

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

25th April 2021

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Welcome to our Services both Online and in Church

COLLECT

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father.

READINGS

Acts 4:5 - 12
1 John 3:16 - end
John 10:11 - 18

If you have no internet, you can still join the online service, (by phone) as follows:

Tel: 0131 460 1196

Meeting ID: 879 8164 1890

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SUNDAY 25th APRIL

ST CASSIAN'S

9:30am Morning Worship

ST CECILIA'S

11:00am Holy Communion

ST CHAD'S

9:30am Holy Communion

ST GEORGE'S

11:00am Morning Worship

6:30pm Evening Prayer

ST MARY'S, STONE

11:00am Holy Communion

ONLINE

11:00am Morning Worship (via Zoom)

To "attend" the online service, and/or receive the order of service, please send an email to: parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk by **12:00 noon** on Saturday **24th April**. A children's resource pack is available on request from helengrist@gmx.co.uk

Please Remember: Covid-19 restrictions remain in place at all church services including the wearing of face coverings, two metre distancing, hand-sanitising and dismissal row by row. Please obey instructions from stewards at all times. Thank you. If you can't get to one of our churches there is still an online service via Zoom which we would love to welcome you to - see details above.



Kidderminster East Youth (KEY)

Sunday 25th April 6.00pm online via Zoom. For further info please call Grace (07807 647279) or Richard (07843 136785)

Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd David Hildred for Friday 23rd April

It's St George's Day. George is, of course, famous for the legend of defeating a dragon, and may well have spent his adult life as a soldier. *Ephesians chapter 6*, our reading for today, combines the two well. Paul, writing from his prison cell, may well have been looking at the prison guard in his uniform when he draws out the links between a soldier's armour and the armour that God provides for the Christian. As believers we are called to fight against that ancient serpent, the devil (depicted as a dragon in *Revelation*), and stand victorious as God's people, to his praise and glory. We need to put on that armour each and every day.

Daily Readings for week beginning Monday 26th April:

Mon 26th Apr	Mark 13:5 - 13	<i>Mark the Evangelist</i>
Tues 27th Apr	Ephesians 4:17 - end	Wed 28th Apr Ephesians 5:1 - 14
Thurs 29th Apr	Ephesians 5:15 - end	Fri 30th Apr Ephesians 6:1 - 9
Sat 1st May	John 14:1 - 14 - end	<i>Philip and James, Apostles</i>

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.

Midweek Services

There will be fortnightly Holy Communion at **St George's**, usually on **Wednesday mornings** at 10:00am, starting on **Wednesday 28th April**. However, the following service will be on **Thurs 13th May** to coincide with **Ascension Day**.

RIP HRH The Duke of Edinburgh

The book of condolence is now closed but you can still read messages posted there on the [Church of England](#) website and also read tributes to Prince Philip from our own Bishops on the Diocesan website: www.cofe-worcester.org.uk

Kidderminster East Youth (KEY)

KEY are looking for a **3rd volunteer youth leader**. If you're someone who has an interest in Christian youth ministry, who would like to discover more about your own faith by encouraging others in their faith, who is young/young at heart, energetic and fun, doesn't mind camping, that can drive, although not essential, then please contact; Grace Kerrigan 07807 647279 or Richard Baker 07843 136785 for more details. An enhanced DBS check and safeguarding training will be required for this role.

Parish Prayers Online via Zoom

Morning Prayer with your clergy, **8:00am**, daily except Friday and Sunday. **Please note** there will be **NO MORNING PRAYER** on **Bank Holiday Monday 3rd May**.

Parish Prayer Meeting: Held fortnightly on Wednesday evenings. Next meeting will be on **Wed 28th April**. Login from 7:20pm onwards for **7:30pm** start, finishing by 8:00pm. Please come along and pray the work of Christ in this Easter season, the recovery of the parish after lockdown, and for other events, further afield. Open to all in the parish.



Contemplative Prayer: a 20 - 25 minute prayer meeting using the style and 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**.

Thy Kingdom Come “Call to Prayer” May 13th - May 23rd



Join the global wave of prayer calling all Christians to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>

For 2021, there are loads of exciting new resources available.

