

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 20<sup>th</sup> February 2022

**Second Sunday before Lent**

*A Warm Welcome to All our Services*

COLLECT	SUNDAY 20 <sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY	
Almighty God, give us reverence for all Creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness 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>9:30am</b>	Morning Worship
<b>READINGS</b>	<b>ST GEORGE'S</b>	
	<b>11:00am</b>	Morning Worship
	<b>6:30pm</b>	Evening Prayer
	<b>ST MARY'S, STONE</b>	
	<b>11:00am</b>	Morning Worship
Genesis 2:4b - 9, 15 - end Revelation 4 Luke 8:22 - 25		

## Parish Prayer in March and April

**Parish Prayer** in March & April is changing. As the next meeting of Parish Prayer on **2<sup>nd</sup> March** was due to clash with the **parish Ash Wednesday service** at St Cassian's Church, it has been decided to postpone the Zoom Prayer meeting and encourage everyone to attend the service at St Cassian's which starts at **7:00pm**. All are welcome to attend the service which will include Ashing (see separate notice on page 5).



Instead, the **March Parish Prayer** via Zoom will now take place on the afternoon of **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**. Login from 3:20pm for a 3:30pm start, finishing at 4:15pm. Please note the change of time to allow everyone to attend the:

**Kidderminster & Stourport Deanery Open Conversation Part 3**,  
at St Michael & All Angels, Stourport, DY13 9DD, 6:30pm - 8:30pm.

The link for the **Parish Prayer** meeting will be emailed to you on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. New attendees please request a link from: [parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk](mailto:parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk)  
**Parish Prayer** on **6<sup>th</sup> April**, will **NOT** be on Zoom. Instead we will meet **in person** at 6:45pm for half an hour at **St George's**, prior to the **Parish Lent Course** at 7:30pm.

## Changes to the Office Administration Staff

Last November the PCC became aware that it would not receive enough funds from the five churches to continue to finance everything it wished to do.

After paring back the budget in many places there was still a deficit and so the difficult decision was taken that we had to cut down the number of hours of administration work we pay for as a parish. Since that time we have been through a restructuring process which has involved the possibility of redundancy of some roles and the reshaping of others. A more detailed announcement was sent out with the email version of this newsletter, and paper copies of that announcement are available in each of our churches for those who don't receive this newsletter by email.

The end result is a continuation or re-shaping of Rob's, Lyn's and Mark's roles, along with a Social Media Officer, but sadly Karen's and Kate's current roles have been made redundant. We want to thank each member of the Office staff for the work they have done in the past, which has been of the highest quality, and it is with a heavy heart that we have had to go through this process. Please pray for all those involved as these changes take effect.

## 'The Champions' Holiday Club'



We have a slight change of name but still the same aim! A new **children's holiday club** outreach initiative designed to welcome children in the age range 6 - 10 yrs (and their families) into the church. We are now focussing on the **pilot scheme** which will run



on **21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> April** at St Chad's Church. We desperately need volunteers to come forward for: Team Coaches, First Aiders, PA system; H&S adviser; External Liaison (e.g. with Police etc) and extra help on the day. **If you can help** please contact Jennifer Tompkin ([tompkinj@hotmail.com](mailto:tompkinj@hotmail.com) or 07775 623691) who will be happy to talk with you.

**This is an important outreach effort but without YOU it cannot happen!**

## Parish Prayers Online via Zoom

### 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 Robert (RL) and David (DH).

Week	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
21/2	-	-	-	RL	RL	RL
28/2	DH	DH	DH	DH	-	-

Please note that the link will be different for Robert and David. Everyone is welcome.

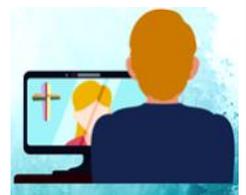


**Contemplative Prayer** every **Thursday** evening at **7:00pm**.

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

### Together @KEPOnline : Called, Equipped, Committed

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 7:30 to 8:45pm** Meeting Together from across the 5 churches of Kidderminster East in an **Online** community to worship, learn and pray. There is an emphasis on practical Christianity; seeking where God is at work in our world and joining in with His mission.



