



**Encountering God
following Jesus
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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 4th December 2022
Second Sunday of Advent

A Warm Welcome to All our Services

COLLECT	SUNDAY 4 th DECEMBER	
Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God.	ST CASSIAN'S	
	9:30am	Holy Communion
	ST CECILIA'S	
	11:00am	Holy Communion
	ST CHAD'S	
	9:30am	Worship for All
READINGS	ST GEORGE'S	
	11:00am	Baptism Service
Isaiah 11:1 - 10	6:30pm	Evening prayer
Romans 15:4 - 13	ST MARY'S, STONE	
Matthew 3:1 - 12	11:00am	Morning Worship



Board Games Café @StCecilia's Sunday 4th December, 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) Christmas Festivities

at St Cecilia's Church, Hoo Road, DY10 1LP
for children and young adults in school years 4 - 13
(ages 9 - 18 yrs)



Craft day: Sunday 4th December, 5:30 - 6:30pm (after Board Games Café)

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

There will be **no meeting** on Sunday 18th so that people can attend the 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 Prayer Meeting

We join together in prayer across the parish just once a month: can you join us? It's this **Wednesday, 7th December**, 7:30pm on Zoom (see notice below). Some are happy praying out loud, others prefer to pray in their hearts, but the most important thing is that we are praying, seeking the Lord's heart, acknowledging our dependence upon him. Shall we pray about how the Christmas Cards are received in the homes of our parish? Shall we pray for the services that are advertised in them? These along with other concerns can be drawn in to our meeting. Can you join us? Send a request for the link if you don't already receive it to parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk



David

KEP Advent Calendar

Every day, from **1st December** to **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.

Street Pastors

We have received an appeal from Kidderminster Street Pastors for more help with their important work. It is not an evangelistic role, more of a presence to help people in need. There are also desk/behind the scenes roles. If this is something you feel you are called to please contact the parish office or clergy who will be able to give you more info.



"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*, was out on **3rd December!** Why not sit back and set aside a few minutes for quiet 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
5/12	DH	DH	DH	DH	-	-
12/12	DH	DH	RL	RL	-	-

by David (DH) and Robert (RL). Please note that the link will be different when Robert is leading. 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 David Hildred for Friday 2nd December

Isaiah 44. Since chapter 40 it is almost as if God has been wooing his people, pointing out to them all he has done for them as his chosen people, his chosen servant, and all that he will be doing for them by way of rescue. In order to underline how different this relationship is from how someone worships an idol, a made-up god, we hear how ridiculous it is that the blacksmith and the carpenter spend so much energy sculpting an idol of their own design that they then declare to be their god (and in the case of the carpenter, using the other bits of wood for the fire to keep himself warm). We wouldn't do that, would we? We wouldn't create god in our own image, would we? We wouldn't declare that 'God must be like this', would we?

Daily Readings for week beginning Mon 5th Dec	
Date	Bible passage
Mon 5 th	Isaiah 45:14 – end
Tue 6 th	Isaiah 46:1 – end
Wed 7 th	Isaiah 47:1 – end
Thu 8 th	Isaiah 48:1 – 11
Fri 9 th	Isaiah 48:12 – end
Sat 10 th	Isaiah 49:1 – 13



Carols Round The Crib

St George's Church

Saturday 17th December

at 3:30pm for 4:00pm start

*This year at St George's at Christmas time
We'll tell the story of Jesus' birth, in rhyme
The rhymes may not be poetic gold
But the story is wonderful and will be told
Of how a child was born on earth
And what happened to bring about that birth
Come at 3.30 for mince pies and drinks
The story starts at 4pm (we think)
Less than an hour to tell the story
Of Jesus' birth in all its glory
Come as you are,
it doesn't matter what you wear
Come and make noise we really don't care
Just come and hear the story, it's good
And start Christmas the way you should*



St George's Christmas Party

Friday 16th December at 7:00pm

A slightly different formula this year. The cost will be £5 and all food will be provided. Bring your own drinks. Please sign the list in church if you are coming, and we need final numbers by Sunday 11th December. Please inform us of any special dietary requirements.

Contact Chris 07919 178936

or Jan 01562 630431 for any queries.

Young at Heart

Wed 7th December: Christmas Meal out
(booked members only)

Wed 14th December: Carols Singalong
at **2:00pm - 4:00pm** at St Cecilia's.

These are the last events before the Christmas break. There will be more *Young at Heart* in the New Year!

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

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



Craft Fair and Table Top Sale

Saturday 10th 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 07919 178236 or

Jan 01562 630431 for [more details](#).



