

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 1st May 2022

Third Sunday of Easter

A Warm Welcome to All our Services this Easter Season

COLLECT	SUNDAY 1 st MAY	
Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father.	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	
	11:00am	Morning Worship
Acts 9:1 - 6 Revelation 5: 11 - end John 21:1 - 19		

AGMs and APCM

We are into the season of **Annual General Meetings** in each of our churches (see separate notice), and then on **23rd May** we have the **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** for the whole parish, which this year will take place in **St Cassian's at 7:30pm**. It's an important time for 'taking stock' together of what God has been doing amongst us in the past year, and what we might look forward to in the coming year. This is also the period when various officers need electing for each church, onto the **Parochial Church Council** for the whole parish, and beyond our borders as representatives in the **Deanery**. Please use the days ahead to be thinking, praying and taking action with regard to who should be elected into those positions; we aim to be organised in the best way possible using the gifts and willingness that God has provided for us. Please pray!

David & Robert

Midweek Services

St George's: Holy Communion at
10:00am on **Wed 4th & 18th May**

St Cassian's: Holy Communion at
10:00am on **Wednesday 11th May**

CHURCH ANNUAL MEETINGS 2022

- St Cassian's Church, Monday 9th May, 7:00pm in Church.
- St Cecilia's Church, Sunday 8th May, after 11:00am service, in Church.
- St Chad's Church, Tuesday 10th May, 7:45pm in Church.
- St George's Church, Sunday 15th May, after 11:00am service in Church.
- St Mary's Church, Stone, Sunday 15th May, after 11:00am service in Church.

CAFÉ CHAD



Open every **Wednesday** morning
9:15am - 12:15pm



for coffee, tea, cake and a chat at
St Chad's Church, Burcher Green.

We are also open on **Monday 9th May** to
celebrate our **10th 'Birthday'**.

Please come along and join in the fun.

Board Games Café @StCecilia's Sunday 1st May, 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 0-100+.

Thy Kingdom Come - Resources



We will be making available free resources, from Church House Publishing,
for use during **Thy Kingdom Come** (26th May - 5th June). These resources
include a **Novena** booklet (written by Archbishop Justin Welby), a **Prayer
Journal** and an exciting Jubilee-themed **Cheeky Pandas** adventure to help
younger readers grow in faith. Please look out for these in church from **15th May**.
You can also download the same resources from the [Thy Kingdom Come website](http://thykingdomcome.org.uk).

World Day of Prayer Fellowship Group

A new **ecumenical** fellowship group is being established through the group that
organises the **World Day of Prayer** service. It is open to anyone and will involve
friendship, bible study, prayer...and cake! We will be meeting on the **first Friday every
other month** starting on **Friday 6th May**, 10.30am at St Ambrose Church Hall, Leswell
Street, Kidderminster and different venues each time. Please see posters in church for
more detail. For queries please contact Rosemarie Morgan 01562 515358.

Parish Prayers Online via Zoom

Morning Prayer at 8:00am:

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

Week	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
2/5	-	DH	DH	DH	-	DH
9/5	DH	DH	DH	DH	-	DH



Contemplative Prayer: A 20 - 25 minute online prayer meeting
using the style and liturgy of the Northumbria Community. It's a
chance, in the peace and quiet, to listen to God and to join together
to lift our prayers to him. **Every Thursday at 7:00pm.** All welcome.

Parish Prayer Meeting: After our **in person** meeting at St George's in April, we will
revert to meeting online via Zoom on **Wednesday 4th May** at **7:30pm** (login from
7:20pm) for our usual 45 min prayer for the parish & other issues. Please come along.
To join **any** of the online 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 29th April

We would never be like the ancient Israelites, would we? They had just experienced God's great rescue of them out of slavery in Egypt and now they were grumbling and complaining, suggesting that they preferred the life they had before. Jesus on the cross is described as our great 'exodus' from slavery to sin: let's check whether we are grumbling and complaining about the right things. And let's also praise our amazingly gracious God: he provided that miraculous manna for his people (which wouldn't last for more than a day except when it was the Sabbath – miraculous!) and he still answers our prayer, "Give us today our daily bread".

