



**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 23rd October 2022
Last Sunday after Trinity

A Warm Welcome to All our Services

COLLECT	SUNDAY 23 rd OCTOBER	
Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.	ST CASSIAN'S	
	9:30am	Morning Worship
	6:30pm	Evening Prayer
	ST CECILIA'S	
	11:00am	Morning Worship
	ST CHAD'S	
READINGS	9:30am	Holy Communion
	ST GEORGE'S	
	11:00am	Holy Communion
	ST MARY'S, STONE	
	11:00am	Holy Communion
	Sermon Series Galatians 5:22 - 26 John 15:1 - 8	



Sermon Series

All five churches will be considering Part 4 of the sermon series on **23rd October**, and we will finish the series all together at the united service on **30th October, 10:30am at St Cecilia's**. Here's a reminder of the paragraph we are preaching through:

"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
Wednesdays 2nd Nov and 16th Nov

St Cassian's

Holy Communion at 10:00am on
Wednesday 9th November

Together @KEP

Together @KEP will meet on **Tuesday 25th October** from 7.30pm for Worship, Teaching, Discussion and Prayer. Due to building works at **St Cecilia's** this week we will be returning, temporarily, to meeting **online via Zoom**. Regular attendees should receive a link via email a few days before. If you do not receive one and wish to attend please send a request to parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk.

Through a mix of new and well-known music, Bible talks, quiet prayer, reflection, and discussion we will aim to deepen our fellowship together across the parish and our experience of God's grace. We will also try to unwrap further the parish logo strapline **"Encountering God, following Jesus, Spirit-transforming lives"**.

"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 to 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 invitations, prepare the tea, be a welcoming host on the day, help to encourage the residents to talk with each other, or watch over a children's area (whilst the adults chat). Speak with Les & Jan (wardens) for further details. *David*

Young at Heart

Wed 26th October: No meeting (half term)

Wed 2nd November: Revd Robert Legge
Northern Ireland

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

Bible Reading group

The group will meet at 11:00am on **Thurs 3rd Nov**. This month we are back at our regular venue of the Rectory, Leswell Street. Open to all but please let us know you are coming either directly or via the Parish Office. *Valerie Bond & Hilary Hildred*.

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
24/10	DH	DH	DH	DH	-	DH
31/10	DH	DH	DH	DH	-	DH

by David (DH). 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 2nd November**, 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**.

The next **parish newsletter** will be published on **Friday 4th November** covering **Sundays 6th & 13th November**. Items for publication should be sent to office@kidderminstereast.org.uk before **Wednesday 2nd November**. Thank you.

Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd David Hildred for Friday 21st October

Acts 28. After the storm and the shipwreck everyone reached the safety of the island of Malta. It looked initially as if Paul was going to be mis-identified as a supernatural being, but the three months that he spent there gave ample opportunity for them to get to know him accurately. We don't hear anything of what he said during that time, but v23 in tomorrow's reading tells us what motivated Paul at every step, and that he made use of every opportunity, and the very final verse of the book sums up what Paul, the apostles, the disciples and the Spirit were all focused on. Shall we stick with the programme?

Daily Readings for week beginning Mon 24th Oct	
Date	Bible passage
Mon 24 th	Psalm 98
Tue 25 th	Psalm 106
Wed 26 th	Psalm 111
Thu 27 th	Psalm 115
Fri 28 th	Psalm 117
Sat 29 th	Psalm 121

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 provide a listening ear over a cup of tea/coffee & cake in a warm & friendly atmosphere. We meet **monthly** at St Cecilia's Church, Hoo Road, *usually* on the last Monday of the month, however, our **next meeting** will be on **Monday 24th October, 2:00 - 4:00pm**. For more info email Carol, Freda or Alison on: lifefterlosskep@gmail.com or call the office on 01562 822131. **See, also, our newsletter which is out this weekend celebrating our 1st birthday.**

St George's Maintenance team

have been shortlisted for the National Churches Trust Maintenance Team awards. They are one of only four English finalists in their category. Results will be announced at a ceremony at the Mercer's Hall in London on the afternoon of **24th October**. The event will be live streamed. If anyone would like the link please contact Jan on jferg541@gmail.com. You can also read more on the [Diocesan website](#).

St George's Pop up Café

is open on **Wednesday 2nd November** and the first Wednesday of every month at St George's Church, Radford Avenue

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.

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.



