



THE KIDDERMINSTER EAST PARISH NEWSLETTER

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

Sunday 22nd January 2023

Third Sunday of Epiphany

A Warm Welcome to All our Services

COLLECT	SUNDAY 22 nd JANUARY	
God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord.	ST CASSIAN'S	
	9:30am	Morning Worship
	ST CECILIA'S	
	11:00am	Morning Worship
	ST CHAD'S	
	9:30am	Holy Communion
READINGS	ST GEORGE'S	
	11:00am	Holy Communion
	ST MARY'S, STONE	
	11:00am	Holy Communion

Revd Robert Legge: A United Service of Farewell

There will be a **United Service** for all the parish to say farewell to Robert and Helen at **St George's Church**, Radford Avenue, DY10 2ES **Sunday 19th March, 10:30am**. This will be Robert's last Sunday with us before his move to Blackpool. His institution in Blackpool will take place on **Monday 17th April, 7:30pm**.



Together @KEP

We will meet at **St Cecilia's Church**, Hoo Road, DY10 1LP on **Tuesday 24th January at 7:30pm**, for Worship in a contemporary style. This first gathering of the new year will be a Prayer & Praise evening as we look back with gratitude and look forward with expectation of all that the Lord will do amongst us. Is there an answer to prayer you would want to share? Are you ready to worship in song? Here's an opportunity for us to gather as the five churches.

Midweek Services

St Cassian's
Holy Communion at 10:00am
on **Wednesday 8th February**

St George's
Holy Communion at 10:00am
on **Wednesday 1st & 15th February**

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, on the last Monday of the month. Next meeting is on **Monday 30th January, 2:00pm - 4:00pm**. For more information email Carol, Freda or Alison on lifefterlosskep@gmail.com or call the parish office on 01562 822131.



Warm Spaces

To help people with the cost of keeping warm this winter **St Cecilia's** is open **every Sunday morning, 9:15am - 10:30am** offering a **warm space** and a **free breakfast**. St Cecilia's is determined to continue with this initiative despite recently having their church heating condemned by the inspector! Temporary heating has been obtained. All welcome.

St Chad's is also providing a warm space every **Monday, 3:00pm - 5:30pm** with free soup/roll, hot drinks and other refreshments. All welcome.



Bible Reading group

Will meet at 11:00am on **Thursday 2nd February** 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.

Ecumenical Praise Service

Rev Nick Collison invites you to **Trinity Methodist Church** 3 Churchfields, Kidderminster DY10 2JL on **Sunday 22nd January at 6.30pm**. These events are wonderful get togethers with lots of good hymns and plenty of singing. It seems appropriate that we receive this invitation during the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**.

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 next two weeks. Prayers

are led by David. 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.

Week	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
23/1	DH	DH	DH	DH	DH	-
30/1	DH	DH	DH	DH	-	DH

Parish Prayer Meeting: Our next meeting will be **online via Zoom** on **Wednesday 15th February, at 7:30pm** (login from 7:20pm) for our usual 45 min prayer for the parish and the issues in the wider world.

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**.

Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd Robert Legge for Friday 20th January

1 Corinthians 8 : This evening I am sitting in Legge Towers looking carefully through the previous minutes of the PCC, DCC and Standing Committee in order to find out when we last discussed the whole thorny subject of food sacrificed to idols! Of course I jest, this issue simply isn't around today, however at the time Paul was writing his letter it was a theological hot potato, and naturally as with all hot potatoes we want someone in authority to come along, to blow on the potato, to cool it down and to give us a straight, no nonsense, definitive reply so that we can continue our Christian lives in relative peace! And how does Paul respond to this issue? He tells the Corinthian Christians that if their consciences under Christ permit them to eat this food then that's fine, however they also have a larger responsibility to other believers whose faith might be damaged by what they see the meat eaters doing. We might not have the same issue with food as the Corinthians had, however we all as Christians have a responsibility to one another to ensure that nothing we say or do (even if the issue is OK in and of itself) could cause others to sin or to damage their faith. And I think that in order to be able to do this we need to be open and honest with one another. As we get to know our fellow Christians we discover what makes them who they are so that we can better ensure that we build up the body not with stones that have been damaged by our behaviour but with living stones that comprises the church at its strongest.

Daily Readings for week beginning Mon 23rd Jan	
Date	Bible passage
Mon 23 rd	1 Corinthians 9:15 - end
Tue 24 th	1 Corinthians 10:1 – 13
Wed 25 th	Acts 9:1 - 22 <i>Conversion of Paul</i>
Thu 26 th	1 Corinthians 11:2 – 16
Fri 27 th	1 Corinthians 11:17 – end
Sat 28 th	1 Corinthians 12:1 -11

"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 6th reflection, *Lough Neagh*, will be released on **1st February**. We are pleased to say that the whole series of 12 will still be available through to the final episode in August, long after Robert has left. A gift to remember him by, and ponder!

Friends of the Holy Land Ecumenical Pilgrimage to Worcester Cathedral

Bishop John Inge and Archbishop Bernard Longley will lead an ecumenical pilgrimage on **Tuesday 31st January, 7:00 - 9:00pm**. Including Stations of the Cross with singing, scripture, reflection and prayer, finishing in the crypt for night prayer and concluding thought. All are welcome. In order to assist in the catering and other admin please notify organiser, Jim Quinn, if you would like to come. j.quinn789@btinternet.com, 01299 851021 / 07960 218925.



Jim is also taking **expressions of interest** for a **Pilgrimage to Canterbury** on **6th - 8th October** also led by both Bishops. Details & prices etc to be confirmed at a later date.



