

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

16th December 2018

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A warm welcome to our services

COLLECT

God for whom we watch
and wait, you sent John
the Baptist to prepare the
way of your Son:
give us courage to speak
the truth, to hunger for
justice, and to suffer for
the cause of right, with
Jesus Christ our Lord.

READINGS

Zephaniah 3: 14 - end;
Philippians 4: 4 - 7;
Luke 3: 7 - 18

SUNDAY 16TH DECEMBER

ST CASSIAN'S

9:30am Holy Communion

7:00pm Carol Service

ST CECILIA'S

4:30pm Carol Service

ST CHAD'S

9:30am Morning Worship

ST MARY'S, STONE

8.00am Holy Communion

11:00am Morning Worship

ST GEORGE'S

11:00am Holy Communion

6:30pm Carol Service



Parish Longest Night Service

A quiet Christmas service for those
who are bereaved, or find
Christmas difficult.

St Cassian's Church, Chaddesley Corbett

Friday 21st December @ 7:30pm

All very welcome. Prayer Ministry will be available.

The **Parish Office** will be closed from 22nd December to 1st January 2019 inclusive. There will be **no newsletter on Sunday 30th December** so, any notices for weeks commencing 24th December and 31st December should be submitted to the Parish Office **by Wednesday 19th December, at the very latest**. Many thanks.

The next **Marriage Preparation Course** will be running on **14th, 21st, 28th January, 4th and 11th February 2019** from 7.00pm until 9.30pm at St Cecilia's Church. As usual we need volunteers to help to meet and greet the couples as they arrive and to help to serve the food. We are also looking for married couples who would be prepared to come along and act as supporters and help clarify any issues that the couples may have as they progress through the course. If you would like to help in any capacity with the course, please contact Robert Legge on 01562 827214 ASAP.

**Churches Together in
Kidderminster AGM**

at Trinity Methodist
15th January 2019 @
7:30pm

**Kidderminster East Youth (K.E.Y)
Christmas Party**

There will be no K.E.Y. meeting today, Sunday 16th December but instead, K.E.Y will hold their Christmas Party on **Saturday 22nd December** from 2:00 to 4:00pm at St. Chad's

The **Parish Traidcraft stall** will be at **St George's on 16th December** - all fairly traded and ethically sourced goods. Contact Ali Burton 01562 824490

**Kidderminster East PCC
Extraordinary Meeting**

Monday 7th January 7:30pm
at **St. Cecilia's Church** with Archdeacon Nikki Groarke to discuss the process for the forthcoming vacancy for Team Rector. **This will be an "open" meeting but primarily for PCC & individual church DCC members.**



Save the Date! Bishop Graham will be pleased to license **The Revd Canon Hugh Burton** as **Team Rector in the Dudley Team Ministry** on **Sunday 7th April** at 4.00pm probably 6:30pm, at **St Francis Church, Dudley.**

Christmas Services 19th – 25th December

Details of Sunday services to the end of the year can be found on the back cover of this newsletter.

St Cassian's Church, Chaddesley Corbett

Christmas Eve 5:00pm - Crib Service
Christmas Day 9:30am - Holy Communion

St Mary's Church, Stone

Christmas Eve 11:30pm - Midnight Communion

St George's Church, Radford Avenue

Sunday 23rd December 11:00am - Nativity Service
Christmas Eve 11.00pm for 11:30pm - Midnight Communion
(Choir sing carols from the balcony from 11.00pm)
Christmas Day 10:30am - Worship for All Communion Service

St Cecilia's Church, Hoo Road

Christmas Eve 4:00pm - Christingle Service for all ages
Christmas Day 11:00am - Worship for All Communion Service

St Chad's Church, Burcher Green

Wednesday 19th December 7:30pm - Carol Service
Christmas Day 9:30am - Worship for All Communion Service

Also, the management team at The **Mare & Colt** pub on the A449 (Worcester road), invited us, as a Parish, to go along and sing some Christmas carols. Jane Tainton, from St. Chad's Music group, has organised a group from the parish to sing **from 3pm for about an hour on Sunday 23rd December**. A collection will be taken in aid of Kidderminster Foodbank.

#FOLLOW THE STAR – This year's Church of England Christmas campaign encourages everyone to **sign up for daily emails** to take the life-changing Christmas journey: <https://www.churchofengland.org/followthestar> Each one includes a picture, a short Bible passage, a simple prayer and an action to reflect on. You also get access to our online family Advent calendar which has fun activities to complete each day with family and friends throughout Advent. **For anyone without access to a computer, there are booklets available in church.**

Requests for Prayer:

- Upcoming Christingle & Carol Services, schools coming into church for their Christmas services and all those attending.

***WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE
PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR PRAYER?***

PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR MORE DETAILS.


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COFFEE SPOT:

CAFÉ CHAD open every Mon & Weds 9:15am-12:30pm, except Boxing Day

Please note times on Christmas Eve & New Year's Eve: 9:15am – 11:00am

 ST GEORGE'S COFFEE SHOP: open every Friday from 10am to 12noon.

MEET AND EAT: Every Monday at 5pm in Morrisons Café.

TUESDAY 18TH DECEMBER

Tuesday Group 10:00am @ St Chad's
St George's Toddlers 10am – 11:30am

FRIDAY 21ST DECEMBER

Longest Night Service 7:30pm
@ St Cassian's

WEDNESDAY 19TH DECEMBER

Holy Communion 10:15am @ St George's
Knit & Natter 2 - 4 pm @ St George's
Young @ Heart 2 – 4pm @ St Cecilia's
Parish Afternoon Prayer 4:30 – 5:00pm
@ St George's

St Chad's 'Babies & Toddlers' reopens Friday 11th January 2019.

SUNDAY 23RD DECEMBER

St George's		St Cassian's	
8.00am	Holy Communion	9:30am	Morning Worship
11:00am	Worship for All - Nativity	St Cecilia's	
6.30pm	No Service	11:00am	Worship for All
St Mary's Stone		St. Chad's	
11:00am	Holy Communion	9:30am	Holy Communion preceded by listening prayer in "The Barrel" @ 9am
READINGS: Micah 5: 2 – 5a; Hebrews 10: 5 - 10; Luke 1: 39 – 45 [46 – 55]			

SUNDAY 30TH DECEMBER

St Cecilia's	
10:30am	Parish United Communion Service & Carols
Please note there will be no other services at any of the other 4 churches.	
READINGS: 1 Samuel 2 : 18 – 20, 26; Colossians 3: 12 - 17; Luke 2: 41 – end	

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