



**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 18<sup>th</sup> September 2022

**Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**

*A Warm Welcome to All our Services*

## COLLECT

Merciful God,  
your Son came to save us  
and bore our sins on the cross:  
may we trust in your mercy  
and know your love, rejoicing in  
the righteousness that is ours  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## READINGS

For this week's readings, please check  
with the service leader or preacher.

Would you normally look here for  
readings? If so, please let us know, via  
the parish office, that you find it helpful.

## SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

### ST CASSIAN'S

**9:30am** Holy Communion

### ST CECILIA'S

**11:00am** Holy Communion

### ST CHAD'S

**9:30am** Morning Worship

### ST GEORGE'S

**11:00am** Morning Worship

**6:30pm** A Commemoration (see below)

### ST MARY'S, STONE

**11:00am** Morning Worship

## A Special Commemoration of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September, St George's Church, Radford Avenue, 6:30pm**

You are invited to attend this special service which has been drawn together from the various resources provided by the Church of England for this period, consisting of hymns, prayers, readings, contributions by the choir, and a sermon.

People from everywhere and anywhere are welcome to attend.



**Queen Elizabeth II**  
1926 - 2022

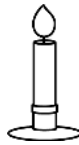
During this period of National Mourning, following the Queen's death last week, the [Church of England](https://www.churchofengland.org/) has provided a number of resources to help you to grieve for her loss, commemorate her reign and pray for the Royal family. The Queen was the head of our Church and had a deep Christian faith that she was

not averse to referring to at every opportunity. Our Churches all have books of condolence which you may like to sign; there are [leaflets available](#) to help you with private reflection and David and Robert have produced a [letter](#). These and other resources (statements from the [Bishops of Worcester](#) and from the [Archbishops of York and Canterbury](#)) are available on our parish website: <https://kidderminstereast.org.uk/>



### A Prayer for the new King

Everlasting God, we pray for our new King.  
 Bless his reign and the life of our nation.  
 Help us to work together  
 so that truth and justice,  
 harmony and fairness,  
 flourish among us;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
 Amen



### Kidderminster Choral Society presents: **An Afternoon of Virtuoso Violin Favourites**

Edward Brenton - Violin  
 Geoff Weaver - Piano

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October , 3:00pm**  
 St George's Church, Radford Avenue  
 Tickets £10 from:  
[www.kidderminsterchoralsociety.co.uk](http://www.kidderminsterchoralsociety.co.uk)  
 or on the door, subject to availability.  
 Age 19 yrs and under: FREE

### St George's Pop up Café

Will open on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October**  
 and the first Wednesday of every month  
 at St George's Church, Radford Avenue

### Sermon Series

During September and October we will be using some of the Sundays (not all churches on the same Sundays) to consider more deeply some of the things we talked about during the Lent sessions. We will be taking five Sundays to look at the phrases in the paragraph below that we drew together during Lent, as a way of expressing how we believe we are meant to live and work together as the five churches in this parish. Here's a reminder of that paragraph:

*"We are united by God's love, without requiring uniformity; each church 'dreaming its own dreams' about building the Kingdom, whilst being humbly alert to the dreams of others. Our life together is shaped by God's grace shown to us individually, as we grow in being the disciples of Jesus. We seek to be faithful to God's word, and to be fruitful by being fuelled by his Spirit. We are people with good news about Jesus who want to live and share that good news."*

### 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. There will be NO

Week	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
19/9	-	DH	DH	DH	-	DH
26/9	DH	DH	-	DH	DH	-

MORNING PRAYER on **19<sup>th</sup> September**. Prayers are led by David (DH). If you do not automatically receive a Zoom link please ask for one to be sent by emailing the address below. Anyone is welcome to attend.

**Parish Prayer Meeting:** Our next meeting will be **online via Zoom** on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October**, 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 Robert Legge. Please join us, you are all very welcome.



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**.



## Board Games Café @StCecilia's

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 3:30 - 5:30pm.



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+.



### "Postcards from Northern Ireland"

Revd Robert Legge has created a series of 12 short spiritual reflections inspired by various locations in Northern Ireland. These will be released at the start of each month on our [KEP Youtube channel](#).

Links to them can be found on our KEP website page [Postcards from Northern Ireland](#) and [Facebook page](#). The second reflection, *Ballygally*, will go out on **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October**. Why not set aside a few minutes to enjoy the view and reflect.



share & care



### in Chaddesley Corbett

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September

*(Please note the change of date)*

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 PLEASE NOTE



We are **not** open on  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September

We will be back open as normal from  
**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September**  
and 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.

