

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 6th February 2022

Fourth Sunday before Lent

A Warm Welcome to All our Services

COLLECT	SUNDAY 6 th FEBRUARY	
Lord of the hosts of heaven, our salvation and our strength, without you we are lost: guard us from all that harms or hurts and raise us when we fall; through Jesus Christ our Lord.	ST CASSIAN'S	
	9:30am	Holy Communion
	ST CECILIA'S	
	11:00am	Holy Communion
	ST CHAD'S	
	9:30am	Worship for All
READINGS	ST GEORGE'S	
	11:00am	Morning Worship
	6:30pm	Evening Prayer
	ST MARY'S, STONE	
Isaiah 6:1 - 8 1 Corinthians 15:1 - 11 Luke 5:1 - 11	11:00am	Morning Worship

Pastoral Letter, at the lifting of Plan B, January 2022

A pastoral letter is available in all churches and those of you on the parish mailing list should receive an emailed copy. Whilst government restrictions are now relaxed, below is a **summary of precautions** considered still helpful, and still a Godly way to react.

Sanitizer will continue to be made available; people will be encouraged to consider wearing **masks** at crowded times, and where people are close to each other. Where possible we will make **spaced seating** available for those who wish to maintain some distance from others, but there is no restriction on **numbers** attending services. There will no longer be restrictions on how or how much we **sing**. Some people might choose to continue to wear a mask whilst singing. We will continue to conduct the **Holy Communion** service in the way we have done in recent times. Each church must decide where the balance lies between adequate **ventilation** and being able to keep warm. When taking **refreshments** let's make use of the spaces that we have rather than crowd into one small area. There is no need to keep a register of attenders for **Test & Trace** purposes. More **meetings** will be held in-person but some meetings may still be held on Zoom.

Let us be looking "*not only to our own interests, but to the interests of others*" (Php 2:4) as we seek to care for one another as the body of Christ here on earth.

STONE CORNER CAFÉ



Our next opening will be
Wednesday 9th February
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.

Board Games Café @StCecilia's

Sunday 6th February, 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+.

Young at Heart

Wednesdays at St Cecilia's, 2 - 4pm.

9th Feb: Musical afternoon

16th Feb: Revd David Hildred *Origami*

For more details about this group please contact Jean Bailey **via the parish office.**

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.

'The Comberton Kidz Games'



A new **children's holiday club** outreach initiative focussing on welcoming children in the age range 6 - 11 yrs (and their families) into the church, sharing scripture and providing them with lots of fun activities. It will run for a week of mornings this summer with a



smaller pilot at Easter. **Thank you** to everyone who has responded to the appeal for help so far, however we still need more people to come forward. There are lots of different roles to fill so if you think you can help please contact Jennifer Tompkin (tompkinj@hotmail.com or 07775 623691) who will be happy to talk with you.

Let's build this great event together in faith and fun!

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 David (DH). Everyone is welcome.

Week	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
7/2	DH	DH	DH	DH	-	DH
14/2	DH	DH	DH	-	-	-



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.

Parish Prayer Meeting: This monthly online prayer is on the first Wednesday of each month and is of 45 minutes in duration. The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 2nd March.** Login from 7:20pm for a 7:30pm start. 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.**

Newsletter Dates: The next newsletter will be published on **Friday 18th February** covering **Sunday 20th** and **27th February.** Deadline for copy is **Tuesday 15th February.**

Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd David Hildred for Friday 4th February

Yesterday we had what seemed like a harsh reading as Ishmael is sent away from Abraham's household, but it emphasized that God's promise of blessing and numerous descendants would be "reckoned through Isaac"; this was the child of the promise.

Today it looks as if that promise is about to be destroyed. At the human level this is an event which raises all sorts of alarms: why could Abraham contemplate being obedient to this command? Hebrews 11:17-19 is where Scripture enlightens Scripture. We will probably never be called to make such a sacrifice, but do these Scriptures help us to consider how we do hold what is precious and God-given to us?

