



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

1st March 2020

**1ST SUNDAY OF LENT**

*A warm welcome to our services*

<b>COLLECT</b>		<b>SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH</b>	
Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.		<b>ST CASSIAN'S</b>	
		<b>9:30am</b>	Holy Communion
		<b>ST CECILIA'S</b>	
		<b>11:00am</b>	Holy Communion
		<b>ST CHAD'S</b>	
<b>READINGS</b>  Genesis 2: 15 – 17, 3: 1 – 7 Romans 5: 12 – 19 Matthew 4: 1 – 11		<b>9:30am</b>	Worship for All + Baptism
		<b>ST MARY'S, STONE</b>	
		<b>11:00am</b>	Morning Worship
		<b>ST GEORGE'S</b>	
		<b>11:00am</b>	Morning Prayer
	<b>6:30pm</b>	Holy Communion	

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

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

## 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](mailto:office@kidderminstereast.org.uk).

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



## LENT RESOURCES

### Homegroups

will be meeting **weekly** during **Lent**. They are following a Lent study guide called "**A Passion for Christ**"

([www.eden.co.uk/a-passion-for-christ](http://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

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Check out the Parish **Facebook** page for 40 single word themes inspired by *Matthew, Mark, Luke, John* and *Genesis* to influence you during Lent. You are welcome to engage with photos, prayers, meditation or discussion suggestions.

Search for: *Parish of Kidderminster East*

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### Parish Prayerlink

You can **email your prayer requests** to: [prayerlink@kidderminstereast.org.uk](mailto:prayerlink@kidderminstereast.org.uk)

Our prayer team across the whole parish will then be happy to pray for you. Please see fliers / prayer request forms in church for more information.

If you would like to become part of the parish e-mail prayer team, please e-mail the same address.

### #LiveLent: Care for God's Creation

is the Church of England's Lent Campaign for 2020. This year's

**#LiveLent** challenge offers 40 short reflections and suggested actions to help you, your family and your church live in greater harmony with God, neighbour and nature. You can download the app for you phone or sign up for daily emails at <https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/living-out-our-faith/lent-holy-week-and-easter/livelent-care-gods-creation>

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This Lent the **Bible Society** invites you to take their Bible memorisation challenge in an effort to store up God's word in our hearts and share the good news with others. They have picked out 40 inspiring Scriptures to take you from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday, and well on your way to forming a Bible memorisation habit. You can find the challenge on their website at <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/>

**LENT**  
Pray + Fast + Give

Churches Together  
in Kidderminster

**Prayer and Praise  
at Coffee #1,**

Riverside Walk, DY10 1BY  
(next to bus station),

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March,**  
7:30pm - 9:30pm

**Stone Corner Café**

in Stone Parish Rooms,

**Wed 11<sup>th</sup> March**

2:00pm – 4:00pm

(and 2nd Wednesday of  
every month)

### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> April**.

The appropriate forms are available in church.

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

If you have any queries please also speak to your Electoral Roll Officer, Many thanks.

*Bob & Maddy Smith - Parish Electoral Roll Officers.*

## **Coronavirus (COVID-19) guidance for parishes from Church of England**

The threat posed by COVID-19 has been assessed by the Chief Medical Officer as 'moderate'. This permits the Government to plan for all eventualities.

### **The risk to individuals remains low.**

Current Government advice is that individuals should follow good hygiene practices including: carrying tissues and using them to catch coughs and sneezes, and binning the tissue; washing hands with soap and water (for 20 seconds) or using sanitiser gel to kill germs. More info can be obtained from: <https://www.churchofengland.org>

Andrea Sheppick will be speaking about the work of **Tearfund** at St George's Church at 11:00am **TODAY, Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March**. All welcome; please come along.

**Partners and Communities Together (PACT)** will meet at St Chad's Church Hall, Burcher Green, Monday **2<sup>nd</sup> March**, 10 - 11am. Come and talk to local police and councillors about local issues.

**Young at Heart** Wednesday **4<sup>th</sup> March**, 2:00 - 4:00pm at St Cecilia's Hoo Road. This week's subject is "*Midlands Zeppelin Raid*" - a talk by Ian Bott.

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

**World Day of Prayer** "*Praying for Zimbabwe*" at St George's Church, **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March**, 10:30am, plus Bring & Buy stall. All welcome.

We are going to take communion to Helen Catchpole on **8<sup>th</sup> March** in her home in Worcester. Please join us if you can. Meet at St Chad's church at 1:40pm to get there for 2:30pm. If you need a lift, please let Peter Cooper know or turn up at St Chad's.

**Coach trip** to Salford Quays on Thursday **23<sup>rd</sup> April**, leaving at 9:15am from St George's and returning at about 6. Cost £15. Everyone is welcome, from across the parish. Bookings to Jan on 01562 630431 or email [jferg541@gmail.com](mailto:jferg541@gmail.com)

Please can you bring your **Children's Society boxes** in to be emptied. If you would like a box, please contact Jan Ferguson on K. 630431. Oddments of foreign currency also gratefully received to forward to the Society. Many thanks to all for your support.

**Churches Together in Kidderminster** require your help for the annual joint venture **Easter Hunt** at Brinton Park, Sat 11<sup>th</sup> 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:**

- For all those who continue to be affected by the severe flooding across the country and especially around our own community.
- For the success of the St Chad's Messy Church this week, and for those who give their time selflessly to help out.
- For all those affected by coronavirus across the world.
- Continue to pray for Revd David Hildred and his family as he prepares to join us.

*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

## **MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH**

Prayer in the Barrel of Fun 2:30pm

## **WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

Holy Communion 10:00am @ St Cassian's

Morning Worship 10:15am @ St George's

Pop-up Café 12–2:00pm @ St George's

Knit & Natter 2 – 4pm @ St George's

Young at Heart 2 – 4pm @ St Cecilia's

## **TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH**

Tuesday Group 10am @ St Chad's

St George's Toddlers 10am – 11:30am

Parish Afternoon Prayer 12 – 12:30pm @

St George's

Quiz & Supper 6:45 for 7pm @ St George's

## **FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

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

World Day of Prayer 10:30am @ St George's

## **SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

### **St George's**

8:00am Holy Communion

11:00am Holy Communion

6:30pm Evening Prayer

### **St Mary's Stone**

11:00am Holy Communion

### **St Cassian's**

9:30am Worship for All preceded by  
Breakfast at 8:30am

### **St Cecilia's**

11:00am Morning Worship

### **St Chad's**

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

## **SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

### **St George's**

11:00am Morning Worship

6:30pm Evening Prayer

### **St Mary's Stone**

8:00am Holy Communion

11:00am Morning Worship

### **St Cassian's**

9:30am Holy Communion

### **St Cecilia's**

11:00am Morning Worship

### **St Chad's**

9:30am Morning Worship

**READINGS:** Exodus 17: 1 – 7    Romans 5: 1 – 11    John 4: 5 – 42

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