### Knit & Natter and Craft Group at Café Chad on Mondays

10:00am - 12:00noon. Come and meet like-minded people in an informal setting with quality refreshments.

Contact Joy on 07742 949156.

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

No meeting on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September**

### 'Meet and Eat' is BACK!



Come and join us on  
**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September**  
**12.00 noon**

at **Morrison Café**  
Green St, Kidderminster DY10 1AZ,  
and every Friday thereafter.

### 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 26<sup>th</sup> September, 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.

## Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd Robert Legge for Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September

*2 Samuel 23 v 1-7*: I wonder if you know any last words of any famous people? For our present purposes one example will suffice. Oscar Wilde as he lay dying in a hotel room in Paris looked around at the somewhat ostentatious décor and allegedly announced, “*Either that wallpaper goes or I do!*” His last words were all about himself and shortly afterwards he beat the wallpaper to it and he died! By comparison David’s last words are an acknowledgement that throughout his long and illustrious (although not perfect as *l’affaire Bathsheba* testifies!) God has been the source of his success and all of the credit and honour must go to Him. When our own time comes to leave this world I guess that we will not waste those precious seconds in trivialities so what will our final words and thoughts be? Will we give the glory to ourselves and say (sing?) with Frank Sinatra “*I Did It My Way!*” or will we acknowledge the hand of God throughout our lives and joyfully proclaim, “*I did it God’s way in God’s love and for God’s glory!*”

Daily Readings for week beginning Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Sept	
Date	Bible passage
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	Acts 13:13 – 43
Tue 20 <sup>th</sup>	Acts 13:44 – 14:7
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup>	Matthew 9:9 - 13 <i>Matthew, Apostle &amp; Evangelist</i>
Thu 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Acts 15:1 – 21
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Acts 15:22 – 35
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup>	Acts 15:36 – 16:5

### 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, Glenn & Anne Scott can take requests for prayer and will pass them on to the relevant group. Phone 01562 822690 or email on [glennscott@mac.com](mailto:glennscott@mac.com).

If you would like to **become part of the Parish Prayerlink Team** and pray for those who request help, please contact the team on [prayerlink@kidderminstereast.org.uk](mailto:prayerlink@kidderminstereast.org.uk)



### Diocesan News

**Kidderminster & Stourport Deanery Synod Meeting:** Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September, 7:00pm at Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall, Tenbury Wells WR15 8RR. Rob Quarton, Deputy Diocesan Secretary - Transformation, will speak about Mission Accompaniers. While this meeting is principally for Deanery Synod Reps, anyone may attend.

**SCIENCE:** A Spectacular Sound and Light show at Worcester Cathedral 21<sup>st</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> September, 7:30 - 9:00pm. that takes visitors on a journey of scientific discovery. The majestic building is transformed to take visitors on a journey of exploration and intrigue. Book a 15 minute slot by visiting the [Cathedral Website](#). £11.00 per person.

Archdeacon Robert will be leading a **diocesan pilgrimage to the Holy Land** 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb - 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023 with Bishops John and Martin. Do consider coming along. For further details call 01905 731599 or email [landrews@cofe-worcester.org.uk](mailto:landrews@cofe-worcester.org.uk)

The deadline for CoE's **National Safeguarding Team's anonymous survey** to listen to victims and survivors of any form of abuse and understand how they would like to be involved in the development and implementation of a survivor engagement framework has been extended to **9<sup>th</sup> October**. Go to the [Church of England website](#) for details.

The full Diocesan **Training Programme for Autumn 2022** is now available and can be viewed via the [Diocesan website](#).





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# Fifteenth 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 25<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

<b>COLLECT</b>	<b>SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>	
<p>Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.</p>	<b>ST CASSIAN'S</b>	
	<b>9:30am</b>	Morning Worship
	<b>6:30pm</b>	Harvest Songs of Praise
	<b>ST CECILIA'S</b>	
	<b>11:00am</b>	Morning Worship
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>READINGS</b></p> <p>For this week's readings, please check with the service leader or preacher. Would you normally look here for readings? If so, please let us know, via the parish office, that you find it helpful.</p>	<b>ST CHAD'S</b>	
	<b>9:30am</b>	Holy Communion
	<b>ST GEORGE'S</b>	
	<b>11:00am</b>	Holy Communion
	<b>ST MARY'S, STONE</b>	
	<b>11:00am</b>	Baptism Service

## Together @KEP

Following feedback from your returned questionnaires we have decided to arrange our **Together@** meetings monthly on **Tuesdays** (non-homegroup weeks) at **St Cecilia's**. We will be looking to use a mix of new and well-known music, Bible talks, space for quiet prayer and reflection, discussion and refreshments, all with the aim of deepening our fellowship together across the parish and our experience of God's grace.

