



THE KIDDERMINSTER EAST PARISH NEWSLETTER

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

Sunday 18th December 2022
Fourth Sunday of Advent

A Warm Welcome to All our Services this Advent and Christmas

COLLECT

Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth of
your Son, so we wait for his
coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs
of this present age to see,
with her, our great salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

READINGS

Isaiah 17:10 - 16
Romans 1:1 - 7
Matthew 1:18 - end

SUNDAY 18th DECEMBER

ST CASSIAN'S

9:30am Holy Communion

4:00pm Carol Service

ST CECILIA'S

11:00am Holy Communion

6:30pm Carol service

ST CHAD'S

9:30am Morning Worship

ST GEORGE'S

11:00am Morning Worship

6:30pm Carol Service

ST MARY'S, STONE

11:00am Morning Worship

Midweek Services

St George's
Holy Communion at 10:00am
Weds 21st December & 4th January

St Cassian's
Holy Communion at 10:00am
on Wednesday 11th January

KEP Advent Calendar

Every day, until **Christmas Eve**, there will be a new **Advent Window** for you to open on the [parish website](#) and [Facebook page](#). No chocolates here! Instead, a short reflection on the Advent Season chosen specially for you that we hope you will enjoy. So don't miss out. Get clicking and have a new look each day.



CAFÉ CHAD



will be **closed** on Mondays
26th December 2022 and
2nd January 2023.



However, the cafe will be **open** on
Wednesdays **28th December 2022**
and **4th January 2023** 9:15am - 12:30pm.
It will then be **open as usual** on Mondays
and Wednesdays during 2023. *Merry
Christmas to you from all at Café Chad.*

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, This month we will meet on **Monday 19th December, 2:00pm - 4:00pm**. For more information email Carol, Freda or Alison on: lifeafterlosskep@gmail.com or call the parish office on 01562 822131.



Young at Heart

The **Carols Singalong** was cancelled last week (14th December) due to the very cold weather. So, as a bonus for this year, the **Carols Singalong** will be on **Wednesday 21st December** at the usual time of 2:00pm. We will then kick off the new year on **Wednesday 4th January** with a **Quiz** at **2:00pm - 4:00pm** at St Cecilia's. For more information about this group contact Jean Bailey **via the parish office**.



in Chaddesley Corbett

Monday 19th December

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)



Parish Prayers Online via Zoom

Morning Prayer at 8:00am:

A great way to start the day. Please see the table opposite to determine which days there is morning prayer over the Christmas and New Year period. Prayers are led by David.

Week	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
19/12	DH	DH	DH	DH	-	DH
26/12	-	-	-	-	DH	DH
2/1/23	-	DH	DH	DH	-	DH

Please check the schedule carefully as the pattern varies over the holiday period.

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 11th January 2023, at 7:30pm** (login from 7:20pm) for our usual 45 min prayer for the parish and the issues in the wider world.

These meetings will take place regularly throughout 2023 on the **2nd**

Wednesday of the month, **except** when the **1st** day of the month is itself a Wednesday. When this occurs the meeting will be held on the **3rd Wednesday** of the month. This is to avoid the weeks that homegroups meet. 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 6:00pm on the day before the meeting**.



The Revd Canon Hugh Burton is retiring as Rector of Dudley. His last Service will be on **Sunday 8th January 2023** 10:30am at St. Francis' Church, Laurel Rd, Dudley DY1 3EZ

Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd David Hildred for Friday 16th December

Isaiah 51. When God's people were invaded by the Assyrians and then by the Babylonians it was of God's doing: these nations were used by God to bring his people to their senses, their spiritual senses. Even though his people suffered his wrath it was for the purpose of bringing them back to himself, to live as his beloved. In this chapter we are reminded of God's foundational love and promises, even though his people have been through a time of judgement. God's solution for his wayward people is nearly here; the one who fulfils the role of being the servant is almost revealed. Can you see him yet?

