

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 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

*A Warm Welcome to All our Services this Easter Season*

<b>COLLECT</b>	<b>SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> MAY</b>	
<p>Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father.</p>	<b>ST CASSIAN'S</b>	
	<b>9:30am</b>	Baptism Service
	<b>ST CECILIA'S</b>	
	<b>11:00am</b>	Holy Communion
	<b>ST CHAD'S</b>	
	<b>9:30am</b>	Morning Worship
<b>ST GEORGE'S</b>		
<b>READINGS</b>	<b>11:00am</b>	Morning Worship (followed by AGM)
	<b>6:30pm</b>	Evening Prayer
	<b>ST MARY'S, STONE</b>	
Acts 11:1 - 18	<b>11:00am</b>	Morning Worship (followed by AGM)
Revelation 21:1 - 6		
John 13:31 - 35		

## AGMs and APCM

**Annual General Meetings** have occurred in each of our churches over the last week, or this Sunday. We will now hold the **Annual Meeting of Parishioners** and the **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** for the whole parish on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 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 **Wednesdays 18<sup>th</sup> May and 1<sup>st</sup> June**

### Children's Society

Please bring your **collection boxes** to St George's Church to be emptied. *Jan*

## Deanery United Service

Celebrating 'Thy Kingdom Come'  
and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May, 10:00am**

A service of Readings, Songs and Prayer  
in the beautiful surrounds of

**St Peter's, Upper Arley, DY12 1SQ**

Led by Canon Tim Williams, Area Dean  
*The parish requires a volunteer to lead  
one prayer during the intercessions.*

*Please contact David.*

Parking: at the end of Arley Lane take the  
left turn off the bus turning circle, towards  
the church then through the 5 barred gate  
and park in the field, which has matting.



in Chaddesley Corbett

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 10:30am - 12noon**

Ladies, we would love to see you for a  
coffee and a chat at



Susie's, Hill Pool House.

Call Beth (777136) or Susie (777419)

## CAFÉ CHAD



Now open **Monday & Wednesday**  
mornings **9:15am - 12:15pm**



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

Please come along and join in the fun.

All ages welcome.

## Contemplative Prayer

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, it is with a heavy heart that I have to inform you that our Thursday evening Contemplative Prayer meetings are coming to an end. The last one will be on the **26<sup>th</sup> May**. I have prayed and thought long and hard about this, but I have had to face the fact that I am unable to continue to put in the time and effort required to keep going. I want to thank you for the support you have all given me over the last two years or so. Can I just encourage you to continue to put aside time in the week to simply listen to God's voice in the silence. God bless, *Geoff Surridge*

*David adds:* Geoff has made a tremendous contribution to the parish over the last couple of years, especially through Lockdown, keeping people praying together when we couldn't meet in church. Robert & I sincerely thank him for his help & commitment.

## 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) and Robert (RL).

Week	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<b>16/5</b>	DH	DH	DH	RL	-	DH
<b>23/5</b>	DH	DH	DH	DH	-	DH

Please note that the login will be different when Robert is leading. Please ask for the link at the email below if you do not automatically receive one. All are welcome.



**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. **Thursdays 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> May (Final meeting - see separate notice) 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 1<sup>st</sup> June 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](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 Robert Legge for Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May

*Exodus 35 v 20-36 v 7:* I wonder if as you read these verses today that you can see that basically there are two groups of people in the story. Firstly there are those who bring and secondly those who make. And of course the second group couldn't have made anything if the first group hadn't brought the materials along in the first place. On the other hand if the people had brought their gifts and offerings along and there had been nobody to fashion them into things of beauty, then the whole exercise would have been pointless. In the same way we all have different talents, abilities and things that we can bring to our parish. Let's do so remembering that the one thing that both groups had in common was that they were both working for God and for His glory!

Daily Readings for week beginning <b>Mon 16<sup>th</sup> May</b>	
Date	Bible passage
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 4:38 – end
Tue 17 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 5:1 – 11
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 5:12 – 26
Thu 19 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 5:27 – end
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 6:1 – 11
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup>	Luke 6:12 - 26

### Parish United Service - Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May, 10:30am, St Cassian's

One of the strong desires that arose from the Lent discussions was to be able to join together in worship. Will you make the most of this opportunity that we have at the end of the month? As these United Services move around the churches of our parish we are invited to experience what each church offers as its distinctive contribution to the worshipping life of the parish. It might not be immediately your first choice of style of worship, but will you be open to encountering God in a less familiar setting? If you need help getting there, please ask those in your usual church to see if they can assist.



