



**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 4th September 2022
Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

A Warm Welcome to All our Services

COLLECT	SUNDAY 4th SEPTEMBER	
God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord.	ST CASSIAN'S	
	9:30am	Holy Communion
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	11:00am	Holy Communion
	ST CHAD'S	
	9:30am	Worship for All
	ST GEORGE'S	
	11:00am	Morning Worship
	6:30pm	Evening Prayer
	ST MARY'S, STONE	
	11:00am	Morning Worship

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."

Midweek Services

St George's
Holy Communion at 10:00am
on **Wed 7th & 21st September**

St Cassian's
Holy Communion at 10:00am
on **Wed 14th September**



Board Games Café @StCecilia's

Sunday 4th September, 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 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 go out at the start of each month on our [KEP Youtube channel](#). Links to them can be found on our KEP website [Postcards from Northern Ireland – The Parish of Kidderminster East](#) and [Facebook page](#). The first reflection, from the Chaine Memorial Tower in Larne, will go out on **Saturday 3rd September 2022**. Why not set aside a few minutes to enjoy the view and reflect?



Parish Men's Breakfast

Saturday 17th September 9:30am at St Cecilia's

to enjoy breakfast and further develop future formats for this group. If you are intending to come please **text** or **WhatsApp** Roger on 07711 732120 or **email** the office on office@kidderminstereast.org.uk so that we have some idea of numbers attending. Once again, there will **not** be a charge although any donations will be gratefully received. We look forward to seeing you, *Ron and Roger*.

'The Champions' Summer Holiday Club' - A Thank You!

Jen and all the team at the Holiday Club would like to thank everyone in the parish for making this event a great success. We had 22 children attending every day and thanks to your prayers, help and preparation everything went according to plan. The Friday Awards Ceremony and Buffet was particularly memorable and was attended by most of the families. We are now discussing how to follow up with more regular events. Please continue to pray that those children and families who came will be touched by God and that this initiative will, in some small way, be part of His plan for them.

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 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.

Week	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
5/9	DH	DH	DH	DH	-	DH
12/9	DH	DH	DH	DH	DH	-

Parish Prayer Meeting: Our next meeting will be **online via Zoom** on **Wednesday 7th September**, 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 David Hildred for Friday 2nd September

2 Samuel 7. The transition of the kingship to the second king, David, did not run smoothly, but chapter 7 shows clearly how this remained God's plan, which could not be thwarted. This chapter records one of the covenants of the Old Testament: God's covenant with David. It's not an agreement between two equals, but is completely lopsided: David wanted to do something special for God (*I'll build you a house, a temple*), but God does something even more amazing for David (*I'll build you a house, a dynasty*), which finds its ultimate fulfilment in the arrival of God's chosen king, Jesus. The covenant that Jesus brings in is equally lopsided: full of grace for us, to receive God's gift of an eternal future. Praise God for his unthwartable plan!

Daily Readings for week beginning Mon 5 th Sept	
Date	Bible passage
Mon 5 th	2 Samuel 11:1 - end
Tue 6 th	2 Samuel 12:1 - 25
Wed 7 th	2 Samuel 15:1 – 12
Thu 8 th	2 Samuel 15:13 – end
Fri 9 th	2 Samuel 16:1 – 14
Sat 10 th	2 Samuel 17:1 - 23

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 4th September, 5:30 - 6:30pm**

(starts immediately after the Board Games Café)

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



St George's Pop up Café PLEASE NOTE

There will be **no pop-up café this month (September)**

We will be back again as normal, on the first Wednesday of every month, starting with

Wednesday 5th October

Thank you



in Chaddesley Corbett

Monday 19th September

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)

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 26th September, 2 - 4pm**. For more information email Carol, Freda or Alison on: lifelafterlosskep@gmail.com or call the parish office on 01562 822131.





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Thirteenth 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 11th September 2022

COLLECT	SUNDAY 11th SEPTEMBER	
Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord.	ST CASSIAN'S	
	9:30am	Worship for All
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	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

Together @KEP

Thank you to all those who returned survey forms during August; they have been very helpful in our planning for the autumn. Taking a number of factors into consideration (including bookings by other users, ease of setting up the space in a flexible way, desire for refreshments) 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: **27th September, 25th October and 22nd 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

A Letter of Thanks: As we are unable to visit everyone in all of our churches, we thought that we might pen a joint **'thank you'** for the cards, good wishes and cheques upon our *'stepping down'* as LLM's in Kidderminster East.