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Third 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 11th December 2022

COLLECT		SUNDAY 11 th DECEMBER	
God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord.		ST CASSIAN'S	
		9:30am	Worship for All with Baptism
		6:30pm	Evening Prayer with +John
		ST CECILIA'S	
		11:00am	Morning Worship
		ST CHAD'S	
		9:30am	Holy Communion
		ST GEORGE'S	
		11:00am	Holy Communion
		ST MARY'S, STONE	
		5:00pm	Christingle Service
READINGS			
Isaiah 35:1 - 10			
James 5:7 - 10			
Matthew 11:2 - 11			

Christmas Services and Events in Kidderminster East Parish

<i>Saturday 10th December</i>	4:00pm	Christingle		St Chad's
<i>Sunday 11th December</i>	5:00pm	Christingle		St Mary's, Stone
<i>Friday 16th December</i>	7:30pm	Carol Service		St Chad's
<i>Saturday 17th December</i>	4:00pm	Carols around the Crib		St George's .
<i>Sunday 18th December</i>	4:00pm	Carol Service		St Cassian's
	6:30pm	Carol Service		St Cecilia's
	6:30pm	Carol Service		St George's
<i>Saturday 24th December</i>	3:00pm	Crib Service,	The Green, Chaddesley	
	4:00pm	Christingle Service		St Cecilia's
	11:30pm	Holy Communion		St George's
	11:30pm	Holy Communion		St Mary's, Stone
<i>Sunday 25th December</i>	9:30am	Holy Communion		St Cassian's
	9:30am	Holy Communion		St Chad's
	10:30am	Holy Communion		St George's
	11:00am	Holy Communion		St Cecilia's



For more info please see <https://kidderminstereast.org.uk/christmas-services-at-kep/>

Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd David Hildred for Friday 9th December

Isaiah 48. God knows that the wooing of his people is not going to be fruitful. What a wonderful picture of obstinacy: sinews of iron in the neck and a bronze forehead! God wants to woo, but he also has to warn. They need to be aware of the bad news (the warning) before they can appreciate the good news (the wooing), and with each chapter we build up more and more of the picture of how the people cannot fulfil that intention to be the Lord's servant, to be the ones who bring God's blessing to the nations. Our attention is being drawn to how there will need to be someone special who can fulfil that intention for them. Answers on a postcard ...

Daily Readings for week beginning Mon 12 th Dec	
Date	Bible passage
Mon 12 th	Isaiah 49:14 – 25
Tue 13 th	Isaiah 50:1 – end
Wed 14 th	Isaiah 51:1 – 8
Thu 15 th	Isaiah 51:9 – 16
Fri 16 th	Isaiah 51:17 - end
Sat 17 th	Isaiah 52:1 - 12

Midweek Services

St George's
Holy Communion at 10:00am
Wednesdays 7th & 21st December

St Cassian's
Holy Communion at 10:30am
on Wednesday 14th December

The next **parish newsletter** will be the final one of the year so expect a bumper edition! It will be published on **Friday 16th December** and will cover **THREE Sundays, 18th & 25th December** and **1st January**. Items for publication should be sent to office@kidderminstereast.org.uk before **Wednesday 14th December**.
Thank you. Wishing you a joyful and prayerful Advent, from the office team

Mobility Scooter



A used, red compass discovery electric mobility scooter free to a good home for a Church donation. It is located in Hagley. Enquires to billfamily6@gmail.com who can send a few photos for anyone interested.



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.

Café Chad Christmas Special
Seasonal crafts, gifts and refreshments
In aid of H.E.L.P. and Kidderminster Foodbank
Wednesday 14th December, 9:15am - 12:15pm
St Chad's Church Hall, Burcher Green, DY10 3AY

Stone Corner Café
Wed 14th Dec 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.

Requests for Prayer

- For the homeless and those facing poverty and hardship as Christmas approaches.
- For our volunteers, delivering Christmas greetings to all who live in Kidderminster East. May those greeting be warmly and openly received.

*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 12th December.

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

A Full list of Christmas Services and events are listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

Other events or notable dates during the next fortnight are listed chronologically below

Wed 7th Dec	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	12:00noon	Pop-up Café	St George's
	7:30pm	Parish Prayer	Online via Zoom
Sat 10th Dec	11:00am	Craft Fair/Table top sale	St George's
	1:00pm	Advent Children's Club & Christingle	St Chad's
Sunday 11th Dec	Times of services appear elsewhere in this newsletter		
	6:00pm	KEY Christmas Party	St Cecilia's
Wed 14th Dec	9:15am	Café Chad Christmas Special	St Chad's
	10:30am	Holy Communion	St Cassian's
	2:00pm	Young at Heart	St Cecilia's
	2:00pm	Stone Corner Café	St Mary's, Stone
Fri 16th Dec	7:00pm	Christmas Party	St George's
Sunday 18th Dec	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

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 18th DECEMBER

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

SUNDAY 25th DECEMBER

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

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