### Christian Aid Week 15<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> May 2022

In Zimbabwe, the climate crisis is causing aching hunger for families. The combined effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, conflict, and drought have robbed people of the power to provide for their children. And 7,000 miles away, the war in Ukraine will drive up food prices in Zimbabwe, and around the globe. Without the fertiliser and food - like wheat and cooking oil - that Ukraine and Russia produce, vulnerable families will be pushed even deeper into hunger. **But hope does not disappoint. Hope lives in you.** With every gift, every action, every prayer, we celebrate and share hope with our sisters and brothers facing crisis around the world, from Ukraine to Zimbabwe. You can [donate online](#), and read more about "Jessica's Story" and the crisis in Zimbabwe.

### Concert at St George's

The **Charity Rock Choir** will be coming to St George's, Radford Avenue, on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 7.30pm**. Tickets £8 each available from St George's or contact Jan Ferguson 01562 630431. Licensed bar available.

### Young at Heart

Meets every **Wednesday** at St Cecilia's Church, Hoo Road, 2 - 4pm  
**18<sup>th</sup> May:** Hats Catherine Clark  
**25<sup>th</sup> May:** A gallery of Pub signs Ian Bott  
For more info about this group contact Jean Bailey **via the parish office.**

**Newsletter Dates:** The next newsletter will be published on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May** covering **Sundays 29<sup>th</sup> May** and **5<sup>th</sup> June**. Deadline for copy is **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May**.

## Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June "Installation Day"

Fancy doing something different on this particular Saturday? It's exactly two years ago that I was instituted as the Team Rector, and we've arranged for Archdeacon Robert to return in order to install me! We're going to start at **St Cassian's** at **10:00am**, and travel to each church in the parish so that I can be installed in each one, ending up at **St George's** at **12:00pm**, which will then be followed by the chance for a picnic together (bring your own lunch). The in-between services are **10:30am at St Mary's**, **11:00am at St Chad's**, **11:30am at St Cecilia's**. You could come to all the services (they will be slightly different in each place) or a selection of them. You could aim for a service and then re-join for the picnic. I hope you will be able to make use of this opportunity to be together as the parish.

David

## 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 30<sup>th</sup> May, 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.



SPRING  
HARVEST

## Spring Harvest 2023 : 10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> 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 **8<sup>th</sup> 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.

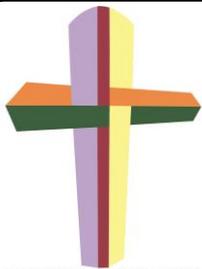
Margaret Hodgson

**Thank you from Karen & Kate:** We would like to thank all those in the parish, who have contributed to our leaving gifts and sent cards. We really appreciate all your kind messages and words of support, as well as your prayers. We are both very sorry to be leaving and are grateful for the opportunity to have worked as Parish Administrator and Social Media / Website Manager, as well as the experience we have gained over the past 8½ and 4 years, respectively. We wish you all well and pray that God will provide new ways to work amongst you to grow His Kingdom in Kidderminster East.

With Love, Karen Morton & Kate Charles-Dalloway

**Parish Prayerlink:** email prayer requests to [prayerlink@kidderminstereast.org.uk](mailto:prayerlink@kidderminstereast.org.uk)

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



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# Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022

## COLLECT

Risen Christ,  
by the lakeside you renewed  
your call to your disciples:  
help your Church to obey your  
command and draw the  
nations to the fire of your love,  
to the glory of God the Father.

## READINGS

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

## SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> MAY

### ST CASSIAN'S

9:30am Morning Worship

6:30pm Evening Prayer

### 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)

KEY is for children/young adults who are in school years 6 - 13 (roughly ages 11-18 years old). KEY meets fortnightly throughout term time to have fun, learn and pray. We chat about Christianity and Christian issues through open discussions, a short Bible study, and games. There is also a social evening each term and a weekend away is planned for each year. Socials have included bowling, a trip to the climbing walls and pizza hut.