As well as the refreshed regulars, such as the **Prayer Journal** and **Novena**, the new resources include a **Prayer Escape Room** designed for young people, videos and activity packs for families created in collaboration with the **Cheeky Pandas** and an updated

interactive **Prayer Adventure Map**. There will be some of the Prayer Journals and Prayer Adventure maps available in church from **2nd May** but you can also order them online from: <https://www.cpo.org.uk/thykingdomcome>.

Some resources are provided free, only handling and delivery charges apply.

As a Parish, we will be joining the **Call to Prayer** at the **Ascension Day Service of Holy Communion** at St George's Church at 10am on **Thursday 13th May** and at the online Parish Prayer on **Wednesday 12th May**. Please do share with the parish team any other events that churches / groups within the parish may be planning. This is also an excellent opportunity to go on **Prayer Walks** in and around the parish, individually or perhaps in small groups (Covid guidance permitting).

Friends of the Holy Land Pentecost Challenge

A huge number of Christian families across the Holy Land who relied on tourism have been plunged into unemployment and poverty during the last year, with no government support. For children growing up in difficult places to live, like East Jerusalem, the West Bank or Gaza, and for those with disabilities, a good school is absolutely vital for their wellbeing now and their future prospects. If their children are to continue attending their Christian schools, they need help to pay the (small) school fees.



This year's **Pentecost Challenge** is to walk, cycle, run or swim the equivalent of the 84-mile pilgrimage route from Bethlehem to Nazareth. Most of what you raise will help to keep vulnerable children at the schools they love, and you'll also be supporting the **Friend's of the Holy Land's** wider pandemic response across the region.

Take part on your own or as a team and do a few miles each day or week until you finally reach the finish line. Make it a virtual pilgrimage.

You can Register at <https://register.enthuse.com/ps/event/PentecostChallenge>

Our very own **Elaine Voice** has already signed up, so if you can't take part yourself please consider sponsoring Elaine; she has set a target of raising £300. If anyone would like to sponsor her, please get in touch elaine.voice7@gmail.com or look on line at: <https://fhl.enthuse.com/pf/elaine-voice>

Sunday 25th April at St George's marks **Mary Newell's** final Sunday duty as a Licensed Lay Minister, as she reduces the amount of public ministry she is involved in, This is a 'reduction' rather than 'cessation', since there will be other aspects of ministry that Mary continues with, just not the Sunday roles of leading & preaching. This notice comes with our thanks and appreciation to Mary; please feel free to add your own.

Bible Society - Bible Trek



Join Andrew Ollerton as he journeys around a pre-Covid Holy Land, discovering the places we've all heard of from Bible Stories. He visits Jerusalem, Galilee, Ephesus and other locations; visualising and experiencing the biblical accounts in a fresh way. Learn more with the accompanying historical notes and devotional reflections. Eastertide is the ideal time to look back at Jesus Passion through these [11 short video episodes](#).



Kidderminster East Online Quiz Night



All welcome at our regular Friday night Quiz, established during lockdown and now a firm favourite.

Join us every **Friday evening** at 7:00pm for fellowship and fun. We don't take ourselves too seriously and just enjoy the chance to get together. To receive a link to join please email:

parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk

Where to Start and How to Keep Going Reflections



The Church of England produces [daily \(weekday\) reflections](#) to help you with your faith journey. The next series begins on 19th April and runs to 30th April. The reflections are on the subject of

Prayer - Where to start and how to keep going

“There is no right way of praying. There are just the ways that are right for you. But there is also the great heritage of praying that we can learn from and explore.”

The Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell

BBC Radio 4 Daily Service will also explore similar themes each day running in parallel with these reflections. You can sign up to receive these daily emails by visiting <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/sign-our-reflection-emails>

Diocesan News



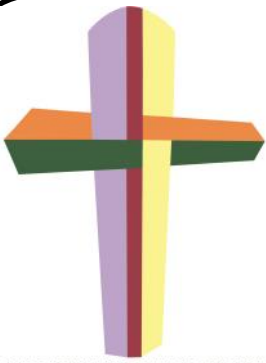
The next edition of [Called to Action](#), small steps to save our planet, looks at ways to reduce litter and waste.

