



# THE KIDDERMINSTER EAST PARISH NEWSLETTER

Churches of St Cassian's, St Cecilia's, St Chad's, St George's & St Mary's Stone

1<sup>st</sup> December 2019

**1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*A warm welcome to our services*

## COLLECT

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

## READINGS

Isaiah 2: 1 – 5

Romans 13: 11 – end

Matthew 24: 36 - 44

## SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER

### ST CASSIAN'S

**9:30am** Holy Communion

### ST CECILIA'S

**11:00am** Holy Communion

### ST CHAD'S

**9:30am** Worship for All & Baptisms

### ST MARY'S, STONE

**11:00am** Worship for All

### ST GEORGE'S

**11:00am** Morning Prayer

**6:30pm** Advent Carols

**8:00am Holy Communion @ St Mary and All Saints, Trinityfields, Kidderminster**  
**K. E. Y. (Kidderminster East Youth) meet @ St Chad's from 6:00 - 7:30pm**



## Parish Christmas Cards

All the Christmas cards have now been distributed to each Church in street by street bundles.

Each bundle has a label with designated delivery addresses, to make delivery as easy as possible.

Many thanks to anyone who has already helped to deliver cards to houses.

If **you** are able to help please take a bundle. The first service mentioned on the card is 8<sup>th</sup> December so it would be good to have cards delivered before then.

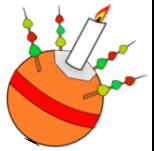
Many thanks for all your help.



## Parish Messy Christingle

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December 3:30 – 5:00pm**

**St Chad's Church, Burcher Green**



For fun, crafts & various other activities. Food will be provided.

Free Entry. All children must be accompanied by an adult, please.

For more information, to let us know you are coming or if you can help in any way please call 01562 822131 or e-mail: [office@kidderminstereast.org.uk](mailto:office@kidderminstereast.org.uk)

### Christingle Service

at St Mary's Stone,  
**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December,**  
at 5:00pm.

A service for all ages.  
Please come for a  
traditional Christmas  
service.

### A prayer for the 2019 General Election

God of grace and truth,  
send your Spirit to guide us  
as we discover your will for our country.  
Help us to discuss the issues before us  
with courtesy, truth and mutual respect,  
and grant that all who stand for parliament  
will seek to serve the common good,  
through him who came not to be served but to serve,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Pop Up Café @ St George's Church

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 12noon – 2:00pm**

Jacket Potato / Cheese / Beans will be served as well as cakes, fruit, tea and coffee. Bring friends along. No charge but donations are welcomed.

### Churches Together

Will be singing  
**Sheffield Carols**  
outside the Town Hall  
weather permitting from  
11am to 2pm

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December**  
Please come and join in!

Also, at the Queens  
Head in Wolverley at  
3pm on **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec**

### Advent Carols at St George's - TODAY

Come along to one of the first Christmas events of the year! All are welcome to St George's on  
**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December, 6:30pm-7:30pm.**



*A Warm invitation to the*  
**Café Chad Christmas Special**  
**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at St Chad's Church,**  
9:30am – 12:30pm

Seasonal refreshments, cakes & stalls

*Raising funds for Teenage Parent Groups run by our local charity 10.32*



**Marriage Preparation Volunteers required:** Our marriage preparation groups will be meeting at St Cecilia's on Monday evenings in the new year: **13<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> January and 3<sup>rd</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> February.** Volunteers are required to help prepare the venue each evening, meet & greet, serve refreshments and tidy away afterwards. Can you help for all or part of any of these evenings? Please contact Rev Robert Legge directly (see contact details on back of newsletter) or via the parish office. Thank you.

There will be a prayer for the Cooper Family in the **Barrel of Fun** at St Chad's at 2:30pm, **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

**Age UK** invite you to the Tulip Tree Friendship Group's Christmas Fair **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**, 1:00pm – 3:00pm at the Tulip Tree Centre Castle Road, DY11 6TH

**Living Embers** (Wyre Forest Ecumenical Christian Ladies Group) Christmas Celebration, **Wed 4<sup>th</sup> December**, at Jubilee International Church, Hoo Road, 9:45am.

**Churches Together in Kidderminster - Advent Saturdays:** CTiK are again looking for a few volunteers to help in making the tea and coffee at Baxter Church and possibly delivering it from 10:00am to 1:00pm on **7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> December**. If you can help in any way then please contact the parish office on 01562 822131. Thank you.