Daily Readings for week beginning Mon 19 th Dec	
Date	Bible passage
Mon 19 th	Isaiah 52:13 – end of 53
Tue 20 th	Isaiah 54:1 – end
Wed 21 st	Isaiah 55:1 – end
Thu 22 nd	Isaiah 56:1 – 9
Fri 23 rd	Isaiah 63:1-6
Sat 24 th	Isaiah 58:1 - end



Reflections on Christmas Tree Decorations

Revd Robert is being let loose on **decorating the Legge family tree**. Join him from **Sunday 18th December to Saturday 24th December** as he reflects on what each decoration can tell us about Jesus and His coming to earth. These reflections can be found via the [KEP website](#) and will be posted on our [KEP YouTube channel](#) and our [KEP Facebook page](#).

Mobility Scooter



Please note that there was an **error** in the advert in the last newsletter. If you are interested in the used, red compass discovery electric mobility scooter

(free to a good home for a church donation) enquires should go to familybill6@gmail.com. Thank you



Bible Reading group

We will meet at 11:00am on **Thursday 5th January** at our regular venue of **the Rectory, Leswell St.**

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.

Kidderminster East Youth (KEY)

for children and young adults in school years 4 - 13 (ages 9 - 18 yrs)

All sessions at St Cecilia's Church, Hoo Road, DY10 1LP

The first Sunday of every month KEY will immediately follow the Board Games Café

Dates for Spring Term 2023:

8 th January	5:30 - 6:30pm	22 nd January	6:00 - 7:30pm
5 th February	5:30 - 6:30pm	19 th February	6:00 - 7:30pm
5 th March	5:30 - 6:30pm	19 th March	6:00 - 7:30pm
2 nd April	5:30 - 6:30pm	23 rd April	6:00 - 7:30pm



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



Encountering God
following Jesus
Spirit-transforming lives

Christmas

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

Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th December 2022

COLLECT

Eternal God,
in the stillness of this night you
sent your almighty Word to pierce
the world's darkness with the light
of salvation: give to the earth the
peace that we long for and fill our
hearts with the joy of heaven
through our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

READINGS

Isaiah 9:2 - 7
Titus 2:11 - 14
Luke 2:1 - 14

SATURDAY 24th DECEMBER

ST CASSIAN'S

3:00pm Nativity on the Green

ST CECILIA'S

4:00pm Christingle

ST GEORGE'S

11:30pm Holy Communion

ST MARY'S, STONE

11:30pm Holy Communion



COLLECT

Lord Jesus Christ,
your birth at Bethlehem
draws us to kneel in wonder at
heaven touching earth:
accept our heartfelt praise
as we worship you,
our Saviour and our eternal God.

READINGS

Isaiah 52:7 - 10
Hebrews 1:1 - 4
John 1:1 - 14

SUNDAY 25th DECEMBER

ST CASSIAN'S

9:30am Holy Communion

ST CECILIA'S

11:00am Holy Communion

ST CHAD'S

9:30am Holy Communion

ST GEORGE'S

10:30am Holy Communion

Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd David Hildred for Friday 23rd December

Isaiah 63. Today's reading is like turning to the last page of a thriller to find out 'whodunnit' because you know you haven't got time to finish the book before it has to go back to the library. It's just two days before we celebrate the birth of the rescuer, the servant, who perfectly fulfils God's day of judgement and salvation, and who is the only one who can get the job done. It is through Jesus that we, who have no spiritual credit in our account ('without money' 55:1) can come and buy and eat, because his salvation is a gift that is ours to receive, since the price has already been paid. Let's sing 'Glory' with the angels this Christmas!