The **Church of England** is supporting the ‘**VaccinAid**’ campaign which aims to help fund the biggest vaccination drive in history. Led by UNICEF UK, with the online fundraising platform Crowdfunder, the campaign offers people a practical way to give thanks for their Covid-19 vaccination, by making a voluntary donation to help pay for jabs for others around the world. Go to www.vaccinaid.org.

Calling all musicians! Bishop John's wife, H-J, needs your help with her new project in association with BBC Hereford & Worcester to boost well-being through new music published each day. Contact hjcolston@icloud.com if you'd like to be involved.

Churches Count on Nature (5th -13th June) will see communities & visitors making a note of the flora & fauna in their local churchyard; visit www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk

Download the **May Prayer Diary** from <https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/prayer-diary/>



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2nd May 2021

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Welcome to our Services both Online and in Church

COLLECT

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father.

READINGS

Acts 8:26 - end
1 John 4:7 - end
John 15:1 - 8

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Tel: 0203 901 7895

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SUNDAY 2nd MAY

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The Friends of St Cassian's

invite you to a fund raising illustrated talk on Zoom
Thursday 6th May at 7.30 pm

"Sacred Places of the World" by Sylvia Beardshaw

Illustrated with pictures taken on her travels, all around the world, looking at some of the buildings and sites associated with beliefs of the world both past and present. To book please email Sylvia on rhbsb@ukgateway.net or telephone 01562 777955.

You will also be invited to make a donation.

Newsletter Dates

The next parish newsletter will be published on

Friday 7th May

and will cover

Sundays 9th and 16th May.

Deadline for copy is midnight on

Tuesday 4th May.

Thank you.

Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd David Hildred for Friday 30th April

Paul is giving some very practical instructions for how to live as “*children of light*” based upon what he has been teaching in the earlier parts of his letter. Here in *chapter 6* it’s about relationships where a power imbalance could lead to oppression in one direction and bitterness in the other. For “*slaves/masters*” we could easily read “*workers/bosses*” today. Whatever life-situation we find ourselves in we are called to be imitators of God and **children of light**: are there phrases in these readings that will help us to bring glory and honour to the Lord?

Daily Readings for week beginning **Monday 3rd May**:

Mon 3rd May	1 Peter 1:1 - 12	Tues 4th May	1 Peter 1:13 - end
Wed 5th May	1 Peter 2:1 - 10	Thurs 6th May	1 Peter 2:11 - end
Fri 7th May	1 Peter 3:1 - 12	Sat 8th May	1 Peter 3:13 - end

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ANNUAL MEETINGS 2021

Annual Meetings are being held at each of the 5 churches and for the whole parish. All welcome, however, to vote on some issues and to be a member of Church DCCs, the PCC and to take up certain roles you need to be on the Electoral Roll.

Individual Church AGMs 2021. *Please note that COVID-19 restrictions apply.*

- St Cassian’s Church, Monday 10th May, 7:00pm in Church.
- St Cecilia’s Church, Tuesday 4th May, 7:45pm in Church.
- St Chad’s Church, Monday 17th May, 7:45pm in Church.
- St George’s Church, Sunday 9th May, after 11:00am service in Church.
- St Mary’s Stone Church - Meeting has already taken place.

Meeting of Parishioners (for all in the parish) and **Annual Parochial Church Meeting APCM** (for all on the Parish Electoral Roll): **Monday 24th May** in St George’s Church, Radford Avenue, Kidderminster at 7:30pm.

Electoral Roll Review : To check your entry and for any other queries, please contact your churches’ Electoral Roll Officer or Bob / Maddy Smith (Parish Electoral Roll Officers) on 07791 804135. Thank you.

Emily Jordan Foundation Charity

Shirley Hale is no longer able to organise the recycling collections for this Charity from

St Chad’s which serves as a collection point for clean foil, ink cartridges, plastic tops & lids, cans, batteries, spectacles and stamps.

The role involves taking the recycling home and asking the charity for regular collection from your house which they will be happy to provide once lockdown restrictions are finally lifted. If you are able to offer this service please speak to Shirley on 01562 861270. Thanks.

Parish Prayerlink

Prayer requests can be emailed to prayerlink@kidderminstereast.org.uk

Our praying friends across the whole parish are happy to pray for you.