Daily Readings for week beginning Mon 2nd May	
Date	Bible passage
Mon 2 nd	John 14:1 - 14 <i>Philip & James, Apostles</i>
Tue 3 rd	Exodus 20:1 – 21
Wed 4 th	Exodus 24:1 – end
Thu 5 th	Exodus 25:1 – 22
Fri 6 th	Exodus 28:1 – 4a, 29 – 38
Sat 7 th	Exodus 29:1 - 9

Greener Living Fair

Saturday 7th May, 10:30am - 12:30pm

Kidderminster Youth House,
Bromsgrove Street, DY10 1PF. Locally
produced food and Arts & Crafts,
Repair Café plus stalls and info to help
you be more eco-friendly. **Free entry.**

Young at Heart

Meets every **Wednesday** at St Cecilia's
Church, Hoo Road, 2 - 4pm

4th May: Morfedd Sinclair & the Grace Notes

11th May: The multimillion pound book - Alan Bradbury

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

Parish Bible Reading Group - Reading Esther a bit differently!

If you would like to take part in this Parish Event, there are plenty of resources online to help prepare, including a film '*One night with the king*', as well as reading the book itself, which is the remarkable story of Esther, an adopted young woman used by God to rescue her people, the Jews. We propose to look at Esther over three meetings:

- God's Chosen Person
- God's Chosen People
- God's Chosen Plan

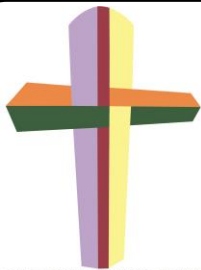


The first one will be on **Thursday 12th May** at the Rectory, 30 Leswell Street, Kidderminster, DY10 1RP, at 11.00 am. If you would like to know more, do contact Valerie Bond on 07969 081092 or Hilary Hildred on hilary.hildred@hotmail.co.uk

Spring Harvest 2023 - 10th - 14th April

Several people have shown an interest in going to **Spring Harvest next year**. Joe and I absolutely love going to Spring Harvest and find that, without fail, we come back revived and refreshed. The bible studies are amazing, as is worshipping in the evening celebration with thousands of others. It is something for all ages from babies upwards. People often go as families, including non Christians. There is lots to do apart from 'the Christian stuff'. If you are interested in going please take a look on the [Spring Harvest website](#) and either email or phone me. Bookings open on **8th June** so I will be on the phone from 8am that morning to try and get us the accommodation we require. There should be a poster up in your church for more information including my contact details. It would be lovely to take a group from Kidderminster East. *Margaret Hodgson*

Newsletter Dates: The next newsletter will be published on **Wednesday 11th May** covering **Sundays 15th May** and **22nd May**. Deadline for copy is **Sunday 8th May**.



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Fourth Sunday of Easter

Times of Services at the Churches of
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Sunday 8th May 2022

COLLECT

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your
Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be
gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father.

READINGS

Acts 9:36 - end
Revelation 7:9 - end
John 10:22 - 30

SUNDAY 8th MAY

ST CASSIAN'S

9:30am Worship for All

6:30pm Evening Prayer

ST CECILIA'S

11:00am Morning Worship

ST CHAD'S

9:30am Holy Communion

ST GEORGE'S

11:00am Baptism Service

ST MARY'S, STONE

11:00am Holy Communion

STONE CORNER CAFÉ

next opening will be
Wednesday 11th May
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.

Concert at St George's

The **Charity Rock Choir** will be coming to
St George's, Radford Avenue, on
Saturday 21st May at 7.30pm

Tickets £8 each available from
St George's or contact Jan Ferguson on
01562 630431. Licensed bar available.

Kidderminster East Youth - Term Dates May to July 2022

All sessions will be at St Cecilia's 6:00pm - 7:30pm

8th May

22nd May

5th June

19th June

3rd July

17th July



For further information or if you would like to join KEY please contact
Grace Kerrigan 07807 647279 or Richard Baker on 07843 136785

God's Very Own Youth Club

SustFest Wyre Forest is a fortnight of events put together by the **Wyre Forest Green Alliance** in support of the wider National Event. The festival will run from **30th April - 15th May**. You can find out all the latest events from the Sustfest Wyre Forest [Facebook Page](#) or email sustfestwyreforest@gmail.com for a copy of the programme.

Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd Robert Legge for Friday 6th May

Exodus 28 v 1-5, 29-38: I hope that you take time to read these passages today because they give a wonderful description of the priestly robes and clothing that the priests wore in the Old Testament period. I remember as a child being given a children's bible and there was a full coloured drawing of a priest in it. It looked amazing! Go online and look it up; you will see what I mean. Visibly amazing as the robes are, they pale into nothing compared to our own great High Priest, Jesus Himself. The beauty of the priests in the Old Testament was superficial however the beauty we see in Jesus reflects His life, His character and His love for us all. In our own lives let us reflect that beauty and love as we reach out into our communities and share His message with others.

Daily Readings for week beginning Monday 9 th May	
Date	Bible passage
Mon 9 th	Exodus 32:1 – 14
Tue 10 th	Exodus 32:15 – 34
Wed 11 th	Exodus 33:1 – end
Thu 12 th	Exodus 34:1 – 10, 27 – end
Fri 13 th	Exodus 35:20 – 36:7
Sat 14 th	Acts 1:15 - end <i>Matthias the Apostle</i>

Diocesan News

This year's **Hagley Music Festival** will take place **7th to 22nd May**. You can [Download the poster](#) or to find out more go to the www.hagleymusicfestival.com website.

St Peter's, Birchen Coppice, in Kidderminster West Parish is hosting a '**Growing Roots, Green Fair**' on Saturday **14th May** as part of SustFest (Sustainability Festival). You can [download the flyer](#) for more details of the events, which are all FREE.

You can download the full **summer** [Diocesan Training and Events](#) programme which includes: *Building Trust in your Church's Finances* and *Unlocking your Financial Reserves* with Chris Boden; an opportunity for Churchwardens to meet the Archdeacons via Zoom, as well as more practical skills like using *Powerpoint* in worship and Engaging Children and toddlers in events.

'The Champions' Holiday Club'

Jennifer Tompkin and all the organising group would **like to thank** the whole parish for their support in what has turned out to be a very successful pilot for our new outreach initiative to children and families. We now look forward to the main event in August!!

Wheelchair

Lightweight, foldable wheelchair available. **Free** to a good home. Contact Richard 07843 136785.

There will be **NO Indoor Picnic @St Cecilia's**

on **Sun 8th May** due to the AGM scheduled to follow the service that day. Starting in **June** we will take our picnics back outdoor to the **Park**. Still the same great company, still joining together in friendship and fellowship.

Requests for Prayer

- As we enter the 'meetings' season, may we turn first to God to ask for his guidance so that we may discern what it is that he is doing in our parish and our lives.
- For those who are seeking re-election or thinking of putting themselves forward for the first time to represent our churches and parish on our various committees.

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

DIARY

Homegroups will meet the week beginning **Monday 2nd May** and meet fortnightly.

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, at Morrison's Café, **every Friday**, 12:00noon.

Other events or notable dates are listed chronologically below

Sun 1st May	3:30pm	Board Games Café	St Cecilia's
Wed 4th May	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	12:00noon	Pop-up Café	St George's
	7:30pm	Parish Prayer	Online via Zoom
Thurs 5th May	7:00pm	Contemplative Prayer	Online via Zoom
Sunday 8th May	Times of Services are listed elsewhere in this newsletter		
Mon 9th May	12:00noon	St Cecilia's AGM	St Cecilia's
	6:00pm	KE Youth	St Cecilia's
	7:00pm	St Cassian's AGM	St Cassian's
Tues 10th May	7:45pm	St Chad's AGM	St Chad's
Wed 11th May	10:00am	Holy Communion	St Cassian's
	2:00pm	Stone Corner Café	St Mary's, Stone
Thurs 12th May	7:00pm	Contemplative Prayer	Online via Zoom
Sunday 15th May	Start of Christian Aid Week		
	9:30am	Baptism Service	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
	12:00noon	St George's AGM	St George's
	12:00noon	St Mary's AGM	St Mary's, Stone
6:30pm	Evening Prayer	St George's	
Mon 16th May	10:30am	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 15th MAY

READINGS: Acts 11:1 - 18 Revelation 21:1 - 6 John 13:31 - 35

SUNDAY 22nd MAY

READINGS: Acts 16:9 - 15 Revelation 21:10,22 - 22:5 John 14:23 - 29

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