Daily Readings for week beginning Monday 26 th Dec	
Date	Bible passage
Mon 26 th	Acts 7:51 - end <i>Stephen, first martyr</i>
Tue 27 th	John 21:19b - end <i>John, Apostle & Evangelist</i>
Wed 28 th	Matthew 2:13-18 <i>The Holy Innocents</i>
Thu 29 th	Isaiah 57:15 – end
Fri 30 th	Isaiah 59:1 – 15a
Sat 31 st	Isaiah 59:15b - end



Board Games Café @StCecilia's

Sunday 8th January, 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+.

St George's Pop up Café

is open on **Wednesday 4th January** and the first Wednesday of every month at St George's Church, Radford Avenue. For more details see our [Webpage link](#)

St George's Coffee Shop



open every Friday
10:00am - 12:00noon



Now with Art Table

Pop in for a cuppa and a chat.

Parish Year Plan 2023

Please look out for the new parish year plan which should be distributed before the start of next year either via email or hardcopies at your church. **Homegroups** will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, **Parish Prayer online** will be on second Wednesday and **Together @KEP** the fourth Tuesday of each month. Regular weekly events are listed separately on the first page of the planner to prevent the monthly plan becoming cluttered. We hope you like the new format. *Parish team*

The next **parish newsletter** will be published on **Friday 6th January** covering **Sundays 8th and 15th January**. Please send items for publication to office@kidderminstereast.org.uk by **Wednesday 4th January**. *Thank you.*

Requests for Prayer

- That more volunteers will come forward to help with Street Pastors in the area.
- For the Wyre Forest Refugee Support group, that they may find volunteers to help support and befriend refugee families that have been sent to our area.
- The people of Peru, whom our Diocese supports, during this time of political unrest.

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



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Second Sunday of Christmas

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

Sunday 1st January 2023

SUNDAY 1st JANUARY 2023

ST MARY'S, STONE

10:30am

United Parish Service of Holy Communion (See details below)

There are no other services in the parish today

READINGS

Galatians 4:4 - 7

Luke 2:15 - 21

COLLECT

God our Father,
in love you sent your Son
that the world may have life:
lead us to seek him among the outcast
and to find him in those in need,
for Jesus Christ's sake.



United Parish Service of Holy Communion St Mary's Stone, Sunday 1st January, 10:30 am



Please join together with the whole parish as we see in the new year with our United Service of Holy Communion for the Second Sunday of Christmas.

Parking: For those coming by car, please note that you can park in Stone Cottage Garden Field by special permission of the owner. If you need to park closer to the church, say in the lane, please park on the church side of the lane **ONLY**, thus avoiding blocking the lane. Car share if you can and please park sensibly. Any Wise Men arriving from afar can tether their camels to the trees in the garden. Many thanks



"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 also the [Facebook page](#). The 5th reflection, *Olderfleet Castle*, will be released on **1st January 2023**. Why not make a New Year's Resolution to treat yourself to a bit of quiet reflection and check these out each month. They are well worth a look.

Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd David Hildred for Friday 30th December

Isaiah 59. Having jumped ahead last week, we now step back into those chapters towards the end of *Isaiah*. The joy of Christmas is that God has stepped into the breach, where his chosen people couldn't stand, and he has brought the blessing that he promised for all nations. The peace of Christmas is that Jesus has restored the relationship between God and mankind, that Adam & Eve broke. The hope of Christmas is the certainty of the promise that our eternal destiny is with him. How do we get hold of these lovely Christmas presents? See *59:20*

Daily Readings for week beginning Mon 2 nd Jan	
Date	Bible passage
Mon 2 nd	Isaiah 60:1-12
Tue 3 rd	Isaiah 60:13 – end
Wed 4 th	Isaiah 61:1 – end
Thu 5 th	Isaiah 62:1 – end
Fri 6 th	Matthew 2:1-12 <i>Epiphany</i>
Sat 7 th	Isaiah 63:7 – end