The **750<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** celebrations at **St Mary's Stone** will officially come to an end **TODAY** at the 11am Service on **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December**. The congregation of St Mary's would like to thank members of the wider Kidderminster East community for their support for, and interest in, this project over the last few months.

**Sing-a-long-a-Christmas** with Chaddesley Voices Choir, **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December**, 8:00pm – 9:00pm in St Cassian's Church. No need to book, just come along.

**Bishop's Council** is examining the future of ministry (clergy and lay) across the diocese and is also reviewing the basis on which Parish Share is calculated. As part of this it is proposed to have "Open Conversations" events to enable as wide a cross section as possible of worshipers to express a view. The first meetings will be at the Old Palace, Worcester, **Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Dec**, 2:00 - 4:30pm or 7:00 - 9:15pm. Further dates and venues (including Kidderminster) in the new year are to be advised.

**Stone Corner Café:** after a successful first event last month we will be open again on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** 2:00pm – 4:00pm. Hope to see you there.

**Churches Together in Kidderminster** invite you to a **Christmas Day Lunch** at St Ambrose Parish Centre, Birmingham Road, Kidderminster, DY10 2BY, 12:30pm onwards. Transport can be arranged to and from the centre. To book a place please call 07858 985698 or email [christmasctik@gmail.com](mailto:christmasctik@gmail.com). **Volunteers needed:** If you are able to help out with preparation on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day or with transport on Christmas Day, please contact the parish office, or use the contact details above.

**Street Pastors: New Opportunity - Can you help?** We are planning to try to provide some Street Pastor patrols during the day time in Kidderminster town centre. If you feel you could help with this (rather than night patrols) or would like more information, please contact Bryan Smith on 07711 316025 or email: [bryan.smith248@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bryan.smith248@yahoo.co.uk)

**Anne Rickett** would like to thank all contributors of the **Christmas boxes**. The first lorry departed last Saturday to take them to an orphanage in Romania.

**Requests for Prayer:**



- **Team Rector Vacancy** – We still need your prayers regarding this vacancy. Please continue to pray for the situation using the Parish Prayer Card, if you wish. **Please pray for all those involved in the recruitment process.**

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



# DIARY PAGE

**COFFEE SPOT: CAFÉ CHAD** open every **Mon & Weds** 9:15am–12:30pm.

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

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

**HOMEGROUPS MEET THIS WEEK** Please ask for details.



## MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER

Prayer in the Barrel 2:30pm @ St Chad's

## TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER

Tuesday Group 10am @ St Chad's  
St George's Toddlers 10am – 11:30am  
Parish Afternoon Prayer 12 – 12:30pm  
@ St George's

## WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

Holy Communion 10am @ St Cassian's  
Holy Communion 10:15am @ St George's  
Pop-up Café 12 – 2pm @ St George's  
Knit & Natter 2 – 4 pm @ St George's  
Young at Heart 2 – 4pm @ St Cecilia's  
Alpha Course 7 – 9:30pm

**FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER** Babies and Toddlers 10:00am – 11:30 am @ St Chad's

## SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

<b>St George's</b>		<b>St Mary's Stone</b>	
8:00am	Holy Communion	5:00pm	Christingle Service
11:00am	Holy Communion	<b>St Cecilia's</b>	
6:30pm	Evening Prayer	11:00am	Morning Worship
<b>St Cassian's</b>		<b>St Chad's</b>	
9:30am	Worship for All	9:30am	Holy Communion preceded by listening prayer in "the Barrel" @ 9:00am
6:30pm	Evensong		

**READINGS:** Isaiah 11: 1 – 10      Romans 15: 4 – 13      Matthew 3: 1 - 12

## SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

<b>St George's</b>		<b>St Cassian's</b>	
11:00am	Holy Communion	9:30am	Holy Communion
6:30pm	Evening Prayer	<b>St Cecilia's</b>	
<b>St Mary's Stone</b>		6:30pm	Candlelit Carol service
8:00am	Holy Communion	<b>St Chad's</b>	
11:00am	Morning Worship	9:30am	Morning Worship

**K.E.Y.** (Kidderminster East Youth) meet @ St. Chad's from 6:00 – 7:30pm

**READINGS:** Isaiah 35: 1 – 10      James 5: 7 - 10      Matthew 11: 2 - 11

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