To join **any** of the above Prayers please email [parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk](mailto: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 18<sup>th</sup> February

Paul is coming to the end of his ministry and he urges Timothy to be completely focused on passing on the good news of Jesus to others, rather than being caught in pointless quarrels or distracted by the temptations of the world. He has three main weapons for the battle: the Holy Spirit who lives in him, his trusted teachers who live with him, and Scripture, which sets him up for a Godly life. Our task of handing on the good news to our generation and the ones that follow is the same, and surely our weapons for the battle remain the same too. How well are we *"fighting the good fight"*? (reminder of 1Tim 6:12)

Daily Readings for week beginning <b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February</b>	
Date	Bible passage
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	2 Timothy 4:1 - 8
Tue 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	2 Timothy 4:9 - end
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Titus 1:1 - end
Thu 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Titus 2:1 - end
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Titus 3:1 - end
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Philemon 1 - end

### Parish Lent Course 2022 - more details

**David writes:** This series of meetings is for everyone who joins together in worship in one of our five churches. I want to strengthen our understanding of the Parish, which is made up of our five worship centres, by considering the phrase from the Parish Profile (which drew me to apply for this job) :



*"We are 5 very tasty ingredients in a mixing bowl ... what is it we are baking?"*

The meetings will include hymns, prayers and readings, with the majority of our time spent talking, listening and discussing in various ways (with space for those who prefer to think their own thoughts). They are on **Wednesdays**, beginning **9<sup>th</sup> March**, 7:30-9:00pm, at St George's for five weeks - with **one exception**: we will need to meet on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** rather than Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Please join us if you can. Please prepare for the course by praying:

*"Lord, please show us what you are baking us into".*

### CAFÉ CHAD

Open every **Wednesday** morning  
**9:15am - 12:15pm**  
for coffee, tea, cake and a chat at  
St Chad's Church, Burcher Green.  
Please bring your own toys for children.  
*All welcome.*

### Young at Heart

**Wednesdays at St Cecilia's, 2 - 4pm.**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> Feb:** Half Term *No meeting*  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Mar:** Areley Kings Hand Bell Ringers  
For more details about this group please  
contact Jean Bailey **via the parish office.**

### Requests for Prayer

- As we enter Fairtrade Fortnight let us remember all those throughout the world who labour justly to earn a fair wage so that their families can live in dignity.
- Let us pray for world peace as we remember those who are affected by conflict or the threat of war, thinking especially of those in the Ukraine.

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

## 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 & friendly atmosphere. Come and go as you feel you want to. We meet **monthly** at St Cecilia's Church, Hoo Road, usually on the last Monday of the month. Our **next meeting** is on

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2 - 4pm.** For more information email Carol, Freda or Alison on: [lifelafterlosskep@gmail.com](mailto:lifelafterlosskep@gmail.com) or call the parish office on 01562 822131.



## Honorary Canon of Worcester Cathedral

Bishop John has appointed Hugh Richards (St Cassian's) as an **Honorary Canon of Worcester Cathedral** in recognition of his contribution to the life of the Diocese.

Hugh is a member of the Bishop's Council of Trustees, Chair of the Diocese of Worcester Multi Academy Trust (15 church schools) and Chair of the House of Laity of the Diocesan Synod. Honorary Canons are expected to enrich the witness and ministry of the Cathedral and act as an ambassador in the Diocese.

Hugh will be installed (along with others including our Area Dean, Fr Tim Williams) at **Evensong** in the **Cathedral** on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 5.30pm.** All are welcome!



### Care & Share

in Chaddesley Corbett  
**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February**

**10:30am - 12noon**

and every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month

Ladies, we would love to see you for a coffee and a chat at Susie's, Hill Pool House. Lifts available.

Call Beth (777136) or Susie (777419)



### St George's Pop up Café

is open on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** and the first Wednesday of **every month.**

Please join us for a hot lunch and a warm welcome 12noon - 2:00pm

### St George's Coffee Shop

open **every Friday**

10:00am - 12:00noon

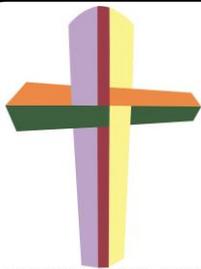


## Fairtrade Fortnight - Mon 21<sup>st</sup> February - Sun 6<sup>th</sup> March

The pandemic may have restricted local events in recent years, however, nationally the **Fairtrade** movement is still strong and has taken up the fight on Climate Change and it's affects throughout the world, especially on those who depend on farming. So one way you can still get involved is to log on to [www.fairtrade.org.uk](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk) and read about some of the campaigns they are supporting, locally and worldwide, in the afterglow of COP26.

## Joint Churches Together in Kidderminster / Council Easter Hunt

Help is needed at Brinton Park on Easter **Sat 16<sup>th</sup> April 10:30 - 12 noon.** With over 2000 people expected to visit the park including 450 children (under 12's) completing a trail based on the Easter Story including the Cross, Resurrection & Ascension of Jesus. See poster in church for more info. If you want to get involved or offer your help please contact **Jane Pollard** 07949 968276, email: [pollardjane@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:pollardjane@yahoo.co.uk) by end of Feb.



