



**Encountering God
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THE KIDDERMINSTER EAST PARISH NEWSLETTER

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

Sunday 2nd October 2022
Harvest Sunday

A Warm Welcome to All our Services

COLLECT	SUNDAY 2nd OCTOBER	
<p>Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for the harvest, may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord.</p>	ST CASSIAN'S	
	9:30am	Harvest Holy Communion
	ST CECILIA'S	
	11:00am	Harvest Holy Communion followed by Harvest Lunch at 12:30pm
	ST CHAD'S	
	9:30am	Harvest Worship for All
	ST GEORGE'S	
	11:00am	Harvest Morning Worship
	6:30pm	Evening Prayer
	ST MARY'S, STONE	
11:00am	Harvest Morning Worship	
READINGS		
<p>Deuteronomy 26:1 - 11 Philippians 4:4 - 9 John 6:25 - 35</p>		

"As One" event

You'll have seen the banners all around town and outside our churches. St George's is working with the **"As One"** organization on the next step, which is to invite four or five streets to come together for a tea party and to encourage the residents to consider forming a Residents' Association that will promote 'friendliness' in their street. This is a very easy and straightforward way for us to serve our community. Would you like to be involved? We need to deliver the invitations, prepare the tea, be a welcoming host on the day, be those who encourage the residents to talk with each other, or watch over a children's area (whilst the adults chat). Speak with Les and Jan (wardens) for further details.

David

Kidderminster East Youth (KEY)

Sunday 2nd October, 5:30 - 6:30pm at St Cecilia's Church, Hoo Road.

KEY is a fortnightly meeting for children/young adults who are in school years 6 - 13 (roughly ages 11 - 18 yrs). For further information or if you would like to join KEY please contact Grace Kerrigan (07807 647279) or Richard Baker (07843 136785)

Kidderminster East Bible Reading group



The group will meet at 11:00am on **Thursday 6th October**.

This meeting will be in St George's church. Access will be via the door opposite the Annexe. The Bible character for us to look at and learn from is Nehemiah. Open to all and please let us know you are coming either directly or via the Parish Office.

Valerie Bond and Hilary Hildred.

St George's Pop up Café

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

Bereavement Service

At St George's Church 6:30pm on **Sunday 16th October**, remembering all those who passed away in the last year. Light a candle for your loved one.

Sermon Series

During October we will continue to use 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 looking 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."

The Great Fire - A Centenary exhibition at St George's

Commemorating the Great Fire at St George's on **20th November 1922**. The exhibition will be available between now and the anniversary date and can be viewed any time the Church is open (e.g. during the Coffee Shop on Friday mornings). Please come to visit this fascinating exhibition including photos and accounts from the time.

Contact Mattie (01562 639560) for more details or to book a different time to visit.

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 are led

Week	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
3/10	RL	RL	RL	RL	-	RL
10/10	DH	DH	DH	DH		DH

by Robert (RL) or David (DH). Please note that the Zoom link will be different when Robert is leading. If you do not automatically receive a Zoom link please ask for one to be sent to you by emailing the address below. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Parish Prayer Meeting: Our next meeting will be **online via Zoom** on **Wednesday 5th 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 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 30th September

Acts 18 v 1-21 Have you ever noticed that when somebody asks you how you are, you inevitably base your reply upon what has happened to you in the very recent past? Thus for example “*I’m feeling great!*” (because I have just had a tax rebate!) or “*I’m feeling awful!*” (because the aforementioned tax rebate has just gone on paying a parking ticket!) “*We bear the indelible outline of the last situation to sit upon us*” as my grannie used to say! If we were to ask Paul and his friends how they were feeling based upon today’s reading it might be a hard one for them to answer. We see both good things and bad things happening sometimes within 1 or 2 verses of each other. We read about new friends, conversions, rejection from the Jews, visions from God, a court appearance, a beating up of the synagogue ruler and a haircut at Cenchrea! Personally, I love this passage because I think that it reflects many people’s experience that life is a mixture of good and bad, of successes and failures, of tax rebates and parking tickets. However the one thing that remains constant in all of this is God’s love for us and His purposes for His creation. And that is why whether we are going through hard times or good times as individuals or as a Parish the good news is that our God is constant and will be with us whatever may come our way.

Daily Readings for week beginning Mon 3rd Oct	
Date	Bible passage
Mon 3 rd	Acts 19:8 – 20
Tue 4 th	Acts 19:21 – end
Wed 5 th	Acts 20:1 – 16
Thu 6 th	Acts 20:17 – end
Fri 7 th	Acts 21:1 – 16
Sat 8 th	Acts 21:17 – 36



Parish Men’s Breakfast

A second Men's Breakfast was held at St Cecilia's on Saturday 17th September and attended by 11 men from three different churches. Once again a hearty breakfast was enjoyed by all with some good fellowship, discussion and good-natured banter. The group decided to continue to hold the next breakfast at **St Cecilia's** on **Saturday 22nd October** at 9.30am, as we know how the equipment works and where it is! We are hoping to have some worship songs, continue to get to know each other and hopefully welcome some new members. Please put this date in your diary, we look forward to seeing you. *Ron and Roger.*



"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*, is now out! Why not set aside a few minutes to enjoy the view and reflect.

