

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

Sunday 21st November 2021

Christ the King

A Warm Welcome to All our Services

COLLECT

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of
Christ the King and to follow in
his service, whose kingdom
has no end; for he reigns with
you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory.

READINGS

Daniel 7:9 - 10, 13, 14
Revelation 1:4b - 8
John 18:33 - 37

SUNDAY 21st NOVEMBER

ST CASSIAN'S

9:30am Holy Communion

ST CECILIA'S

11:00am Holy Communion

ST CHAD'S

9:30am Morning Worship

ST GEORGE'S

11:00am Morning Worship

ST MARY'S, STONE

11:00am Morning Worship

CONFIRMATION SERVICE - Worcester Cathedral



While there is no evening service in the parish this week, please take a moment to remember Mike Care, Alex Lane, Rhian Ingram & Casey Hawkes from our parish family who will travel to Worcester Cathedral to be confirmed by the Bishop at 6:30pm. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers at this very important milestone in their journey of faith.

Wishing You a Very Messy Christmas!



Messy Church is back for Christmas on **Wednesday 22nd December** 2:30 - 4:00pm at St George's Church, Radford Avenue. Please see our [Messy Church Facebook page](#), or the [parish website](#), for details of how to register to attend. In the meantime we would be really grateful for some help on the day, serving refreshments etc. **If you can help** please contact Helen on 07738 831473



Midweek Services

St George's :Holy Communion services at 10:00am on **Weds 24th Nov & 8th Dec.**
St Cassian's : Holy Communion service at 10:00am on **Wednesday 15th December**

Christ the King Sunday

for those who need to know, today's Post-Communion prayer begins 'Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people'

Kidderminster HELP Charity - Helping the needy this Christmas

HELP is a local the charity which serves the homeless and needy in the Kidderminster area. They operate a night kitchen on a Monday night to serve a hot meal to the homeless and those in need from the Tulip Tree Centre, Castle Road. During lockdown a mobile food van fed up to 80 people per night. They rely on generous donations from the public and fare share food donated from supermarkets and Greggs. **This Christmas** they are appealing for items to make food parcels for those finding it difficult to make ends meet to hand out at their Christmas meal on the **20th December**. Donations of UHT milk, sugar, tinned meats, tinned custard, tinned fruit, rice, pudding or mince pies, cakes, biscuits or chocolate would be gratefully received. If you feel able to support them please bring items to St George's Church on **17th December** 10:00 - 12:00noon or you can contact Chris Griffiths on 01562 630642 to make other arrangements. Alternatively, cash donation tins will be made available in Church. Many thanks.



Bereavement Café - *Life after Loss*

If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, our bereavement café '**Life after Loss**' is here for you to meet informally with others in a similar situation, share your experiences and talk about how life after loss is affecting you. We are not a counselling service but provide a listening ear over a cup of tea/coffee & cake in a warm and friendly atmosphere. Come and go as you feel you want to. We meet on the last Monday of each month. **Next meeting: Monday 29th November** at St Cecilia's Church, Hoo Road, 2-4pm with refreshments, a warm welcome and a listening ear. For more info email Carol, Freda or Alison on: lifelafterlosskep@gmail.com or call the parish office on 01562 822131.



Parish Prayers Online via Zoom

Week	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
22/11	DH	DH	DH	DH	-	DH
29/11	DH	DH	DH	DH	-	DH

Morning Prayer at 8:00am:

Please see the table for which days there is morning prayer over the next 2 weeks. Prayers are led by David (DH). Everyone is welcome.

Contemplative Prayer: Every Thursday evening at 7:00pm

A 20 - 25 minute prayer meeting using the style & liturgy of the Northumbria Community. All are welcome.



PLEASE NOTE: Our last Prayer of the year will be on **Thursday 2nd December**, after which we will take a break over the busy Advent and Christmas period. We will restart again in the new year on **Thursday 6th January 2022**.



Parish Prayer Meeting: Monthly online, on the first Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 1st December**.

Login from 7:20pm for a 7:30pm start. Remember, parish prayer is now **45 minutes duration**. Please join us and support the parish in prayer.

To join **any** of the above Prayers please email parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk requesting a copy of the link & password, **by 6pm on the day before the meeting**.

Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd David Hildred for Friday 19th November

A nation of animal-lovers, as we are, gets very disturbed about today's reading, but let's remember that the terrible fate of the pigs was what the demons ultimately wanted for those men. This incident is not meant to arouse our sympathy for the pigs, but our awe at the authority of Jesus: these demons could only respond to the permission of Jesus. This adds to what we have seen in previous paragraphs: the authority of Jesus over wind and waves, and over sickness (whether nearby or distant). Shall we respond quickly to his authoritative call, "Follow me"?