Daily Readings for week beginning Monday 7 th February	
Date	Bible passage
Mon 7 th Feb	1 Timothy 1:1 - 17
Tue 8 th Feb	1 Timothy 1:18 - end of 2
Wed 9 th Feb	1 Timothy 3:1 - end
Thu 10 th Feb	1 Timothy 4:1 - end
Fri 11 th Feb	1 Timothy 5:1 - 16
Sat 12 th Feb	1 Timothy 5:17 - end

Parish Lent Course 2022

David writes: During this season this year I would like to draw us together to do some thinking and praying. I'd like us to address this phrase from the Parish Profile that drew me to apply for this job:



"We are 5 very tasty ingredients in a mixing bowl.

Could you lead and direct us to decide what it is we are baking?"

Our meetings will be designed to help us explore what is the best way for us to be a single parish with five worship centres. One way of preparing for this is to pray between now and the beginning of Lent,

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

The meetings will begin on **Wednesday 9th March, 7:30pm** in St George's (all but one of the meetings will be on a Wednesday, the exception being **Tuesday 22nd March**).

Robert & I are aiming to record a summary video the day after each meeting, which will be made available online. They are meetings where the contributions of everyone who can attend are valued. Please join us if you possibly can.



KEMP Hospice: Butterfly Memory Walk

on Saturday 12th February at Harvington Hall, Nr Kidderminster



A half mile circular lit walk beginning at dusk and a beautiful 'in memory' event, with the chance to reflect and write special messages for loved ones and place on the **Memory Wall** in the Great Hall. For more information visit the KEMP Hospice website:

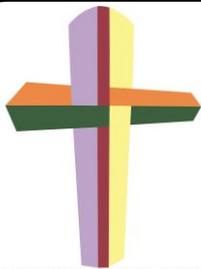
<https://www.kemphospice.org.uk/butterfly-memory-walk>

Requests for Prayer

- As we prepare for our Lent course please pray for all those who are involved, that people will be inspired to join in and that it will bear much fruit.
- That more people will be called to assist with organising and running the new parish-wide holiday club outreach programme; we place our efforts in the Lord's hands.

Would you like to be included in the Parish Newsletter for prayer?

Please contact the Parish Office for more details.



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Third Sunday before Lent

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

Sunday 13th February 2022

COLLECT

Eternal God, whose Son went among the crowds and brought healing with his touch: help us to show his love, in your Church as we gather together, and by our lives as they are transformed into the image of Christ our Lord.

READINGS

Jeremiah 17:5 - 10
1 Corinthians 15:12 - 20
Luke 6:17 - 26

SUNDAY 13th FEBRUARY

ST CASSIAN'S

9:30am Worship for All

ST CECILIA'S

11:00am Morning Worship - followed by picnic

ST CHAD'S

9:30am Holy Communion

ST GEORGE'S

11:00am Holy Communion

ST MARY'S, STONE

11:00am Holy Communion

St Cecilia's Indoor Picnic

Do **bring your own picnic** and join us as we eat and chat together after the service on **13th February** 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.



Kidderminster East Youth (KEY)

Next Meeting: Sunday, 13th February, 6:00 - 7:30pm
at St Cecilia's Church, Hoo Road.

For **further information** or if you would like to join KEY please contact:
Grace Kerrigan (07807 647279) or Richard Baker (07843 136785).



Quiznight @KEPOnline

Saturday 19th February 7.30 - 9.15pm

Whether you are already part of a Quiz Team, or are joining on your own, you will find fun and friendship in this Parish Online Quiz. A wide variety of questions will tease your brain whether you are 10 or 100 and making new friends is all part of the experience.

