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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 6th November 2022
Third Sunday before Advent

A Warm Welcome to All our Services

COLLECT	SUNDAY 6 th NOVEMBER	
Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord.	ST CASSIAN'S	
	9:30am	Holy Communion
READINGS	ST CECILIA'S	
	11:00am	Holy Communion
Job 19:23 - 27a 2 Thessalonians 2:1 - 5, 13 - end Luke 20:27 - 38	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

St George's Maintenance team Wins National Award!

Congratulations to our own **St George's Church Faith in Maintenance** team who won both the **England** category and the **overall UK** award in the Naylor Awards for Excellence in Church Maintenance at the National Church Awards on **24th October**. As well as the prestige, the Church wins £5000 prize money. You can read more and see photos on our [parish website](#). The whole presentation (hosted by comedian Hugh Dennis) can be viewed on YouTube [by clicking this link](#) (the "England" award is about 10 mins in and the "UK" award is at 15 mins). Well done to all concerned.

"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*

Winter Fuel Allowance

David and Robert are pleased to endorse Peter Cooper's suggestion that those of us who receive the £500 Winter Fuel Allowance consider how we might best use that grant. Some of us will need to use it for our own fuel bills, which is exactly why it is given: *please use it for that*. However, if you are in the fortunate position of not needing some or all of the extra £500, would you consider giving it to a charity, church or individual who might need it more? You might even be able to gift-aid such a donation.



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+.

Kidderminster East Youth (KEY)

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)

"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*, came out on **5th November!**

With *Remembrance* in mind, why not set aside a few minutes for reflection?

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
7/11	DH	DH	DH	DH	-	-
14/11	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 7th 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 requesting a copy of the link & password, **by 6pm on the day before the meeting.**

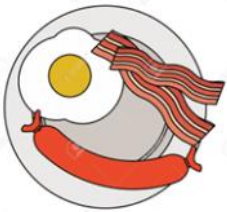
Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd Robert Legge for Friday 4th November

Daniel 3 v 14-30: Have you ever known a time when somebody has promised you that they will be there for you in a particularly difficult situation only for you to discover that when the chips are down and you actually need them to show up, they are nowhere to be found? Hold that thought!

I love this particular passage very much and I think that my favourite bit of the story is verse 24-25 where King Nebuchadnezzar peers into the furnace, does his sums and realises that there is one extra person in the furnace and this person is described as being "like a son of the gods!" These men are in a truly horrendous situation because of their faith and obedience and isn't it interesting that God doesn't tell them simply to grin and bear it and that He will touch base with them if or when they crawl out on the other side? God is actually present with them in the midst of the furnace bringing them His comfort, peace and strength and an assurance of His power that is bigger than the situation in which they find themselves. When we are facing difficult times we can often forget that God does more than just tell us that we are suffering for His glory and to put on our best stiff upper lips and get on with the task; He will be with us in our hardest times and in that knowledge we can know that we don't need to face any situation alone.

Daily Readings for week beginning Mon 7th Nov	
Date	Bible passage
Mon 7 th	Daniel 4:19 – end
Tue 8 th	Daniel 5:1 – 12
Wed 9 th	Daniel 5:13 – end
Thu 10 th	Daniel 6:1 – end
Fri 11 th	Daniel 7:1 – 14
Sat 12 th	Daniel 7:15 – end

Parish Men's Breakfast



Nineteen men from the parish turned up for our third breakfast together. We enjoyed some good conversations, a session of worship music and also a hearty breakfast. The final breakfast of the year will be on **Saturday 26th November** at 9:30am at St Cecilia's. We look forward to seeing some new attendees together with those who have already enjoyed the events.

Ron and Roger.

Fancy a Quiz?

tearfund

St Peter's, Upper Arley are taking part in the national **Tearfund** quiz on **Saturday 19th November** in Arley Village Hall. **Tearfund** is part of the international Disasters Emergency Committee. Teams are sought from across the Deanery for what could be a fun night as well as a fundraiser. The evening is starting at 6:30pm and is £5 to enter the quiz - children are free - plus £5 for a home made curry if required which needs to be ordered beforehand. There are more details on [St Peter's UA Facebook page](#). If you'd like to join in please email the Office and we'll put you in touch with others who are interested: office@kidderminstereast.org.uk

St George's Coffee Shop



open every Friday
10:00am - 12:00noon
Pop in for a cuppa and a chat



'Meet and Eat'

Come and join us every **Friday 12.00noon** at **Morrison Café**
Green St, Kidderminster DY10 1AZ

The next **parish newsletter** will be published on **Friday 18th November** covering **Sundays 20th & 27th November**. Items for publication should be sent to office@kidderminstereast.org.uk before **Wednesday 16th November**. Thank you.



