



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 February 2020

2ND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

A warm welcome to our services

COLLECT

Almighty God,
give us reverence for
all creation and respect
for every person,
that we may mirror
your likeness
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

READINGS

Genesis 1: 1 – 2: 3
Romans 8: 18 – 25
Matthew 6: 25 – end

SUNDAY 16TH FEBRUARY

ST CASSIAN'S

9:30am Holy Communion

ST CECILIA'S

11:00am Holy Communion

ST CHAD'S

9:30am Morning Worship

ST MARY'S, STONE

8:00am Holy Communion

11:00am Morning Worship

ST GEORGE'S

11:00am Worship for All

6:30pm Evening Prayer

K.E.Y. (Kidderminster East Youth) meet @ St Chad's 6.00pm - 7:30pm

Parish Messy Church: Half-term Special

St George's Church, Radford Avenue

Tuesday 18th February 10:00am - 12:00noon

We're hoping for a bumper event;
last year 108 children came to take part!

So, if anyone can **spare some time**
to help out on the day please call Carol on
01562 827093. Many thanks.





Quiz Night and Supper

at St George's Church, Radford Ave.,

Tuesday 3rd March, 6:45pm for 7:00pm.

Teams of up to six. Tickets £10 each to include supper (fish & chips/chicken & chips/pie & chips).

To book your place please call

Jan Ferguson on 01562 630431

or email jferg541@gmail.com



Art Exhibition

In aid of

King of Hearts Creative Outreach

at St Chad's Church, Burcher Green

Saturday 29th February 12 noon - 4pm.

You are invited to exhibit some of your artwork.

Please contact Peter Cooper on 01562 632175.

World Day of Prayer

Friday 6th March

"Praying for Zimbabwe"

at St George's Church

10:30am

Plus Bring & Buy stall

Churches Together
in Kidderminster

Praise Service

Trinity Methodist Church

TODAY

Sun 16th Feb, 6:30pm.

Speaker Revd Sue Levitt.

Also featuring "Encounter Dance Group" and "Praising Hands".

Homegroups

will be meeting weekly
during Lent.

They will follow a Lent
study guide called

"A Passion for Christ"

(<https://www.eden.co.uk/a-passion-for-christ>).

If you would like to join a homegroup please
contact Revd Robert Legge or the parish office



Remember
that you are
dust and into
dust you shall
return.

Ash Wednesday

26th February

Holy Communion Service
with Ashing

10:15am @ St George's

to mark the start of Lent

All PCC Members

Our next meeting is on

Monday 24th February
at St Chad's, 7:30pm

Please try to attend if you can

Date for your Diary

Institution of the **Revd David Hildred** as Team Rector of the
Kidderminster East Team

Ministry at 4:00pm on

Saturday 2nd May

at St George's Church.



Singing Stars Children's choir



St John's Church,
Kidderminster, DY11 6RL.

Weekly term time rehearsal from

Wednesday 26th February 5:30 - 6:00pm

More info from churchorganist@hotmail.com



Parish Messy Church

Saturday 7th March 4:00 – 6:00pm

St Chad's Church, Burcher Green

For fun, crafts & various other activities.

Food will be provided.

All children must be accompanied by an adult, please.

For more information, to let us know you are coming please call
01562 822131 or e-mail: office@kidderminstereast.org.uk.

Please also contact us if you can assist at the event in any way.



Review of Parish Electoral Roll

This year sees a revision of the Parish Electoral Roll. Any existing names are carried forward from the current roll, which was created last year. If you would like to be added to the Parish Electoral Roll, please complete a form and hand it to your Electoral Roll Officer (see below) by **Friday 3rd April**. The appropriate forms are available in church from **today**

St Cassian's - Anna Hanson

St Chad's - Helen Perry-Smith

St Cecilia's - Katy Cornwell

St George's - Jan Ferguson

St Mary's Stone - Konrad Nofer

Please also speak to your Electoral Roll Officer, if you have any queries.

Many thanks.