For a link to join the quiz please email:
parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk

Share & Care

in Chaddesley Corbett

Monday 21st February

10:30am - 12noon

and every 3rd 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)

Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd David Hildred for Friday 11th February

There were clearly some challenging situations that were growing up in the churches that Paul had planted, and we hear how he tries to help Timothy apply the principles of the Christian faith to these testing situations.

It was (and is today) so lovely to be part of the church family where everyone was looking out for each other and sharing in carrying burdens and trials. However, it appears that some were taking advantage of that situation (it's not clear why); some to neglect their own relatives, some to abandon responsibility for their own lives. Is there anything similar in our own day where our 'freedom in Christ' is in danger of being misused?

Daily Readings for week beginning **Monday 14th February**

Date	Bible passage
Mon 14 th Feb	1 Timothy 6:1 - 10
Tue 15 th Feb	1 Timothy 6:11 - end
Wed 16 th Feb	2 Timothy 1:1 - 14
Thu 17 th Feb	2 Timothy 1:15 - 2:13
Fri 18 th Feb	2 Timothy 2:14 - end
Sat 19 th Feb	2 Timothy 3:1 - end

Methodist Modern Art Collection

The exhibition cancelled in 2020 due to Covid 19 will now take place at Bewdley Museum **Sat 26th March to Sun 24th 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

Midweek Services

St Cassian's

Holy Communion at 10:00am on **Wednesday 9th February**

St George's

Holy Communion at 10:00am on **Wednesday 16th February**

Joint Churches Together in Kidderminster / Council Easter Hunt

Help is needed at Brinton Park on Easter **Sat 16th 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 by end of Feb.

Diocesan News

Exploring photography and spirituality: Mon 7th March, 7:30pm – 9pm. An online workshop with Doug Chaplin (Discipleship and Lay Training Officer) exploring how spirituality and photography intertwine. Participants are encouraged to submit at least one photograph they've taken which really speaks to them and be prepared to say a little about it. Details and booking: <https://bit.ly/3pp3KN4>.

The full [winter training and events programme](#) is available on the Diocesan website.

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



Tim Morris would like to thank everyone for the gifts and messages received on his retirement from St. George's. They were all very much appreciated.



DIARY

Homegroups meet week beginning **Monday 7th February**. **Café Chad** is open **every Wednesday** 9:15am - 12:15pm. **St George's Coffee Shop** is open **every Friday** at 10:00am - 12:00noon. **Meet & Eat** is at Morrison's Café every **Friday** at 12:00noon. Other events are listed below:

Sunday 6th Feb	3:30pm	Board Games Café	St Cecilia's
Mon 7th Feb	7:00pm	Pre-Marriage Course	Online via Zoom
	7:00pm	St Cassian's DCC	St Cassian's
	7:30pm	Holiday Club planning Meeting	St Chad's
Tues 8th Feb	7:30pm	St Mary's Stone DCC	St Mary's Stone
Wed 9th Feb	10:00am	Holy Communion	St Cassian's
	2:00pm	Young at Heart	St Cecilia's
	2:00pm	Stone Corner Café	St Mary's, Stone
Thurs 10th Feb	7:00pm	Contemplative Prayer	Online via Zoom
Sunday 13th Feb	Times of Services are listed elsewhere in this newsletter		
	12:15pm	Indoor picnic	St Cecilia's
	6:00pm	KE Youth	St Cecilia's
Wed 16th Feb	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	2:00pm	Young at Heart	St Cecilia's
Thurs 17th Feb	7:00pm	Contemplative Prayer	Online via Zoom
Sat 19th Feb	7:30pm	Quiznight @KEPOnline	Online via Zoom
Sunday 20th Feb	9:30am	Holy Communion	St Cassian's
	9:30am	Morning Worship	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
Mon 21st Feb	10:30pm	Care & Share	Chaddesley Corbett

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 20th FEBRUARY

READINGS: Genesis 2:4b - 9, 15 - end Revelation 4 Luke 8:22 - 25

SUNDAY 27th FEBRUARY

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

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