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Remembrance Sunday

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

Sunday 13th November 2022

COLLECT

God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars
shall cease and poverty and pain
shall end, that earth may know
the peace of heaven
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

READINGS

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

SUNDAY 13th NOVEMBER

ST CASSIAN'S

10:00am Remembrance Service

ST CECILIA'S

10:55am Morning Worship

ST CHAD'S

9:30am Holy Communion

ST GEORGE'S

10:55am Holy Communion

ST MARY'S, STONE

10:55am Holy Communion

Midweek Services

St Cassian's
Holy Communion at 10:00am
on **Wednesday 9th November**

St George's
Holy Communion at 10:00am
on **Wednesday 16th November**



CAFÉ CHAD

every **Monday & 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.

Also includes **Knit & Natter** at 10:00am -
12:00 noon every **Monday only**.
For K&N contact Joy on 07742 949156.



Christmas Music by Candlelight

with **Ex Cathedra** choir

Kidderminster Town Hall
Thursday 8th December,
starting at 7:30 pm

See their website

www.excathedra.co.uk

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



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.

Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd Robert Legge for Friday 11th November

Daniel 7 v 1-14: In the Bible I have open in front of me right now this passage is described as “Daniel’s dream.” Personally I would describe it as “Daniel’s nightmare!” It all sounds truly frightening! In this passage each of the 4 beasts represent the 4 great world empires; Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome and in their time periods all four of them were all powerful and their influence spread everywhere throughout the known world! And yet verses 9 to 14 makes it really clear that there is another Kingdom, the strongest and most powerful Kingdom that encompasses the past, present and future; the everlasting Kingdom of God.

I think that the key to understanding what this passage is all about lies in the phrase, “Ancient of Days,” a phrase that signifies that God is past, present and future all rolled into one. To put it plainly, our God has seen it all! Isn’t it good how this passage adds such depth to God’s being? Isn’t it reassuring that God has seen everything of human history from the perspective of all eternity and that no matter what has happened in the past or is happening today or will happen in the future, God is in control and He is sovereign.

Daily Readings for week beginning Mon 14 th Nov.	
Date	Bible passage
Mon 14 th	Daniel 8:1 – 14
Tue 15 th	Daniel 8:15 – end
Wed 16 th	Daniel 9:1 – 19
Thu 17 th	Daniel 9:20 – end
Fri 18 th	Daniel 10:1 – 11:1
Sat 19 th	Daniel 12:1 – end

Diocesan News

The **Worcester Passion Play** will be back on **7th April 2023**. There will be auditions for extra cast members or to be part of the stage management team on **Tuesday 8th November** at 7:15pm and **Saturday 12th November**, 10:00am at St Paul's Church.

Harvington CE First School has achieved a silver award from Christian Aid’s **Global Neighbours Scheme**. The scheme celebrates schools helping pupils to learn about global poverty and the Christian responsibility to tackle it, motivating children to become good citizens. You can read more at <https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/>

Worcester Walk of Witness - Saturday 12th November, 10:30 - 11:45am. Part of the National Day of Action for COP27. Readings, prayers, and reflections for the Climate Emergency. Starting at St George’s RC Church, Sansome Place, and finishing in the Cathedral grounds. [Download a poster](#)

Young at Heart

Wed 9th Nov: Marie Skerratt

“To be or not to be”

Wed 16th Nov: Alan Convey *“Acting”*

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



Stone Corner Café

Wednesday 9th November
at St Mary’s, Stone



Call in any time 2:00pm - 4:00pm for a chat, a drink and a slice of cake. Everyone welcome. See you there.

Requests for Prayer

- For all those in our parish who are sick and unwell and those who care for them.
- For those households and churches facing financial challenges; pray we take the opportunity we have to serve them through church cafés, other events & meetings.

*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 14th 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

Mon 7th Nov	7:30pm	St George's DCC	St George's
	7:45pm	St Chad's DCC	St Chad's
Tues 8th Nov	7:00pm	St Cecilia's DCC	St Cecilia's
Wed 9th Nov	10:00am	Holy Communion	St Cassian's
	2:00pm	Stone Corner Café	St Mary's, Stone
	2:00pm	Young at Heart	St Cecilia's
Sunday 13th Nov	Times of services appear elsewhere in this newsletter		
Mon 14th Nov	7:00pm	PCC Meeting	Online via Zoom
Wed 16th Nov	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	2:00pm	Young at Heart	St Cecilia's
Sunday 20th Nov	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 21st Nov	10:30am	Share & Care	Chaddesley Corbett
Tues 22nd Nov	7:30pm	Together @KEP	St Cecilia'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 20th NOVEMBER - Christ the King

READINGS: 2 Corinthians 9:6 - 15 Luke 6:37 - 38

SUNDAY 27th NOVEMBER - 1st Sunday of Advent

READINGS: Isaiah 2:1 - 3 Romans 13:11 - end Matthew 24:36 - 44

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