Alternately, Glenn & Anne Scott can take requests for prayer and will pass them on to the relevant group.

Phone 01562 822690 or email on glennscott@mac.com.

STOP PRESS: Does anyone have a spare webcam with microphone which could be donated to the **parish office**, for use with a desktop PC? Many thanks.

Electoral Roll Revision

This year sees a revision of the Parish Electoral Roll. This means that any existing names are carried forward from the current roll and any new applications must apply to go on the new Electoral Roll. Any changes to existing records eg. address, contact details etc. must also be made using the application forms.

If anyone wishes to stand for election to the offices of churchwarden and/or District Church Council (DCC) / Parochial Church Council (PCC) member then you have to be entered onto the roll before nomination to the PCC, and have been on the current or new roll for at least 6 months at the date of the individual church Annual General Meeting (AGM) or the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). Not being on the Church Electoral Roll also affects your eligibility to vote on AGM, APCM. PCC and DCC decisions.

Application forms are now in the Churches that are open or are available from the Electoral Roll Officers and Parish Office. If you wish to apply to be on the Electoral Roll, or need to notify any changes, please complete and return a form to the Parish Office by **Sunday 2nd May 2021**. If you have any queries, please speak to the Church Electoral Roll Officers or Parish Electoral Roll Officers (Bob or Maddy Smith), who can be contacted on 07791 804135.

2-person tent

Free to a good home!
Please contact **Peter Cooper** for details on 01562 632175 or email

Familyofjokers@blueyonder.co.uk



Friends of Holland House

Invite you to a **Virtual Spiritual Day** on **Saturday 1st May**, 10:00am - 3:00pm,
“Practical Spirituality: Spiritual practices that can energise and shape our living”.
Led by Nick Helm, spiritual director. Cost £25.
To book please visit www.hollandhouse.org

A vacancy has arisen at one of the bungalow residences in the **Dame Mary Yate Almshouses in Harvington**. These have recently been refurbished to more modern standards and accommodation is one of four units, which has a single bedroom, lounge, bathroom and kitchen and is set in a lovely location, overlooking fields. It is suitable for a single or widowed woman of hardship and limited means and would be occupied under licence. If you would like more information, please call Marian Trafford (Clerk to the Trustees) on 01562 885616

Requests for Prayer.

- For the Queen, head of our church, as she come to terms with the grief caused by the death of her husband, Prince Philip.
- For those in India, Brazil, South Africa and other places around the world where the Coronavirus pandemic still rages out of control.
- Pray for the continued successful recovery of our own parish as we build back after the lockdown.

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

DIARY

Homegroups restart in May. The **Bible Reading group** will next meet on Tuesday 4th May at 11.00am via Zoom. Parish services and other events are detailed below.

Mon 26th Apr	7:30pm	PCC meeting	Online via Zoom
Wed 28th Apr	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	7:30pm	Parish Prayer	Online via Zoom
Thurs 29th Apr	7:00pm	Contemplative Prayer	Online via Zoom
	7:45pm	Clergy & Readers meeting	Online via Zoom
Friday 30th Apr	7:00pm	KEP Quiz Night	Online via Zoom
Sunday 2nd May	for service times please see elsewhere in this newsletter		
Tues 4th May	7:45pm	St Cecilia's AGM	St Cecilia's
Thurs 6th May	7:00pm	Contemplative Prayer	Online via Zoom
Friday 7th May	7:00pm	KEP Quiz Night	Online via Zoom
Sunday 9th May	9:30am	Worship for All	St Cassian's
	9:30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
	11:00am	Morning Worship	St Cecilia's
	11:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	11:00am	Holy Communion	St Mary's Stone
	11:00am	Morning Worship	Online via Zoom
	12:00noon	St George's AGM	St George's
	6:00pm	KE Youth	Online via Zoom
	6:30pm	Evening Prayer	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 9th MAY

READINGS: Acts 10:44 - end 1 John 5:1 - 6 John 15:9 - 17

SUNDAY 16th MAY

READINGS: Acts 1:15 - 17, 21 - end 1 John 5:9 - 13 John 17:6 - 19

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