Bob & Maddy Smith - Parish Electoral Roll Officers.

Youth Services

Dr John Sentamu, the Archbishop of York, is calling on congregations to sign a petition in support of YMCA's campaign for the restoration of Youth Services. He says: *"It is of great concern to me that young people are reporting that they feel increasingly isolated, that their mental wellbeing is worsening and that they feel more vulnerable to violence and crime. This is against a background of dramatic year on year cuts in spending on Youth Services. In this campaign YMCA is calling for these cuts to be reversed so that we can reinvest in the wellbeing of our young people. I commend the campaign to you and encourage you to add your voice to this call for change."*

You can sign the petition online at ymca.org.uk/churchesforyouth

Please note there will be NO newsletter on **Sunday 23rd February**. The next newsletter will be for **Sunday 1st March**. Please submit notices for inclusion to the Parish Office on office@kidderminstereast.org.uk / 01562 822131 by **Tues 25th February**. For publication on the website / social media, please send to media@kidderminstereast.org.uk

If you would like to **save paper** and **receive newsletters via email**, please let the Parish Office know.

Safeguarding Foundation (C1) Training Parish of Kidderminster East

Date: Mon 22nd June; **Time:** 18:30 – 21:30hrs **Venue:** St. Cecilia's Church, Hoo Road, Kidderminster, DY10 1LP. See: <https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/diocesan-compendium/safeguarding/training/lay-workers-church-workers-pcc-members/>

Those working with children or adults should attend a diocesan training course within 12 months of taking up a post, even if they already have previous knowledge of safeguarding. If your role is not one for which a DBS check is required, but you work with children or vulnerable adults then you should still attend the Foundation (C1) training.

Churchwardens, PCC and DCC members are also encouraged to attend.

There is no charge for the course but it is essential to book in advance by contacting dbsadmin@cofe-worcester.org.uk to ensure that there are spaces available or that the event is viable. Or book on line at <https://c12206.eventbrite.co.uk> Please kindly advise **Rob Poulsen**, Parish Safeguarding Administrator by email safeguarding@kidderminstereast.org.uk when you have booked on to the course.

Compassion Child Sponsorship new Co-ordinator is being sought

As a parish we continue to support 12 Children worldwide via the Compassion UK Sponsorship Scheme. I have managed the parish scheme for nearly 20 years and, latterly, I have not been able to give it the focus it deserves. In view of this, I feel the time has come to hand this work over to someone else. I am more than happy to explain what is involved in managing the contact we have with "our Compassion children" and the financial contributions. I can be reached at the Parish Office (01562 822131/office@kidderminstereast.org.uk) or at St Chad's. It is a rewarding task so please give it your best consideration. Many thanks. *Karen Morton*

- Don't forget to check out the **parish website** (www.kidderminstereast.org.uk) **Facebook** (*Parish of Kidderminster East*) and **Twitter** ([@parishofke](https://twitter.com/parishofke)) pages for details of all that is happening and like / share posts to spread the word.
- The newsletter, website and social media are also an **excellent prayer resource**, please use them to pray for the parish, everyone involved and for the work of Christ in our town / villages and surrounding area.
- **Requests for prayer** are included in the newsletter each week but often we don't hear about the outcomes! If you would like to share **answers to prayer** via the newsletter, please let the Parish Office know. Contact details are on the back page.

TRAINING SESSION: Open the Book - Air and Share

Tuesday 25th February, 9:30 – 12:30pm

St Chad's Church, Burcher Green

Who is it for? Anyone who is involved with an **Open the Book Team** and wants to develop their storytelling and learn from others. Come as a team or by yourself. A dynamic session which will help you learn new skills to help bring your stories to life. An ideal place to air your ideas, questions, challenges, successes and bring samples of your costumes & props. Do bring a packed lunch if you want to stay on and chat. *Trainer: Lynn Satchell.*

Booking is essential - to book please go to

www.biblesociety.org.uk/products/ticket-EVT00982-46

TRAINING SESSION: Beyond Chocolate Eggs with Victoria Beech

Tuesday 25th February, 7:30pm – 9:00pm

The Old Palace, Deansway, Worcester, WR1 2JE

Who is it for? This evening event is for anyone who is in contact with children. Victoria Beech has 20 years' experience of working with children. She is the creator of the *GodVenture* products and ideas and has co-authored the four book series of *Held in Hope* books for sick and bereaved children.