The next dates are: **27<sup>th</sup> September, 25<sup>th</sup> October and 22<sup>nd</sup> November**  
And over the next three months we will unwrap further the parish logo strapline **"Encountering God, following Jesus, Spirit-transforming lives"**.

We've said that's what our parish is about, so let's be about it!

*David Hildred*

## Kidderminster East Youth (KEY)

KEY is for children/young adults who are in school years 6 - 13 (roughly ages 11 - 18 years old) who meet fortnightly at

**St Cecilia's Church, Hoo Road.**

**NEXT MEETING: Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September, 6:00 - 7:30pm**

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



## Being Franciscan: Living the Tradition

An evening of learning, reflection and sharing facilitated by Brother Nicholas Alan Worssam SSF of Glasshampton Monastery, and friends.

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 19:30 – 21:15pm**

**St. Michael & All Angel's Church, Stourport, DY13 9DT**

Arrivals and Refreshments from 7pm The meeting is for anyone who is seeking to explore their spiritual awareness and deepen their faithfulness in the life of prayer. It is also likely to be helpful for those who are involved in the work of accompanying and listening to others on their spiritual journeys. Brother Nicholas will be sharing his perspectives on the tradition of Franciscan spirituality, with its emphasis on radical simplicity, joy, openness to all, compassionate action, the celebration of creation as well as a love of learning. Attendance is free. Donations towards the expenses welcome.

**To book:** Contact Revd Nick Wright: [revnmwright@btinternet.com](mailto:revnmwright@btinternet.com) or 07871 163140

## CHARITY CONCERT for Aid to the Church in Need, Ukraine Appeal

in St Ambrose Parish Hall, Birmingham Road, Kidderminster

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022, 7:00pm**

featuring the Wyre Forest Big Band.

**Admission:** £10 Under 18's £5 Under 12's Free.

Bring your own drinks/sandwiches. Rolls, Coffees & Teas will be available to purchase on the night. Tickets available from Sinead Maffei (07980 846301) or on the door.



## Friends of the Holy Land

### Wyre Forest Group

### FASHION SHOW

at M & Co Store

Stourport on Severn

on **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 3:00pm.**

Tickets cost £5 and can be obtained from

Marie O'Brien on 07885 503724

Proceeds to **Friends of the Holy Land**



## Generosity Week

The Church of England is again running a **Generosity Week** from **25<sup>th</sup> September.**

It is designed to give time and space to reflect on God's generosity and to celebrate it. You are invited to explore God's generosity through eight days of service and worship materials, as well as stories from our churches of God's generosity in action. See more details on the [Church of England](https://www.churchofengland.org) website

## Knit & Natter

at **St George's Church**

**every Wednesday**

2:00pm - 4:00pm

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



## STONE CORNER CAFÉ

next opening **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October**

**at St Mary's, Stone**

Call in any time 2 - 4pm  
for a chat,

a drink and a slice of cake.

Everyone welcome. See you there.



## Midweek Services

### St George's

Holy Communion at 10:00am on  
**Wednesdays 21<sup>st</sup> Sept & 5th Oct**

### St Cassian's

Holy Communion at 10:00am on  
**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October**

## Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd Robert Legge for Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

*Acts 15 v 22-35*: I love reading other people's letters! Before you judge me too harshly and call me a nosey so and so let me explain. My family were all prolific letter writers and I have copies of letters from the 1930s until around 10 years ago that I love to read through. I like to do this because it gives me an amazing insight into the workings of my family and how they handled themselves both in good times and bad. In this passage today we have the privilege of reading someone else's letter. Like all letters this one has a purpose, to both encourage and warn new Gentile believers in their new faith. In Scripture we have the privilege of looking over the shoulders of the various biblical writers and

reading what they have written and in doing so we can be built up, encouraged, challenged and strengthened as we read. Let us never grow tired of reading the writings of others and especially the biblical writers; in doing so we have much to learn!

