



**Encountering God
following Jesus
Spirit-transforming lives**

THE KIDDERMINSTER EAST PARISH NEWSLETTER

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

Sunday 24th July 2022

Sixth Sunday after Trinity

A Warm Welcome to All our Services

COLLECT	SUNDAY 24th JULY	
<p>Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord.</p>	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	
READINGS	11:00am	Holy Communion
	ST MARY'S, STONE	
	11:00am	Baptism Service
Hosea 1:2 - 10 Colossians 2:6 - 15 Luke 11:1 - 13		

Parish Day on Saturday 30th July

Another fantastic opportunity to grow in knowing each other and God. The day begins at 10.00am at both St Cassian's and St Mary's Stone where you can get involved with work parties doing jobs around the churches.



Lunch will be provided at Stone Parish Rooms. There is something for everyone in the afternoon. **Choose from:** A walk to Harvington Hall and back; games in Spennells park; or song practice at St Cecilia's. The evening activities begin at 5:00pm at

St George's with a **Fish & Chip supper** (or bring your own food) and a **Barn Dance**. Don't miss out on the fun!



Posters and flyers are available in each church with fuller details or you can consult our [parish website](#).



Speak to your churchwarden if you are interested or would like a **ticket** for the evening event.



Parish Men's Breakfast

A good time was had by all at the **Men's Breakfast** that was held at St Cecilia's on Saturday 16th July. It was attended by 15 people from three different churches; a hearty breakfast was enjoyed by all with some good fellowship, discussion and good-natured banter. It was decided to hold future breakfasts on a monthly basis, other than at holiday or busy times, possibly at alternative venues although it was thought better to remain at St Cecilia's for the next breakfast at 9:30am on **Saturday 17th September**.

Please put this date in your diary, we look forward to seeing you. *Ron & Roger*

Parish Coach Trip

Our seaside trip this year is to

Llandudno

Thursday 18th August

leaving St George's at 8:30am and returning around 5:30pm

Cost £20. To book :

please speak to Jan on 01562 630431.



St George's Pop up Café

is open on **Wednesday 3rd August** 12:00noon - 2:00pm and the first Wednesday of **every month**. Please join us for lunch and a warm welcome

St George's Coffee Shop

open **every Friday**

10:00am - 12:00noon



'The Champions' Summer Holiday Club'



Just a month to go before our **Summer Holiday Club** outreach initiative, when we welcome children in the age range 6 - 10 yrs (and their families) into the church. The event will run for a week of mornings **22nd to 26th August** at St Chad's Church.



We still need a couple of volunteers to **assist in the kitchen** on the Monday, Tuesday and Friday of the holiday club week. We also need someone to **operate the PA system** throughout the week. The likelihood is that we will just need some videos playing and perhaps some presentations doing. If **you** can help please contact Jennifer Tompkin (Tel 07775 623691 email tompkinj@hotmail.com). More details are available on the [Parish website](#). **Thank you for all your support and prayers.**

Parish Prayers Online via Zoom

Morning Prayer at 8:00am:

A great way to start the day. Please see the table opposite for which days there is morning prayer over the next 2 weeks. Prayers over this

period are led by David (DH). Anyone is welcome to attend. If you do not automatically receive a Zoom link please ask for one to be sent by emailing the address below.

Parish Prayer Meeting: Our next meeting will be **online via Zoom** on **Wednesday 3rd August**, at **7:30pm** (login from 7:20pm) for our usual 45 min prayer for the parish and the issues in the wider world. It will be led by Revd David Hildred. Please join us, you are all very welcome.