The session will be looking at creative activities and ideas Lent and Easter.

To book email epettifer@cofe-worcester.org.uk or telephone 01905 732823

TRAINING SESSION: Spirituality of the Child (3 Session Course)

Tuesdays 10th, 24th and 31st March 2020, 7:30pm – 9:00pm

The Old Palace, Deansway, Worcester, WR1 2JE

Who is it for? This three-session course is for anyone who is in contact with children, e.g. children's work volunteers, parents and clergy.

Every child is born spiritual. If we will let them, they have the capacity to teach us a lot through the way they see our spiritual world. Together, we can share in awe and wonder. Over the three weeks of this course we will look at themes including:

- Looking at spirituality through the eyes of a child.
- Working on our understanding of children and their spirituality.
- Thinking about how we talk to children about spirituality.
- Considering how we nurture the spirit of a child to help the child grow.
- Sharing ideas and practicalities from our own experiences with each other.

The course will be led by Emma Pettifer (Children's Officer).

To book, email epettifer@cofe-worcester.org.uk or telephone 01905 732823.



St George's Church have invited a speaker from the Christian Charity **Tearfund** to let us know about how we can learn about and support the work of others through mission. Andrea Sheppick will be speaking about the work of **Tearfund** at 11:00am on **Sunday 1st March**. Please come and make sure we give Andrea, and **Tearfund**, a really warm welcome to St George's.

Quiet Days at Holland House

Tuesday 18th February, 10:00am

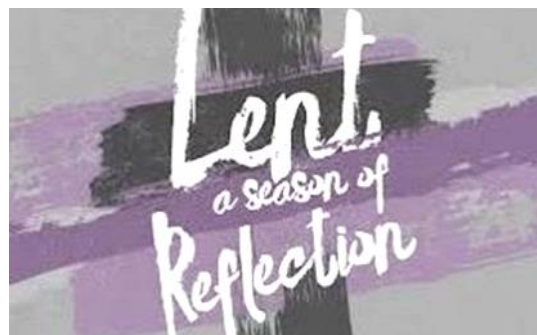
"Awareness of the Presence" with Graham Pharo.

Cost £40 including lunch & refreshments.

Monday 24th February 10am - 4pm

"Lent Quiet Day" with Bishop Michael Hooper.

Cost £30 including lunch & refreshments.



Both these events can be booked online at www.hollandhouse.org



SPRING HARVEST

Spring Harvest 2020

Unleashed - The Acts Church Today

Dates are

- Minehead 4th - 9th April and 13th - 17th April
- Skegness 13th - 17th April
- Harrogate 14th - 18th April

Please book online at springharvest.org or call 0330 1009330. **#SH2020**

Wyre Forest Justice & Peace Group

Memories of a World War 2 Evacuee

Wednesday 25th March 7:30pm

at St Wulstan's Parish Room
Vale Road, Stourport on Severn



Derek Smith was evacuated from the East End of London to rural Herefordshire
Please come and share an interesting evening with us. All welcome

Living Embers Wyre Forest Ecumenical Christian Ladies Group. **Wednesday 4th March** Theme: **Springtime**. Coffee/tea 9.45am Meeting 10.15am Venue: Jubilee International Church Hoo Road, Kidderminster. Group Contact: Jenny Barnes 01562 638103. All ladies welcome.

Young at Heart Wednesday 3rd March, 2:00 - 4:00pm. *"Midlands Zeppelin Raid"* a talk by Ian Bott at St Cecilia's Hoo Road.

Kidderminster East Youth: meeting time reverts to a 6:00pm start, as from **TODAY**.

