the end of the service we will need to leave row by row and not mingle, either inside the building or outside. However, we trust that this step towards being together once again as the Lord's people, face to face, will be both safe and welcomed. Yours faithfully in Christ, *David & Robert*
(This is an edited version of the message; full text can be found on the [parish website](#))

Lent Course 2021 and other Lent Resources

You are encouraged to make use of the parish Lent Course in this period of preparation for Easter. This week's session is **God speaks to us in revelation of himself**. You can always catch up on earlier sessions by accessing the [whole course](#) from the website. Each session has its own introductory video. Please note that Robert's online Zoom study group will meet this week on **Wednesday 10th March**, 7:30pm.

Other Resources: 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 prayers; 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.

Compassion UK Update

Following over 20 years of wonderful service, Karen Morton has now stepped back from co-ordinating KEP's relationship with [Compassion UK](#), a charity that supports disadvantaged children in developing countries via their local community churches. Taking up the reins are three people, Hilary Hildred (hilary.hildred@hotmail.co.uk) Helen Grist (helengrist@gmx.co.uk) and Jennifer Tompkin (tompkinj@hotmail.com) who will share responsibilities on finances, corresponding with children we support and sharing periodic updates respectively. **If you have a standing order** to the charity via the parish scheme please contact Hilary **urgently** to advise whether you wish to continue giving and on what basis. Anyone who would like to begin supporting is welcome to do so and should also contact Hilary. There will be a short presentation on the current status with Compassion during this Sunday morning's Zoom service. *Jennifer Tompkin*

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 **31st 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 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 5th March

Has a stone ever opened its mouth and said something to you? This was the crazy point that God had to make to his ancient people who had drifted away from worshipping him to worshipping idols that they had made. Those idols had been carved from trees from the forest, or from stones from the quarry. Once they were in the pride of place they could not speak, nor could they move; they were no gods at all. Could we ever be so foolish as that? Their example is there as a warning for us to check that 'pride of place' in our lives is filled only with One; the One who is Lord of all. The alternative is that he is not Lord at all.

Daily Readings for week beginning **Monday 8th March:**

Mon 8th Mar	Jeremiah 11:1 - 17	Tues 9th Mar	Jeremiah 11:18 - 12:6
Wed 10th Mar	Jeremiah 13:1 - 11	Thurs 11th Mar	Jeremiah 14:1 - end
Fri 12th Mar	Jeremiah 15:10 - end	Sat 13th Mar	Jeremiah 16:10 - 17:4

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 Monday - Friday, 2.30 - 4:00pm to drop in donations. You can also speak to Chris if you would like to volunteer to help at the centre.

A **Virtual Passion Play** featuring people from all over the diocese will be edited together in time for Palm Sunday. You can find out more and download the script at www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/a-diocesan-passion-play.php. They are still looking for **more volunteers**. Please email jatkinson@cofe-worcester.org.uk to see what parts need filling or to be part of the crowd, please film yourself shouting "Crucify him!" and send it to the same address.

Stories to Delight the Soul

Revd Eva McIntyre, our gifted storyteller, has been busy during lockdown. She has recorded some of her Bible stories and you can hear them [on Spotify](#). This week's offering is about **St Peter**.

Since the first lockdown, the Parish Office have been printing and posting **newsletters** and other **parish communications** for a number of recipients, who do not have access to the internet / email. In order to make savings on the cost of the postage, we are now looking for a few people who are **willing to deliver newsletters**, in a Covid secure manner, to a handful of addresses in the following areas: Town Centre / Horsefair; Comberton; Spennells; St George's / Anchorfields. There are also individual envelopes for Greenhill, Chaddesley Corbett & Bewdley Hill. After Easter, as a further cost-cutting measure, newsletters will only be issued **fortnightly** so your commitment will only be **every other week**. If you are able to help, it would be of great assistance if the newsletters could be collected from the Parish Office at around 1pm on Fridays and delivered to the recipients before Sunday. Please email office@kidderminstereast.org.uk or phone the Parish Office on 01562 822131 and leave a message. We will then get in touch to make appropriate arrangements. Many thanks.

Karen Morton

Requests for Prayer.

- Pray for our churchwardens and other volunteers as they prepare for the reopening of our churches at Easter and beyond.
- Remembering the people of Peru; pray for the success of the Bishop's Lent appeal.
- For everyone who is suffering economic hardship due to the current pandemic.

*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 16th March at 1.30pm. Parish services and other events are detailed below.

Mon 8th Mar	7:30pm	Clergy & Readers Mtg	Online via Zoom
Tues 9th Mar	7:00pm	Deanery Synod	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
	6:00pm	KE Youth	Online via Zoom
	6:30pm	Evening Prayer	Online via Zoom
Thurs 18th Mar	7:00pm	Contemplative Prayer	Online via Zoom
Friday 19th Mar	7:00pm	KEP Quiz Night	Online via Zoom
Sunday 21st Mar	11:00am	Sharing 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 14th MARCH - Mothering Sunday

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

SUNDAY 21st MARCH

READINGS: Jeremiah 31:31 - 34 Hebrews 5:5 - 10 John 12:20 - 33

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