**Next Meeting: Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** at St Cecilia's, Hoo Road, 6:00pm - 7:30pm

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

## Thy Kingdom Come - 26<sup>th</sup> May - 5<sup>th</sup> June



Free resources, from Church House Publishing, for use during **Thy Kingdom Come** (between Ascension and Pentecost) are NOW available in Church. Resources include a **Novena** booklet (9 days of reflections on the book of *1 Peter*), a **Prayer Journal** with short Bible verses, reflections, responses and prayers to help you focus your personal prayers during Thy Kingdom Come (both are written by Archbishop Justin Welby), and an exciting Jubilee-themed **Cheeky Pandas** adventure to help younger readers grow in faith. Please take whichever items you wish to use. You can also download the same resources from the [Thy Kingdom Come website](http://www.thykingdomcome.com).



## Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd Robert Legge for Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May

*Luke 6 v 1-11:* Have you ever played the game 2x2= whereby you keep multiplying your score and you have to be able to get the right answer as quickly as possible? 2x2 is fairly easy but once you start getting to 2,500 x 2,500 it becomes more challenging and confusing. This in a nutshell is what the Pharisees in Jesus' time had done; they had taken God's basic laws and multiplied them up until they were next to impossible for people to keep. Let me draw your attention to a great example in this passage; the disciple's action in rubbing grain in their hands and eating it was seen as threshing! And sadly the practice had escalated to such an extent that even Jesus' loving act of healing a suffering fellow human being had become an offence to these super pious religious types. What is more important as we follow Jesus in our parish? Are we concerned with the keeping of our own wee rules some of which we don't really understand ourselves or do we wish to show God's love to people with whom we come into contact day after day? Jesus Himself said, "The Sabbath was made for people not people for the Sabbath" (*Mark 2 v 27*).

Lets keep the proper perspective!

Daily Readings for week beginning <b>Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	
<b>Date</b>	<b>Bible passage</b>
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Luke 6:27 - 38
Tue 24 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 6:39 - end
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 7:1 - 10
Thu 26 <sup>th</sup>	Acts 1:1 - 11 Ascension Day
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 7:11 - 17
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 7:18 - 35

### Coffee, Cake and Climb Session for all the Parish

A group of us are getting together for a Coffee, Cake and Climb Session at Cleobury Community Hub on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**, 11am - 1pm. Anyone wishing to join in please email us at [roglyn32@hotmail.com](mailto:roglyn32@hotmail.com) for further details and prices. Climbing for all ages but, if you prefer, just enjoy the Company, Coffee and Cake.

*Roger and Lyn, St Cecilia's.*

### St George's Pop up Café

is open on **Wednesday**

**1<sup>st</sup> June** and the first

Wednesday of **every month**.

Please join us for lunch and a



warm welcome

12noon - 2:00pm

### St George's Coffee Shop

open **every Friday**

10:00am - 12:00noon

### Together @KEP Called, Equipped, Committed

This month **Together@**, our parish-wide worship event, is gathering in **St George's Church** on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May** from 7.15pm for coffee, with worship, in a contemporary style, starting at 7.30pm. There will be teaching, small group discussion, community, friendship and prayer. We think that this gathering can best be experienced face to face but we appreciate that some may not be able to attend for various reasons. If you need support to join us, please contact us via the [parish office](#), and we will put you in touch with David Grist who will reach out to discuss your needs.

### Requests for Prayer

- As the war in Ukraine continues may we not become fatigued in our prayers for mercy for the victims and for a peaceful outcome.
- For the success of the 'Call to Prayer' during the *Thy Kingdom Come* season; may it bring many to your table who need your forgiveness and healing touch.

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

*Please contact the Parish Office for more details.*



## Open Doors - Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June, 7:30 - 9:00pm St George's, Radford Avenue

Andy Worthington, Head of Church Relations for Open Doors, will speak about the Persecuted Church around the world and how Open Doors is supporting those facing persecution. This is a Churches Together in Kidderminster event.