Parish Coach Trip

The next **coach trip** is to **Salford Quays**, formerly Manchester Docks (for BBC, Imperial War Museum, Lowry exhibition, outlet shopping, restaurants etc) on **Thursday 20th October** leaving St George’s at 9:00am and returning around 5:30pm. Cost £20. Contact Jan on 01562 6300431 or jferg541@gmail.com





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Seventeenth 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 9th October 2022

COLLECT	SUNDAY 9th OCTOBER	
Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.	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	
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.	11:00am	Holy Communion
	ST MARY'S, STONE	
	11:00am	Holy Communion

Autumn & Advent Holiday Club

Following the success of the kids Summer Holiday Club at St Chad's we hope to follow up with similar high energy format events throughout the year. Our next two events will be on **Fridays 28th October** (during half-term) and **25th November**, 5:00pm - 7:30pm. These will be followed by an Advent session on **10th December**, 1:00pm - 5:00pm which will include the St Chad's Christingle service. All events will begin with a meal. If you, or someone you know, would like to take part please contact Katy Cornwell on katyc34@outlook.com or tel: 01562 861023 for a **registration form**, which should be returned by **12th October**. Age range target is 6 - 11 yrs. To volunteer to help run these events please contact Jen Tompkin tompkinj@hotmail.com or tel: 07775 623691

St George's - Children's Half Term Activity Morning

St George's Church are pleased to be resuming their half term event for children up to the age of 11 (Year 6), accompanied by a parent or carer on **Tuesday 25th October** from 10.00am to 12:00noon. The morning's crafts and games activities will be based around the story of Daniel in the lion's den. Come along and have fun, drinks and cakes will be available. The cost is £1 per child - under 2s are free. For further info contact Carol Bishton 01562 827093.



Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd David Hildred for Friday 7th October

Acts 21. It is perhaps easy to think this book of the Bible is called “*The Acts of Paul*” because of his great missionary journeys, and how he is the focus of so much action and tension. Whilst some title it “*Acts of the Apostles*”, we can see in this chapter especially how it could easily be called “*Acts of the Disciples*”, as we see how vital is the welcome and hospitality of the disciples in the places where Paul broke his journey. “*Finding the disciples there, we stayed with them seven days*”: what a great ministry of being able to welcome and encourage, even if it’s only for a short time before someone moves on. We see the same thing with Philip and Mnason. What might be appropriate “*Acts of the Disciples*” in Kidderminster East?

Daily Readings for week beginning Mon 10 th October	
Date	Bible passage
Mon 10 th	Acts 21:37 – 22:21
Tue 11 th	Acts 22:22 – 23:11
Wed 12 th	Acts 23:12 – end
Thu 13 th	Acts 24:1 – 23
Fri 14 th	Acts 24:24 – 25:12
Sat 15 th	Acts 25:13 – end

Foodbank Appeal

Given the current cost of living crisis **Kidderminster Foodbank** is facing unprecedented demand for its services. Unfortunately this demand is not being met by an increase in donations of food. They are now running very short. As we celebrate Harvest Sunday let us remember those in need and consider donating to the foodbank if we are financially able to do so.

Young at Heart

Wed 5th October: A fully guided tour of the Carpet Museum. Cost £8.00. Meet at the Museum, Green Street, Kidderminster DY10 1AZ at 11:00am

Wed 12th October: Howard Robinson - Monarchs Way

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

Diocesan News

Starting the journey towards a low-carbon heating system - 13th October, 12:30pm - 1:30pm with Church Buildings Officer, Mark Carter. This **online** seminar will discuss how to begin thinking about moving towards a low/zero carbon heating solution at your church. [Booking](#) required.

Jen Jones from Teme Valley South has just completed her first year of training and will be licensed as a Lay Minister next year. [In a new video](#), she talks about her faith journey and it fits with her work with the Birmingham & Black Country Wildlife Trust.

Newsletter Dates: The next parish newsletter will be published on **Friday 14th October** covering **Sundays 16th and 23rd October**. Items for publication should be sent to office@kidderminstereast.org.uk before **Wednesday 12th October**. Thank you.

Requests for Prayer

- For those who volunteer at the Kidderminster Foodbank and those who require their services; may they never run short of donations.
- For the success of the upcoming Autumn and Advent Holiday Club initiative; bless us, Lord, with more children and young people in our churches.

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

DIARY

Homegroups are scheduled to meet in the week beginning Monday 3rd October.

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
Meet and Eat at Morrison Café every **Friday** at 12:00noon

Other events or notable dates are listed chronologically below

Mon 3rd Oct	7:30pm	Prayer Ministry Team Mtg	Postponed
Wed 5th Oct	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	11:00am	Young at Heart	Carpet Museum
	12:00noon	Pop-up Café	St George's
	7:30pm	Parish Prayer	Online via Zoom
Thurs 6th Oct	11:00am	Bible Study Group	St George's
Sunday 9th Oct	Times of Services are listed elsewhere in this newsletter		
Wed 12th Oct	10:00am	Holy Communion	St Cassian's
	2:00pm	Young at Heart	St Cecilia's
Sun 16th Oct	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
	6:00pm	KE Youth	St Cecilia's
	6:30pm	Bereavement Service	St George's
Mon 17th Oct	10:30am	Share & Care	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 16th OCTOBER

READINGS: Jeremiah 31:27 - 34 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:15 Luke 18:1 - 8

SUNDAY 23rd OCTOBER

All services this week will use the readings for the **Sermon Series:**
Galatians 5:22 - 26 John 15:1 - 8

Thank you to those who responded to our query about Lectionary readings. As a result we will resume listing the Sunday readings in the newsletter after the conclusion of the Sermon Series.

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