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.**

Week	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
25/7	DH	-	DH	DH	-	DH
1/8	DH	DH	DH	DH	-	-

Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd Robert Legge for Friday 22nd July

John 20 v 1-2, 11-18 Today in our readings we remember Mary Magdalene and this is perhaps the most well known incident that the Bible records about her. Just imagine Mary's distress in this passage; not only has Jesus been crucified but now someone has actually stolen His body! In Jewish times nothing could be more sacrilegious and in her eyes bad news was piling onto bad news! And then suddenly everything changes, not by a sermon nor by physical recognition nor by lightning from Heaven but by one short word; "Mary!" Like our Zacchaeus reading last week Jesus addresses Mary personally and suddenly Mary understands. Her sorrow turns to joy as she witnesses the resurrection of her Lord and Saviour. You and I will never fully understand the depth of Jesus' love and compassion for us unless we remember that He longs to meet us personally, that He loves the Parish of Kidderminster East with all its strengths and weaknesses but He also loves (*insert your name here!*). Let us listen as Jesus calls us by name and assures us of His presence with us day by day.

Daily Readings for week beginning Mon 25th July	
Date	Bible passage
Mon 25 th	Matthew 20:20 - 28 <i>James the Apostle</i>
Tue 26 th	Luke 21:5 – 19
Wed 27 th	Luke 21:20 – 28
Thu 28 th	Luke 21:29 – end
Fri 29 th	Luke 22:1 – 13
Sat 30 th	Luke 22:14 - 23

Virtual Sunday School Family Summer Camp

For two years the team at Virtual Sunday School have run a virtual holiday club online. This year we can gather IN PERSON for the **Family Summer Camp** at [Lenchwood Christian Centre](#), Ab Lench, Evesham WR11 4UP on **12th - 14th August** with plenty of activities and events for the whole family to join in with from celebrations in the big barn filled with songs, games, bible stories, challenges to outdoor events and lots more fun! [Visit their website](#) to book tickets and accommodation or just come for the day.

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 25th July, 2 - 4pm. For more information email Carol, Freda or Alison on: lifelafterlosskep@gmail.com or call the parish office on 01562 822131. **Please note** there will be NO MEETING in **August** but we will return on **Monday 26th September.**

Requests for Prayer

- Please pray for the success of the Parish Day and for all those helping to organise it. May it be an event enjoyed by all and bring many fruits in our parish.
- For everyone involved with the parish Champions Holiday Club; may it bring fresh shoots to our parish and encourage more families to come to our churches.

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



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Seventh Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 31st July 2022

SUNDAY 31st JULY

ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS, GREAT WITLEY, WR6 6JT

10:00am

United Deanery Service of Holy Communion

Outdoor service in the tea room gardens - BRING A CHAIR!

Celebrant: Canon Tim Williams, Area Dean

There are NO other services in the parish this Sunday

READINGS

Hosea 11:1 - 11
Colossians 3:1 - 11
Luke 12:13 - 21

COLLECT

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as a mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

United Deanery Service: Great Witley Church - Sunday 31st July



The service will be in the Tea Room gardens so please remember to **bring your own chair**. If bad weather intervenes we shall retreat indoors. Last year's service was enjoyed by over 150 people. It would be great if we could top that! Afterwards you can



stay to sample the cakes from the Tea Rooms and enjoy the beautiful gardens, or bring your own picnic and sit in the Church grounds. The service will also be livestreamed on the [Deanery Facebook page](#) for those who are unable to attend in person.



CAFÉ CHAD

Now open every

**Monday and Wednesday
at 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.



Craft Group at Café Chad on Mondays

The Knit & Natter with Craft group now meet on Mondays at Café Chad, 10 - 12noon. If you like crafts and knitting with like-minded people and quality refreshments in an informal setting, this group is for you. If you are interested in joining us, or wish to have more information, please contact Joy on 07742 949156.

Midweek Services

St George's

Holy Communion at 10:00am on
Wednesdays 3rd August & 17th August

St Cassian's

Holy Communion at 10:00am on
Wednesday 10th August

Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd Robert Legge for Friday 29th July

