

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

9<sup>th</sup> May 2021

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

*Welcome to our Services both Online and in Church*

## COLLECT

Risen Christ,  
by the lakeside you renewed  
your call to your disciples:  
help your Church to obey  
your command and draw the  
nations to the fire of your love,  
to the glory of God the Father.

## READINGS

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

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still join the online service,  
(by phone) as follows:

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## SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup> MAY

### ST CASSIAN'S

**9:30am** Worship for All

### ST CECILIA'S

**11:00am** Morning Worship

### ST CHAD'S

**9:30am** Holy Communion

### ST GEORGE'S

**11:00am** Holy Communion + AGM

**6:30pm** Evening Prayer

### ST MARY'S, STONE

**11:00am** Holy Communion

### ONLINE

**11:00am** Morning Worship (via Zoom)

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order of service, please send an email to:  
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by **12:00 noon** on Saturday **8<sup>th</sup> May**.  
A children's resource pack is available on request  
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**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 9<sup>th</sup> May 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 7<sup>th</sup> May

When Peter writes to Christians in hard circumstances he draws in those who are living with a non-believing partner (he addresses wives, but it applies equally well to husbands). He acknowledges that it is better to witness in this situation through the quality of our lives than through our words. Even if that's not our particular situation we will do well to take up his challenge to spend more time ensuring our inner character is attractive than we do on our outward appearance. Let's pray that the Spirit will do his transforming work within us, that we become more like Jesus each day.

### Daily Readings for week beginning Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May:

**Mon 10<sup>th</sup> May** 1 Peter 4:1 - 11    **Tues 11<sup>th</sup> May** 1 Peter 4:12 - end  
**Wed 12<sup>th</sup> May** 1 Peter 5:1 - end    **Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> May** Luke 24:44 - end *Ascension Day*  
**Fri 14<sup>th</sup> May** Acts 1:15 - end *Matthias the Apostle*    **Sat 15<sup>th</sup> May** 1 John 2:7 - 17

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.



### Christian Aid Week 10<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> May

The climate emergency is one of the greatest injustices we face; it hurts us all. But people living in poverty fight the worst of it every day. From drought to flooding, climate change robs people of control over their lives. Extreme weather means people are struggling to survive without a reliable source of water. Your gift could help a community build an earth dam, so when the rains do come, they will have the water they need to live. This will help families withstand long drought or relentless rainstorms. Together we stop this climate crisis. Every envelope. Every gift. Every challenge can change lives. Go to [www.christianaid.org](http://www.christianaid.org)

### 8:00am Morning Prayer from 24<sup>th</sup> May onwards

Although it might seem a long time ahead, 24<sup>th</sup> May will arrive quickly in terms of how many newsletters there are between now and then, and so this is an alert to invite you to watch out for the email that gives you the **link to the new version of the booklet** for Morning Prayer which we will be using from that date on. We're aiming to give you enough time either to print it out for yourselves, or to ask the Office to print a copy for you. We will then all be set for continuing to pray together at the beginning of the day. If you're not sure whether you'd get that link then do drop a request to [parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk](mailto:parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk) to be included in the list. *David Hildred*

### Parish Prayers Online via Zoom

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

**Parish Prayer Meeting:** Held fortnightly on Wednesday evenings. Next meeting will be on **Wed 12<sup>th</sup> May**. Login from 7:20pm onwards for **7:30pm** start, finishing by 8:00pm. We will be using some resources from **Thy Kingdom Come** as well as praying for the continued recovery of the parish after lockdown. Please come along. Open to all.

**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](mailto: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 13<sup>th</sup> - May 23<sup>rd</sup>

Join the global wave of prayer calling all Christians to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus; [www.thykingdomcome.global/](http://www.thykingdomcome.global/)

For 2021, there are loads of exciting resources available such as the **Prayer Journal** and **Novena**, and new resources designed for young people, videos and activity packs for families and an updated interactive **Prayer Adventure Map**. Some of the resources have already made available in church but you can also order them online from:

<https://www.cpo.org.uk/thykingdomcome>.

**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 13<sup>th</sup> May** and at the online Parish Prayer on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> 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).

**Pray for 5:** One suggestion is that you **choose 5 people** you know, and pray for them throughout the 11 days & beyond! See Archbishop Sentamu's [short video](#) on YouTube.

You are also invited to join the national **BowDown** live online prayer at 9:00pm on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May**, organised by **Vineyard Churches** on behalf of **Thy Kingdom Come**. Please visit the website [BowDown.church](http://BowDown.church) to find out more and to learn how to register to be part of the live event on the day.

## Friends of the Holy Land Pentecost Challenge

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 Christian schools they love. 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>

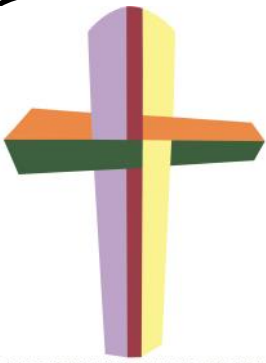
Our very own **Elaine Voice** has already signed up, so if you can't take part yourself please consider sponsoring Elaine; she has set a target of raising £300. If anyone would like to sponsor her, please get in touch [elaine.voice7@gmail.com](mailto:elaine.voice7@gmail.com) or look on line at: <https://fhl.enthuse.com/pf/elaine-voice>

## Midweek Services

The next midweek Holy Communion service will be at **St George's** at 10:00am on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May** to coincide with **Ascension Day**. Midweek services are usually fortnightly on Wednesdays and the following service will be on **Wed 26<sup>th</sup> May**.

