

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

8<sup>th</sup> March 2020

**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

*A warm welcome to our services*

<b>COLLECT</b>		<b>SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH</b>	
<p>Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.</p>		<b>ST CASSIAN'S</b>	
		<b>9:30am</b>	Worship for All preceded by breakfast at 8:30am
		<b>ST CECILIA'S</b>	
		<b>11:00am</b>	Morning Worship
		<b>ST CHAD'S</b>	
	<b>9:30am</b>	Holy Communion preceded by listening prayer in 'the Barrel' @ 9:00am	
		<b>ST MARY'S, STONE</b>	
	<b>11:00am</b>	Holy Communion	
		<b>ST GEORGE'S</b>	
	<b>8:00am</b>	Holy Communion	
	<b>11:00am</b>	Holy Communion	
	<b>6:30pm</b>	Evening Prayer	
<b>READINGS</b>			
<p>Genesis 12: 1 – 4a Romans 4: 1 – 5, 13 – 17 John 3: 1 – 17</p>			

## Dates for your diaries - AGMs & APCM 2020

### Individual Church AGMs

St Cassian's Church Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 7:00pm in Church

St Chad's Church Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 7:45pm in Church

St Cecilia's Church Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April following the 11:00am service

St Mary's Church, Stone Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April following the 11:00am service

St George's Church Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 7:30pm in Church

### Meeting of Parishioners and APCM (for everyone)

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April in St Cassian's Church at 7:30pm



## LENT RESOURCES

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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### #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>

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/>

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### 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



**CTiK**  
**Prayer and Praise at Coffee #1,**  
Riverside Walk, DY10 1BY  
(next to bus station),  
**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March,**  
7:30pm - 9:30pm

**K.E.Y.**  
**'Fierce 2020'**  
**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March**  
**GIRLS ONLY**  
More info contact  
Grace Kerrigan

**Stone Corner Café**  
in Stone Parish Rooms,  
**Wed 11<sup>th</sup> March**  
2:00pm – 4:00pm  
(and 2nd Wednesday of every month)



An Exhibition of the **Methodist Modern Art Collection**, one of Britain's most important collections of modern religious art, at Bewdley Museum, **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March - Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April.** 11am - 3pm daily. Admission Free. There are also **Services of Reflection** at Churches in Bewdley on a different painting every Sunday evening in Lent. For details [www.forallpeoplebewdley.com](http://www.forallpeoplebewdley.com)

**Review of Parish Electoral Roll**

This year sees a revision of the Parish Electoral Roll. 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**. 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.**

Most people will be familiar with the advice currently being given about 'good hygiene practices', and of course we will all be doing our bit in the parish.

Advice about receiving communion if you have a **cough or cold** remains the same as it has been for many years in the C of E. This is simply to **receive bread only** and refrain from the Chalice, including 'intincting' (the 'posh' word for 'dipping' our bread into the wine). This removes all risk of inadvertently passing on any bug.

Please may we therefore encourage you to follow this advice. Whilst it may feel a bit strange, it's what many Christians do in other places. Thank you.

More advice can also be obtained from: <https://www.churchofengland.org>

We are going to take communion to Helen Catchpole this afternoon, **8<sup>th</sup> March**, in her home in Worcester. 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.

**TRAINING SESSION:** *Spirituality of the Child* (3 Session Course) Tuesdays **10<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> March**, 7:30pm – 9:00pm The Old Palace, Deansway, Worcester, WR1 2JE. Would suit children's work volunteers, parents & clergy. Course led by Emma Pettifer (Children's Officer). To book, email [epettifer@cofe-worcester.org.uk](mailto:epettifer@cofe-worcester.org.uk) or telephone 01905 732823.

**Young at Heart** Wednesday **11<sup>th</sup> March**, 2:00 - 4:00pm at St Cecilia's Hoo Road. This week we will be learning about "*Singing for Pleasure*".

The next **lunchtime recital** as part of the Kidderminster Town Hall series will be given by Tim Morris on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March** and starts at 1.10pm. The programme will last about 50 minutes and will include works by Elgar, Darke and Fletcher. £3 for members £6 for non-members. For more information about these recitals please check out the '*Hill Organ Promotion Society*' Facebook page.

**Parish 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.

### **Requests for Prayer:**

- 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.
- Pray for parishioners of Darfield, David's current parish, who are concerned about the future of the parish and management of various duties going forward.

*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 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

Readers meeting 7:30pm @ John's house

## WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

Holy Communion 10:15am @ St George's  
 Knit & Natter 2 – 4pm @ St George's  
 Young at Heart 2 – 4pm @ St Cecilia's  
 Stone Corner Café 2 - 4pm

## TUESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

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

## FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

Babies & Toddlers 10 – 11:30am @ St Chad's  
 CTiK Prayer & Praise 7:30-9:30pm @Coffee#1

## 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

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

## SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH - MOTHERING SUNDAY

### St George's

11:00am Worship for All

6:30pm Evening Prayer

### St Mary's Stone

11:00am Holy Communion

### St Cassian's

9:30am Morning Worship + Baptisms

### St Cecilia's

11:00am Worship for All

### St Chad's

9:30am Worship for All

**READINGS:** Exodus 2: 1 – 10      2 Corinthians 1.3 – 7      John 19: 25b – 27

There is **NO** 8:00am Holy Communion Service this week

## CONTACT US

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