



**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 20<sup>th</sup> November 2022

**Christ the King**

*A Warm Welcome to All our Services*

COLLECT		SUNDAY 20 <sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER	
God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory.		<b>ST CASSIAN'S</b>	
		9:30am	Holy Communion
		<b>ST CECILIA'S</b>	
		11:00am	Holy Communion
		<b>ST CHAD'S</b>	
		9:30am	Morning Worship
		<b>ST GEORGE'S</b>	
		11:00am	Morning Worship
		6:30pm	Evening prayer
		<b>ST MARY'S, STONE</b>	
		11:00am	Morning Worship
READINGS			
2 Corinthians 9:6 - 15 Luke 6:37 - 38			

## Together @KEP

**Together @KEP** will meet at **St Cecilia's Church**, Hoo Road, DY10 1LP on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November** (the feast day of St Cecilia), **7:30pm**, for Worship in a contemporary style. 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**".

If you need any support to join us please contact the parish office who will put you in touch with David Grist who will reach out to discuss your needs.

**Community Rock Choir Christmas Concert**  
**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**  
**at St George's Church, 7:30pm.**

Tickets £8 from Jan on 01562 630431  
 Bar available. This promises to be a fantastic evening to get everyone in the Christmas spirit.

**Friday morning coffee shop**

at St George's, 10:00 -12:00noon

is now hosting an **Art Table!**

All ages and abilities welcome,  
 materials provided, minimum charge.

No need to book, just turn up!



### Bible Reading group

We will meet at 11:00am on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December** at our regular venue of **the Rectory, Leswell Street.**

This group is open to all but please let us know you are coming either directly or via the Parish Office (phone or email).

*Valerie Bond and Hilary Hildred.*

### Craft Fair and Table Top Sale

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

**11:00am - 2:30pm** at St George's Church Refreshments, including turkey rolls and mince pies. Donations of bottles for the bottle stall (run by Barry & Heather Carrigan) will be gratefully received.

**Contact** Chris 07919178236 or Jan 01562 630431 for [more details](#).

### Wyre Forest Refugee Support Group

is looking for new volunteers to support/befriend a couple of refugee families who are living in Kidderminster. You will be part of a small team supporting/befriending each family. The role involves helping individuals make appointments on the phone or in person, escorting them to appointments, helping them use public transport, practicing English through conversation and providing local knowledge and friendship.

To discuss further what the role involves, please contact Clare Cassidy at [clarecassidy15@gmail.com](mailto:clarecassidy15@gmail.com) or phone 01562 746384



### Kidderminster East Youth (KEY)

next meeting **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November, 6:00 - 7:30pm**

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

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

#### KEY Christmas Festivities

**Craft day:** Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 5:50 - 6:30pm (after Board Games Café)

**Christmas Party:** Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December, 6:00 - 7:30pm (**Note** change of date)

There will be **no meeting** on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December due clash with Carol Service

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

### 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
21/11	DH	DH	DH	DH	-	DH
28/11	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 7<sup>th</sup> December**, 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](mailto: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 18<sup>th</sup> November

*Daniel 10 v 1 -11 v 1:* Well what do you know, another vision involving Daniel! In the passage before us we see that although some exiles have returned to Jerusalem, Daniel is still in exile and we find him standing by the banks of the River Tigris. He is not “in a good place” as we might say today. He is deeply mourning and on a restricted diet (v3) and is weak and helpless (v8). And in the middle of all of this he has this vision. I wonder if Daniel felt that he didn’t have the energy to face whatever this all meant. If he was faithful to God then why was his life proving to be so difficult? However the man who has appeared to him in his vision encourages him by telling him that he is highly esteemed and that he has not been forgotten. God is still in control but Daniel has to learn that God will fulfil His purposes in His time. We often face times of difficulty in our lives and I wonder if our response can sometimes be “God, just go away and leave me in peace!” And yet our only strength in spiritually testing times comes from God. We have no strength in our spiritual battles except the strength that comes from God, so let’s never try to fight our own battles on our own terms and instead rely in His strength at all times.

Daily Readings for week beginning <b>Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Nov</b>	
Date	Bible passage
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup>	Isaiah 40:1 – 11
Tue 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Isaiah 40:12 – 26
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Isaiah 40:27 – 41:7
Thu 24 <sup>th</sup>	Isaiah 41:8 – 20
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	Isaiah 41:21 – 42:9
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup>	Isaiah 42:10 – 17



### Parish Men’s Breakfast

Please join us on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November** at 9:30am at St Cecilia's, to enjoy breakfast, fellowship and worship, at what will be our last meeting before Christmas. If you’d like to attend please *text* or *WhatsApp* Roger on 07711 732120 or email the office on [office@kidderminstereast.org.uk](mailto:office@kidderminstereast.org.uk) so that we have some idea of numbers. There is no charge although donations will be gratefully received. Look forward to seeing you, the more the merrier! *Ron & Roger.*



### Cuts to Local Radio

Have you heard how the BBC intends to reduce the service offered by local radio stations? Find out more, and consider signing the petition started by Eva McIntyre at <https://chnq.it/mghcMfkHcc>

### Christmas Music by Candlelight

with **Ex Cathedra** choir  
Kidderminster Town Hall  
**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December**,  
starting at 7:30 pm



See their website

[www.excathedra.co.uk](http://www.excathedra.co.uk)

for more details and to book tickets  
or call Kidderminster Town Hall box office  
on 01562 732 158



**share  
& care**



### in Chaddesley Corbett

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November**  
**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)

The next **parish newsletter** will be published on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** covering **Sundays 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> December**. Items for publication should be sent to [office@kidderminstereast.org.uk](mailto:office@kidderminstereast.org.uk) before **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November**. Thank you.