REFRESHMENTS \* WORSHIP \* PRAYERS \* OFFERING

### Report on the Friends of the Holy Land St George's Day Pilgrimage Walk

On Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 15 people enjoyed the [Friends of the Holy Land](#) pilgrimage walk from St George's Church, Kidderminster to St Mary's Church at Harvington. They came from four different parish communities - St George's, St Mary's Stone, St Cassians and St Mary's Harvington. The weather was fine and by the time we reached Harvington, we were like old friends. We joined with two other groups who had walked from Stourbridge and Stourport. After a picnic in the Priest's garden, there was a short ecumenical service in the church lead by Canon John Moran, Rev Robert Legge and Deacon John O'Brien. As a result of this event, we have raised in excess of **£2000** for the support of needy Christian families in the Holy Land. I would like to thank all the walkers and their sponsors who made the walk so successful from both a shared fellowship and fund raising aspects.



*Stephen Brown*, Chairman FHL Wyre Forest Group

To learn more about FHL, call 01562 753422 or email [gailstephen@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:gailstephen@blueyonder.co.uk)



**u3a** is a UK wide organisation for those no longer in work, coming together to explore new ideas, skills and interests. There is a thriving branch in **Wyre Forest** that is very keen to involve more people from across the district. We meet monthly and our next meeting is on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm at Kidderminster Harriers Social & Supporters Club, Stadium Close, Hoo Road, Kidderminster, DY10 1NB. See [wyreforestu3a.org.uk](http://wyreforestu3a.org.uk) for more info about u3a activities.

### Festival of Church Music - Lichfield Cathedral

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May, commencing at 6.30pm**

Choir of 200 voices with Conductor Peter J Williams and Organist Rufus Frowde. Officiating Minister Rev'd Dr. Janet Wootton. Please come along and be part of the congregation. No booking is required and admission is **free**.

See poster on noticeboards for more information or go to [www.freechurchchoirs.org.uk](http://www.freechurchchoirs.org.uk)

#### Board Games Café @StCecilia's Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June, 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+.

#### 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!

#### 'Meet And Eat'

at **Morrisons café**

every **Friday**

at **12:00noon**.

for a meal, and some  
fellowship.

All  
welcome.



## DIARY

**Homegroups** will meet the week beginning **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May** and meet fortnightly.

**Weekly Events:** **Café Chad** open **every Monday & 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

<b>Mon 16<sup>th</sup> May</b>	10:30am	Care & Share	Chaddesley Corbett
<b>Wed 18<sup>th</sup> May</b>	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	2:00pm	Young at Heart	St Cecilia's
<b>Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> May</b>	7:00pm	Contemplative Prayer	Online via Zoom
	7:30pm	Messy Church future discussion	St George's
<b>Sat 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	7:30pm	Charity Rock Concert	St George's
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	Times of Services are listed elsewhere in this newsletter		
	6:00pm	KE Youth	St Cecilia's
<b>Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	7:30pm	Mtg of Parishioners & APCM	St Cassian's
<b>Wed 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>	2:00pm	Young at Heart	St Cecilia's
	7:30pm	Together @KEP	St George's
<b>Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Ascension Day: Start of <i>Thy Kingdom Come</i> "Call to Prayer"		
	7:00pm	Contemplative Prayer	Online via Zoom
	7:30pm	Communion Assistants' training	St George's -
<b>Sat 28<sup>th</sup> May</b>	10:00am	Deanery United Service	St Peter's, Upper Arley
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May</b>	10:30am	United Parish Service	St Cassian's
<b>Mon 30<sup>th</sup> May</b>	2:00pm	Bereavement Café	St Cecilia's
<b>Wed 1<sup>st</sup> June</b>	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	12:00noon	Pop-up Café	St George's
	7:30pm	Parish Prayer	Online via Zoom
<b>Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	11:00am	Coffee , Cake & Climb	Cleobury Mortimer Hub
	7:00pm	Chaddesley Voices Concert	St Cassian's
<b>Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	Queen's Platinum Jubilee - Bank Holiday		

**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 29<sup>th</sup> MAY

**READINGS:** Acts 16:16-34 Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-end John 17:20-end

### SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JUNE - Pentecost

**READINGS:** Acts 2:1 - 21 Romans 8:14 - 17 John 14:8 - 17

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