Daily Readings for week beginning <b>Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	
<i>Date</i>	<i>Bible passage</i>
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup>	Acts 16:6 – 24
Tue 27 <sup>th</sup>	Acts 16:25 – end
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup>	Acts 17:1 – 15
Thu 29 <sup>th</sup>	Revelation 12:7 - 12 <i>Michael &amp; All Angels</i>
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup>	Acts 18:1 – 21
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup>	Acts 18:22 – 19:7

### Young at Heart: Upcoming events

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Sept:** Coach trip to Stratford upon Avon, leaving St Cecilia's, 10:00am

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> Sept:** An illustrated talk about Clent by Paul Timmins,  
meet as normal at St Cecilia's, 2.00pm - 4.00pm

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October:** A fully guided tour of the Carpet Museum. Cost £8.00.  
Meet at the Museum, Green St, Kidderminster DY10 1AZ at 11:00am

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

### Disasters Emergency Appeal for Pakistan Flood Victims

Tearfund is helping co-ordinate the DEC appeal for victims of the flooding in Pakistan. The worst monsoon floods in more than a decade have left large areas of Pakistan under water. More than a thousand people have been killed, with around a million homes destroyed. Crops, livestock & businesses have been washed away. It's a nightmarish disaster. There is an urgent need for food, shelter and safe drinking water. Tearfund's local partners – including the church in Pakistan – are responding. If you want to make a donation you can do so via the [Tearfund](#) website. Thank you.

**Newsletter Dates:** The next parish newsletter will be published on **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September** covering **Sundays 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> October**. Items for publication should be sent to the office before **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September**. Thank you.

### Requests for Prayer

- We remember our new King and the rest of the Royal family as they grieve for the loss of Queen Elizabeth II.
- For the success of the Sermon Series as we continue to learn how to live and work together as the five churches in this parish.

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

*Please contact the Parish Office for more details.*

## DIARY

Homegroups will meet in the week beginning Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September.

**Weekly Events:** **Café Chad** every **Monday** and **Wednesday** 9:15am - 12:15pm  
**Knit & Natter/Craft** at Café Chad every **Monday** 10:00 - 12noon  
**Knit & Natter** every **Wednesday** 2:00pm - 4:00pm in St George's  
**Coffee Shop** at St George's every **Friday** at 10:00am - 12:00noon.

Other events or notable dates are listed chronologically below

<b>Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	7:30pm	St George's DCC	St George's
<b>Tues 20<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	10:00am	Young at Heart day trip to Stratford	St Cecilia's
	7:30pm	St Mary's, Stone DCC	St Mary's, Stone
<b>Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Sept</b>	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	7:00pm	Deanery Synod	Stoke Bliss Village Hall
<b>Sun 25<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	Times of Services are listed elsewhere in this newsletter		
<b>Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	10:30am	Share & Care	Chaddesley Corbett
	2:00pm	Bereavement Café	St Cecilia's
<b>Tues 27<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	7:30pm	Together @KEP	St Cecilia's
<b>Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	2:00pm	Young at Heart	St Cecilia's
<b>Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	12:00noon	Meet & Eat	Morrison Café
<b>Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct</b>	9:30am	Harvest Holy Communion	St Cassian's
	9:30am	Harvest Worship for All	St Chad's
	11:00am	Harvest Holy Communion **	St Cecilia's **
	11:00am	Harvest Morning Worship	St George's
	11:00am	Harvest Morning Worship	St Mary's, Stone
	3:00pm	Kidderminster Choral Concert	St George's
	3:30pm	Board games Café	St Cecilia's
	5:30pm	KE Youth	St Cecilia's
	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](#). {Footnote \*\* Followed by a Harvest Lunch at 12.30}

### SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER - HARVEST SUNDAY

**READINGS:** Deuteronomy 26:1 - 11    Philippians 4:4 - 9    John 6:25 - 35

### SUNDAY LECTIONARY READINGS

During the **Sermon Series** in September and October we will be using different Bible readings at some services on Sundays. Therefore it becomes too complicated to list all Sunday readings here. Please consult the service leader or preacher if you wish to know the readings in advance. Additionally, it would be helpful to know how useful you find these listings in the newsletter. Please email [office@kidderminstereast.org.uk](mailto:office@kidderminstereast.org.uk) and tell us if you would like us to continue listing Sunday Lectionary readings in advance.

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