## Electoral Roll Revision

From **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May**, the revised Church Electoral Roll will be on display in each Church. The lists on display contains names only but if you want to check other details on your record, please see your Electoral Roll Officer or contact the Parish Electoral Roll Officers (Bob & Maddy Smith - 07791 804135). **Please note: no further changes to the Electoral Roll can now be made until after the APCM on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021.**



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16<sup>th</sup> May 2021

**Ascension Sunday**

*Welcome to our Services both Online and in Church*

## COLLECT

Risen, ascended Lord,  
as we rejoice at your triumph,  
fill your Church on earth with  
power and compassion,  
that all who are estranged by  
sin may find forgiveness and  
know your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father.

## READINGS

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

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## SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup> MAY

### ST CASSIAN'S

**9:30am** Holy Communion

### ST CECILIA'S

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## Requests for Prayer.

- Please continue to pray for those in India, Brazil and other places around the world where the Coronavirus pandemic is still claiming many lives.
- Pray for the continued successful recovery of our own parish as we build back after the lockdown.
- For those in the parish who are recently bereaved and also all those who are sick.

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

## Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd David Hildred for Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May

Matthias is chosen to make up the number of the apostles, which was down by one because of the loss of Judas. It sounds a bit like an election at an APCM so that the full number on the council would be achieved no matter what: but look at the qualification and the role description for this post. It had to be filled by someone who had known and seen Jesus from the beginning. That enabled this person to be a witness of the resurrection of Jesus, to be able to tell that story. Let's pray that our church councils will be filled with people like this!

### Daily Readings for week beginning Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May:

**Mon 17<sup>th</sup> May** 1 John 2:18 - end

**Wed 19<sup>th</sup> May** 1 John 3:11 - end

**Fri 21<sup>st</sup> May** 1 John 4:7 - end

**Tues 18<sup>th</sup> May** 1 John 3:1 - 10

**Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> May** 1 John 4:1 - 6

**Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> May** 1 John 5:1 - 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 10<sup>th</sup> May, 7:00pm now online via Zoom.
- St Chad's Church, Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May, 7:45pm in Church.
- St George's Church, Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May, after 11:00am service in Church.

Meetings for St Cecilia's and St Mary's, Stone have 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 24<sup>th</sup> May** in St George's Church, Radford Avenue, Kidderminster at 7:30pm.

## Diocesan News

**Service of Prayer** for the new [Kidderminster & Stourport Deanery](#), at St Michael & All Angels, Stourport, **Sat 15<sup>th</sup> May**, 11:00am. The service will be outdoors. All welcome.

Diocesan Retreat Centre **Holland House** is taking bookings for a [Women's Poetry Weekend "Being Alive"](#), **28<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> May**, based on the renowned book of the same name by Neil Astley. The weekend is presented by local authors Rosie Miles and Nicola Slee. For more information on this exciting weekend email [info@rosiemilespoet.com](mailto:info@rosiemilespoet.com)

**Youth and children's groups** are now able to meet in church premises (including Sunday services) assuming they follow all Covid guidelines. Please contact Emma on [epettifer@cofe-worcester.org.uk](mailto:epettifer@cofe-worcester.org.uk) for more guidance.

You can join in with the 3<sup>rd</sup> National **Big Church Read** from **24<sup>th</sup> May**. The book this year is "How to Pray" by Pete Greig. Go to [thebigchurchread.co.uk](http://thebigchurchread.co.uk) to find out more.



I'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone for all the good wishes, cards, presents and flowers for my birthday. You've made it so special. With love, Jan Ferguson x

**Jane Tainton** has stepped down from her role as worship coordinator at **St Chad's** and we would all like to thank her for her hard work and dedication.

## DIARY

There is a **Homegroup leaders** meeting on **10<sup>th</sup> May**. **Homegroups** meet week beginning **17<sup>th</sup> May**. The **Bible Reading group** will next meet on Tuesday **25<sup>th</sup> May** at 11.00am via Zoom. Parish services and other events are detailed below.

<b>Mon 10<sup>th</sup> May</b>	7:00pm	St Cassian's AGM	Online via Zoom
<b>Wed 12<sup>th</sup> May</b>	7:30pm	Parish Prayer	Online via Zoom
<b>Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> May</b>	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	7:00pm	Contemplative Prayer	Online via Zoom
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	7:00pm	KEP Quiz Night	Online via Zoom
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May</b>	for service times please see elsewhere in this newsletter		
<b>Mon 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	7:45pm	St Chad's AGM	St Chad's
<b>Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> May</b>	7:00pm	Contemplative Prayer	Online via Zoom
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	7:00pm	KEP Quiz Night	Online via Zoom
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	9:30am	Morning Worship	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
	6:00pm	KE Youth	Online via Zoom
<b>Mon 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	6:30pm	Evening Prayer	St George's
	7:30pm	Mtg of Parishioners/APCM	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 23<sup>rd</sup> MAY - Pentecost

**READINGS:** Acts 2:1 - 21    Romans 8:22 - 27    John 15:26 - 27; 16:4b - 15

### SUNDAY 30<sup>th</sup> MAY - Trinity

**READINGS:** Isaiah 6:1 - 8    Romans 8:12 - 17    John 3:1 - 17

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