Wyre Forest Refugee Support Group is looking for new volunteers to support or befriend a refugee family who will be arriving in Kidderminster soon. To discuss what the role involves, please contact Clare Cassidy at clarecassidy15@gmail.com



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Fourth Sunday before Advent

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

Sunday 30th October 2022

SUNDAY 30th OCTOBER

ST CECILIA'S CHURCH, 164 HOO ROAD, KIDDERMINSTER, DY10 1LP

10:30am

United Parish Service of Holy Communion

Please note that
Clocks go back today

There are NO other services in the parish this Sunday

READINGS

Sermon Series

2 Kings 7:3 - 13

Luke 10:1 - 12

COLLECT

God of glory, touch our lips with the fire of your Spirit, that we with all creation may rejoice to sing your praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



"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 Third reflection, *Larne Cenotaph*, is out **5th November!** Why not set aside a few minutes for reflection?

Kidderminster East Youth (KEY)

Sunday 30th October meeting is CANCELLED (half term)

Our next meeting will be **Sunday 6th November, 5:30 - 6:30pm** at **St Cecilia's Church, Hoo Road** (after board games café)

We have decided to extend the age range for participants to children and young adults who are in school years **4 - 13** (roughly ages **9 - 18 yrs**).

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



Board Games Café @StCecilia's

Sunday 6th November, 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+.

Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd David Hildred for Friday 28th October

Psalm 117. There is an inevitability that there will be more words in this "Faithful Friday" than in the psalm we are reading today! There is a danger that what I say will get in the way of this wonderful psalm: so let me be brief. To whom is the psalm addressed? What does that tell us about the scope of God's authority? What is it that the 'addressees' are encouraged to do? What does that tell us about the scope of God's being? What's the reason for why that exhortation is appropriate? What does that tell us about the scope of God's character?

Daily Readings for week beginning Mon 31 st October	
Date	Bible passage
Mon 31 st	Daniel 1:1 - end
Tue 1 st	Daniel 2:1 – 24
Wed 2 nd	Daniel 2:25 – end
Thu 3 rd	Daniel 3:1 – 13
Fri 4 th	Daniel 3:14 – end
Sat 5 th	Daniel 4:1 – 18

Diocesan News

Last Friday, Bishop John took part in the **Worcester Big Sleep Out** to raise money for three Worcester Charities; St Pauls Hostel, Warriors Community Foundation, and Maggs Day Centre. You can read more and see a short video at : <https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/news/bishop-john-to-take-part-in-the-big-sleep-out.php>

The first in the diocese's **Black History Month** films focusses on why Bewdley decided to set up an anti-racism group in their predominantly white community. [Watch it here.](#)

The **Cathedral** has half term activities available on **25th Oct - 26th Oct, 10.30am - 3:00pm** and will be open at night for a virtual time travel trail on **27th Oct**. Read more about the event at: <https://www.worcestercathedral.co.uk/whats-on/october-half-term>

Retreat House, Holland House's latest newsletter includes details of their Autumn programme. You can [read it and book here.](#)

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.

Warning: We have spotted a fake email address that could be used for scamming purposes. Please be careful if an email says it comes from "Revd. David Hildred". If you hover over that name (don't click it) you will see that the actual email address is parishlooffice@gmail.com. To be safe from receiving such emails you could add that address to your "blocked list". If you are concerned whether a message has come from me, please check by using the phone, mobile text or my usual 'kidderminstereast' email address. Let's keep aware and keep safe.

David

Requests for Prayer

- All children, teachers & school staff: that they may rest and recharge over half term.
- For all those in our parish who are unwell and those who care for them.
- For all those taking part and helping with the St George's half term activity group.

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 31st October.

Weekly Events: **Café Chad** every **Monday** and **Wednesday** 9:15am - 12:15pm
Knit & Natter/Craft at Café Chad every **Monday** 10:00am - 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 24th Oct	2:00pm	Bereavement Café	St Cecilia's
Tues 25th Oct	10:00am	Half Term Activity Morning	St George's
	7:30pm	Together @KEP	Online via Zoom
Fri 28th Oct	5:00pm	Holiday Club	St Chad's
Sunday 30th Oct	10:30am	United Parish Holy Communion	St Cecilia's
Mon 31st Oct	7:30pm	St Mary's, Stone DCC	St Mary's, Stone
Wed 2nd Nov	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	12:00noon	Pop-up Café	St George's
	2:00pm	Young at Heart	St Cecilia's
	7:30pm	Parish Prayer	Online via Zoom
	11:00am	Bible Reading Group	The Rectory
Thurs 3rd Nov	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
	3:30pm	Board Games Café	St Cecilia's
	5:30pm	KE Youth	St Cecilia's
Sunday 6th Nov	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](#).

SUNDAY 6th NOVEMBER

READINGS: Job 19:23 - 27a 2 Thessalonians 2:1 - 5, 13 - end Luke 20:27 - 38

SUNDAY 13th NOVEMBER - Remembrance Sunday

READINGS: Malachi 4:1 - 2a 2 Thessalonians 3:6 - 13 Luke 21:5 - 19

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