Daily Readings for week beginning **Monday 22nd November:**

Mon 22nd Nov Matthew 9:18 - 34

Tues 23rd Nov Matthew 9:3 - 10:15

Wed 24th Nov Matthew 10:16 - 33

Thurs 25th Nov Matthew 10:34 - 11:1

Fri 26th Nov Matthew 11:2 - 19

Sat 27th Nov Matthew 11:20 - end



CAFÉ CHAD - NOW OPEN



The [building work](#) at St Chad's is now complete, except for the odd lick of paint (click the above link to our website for photos). Therefore **Café Chad** is open again every **Wednesday morning**, 9:15am - 12:15pm for coffee/tea and cake. Please note that some Covid precautions still apply to keep everyone safe. Thank you for your patience over the last few weeks. *The Café Chad Team*

Parish Coach Trip to Bath

Our coach trip to **Bath** will depart on **Thursday 25th November** leaving St George's at 9:30am and arriving back at 5:30pm. The cost is £15 and everyone is welcome. Call Jan now for last minute bookings on 01562 630431 or jferg541@gmail.com.

Young at Heart

Wednesdays at St Cecilia's, 2:00 - 4:00pm.
24th Nov: *Blakedown* by Marie Sharrett
1st Dec: JDR Music Group
8th Dec: Christmas Lunch at The Fox, Chaddesley Corbett, 12.00 - 2.30pm. Prebooking essential. Limited places. Please contact the parish office

Carols 'Round The Crib



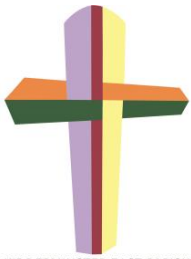
Why not forget Christmas shopping and catering for an hour or so? Join us at **St George's Church** on **Saturday 11th December** for an informal telling of the Christmas Story with popular Christmas carols. A carol service in the round (or maybe square) particularly aimed at youngsters aged one to ninety-one. Refreshments served at 3.30pm. followed by the **service at 4pm**.

St Cecilia's Indoor Picnic

Do **bring your own picnic** and join us as we eat and chat together after the services on **12th December** and **9th January** and on the **second Sunday of each month**. No fear of rain, no fear of cold, no fear of wasps, just pleasant company joining together in friendship and fellowship.



Newsletter Dates: The next issue will be published on **Friday 3rd December** covering **Sundays 5th & 12th December**. Copy deadline is **Tuesday 30th November**. We apologise for the poor quality of some of the printing on the previous newsletter, caused by problems with the office printer (hopefully now resolved).



KIDDERMINSTER EAST PARISH
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First Sunday of Advent

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

Sunday 28th November 2021

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

Jeremiah 33:14 - 16
1 Thessalonians 3:9 - end
Luke 21:25 - 36

SUNDAY 28th NOVEMBER

ST CASSIAN'S

9:30am Morning Worship

ST CECILIA'S

11:00am Morning Worship

ST CHAD'S

9:30am Holy Communion

ST GEORGE'S

11:00am Holy Communion

6:30pm Advent Carol Service

ST MARY'S, STONE

11:00am Holy Communion

Together @KEPOnline Called, Equipped, Committed

We meet to worship, learn and pray **Together** from across the five churches of Kidderminster East in an **Online** worshipping community. There is an emphasis on practical Christianity; seeking where God is at work in our world and joining in with His mission. **Monthly** - Wednesdays from 7.30 to 8.45pm. Next meeting - **24th November**. To join us please request a link from parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk

Kidderminster East Youth (KEY)

Our next meeting is on **Sunday, 28th November**, at St Cecilia's Church, Hoo Road, 6:00 - 7:30pm. For **further information** please contact: Grace (07807 647279) or Richard (07843 136785).



STONE CORNER CAFÉ

We are open **Wed 8th December**
(and monthly each 2nd Weds)
at St Mary's, Stone.
Call in any time between 2 and 4pm for
a chat a drink and a slice of cake.
Everyone welcome.
Looking forward to seeing you.



Christmas Party at St George's



St George's Christmas party
will be on
Thursday 16th December
at 7:00pm.
There is a list for people
wishing to attend, and for
food needed, at the back of church.

Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd David Hildred for Friday 26th November

John the Baptist was in prison, understandably perplexed that his present situation didn't match with his expectations of Jesus being the Messiah he had so faithfully proclaimed. Jesus encouraged him to 'check out the evidence' of what he had been doing and how that pointed to who he was. He also urged the crowd to consider how John fitted the prophesied role of the one who prepared the way for the Messiah. And yet there were some who just would be convinced by neither John's ministry nor Jesus'. What convinces us that Jesus is 'the real deal'?