Parish Men's Breakfast & Ladies Get-Together



At our last breakfast together before Christmas 15 men enjoyed some good food, fellowship and worship. Our first meeting in the New Year will be at St Cecilia's on **Saturday 21st January** at 9.30am. Please *WhatsApp* Roger on 07711 732120 or email office@kidderminstereast.org.uk so that we have some idea of numbers. There is no charge although donations will be gratefully received. We look forward to seeing you in 2023! *Ron & Roger.*

Ladies Get - Together on the **same day**: Ladies, if you would like to meet at a cafe in town at 10:30am on the same day it would be super to see you. Last time a small group met at The Exchange Cafe but this time there will be a **new venue** to be confirmed nearer the time. A time to enjoy good company, tea/coffee and perhaps some cake without any cooking or washing up. *Ladies who Leisure*

Diocesan News

We need your help! 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. Film yourself telling us what you most look forward to in church during Advent and Christmas or why you enjoy going to church so much at Christmas. Then send us your video! It's not too late to take part. You can find out more by visiting the diocesan website:

<https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/the-great-invitation.php>

Bishop John has recently returned from our partner diocese of **Peru**, visiting some of the projects supported by Lent appeals. Those who were at evensong last Sunday at St Cassian's heard some of his thoughts about the visit. If you were not able to be there, or you would like to learn more, you can read about his visit on the diocesan website at: <https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/bishop-john-visits-peru.php>. Chair of our Peru task group, Phil Bradford, is also asking for your prayers for the difficult situation in Peru. You hear more about the appeal and read Phil's thoughts at <https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/please-pray-for-peru-7293.php>

Could you support BBC local radio? BBC Hereford & Worcester will be significantly impacted by the proposed changes to local radio. You can read about what's happening in [this letter](#) from Kalpana Boodhoo of the BBC H&W Chapel of the National Union of Journalists. You can also [sign this petition](#) started by our own Rev Eva McIntyre.

DIARY

Homegroups are now on a Christmas break and will start back on **Tuesday 3rd Jan.**

Weekly Events: **Café Chad** every **Monday** and **Wednesday** 9:15am - 12:15pm
Knit & Natter/Craft every **Monday** at Café Chad 10:00am - 12noon
Knit & Natter every **Wednesday** in St George's 2:00pm - 4:00pm
Coffee Shop/Art table every **Friday** at St George's 10:00am - 12:00
Meet and Eat every **Friday** at Morrison Café at 12:00noon



Please note that some weekly events may be cancelled over the Christmas period.

Other events or notable dates during the next three weeks are listed below

Mon 19th Dec	10:30am	Share & Care	Chaddesley Corbett
	2:00pm	Bereavement Cafe	St Cecilia's
Wed 21st Dec	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	2:00pm	Young at Heart (extra mtg)	St Cecilia's
Sat 24th / Sun 25th Dec	Christmas services are listed on page 4 of this newsletter		
Wed 28th Dec	9:15am	Café Chad <i>open as normal</i>	St Chad's
	10:00am	Knit & Natter <i>open as normal</i>	St George's
Fri 30th Dec	10:00am	Coffee Shop <i>open as normal</i>	St George's
Sunday 1st Jan	10:30am	United Parish Service	St Mary's Stone
Wed 4th Jan	9:15am	Café Chad <i>open as normal</i>	St Chad's
	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	12:00noon	Pop-up Café	St George's
	2:00pm	Young at Heart	St Cecilia's
Thurs 5th Jan	11:00am	Bible Reading Group	The Rectory
Sunday 8th Jan	9:30am	Worship for All	St Cassian's
	9:30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
	11:00am	Morning Worship	St Cecilia's
	11:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	11:00am	Holy Communion	St Mary's, Stone
	3:30pm	Board Games Café	St Cecilia's
	5:30pm	KE Youth	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 8th JANUARY - Epiphany

READINGS: Isaiah 60:1 - 6 Ephesians 3:1 - 12 Matthew 2:1 - 12

SUNDAY 15th JANUARY

READINGS: Isaiah 49:1 - 7 1 Corinthians 1:1 - 9 John 1:29 - 42

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