We choose the words *'stepping down'* carefully because, although we will be missing from the more formal side of ministry, we will still be here working where we can; to promote God's word here in Kidderminster East. Every blessing, *Joe and Geoff*

Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd Robert Legge for Friday 9th September

2 Samuel 16 v 1-14 When I think of Royalty, one associated word that comes to mind is “dignified”. Our own Queen is an example of someone who possesses great dignity and I guess you could also see King David in the same dignified way. Which is why we are pulled up short when we read about Shimei running after David, pelting him with stones and dirt and shouting out curses after him! And nobody would have been surprised if David had agreed with Abishai’s suggestion that Shimei should have his head cut off! And yet David tells Abishai not to do so. I wonder why not? Maybe it is because as David says perhaps this situation is part of God’s plan. We often see God’s plans for us as being

smooth, clean and easy for us, however He has never promised any such thing. God may take us through situations that may be very hard on our dignity and pride, however we can be sure that whatever He does it will be for our ultimate benefit and good.

Daily Readings for week beginning Mon 12th Sept	
Date	Bible passage
Mon 12 th	2 Samuel 18:1- 18
Tue 13 th	2 Samuel 18:19 – 19:8a
Wed 14 th	John 3:13 - 17 <i>Holy Cross Day</i>
Thu 15 th	2 Samuel 19:24 – end
Fri 16 th	2 Samuel 23:1 – 7
Sat 17 th	2 Samuel 24:1 – end

Gardeners’ Question Time

Rowberry’s Restaurant
Chaddesley Corbett

Thursday 15th September, 7:30pm

with Reg Moule, Paul Cook and guest MC

Put your questions to the experts.

Tickets £5 available from :

Clare (01562 777746) or Hugh (777136)

Proceeds in aid of St Cassian’s Church

Young at Heart

Meets **Wednesdays** during term time at
2:00pm at St Cecilia’s, Hoo Road

7th Sept: *Looking after Ourselves*

Richard Baker

14th Sept: *Subject to be confirmed*

Biddy Goodyear

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

STONE CORNER CAFÉ

next opening **Wednesday 14th Sept**
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.

Knit & Natter and Craft Group at Café Chad on Mondays

at Café Chad, 10am - 12noon. Come and
meet like-minded people in an informal
setting with quality refreshments.

Contact Joy on 07742 949156.

Newsletter Dates: The next parish newsletter will be published on **Friday 16th September** covering **Sundays 18th and 25th September**. Items for publication should be sent to the office before **Wednesday 14th September**. Thank you.

Requests for Prayer

- For those with financial worries, especially as we come towards winter and people are turning on their heating; show us, Lord, what we can do to help.
- For those suffering as a result of the devastating flooding in Pakistan; may the international community join together to provide the help they required.

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

Please contact the Parish Office for more details.

DIARY

Homegroups are due to restart in the week beginning Monday 5th 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

Wed 7th Sept	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	2:00pm	Young at Heart	St Cecilia's
	7:30pm	Parish Prayer	Online via Zoom
Sun 11th Sept	Times of Services are listed elsewhere in this newsletter		
Mon 12th Sept	7:00pm	St Cassian's DCC	St Cassian's
	7:45pm	St Chad's DCC	St Chad's
Tues 13th Sept	7:00pm	St Cecilia's DCC	St Cecilia's
Wed 14th Sept	10:00am	Holy Communion	St Cassian's
	2:00pm	Stone Corner Café	St Mary's, Stone
	2:00pm	Young at Heart	St Cecilia's
Thurs 15th Sept	7:30pm	Gardeners' Question Time	Rowberry's, Chaddesley
Sat 17th Sept	9:30am	Men's Breakfast	St Cecilia's
Sun 18th Sept	9:30am	Holy Communion	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	Evening Prayer	St George's
Mon 19th Sept	10:30am	Share & Care	Chaddesley Corbett
	7:30pm	St George's DCC	St George's
Tues 20th Sept	7:30pm	St Mary's, Stone DCC	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 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 and tell us if you would like us to continue listing Sunday Lectionary readings in advance.

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