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# First Sunday of 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 27<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

<b>COLLECT</b>	<b>SUNDAY 27<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER</b>	
<p>Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.</p>	<b>ST CASSIAN'S</b>	
	<b>9:30am</b>	Morning Worship
	<b>ST CECILIA'S</b>	
	<b>11:00am</b>	Morning Worship
	<b>ST CHAD'S</b>	
	<b>9:30am</b>	Holy Communion
	<b>ST GEORGE'S</b>	
	<b>11:00am</b>	Holy Communion
	<b>6:30pm</b>	Advent Carol Service
	<b>ST MARY'S, STONE</b>	
<b>11:00am</b>	Holy Communion	
<b>READINGS</b>		
<p>Isaiah 2:1 - 3 Romans 13:11 - end Matthew 24:36 - 44</p>		

## 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** will be on **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2:00pm - 4:00pm**. For more information email Carol, Freda or Alison on: [lifeafterlosskep@gmail.com](mailto:lifeafterlosskep@gmail.com) or call the parish office on 01562 822131.



**Christmas is coming up** and Revd Robert is being let loose on decorating the Legge family tree. Join him in the week leading up to Christmas as he decorates the tree and reflects on what each decoration can tell us about Jesus and His coming to earth. They will be on our [KEP YouTube channel](#). More details coming soon.

## Midweek Services

**St George's**  
Holy Communion at 10:00am  
**Wednesdays 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> December**

**St Cassian's**  
Holy Communion at **10:30am**  
on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

## Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd Robert Legge for Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November

*Isaiah 41 v 21- 42 v 9: Go on then, prove it!* That seems to be the standard response to anybody making a statement or expressing an opinion today. And in this passage Isaiah is asking those people who worship other gods for proof that those gods are really real and powerful! In effect Isaiah is saying, "If your gods have the power and ability you claim that they have, then prove it!" And it's still the same today. If all of the things in our world that claim to offer us happiness, meaning, fulfilment and a sense of purpose and thus demand to be first in our lives, then where is the proof? By comparison Chapter 41 talks about the Servant of the Lord who is faithful and true, a prophecy that ultimately points us to Jesus. In our lives this week where will we look for our ultimate source of peace, fulfilment and security; to the gods of this world who are really no gods at all or to Jesus who has proved by His life, death and resurrection that He is the way, the truth and the life for us all?

Daily Readings for week beginning Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	
Date	Bible passage
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup>	Isaiah 42:18 – end
Tue 29 <sup>th</sup>	Isaiah 43:1 – 13
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 4:18 - 22 <i>Andrew the Apostle</i>
Thu 1 <sup>st</sup>	Isaiah 44:1 - 8
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Isaiah 44:9 – 23
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Isaiah 44:24 – 45:13

### Diocesan News

To tie in with the national Christmas campaign: **Follow the Star - The Great Invitation**, we'd love to encourage churches to share the joy of gathering together to celebrate the birth of Jesus with their family, friends and neighbours. We would like to produce a short video featuring people from all over the diocese inviting people to church this Christmas. Please visit <https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/the-great-invitation.php>

**Prayer Diary** for November 2022 to March 2023 are now available for you to pick up in church. You can also download it from <https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/prayer-diary/>

### "Postcards from Northern Ireland"



Revd Robert Legge has created a series of 12 short spiritual reflections inspired by various locations in Northern Ireland. You can see these on our [KEP Youtube channel](#), via the KEP website page [Postcards from Northern Ireland](#) and [Facebook page](#). The 4th reflection, *Cairncastle Hills*, will be out on **3<sup>rd</sup> December!** Why not sit back and set aside a few minutes for quiet reflection?

### Young at Heart

**Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> November:** Beekeeping

**Wed 30<sup>th</sup> November:** JDR band

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

### Parish Christmas Services

If you are someone who likes to plan ahead you can see all the scheduled Christmas services on the [parish website](#). Full details in our next newsletter

### Requests for Prayer

- For all those facing financial hardship as Christmas approaches. May we remember them, not only in our prayers but with practical help in any way we can.
- For all those caught up in war, violence or political turmoil throughout the world.

*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 28<sup>th</sup> November.

**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

<b>Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Nov</b>	10:30am	Share & Care	Chaddesley Corbett
<b>Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov</b>	7:30pm	Together @KEP	St Cecilia's
<b>Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov</b>	2:00pm	Young at Heart	St Cecilia's
<b>Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	5:00pm	Autumn Children's Club	St Chad's
<b>Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	9:30am	Men's Breakfast	St Cecilia's
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Times of services appear elsewhere in this newsletter		
<b>Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	2:00pm	Bereavement Café	St Cecilia's
	7:00pm	St Cassian's DCC	St Cassian's
<b>Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	2:00pm	Young at Heart	St Cecilia's
<b>Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> Dec</b>	11:00am	Bible Reading Group	The Rectory
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	9:30am	Holy Communion	St Cassian's
	9:30am	Worship for All	St Chad's
	11:00am	Holy Communion	St Cecilia's
	11:00am	Baptism Service	St George's
	11:00am	Morning Worship	St Mary's, Stone
	3:30pm	Board games Café	St Cecilia's
	5:30pm	KE Youth Craft evening	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](#).

### SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

**READINGS:** Isaiah 11:1 - 10    Romans 15:4 - 13    Matthew 3:1 - 12

### SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

**READINGS:** Isaiah 35:1 - 10    James 5:7 - 10    Matthew 11:2 - 11

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