Luke 22 v 1-13 What is the difference between Midsomer Murders and Columbo? Simple really, in Columbo we find out at the start of each episode who the baddie is whereas with Midsomer we have to wait until the end for all to be revealed! The story of Judas falls into the “Midsomer” category. When we get to where we are this evening we suddenly realise who the bad guy is. Up until now the threat against Jesus has been quite generic; “the Jewish leaders,” “the leaders of the people,” “the scribes and the teachers of the law” Suddenly all of that changes. Evil, danger and betrayal suddenly has a face and it is none other than Judas Iscariot one of his own disciples. I have always found it hard to get my head around Judas Iscariot and why he did what he did. He was never absent so far as we know when Jesus did all of the miracles and all of the healings and spoke all of those wonderful words that we have in the Gospels. He was a close friend of Jesus. And yet we need to remember that the whole story including Judas betrayal is not a question of Jesus coming to earth to tell everybody to love one another and when everybody misunderstood God had to turn to Plan B, which was the crucifixion! Jesus always knew he was going to die. Subsequently Judas betrayal is personal because Jesus mission is personal. Jesus died for us personally and He longs to dwell in us personally. Judas’ betrayal was terrible but Jesus’ death and resurrection is glorious.

Daily Readings for week beginning Mon 1 st Aug	
Date	Bible passage
Mon 1 st	Luke 22:24 - 30
Tue 2 nd	Luke 22:31 - 38
Wed 3 rd	Luke 22:39 - 46
Thu 4 th	Luke 22:47 – 62
Fri 5 th	Luke 22:63 - end
Sat 6 th	Luke 9:28 - 36 <i>Transfiguration of our Lord</i>

‘Meet and Eat’ is taking a break



We’ll be back on Friday 30th September



One Peace at a time



You can read the latest reflection by Bishop John Pritchard on life for Christians in the Holy Land by visiting the website of the Friends of the Holy Land at www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk

Young at Heart

is taking a break for the summer. It will be back with regular meetings every **Wednesday** at St Cecilia’s Church, Hoo Road, 2 - 4pm in **September** For more info about this group contact Jean Bailey **via the parish office.**

Six Beats One Story



Bible Society

The Bible has bottomless depth and offers endless opportunities for creatively presenting its message. Dai Woolridge, Creative Specialist at Bible Society, takes on the overarching narrative of Scripture in his new poem, *Six Beats One Story*. Summing up the Bible narrative in just six scenes, Dai unpacks the big story through colloquial prose in just 4 minutes. You can listen to the poem and watch the associated animated video on the Bible Society Website.

Diocesan News



The **August - November** edition of the **prayer diary** is now available to collect in your church, or you can download in from the Diocesan website.

Newsletter Dates:

The next parish newsletter will be published on **Friday 5th Aug** covering **Sundays 7th and 14th August**. Items for publication should be sent to the office before **Wednesday 3rd Aug**. Thank you.

DIARY

Homegroups have now finished for their summer break and will restart in September.

Weekly Events: **Café Chad** every **Monday** and **Wednesday** 9:15am - 12:15pm.

Craft group at Café Chad every **Monday** 10:00 - 12noon

Knit & Natter every **Wednesday** 2 - 4pm in St George's Church.

Coffee Shop at St George's **every Friday** at 10:00am - 12:00noon.

Other events or notable dates are listed chronologically below

Mon 25th July	2:00pm	Bereavement Café	St Cecilia's
Sat 30th July		Parish Together Day	Across the parish
	10:00am	Work Parties	St Cassian's & St Mary's
	2:00pm	A Walk in the Woods	St Mary's, Stone
	2:00pm	Outdoors Games	Spennells Park
	2:00pm	Sing a New Song	St Cecilia's
	5:00pm	Fish & Chip Supper	St George's
	After supper	Barn Dance	St George's
Sunday 31st July	10:00am	United Deanery Service	Great Witley
Wed 3rd August	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	12:00noon	Pop-up Café	St George's
	7:30pm	Parish Prayer	Online via Zoom
Sun 7th August	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
Wed 10th August	10:00am	Holy Communion	St Cassian's
	2.00pm	Stone Corner Café	St Mary's, Stone

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 7th AUGUST

READINGS: Isaiah 1:1, 10 - 20 Hebrews 11:1 - 3, 8 - 16 Luke 12:32 - 40

SUNDAY 14th AUGUST

READINGS: Isaiah 5:1 - 7 Hebrews 11:29 - 12:2 Luke 12:49 - 56

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