Daily Readings for week beginning **Monday 29th November:**

Mon 29th Nov Matthew 12:1 - 21

Tues 30th Nov Matthew 4:18 - 22 *Andrew the Apostle*

Wed 1st Dec Matthew 12:38 - end

Thurs 2nd Dec Matthew 13:1 - 23

Fri 3rd Dec Matthew 13:24 - 43

Sat 4th Nov Matthew 13:44 - end

**St Cassian's Coffee morning and
Table Top Craft sale
Saturday 27th November, 10am - 12noon**

Prayer Diaries for Dec '21 - Mar '22 will be available for collection in church shortly. You can also download a copy [from here](#)

Diocesan News

Chaddesley Corbett Village Hall will host the **annual meeting of treasurers** in the Diocese on **Monday 29th November**, 2:00 - 4:00pm. Alternatively there will be a meeting on Zoom on **Tuesday 30th November**, 7:00 - 9:00pm. If you would like to attend either meeting please email [Chris Boden](#) at the Diocese.



The **Church of England** has launched a consultation on the proposed routemap to achieve **net zero carbon** by 2030. They invite everyone to respond including parishes, schools, and individuals. To find out more please go to <https://www.churchofengland.org/about/environment-and-climate-change/net-zero-consultation>

Our friends at **St Mary's and All Saints**, Ismere parish, are holding their Christmas Fayre on **Saturday 4th December**, 10:30 - 3:00pm with sausage rolls, tea/coffee & cake, tombola with plenty of prizes, hand made crafts and Christmas music.

Holland House are holding an [Advent Weekend Retreat](#) with Fr Diarmuid O'Murchu, **3rd - 5th December**. *While we are waiting for God's intervention, God is actually waiting on our collaboration.* A modern day take on Advent themes in a rapidly changing world. If you don't have time for a full weekend then Bishop Robert Paterson is hosting an [Advent Quiet Day](#) on **Thursday 16th December** 10:00am - 4:00pm

Requests for Prayer

- For parishioners Mike Care, Alex Lane, Rhian Ingram and Casey Hawkes who will be confirmed on 21st November by the Bishop at Worcester Cathedral.
- For the Messy Church team preparing their first event since the pandemic, and for all other groups in the parish preparing Advent and Christmas events.

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

DIARY

Homegroups meet during weeks beginning 29th November. St George's Coffee Shop is open **every Friday** at 10am - 12noon. Other events are listed below:

Mon 22nd Nov	7:30pm	St George's DCC	St George's
	7:45pm	St Chad's DCC	St Chad's
Tues 23rd Nov	7:00pm	St Cecilia's DCC	St Cecilia's
Wed 24th Nov	9:15am	Café Chad	St Chad's
	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	2:00pm	Young at Heart	St Cecilia's
	7:30pm	Together @KEPOnline	Online via Zoom
	7:30pm	Homegroup Leaders Mtg	St Chad's
Thurs 25th Nov	9:30am	Coach trip To Bath	St George's
	7:00pm	Contemplative Prayer	Online via Zoom
Sat 27th Nov	10:00am	Coffee Morning & Sale	St Cassian's
Sunday 28th Nov	Details of Services appear elsewhere in this newsletter		
	6:00pm	Youth meeting (KEY)	St Cecilia's
Mon 29th Nov	2:00pm	Bereavement Café	St Cecilia's
	7:30pm	PCC Meeting	St Chad's
Wed 1st Dec	9:15am	Café Chad	St Chad's
	12:00noon	Pop-up Café	St George's
	2:00pm	Young at Heart	St Cecilia's
	7:30pm	Parish Prayer	Online via Zoom
Thurs 2nd Dec	7:00pm	Contemplative Prayer	Online via Zoom
Sunday 5th Dec	9:30am	Holy Communion	St Cassian's
	9:30am	Worship for All	St Chad's
	11:00am	Holy Communion	St Cecilia's
	11:00am	Morning Worship	St George's
	11:00am	Morning Worship	St Mary's, Stone
	6:30pm	Evening Prayer	St George's

Other online resources are available including the [Children's corner](#), Messy Church [Facebook group](#), plus many videos on our [YouTube channel](#), posts on our [Facebook page](#) and on the [parish website](#).

SUNDAY 5th DECEMBER

READINGS: Malachi 3:1 - 4 Philippians 1:3 - 11 Luke 3:1 - 6

SUNDAY 12th DECEMBER

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

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