Share & Care, at Susie's home – Hill Pool House, **Monday 17th February** from 10:30am – 12noon. For more information please contact Susie on 777419 or Beth on 777136. Please let us know if you would like a lift there and back home.

Bishop Martin the new **Bishop of Dudley** will be welcomed to the Diocese on **Sat 22nd February**, 4pm at Top Church in Dudley and also **Sun 23rd February**, 4pm at Evensong in the Cathedral. All are welcome to either event, but please book by email leonie.andrews@cofe-worcester.org.uk if you are planning on coming.

Stone Corner Café in Stone Parish Rooms, **Wednesday 11th March** 2:00pm – 4:00pm and the second Wednesday of every month.

Churches Together in Kidderminster **Prayer and Praise** at Coffee #1, Riverside Walk, DY10 1BY (next to bus station), **Friday 13th March**, 7:30pm - 9:30pm.

Churches Together in Kidderminster require your help for the annual joint venture **Easter Hunt** at Brinton Park, **Sat 11th April**, 10:30am - 12:00noon. Help needed from 8:15am to set-up. For details please see poster or call Jane Pollard 07949 968276.

Requests for Prayer:

- Children and teachers on half term break; may they return refreshed.
- For the success of the Half Term Messy Church and for everyone who is giving their time to help out.
- For Bishop Martin, newly invested Bishop of Dudley, as we welcome him to the Diocese.

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

DIARY

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

TUESDAY 18TH & 25TH FEBRUARY

Tuesday Group 10am @ St Chad's

WED 19TH & 26TH FEBRUARY

Knit & Natter 2 – 4pm @ St George's

WED 19TH FEBRUARY ONLY

Morning Worship 10:15am @ St George's

MONDAY 24TH FEBRUARY ONLY

Start of Fairtrade Fortnight

PCC meeting 7:30pm @ St Chad's

TUESDAY 25TH FEBRUARY ONLY

St George's Toddlers 10am – 11:30am

Parish Afternoon Prayer 12 – 12:30pm @

St George's

WED 26TH FEBRUARY ONLY

Holy Communion with Ashing 10:15am @

St George's

Out to Tea with Young at Heart 2 – 4pm

FRIDAY 28TH FEBRUARY ONLY

Babies & Toddlers 10 – 11:30am @ St Chad's

LENT GROUPS MEET WEEKLY DURING LENT Please ask for details.

SUNDAY 23RD FEBRUARY

St George's	St Cassian's
11:00am Morning Worship	9:30am Morning Worship
6:30pm Evening Prayer	St Cecilia's
St Mary's Stone	11:00am Worship for All
11:00am Holy Communion with Archdeacon Nikki Groarke	St Chad's
	9:30am Morning Worship

There is NO 8:00am Holy Communion Service This week

READINGS: Exodus 24: 12 – end 2 Peter 1: 16 - end Matthew 17: 1 – 9

SUNDAY 1ST MARCH

St George's	St Cassian's
11:00am Morning Prayer	9:30am Holy Communion
6:30pm Holy Communion	St Cecilia's
St Mary's Stone	11:00am Holy Communion
11:00am Morning Worship	St Chad's
	9:30am Worship for All + Baptism

8:00am Holy Communion Service at **St Mary's Kidderminster**

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

READINGS: Genesis 2: 15 – 17, 3: 1 – 7 Romans 5: 12 – 19 Matthew 4: 1 – 11

SUNDAY 8TH MARCH

St George's	St Cassian's
8:00am Holy Communion	9:30am Worship for All preceded by Breakfast at 8:30am
11:00am Holy Communion	St Cecilia's
6:30pm Evening Prayer	11:00am Morning Worship
St Mary's Stone	St Chad's
11:00am Holy Communion	9:30am Holy Communion preceded by listening prayer in 'the Barrel' @ 9:00am

READINGS: Genesis 12: 1 – 4a Romans 4: 1 – 5, 13 – 17 John 3: 1 – 17

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