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# Sunday next before Lent

Times of Services the at Churches of  
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**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

## COLLECT

Holy God,  
you know the disorder of our  
sinful lives: set straight our  
crooked hearts, and bend  
our wills to love your  
goodness and your glory  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## READINGS

Exodus 34:29 - end  
2 Corinthians 3:12 - 4:2  
Luke 9:28 - 36

## SUNDAY 27<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY

### 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

### ST MARY'S, STONE

11:00am Holy Communion

## Kidderminster East Youth (KEY)

**Next Meeting: Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> February, 6:00 - 7:30pm** at  
St Cecilia's Church, Hoo Road. For **further info** or to join KEY please  
contact: Grace (07807 647279) or Richard(07843 136785).



## Ash Wednesday

On **Ash Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March**, there are two services of Holy Communion available  
on that day (as well as Morning Prayer on Zoom at 8:00am):

**10:00am at St George's and 7:00pm at St Cassian's**

Both services will have the opportunity to be 'ashed' for those who would like it.  
The 10:00am service will use the Book of Common Prayer (1662).  
We mark the beginning of the season of Lent together at these services.



## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE

**FRIDAY 4<sup>th</sup> MARCH 10:30am at St. Mary & All Saints, Kidderminster**

You are all warmly invited to the service, this year prepared by Christians from the  
British Isles with the theme: **'I Know the Plans I Have For You'** *Jeremiah 29:1-14*.  
The **Encounter** dance group will be participating as we celebrate 75 years of WDP  
being held in Kidderminster. It would be lovely to see as many as possible gathering  
together to give thanks. Light refreshments will be served after the service.  
For local info, please contact Rosemarie Morgan 01562 515358  
or you can visit [www.wwdp.org.uk/](http://www.wwdp.org.uk/) or [cte.org.uk/wdp2022/](http://cte.org.uk/wdp2022/) for further details.



## Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd David Hildred for Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February

At first glance it might seem that Paul is teaching Titus that everyone should know their place and keep to it, but then we soon realise that Paul is promoting a rebellion. It's not a rebellion against human institutions, but against human nature; when we choose to live God's way over against our distracted and selfish human nature's ways then transformation becomes much more possible rather than simply replacing one institution for another. Paul draws attention to the keys that open such a door: God's grace, his rescue of us, his rebirthing and renewal of us – available through the hope we have in Jesus!

### Daily Readings for week beginning Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February

Date	Bible passage
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Galatians 1:1 - end
Tue 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Galatians 2:1 - 10
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	Psalm 51:1 - 18 Ash Wednesday
Thu 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	Galatians 2:11 - end
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Galatians 3:1 - 14
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Galatians 3:15 - 22

The charity **HELP** would like to say thank you to all who donated over the Christmas period and through January.

Your generous gifts were well received by the folks we serve.

In **St George's** there is a basket for donations to HELP which is used regularly ie for food and toiletries. If any other church would like one please contact:  
Chris Griffiths 07919178236

### Parish Prayerlink

Prayer requests can be emailed to [prayerlink@kidderminstereast.org.uk](mailto:prayerlink@kidderminstereast.org.uk)



Our praying friends across the whole parish are happy to pray for you.

Alternately, contact Glenn and Anne on 01562 822690 or email them on [glennscott@mac.com](mailto:glennscott@mac.com)

## A Pilgrimage on the Feast of St George - Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

The **Friends of the Holy Land** is an ecumenical group first set up in the Wyre Forest 13 years ago, and is now a national charity, raising funds to help disadvantaged Christians living in the Holy Land of Israel, the West Bank, Gaza and Jordan.



The Wyre Forest Group are organising a **Pilgrimage Walk to Harvington** on **St George's Day**. Sponsored Pilgrims start from different locations – Stourport, Stourbridge, Bromsgrove, Cutnall Green – including **St George's Church**, Kidderminster. Starting at 10am pilgrims will arrive at Harvington from Noon onwards for a picnic, followed by a short ecumenical service at St Mary's at Harvington. We need **volunteer walkers** who can seek sponsorship from friends and family. If you would like to join the walk, please contact either

Stephen Brown on 01562 753422 - e-mail: [gailstephen@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:gailstephen@blueyonder.co.uk) or David Mills (at St Cassian's) on 01299 253035 - e-mail: [mills669@btinternet.com](mailto:mills669@btinternet.com)



### The Bible Society Lent Encounter 2022

Encounter Jesus afresh this Lent. Journey through his life and ministry starting with his baptism and explore themes such as restoration, teaching the beatitudes and the power of God's word. It's [free to sign up](#) and you'll receive a daily email packed with content.

## Board Games Café @StCecilia's

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March, 3:30 - 5:00pm.

Would you like to play some board games in a safe, family friendly environment? Come and join other like minded people @StCecilia's



Church on Hoo Road. Refreshments available for a small donation.

All games FREE. Ages from 0-100+.

## STONE CORNER CAFÉ



Our next opening will be

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March**

**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.

## Midweek Services

### St Cassian's

Holy Communion with 'ashing' at 7:00pm on **Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> March** (Ash Wednesday)

Holy Communion 10:00am **Wed 9<sup>th</sup> March**

### St George's

Holy Communion with 'ashing' at 10:00am on **Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> March** (Ash Wednesday)

Holy Communion 10:00am **Wed 16<sup>th</sup> March**

## Methodist Modern Art Collection

The exhibition cancelled in 2020 due to Covid 19 will now take place at Bewdley Museum **Sat 26<sup>th</sup> March to Sun 24<sup>th</sup> April**. It is one of Britain's most important collections of modern religious art. The exhibition will feature 20 pieces from the collection, including work by eminent artists such as Graham Sutherland and Elizabeth Frink. If you are able to offer your services as a steward, please contact [jim.ineson@gmail.com](mailto:jim.ineson@gmail.com)

## Knit & Natter

at **St George's Church Annexe**  
**every Wednesday**  
2:00pm - 4:00pm



Come for a **knit** or  
come for a **natter**,  
either or both  
are fine!

## Diocesan News

Congratulations to all our **Safeguarding Dashboard users** – we are the first diocese in the country to have every single parish signed up to, and using, the dashboard. This is such a terrific achievement and is thanks to the willingness and commitment of our Parish Safety Officers and their teams in each and every parish. Thank you all.



There is a **Thy Kingdom Come [launch webinar](#)** on **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February**, 12:00noon, previewing this year's themes and resources including contributions from Archbishop Justin Welby and many others.

To register please follow the link or google "**TKC 2022 launch webinar**".

The **Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book for 2022 'Embracing Justice'** will be available as a **[Big Church Read](#)**. Author Isabelle Hamley invites you to journey with her through 'Embracing Justice' and discuss how we might live out Biblical justice today.

**Open Conversations** (Part 3 - Growing as Kingdom People) will take place this spring. Kidderminster & Stourport Deanery will hold a meeting on **Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 6:30 - 8:30pm** at St Michael & All Angels, Stourport. There will also be meetings on Zoom in April for those who would rather not attend in person and 'catch-up' meetings later in the year. For more info please visit the Diocesan website [www.cofe-worcester.org.uk](http://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk)

**Newsletter Dates:** The next newsletter will be published on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March** covering **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> March**. Deadline for copy is **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March**.



## DIARY

will meet week beginning **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February** after which groups are encouraged to attend the weekly **Lent Course** at St George's.

**Weekly Events:** **Café Chad** is open **every Wednesday** 9:15am - 12:15pm.  
**Knit & Natter** every **Wednesday** 2 - 4pm in St George's Annexe.  
**Coffee Shop** at St George's **every Friday** at 10:00am - 12:00noon.  
**Meet & Eat** is at Morrison's Café **every Friday** at 12:00noon.

Other events are listed below:

<b>Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Feb</b>	10:30am	Care & Share	Chaddesley Corbett
<b>Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb</b>	7:30pm	Together @KEPOnline	Online via Zoom
<b>Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	7:00pm	Contemplative Prayer	Online via Zoom
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Times of Services are listed elsewhere in this newsletter		
	6:00pm	KE Youth	St Cecilia's
<b>Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	2:00pm	Bereavement Café	St Cecilia's
	7:30pm	PCC Meeting	Online via Zoom
<b>Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	12:00noon	Pop-up Café	St George's
	2:00pm	Young at Heart	St Cecilia's
	7:00pm	Holy Communion	St Cassian's
<b>Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar</b>	7:00pm	Contemplative Prayer	Online via Zoom
<b>Fri 4<sup>th</sup> March</b>	10:30am	World Day of Prayer Service	St Mary's, Kidder.
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	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 6<sup>th</sup> MARCH - First Sunday of Lent

**READINGS:** Deuteronomy 26:1 - 11    Romans 10:8b - 13    Luke 4:1 - 13

### SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup> MARCH

**READINGS:** Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18    Philippians 3:17-4:1    Luke 13:31-end

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