Encountering God
following Jesus
Spirit-transforming lives

Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

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

Sunday 29th January 2023

SUNDAY 29th JANUARY

ST CHAD'S CHURCH, Burcher Green, Kidderminster, DY10 3AY

10:30am

United Parish Service of Holy Communion

There are no other services in the parish today

COLLECT

God of heaven,
you send the gospel to the ends of the
earth and your messengers to every nation:
send your Holy Spirit to transform us
by the good news of everlasting life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

READINGS

1 Kings 17:8 - 16
1 Corinthians 1:18 - end
John 2:1 - 11

Sunday 29th January

It's a fifth Sunday and so it's time to gather together again as a parish. This time we are meeting at **St Chad's**, at the usual united time of 10:30am. Do you need to ask around about getting a lift there? Let's make the most of the opportunity of worshipping with others from across our parish to deepen our experience of the Lord even though the style might be different from what we're used to.

David

LENT

Lent Course 2023

Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday, 22nd February.**

Can you keep Thursday evenings for the Lent Course?

beginning **23rd February.** Less than 50% of the population call

themselves Christian (2021 census), and 28% believe that Jesus was a mythical or fictional character ([Talking Jesus survey, 2022](#)). How will people hear about the life-transforming Jesus we know? Will it be through the schools, from books or TV, via Google - well, possibly, but most likely it will be from a conversation with us. Do we feel confident about putting into words what it is that we believe? What exactly is 'the good news'? Lent is here to help! The course we are running this year, **Faith Pictures**, is a resource produced by the [Church Army](#) to help us get better at telling our story, our encounter with Jesus, in a way that avoids cringe-making phrases, and will leave the listener wanting more. Get ready for joining in!

David

Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd Robert Legge for Friday 27th January

1 Corinthians 11 v 17-34 : This passage is one of the few times in the Bible where God's people meeting together was actually doing more harm than good. It looks as if what was happening was that some better off, wealthier Christians were gathering early and taking their fill of the bread and wine and they were also filling themselves up with the meal after the service while the poorer Christians went hungry. Paul chastises them by saying that they are misusing Communion and he reminds them of what the Communion service should be in words of such beauty and simplicity that we still use them in our services today. Like the food sacrificed to idols issue that we discussed last week it seems incredible to us that such an issue should arise, after all how could anyone possibly over indulge in the bread and wine that we use in our churches? However, we need to honestly ask ourselves if there are any other ways in which our churches promote division and disunity due to our behaviour and ways of doing things. Are we really united and equal under God in all that we do or are some of us more equal than others? That might be a good and challenging discussion point in some future PCC!

Daily Readings for week beginning Monday 30 th Jan	
Date	Bible passage
Mon 30 th	1 Corinthians 12:12 – end
Tue 31 st	1 Corinthians 13:1 – end
Wed 1 st	1 Corinthians 14:1 – 19
Thu 2 nd	1 Corinthians 14:20 – end
Fri 3 rd	1 Corinthians 16:1 – 9
Sat 4 th	1 Corinthians 16:10 - end



Young at Heart

Wednesdays 2:00pm - 4:00pm
at St Cecilia's Church,

25th Jan Keith Broadbent *Space*

1st Feb Margaret Mandell *Peru*

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

St Chad's Spring Clean

Saturday 22nd April,
10:00am - 1:00pm



(Please note that this corrects
and updates the date in the Year Plan)

Help appreciated to "spruce up" the
church, hall and gardens.

List of activities available **early March.**

New Email Address for Parish News Items

news@kidderminstereast.org.uk

The next **parish newsletter** will be
published on **Fri 3rd Feb** covering
Sundays 5th & 12th Feb. Items for
publication need to reach the office
by **Wednesday 1st February.**

Repair Café

Would you contemplate having something
repaired/sharpened rather than just being
thrown away? Bring your items along to the
Repair Café at the Youth Centre in Bromsgrove
Street, Kidderminster, every **first Saturday in
the month, 10:00am to 1:00pm** No fixed fee,
but donations gratefully received. You might
even recognise some of the people involved!

Requests for Prayer

- For Christine Hickman-Smith, and her family, as husband David unexpectedly died last week. May the Lord grant them His strength and His peace.
- For the sick of the parish and those who care for them.
- Rev Robert and Helen as they prepare for the move to a new challenge in Blackpool

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

DIARY

Homegroups are due to meet on the **first** and **third Tuesday** of every month.

Weekly Events

Warm Space/breakfast	Sundays	9:15am - 10:30am	St Cecilia's
Café Chad	Mondays & Weds	9:15am - 12:15pm	St Chad's
Knit & Natter/Craft	Monday at Café Chad	10:00am - 12:00noon	St Chad's
Warm Space/food	Mondays	3:00pm - 5:30pm	St Chad's
Knit & Natter	Wednesdays	2:00pm - 4:00pm	St George's
Young at Heart	Weds in term time	2:00pm - 4:00pm	St Cecilia's
Coffee Shop/Art table	Fridays	10:00am - 12:00noon	St George's
Meet and Eat	Fridays	12:00noon	Morrison Café

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

Sunday 22nd Jan	6:00pm	KE Youth	St Cecilia's
	6:30pm	Ecumenical Praise Service	Trinity Methodists
Tues 24th Jan	7:30pm	Together @KEP	St Cecilia's
Sunday 29th Jan	10:30am	United Service of Holy Communion	St Chad's
Mon 30th Jan	2:00pm	Bereavement Café	St Cecilia's
	7:30pm	St George's DCC	St George's
	7:45pm	St Chad's DCC	St Chad's
Wed 1st Feb	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	12:00noon	Pop-up Café	St George's
Thurs 2nd Feb	11:00am	Bible Reading Group	Rectory
Sunday 5th Feb	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
	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 5th FEBRUARY

READINGS: Isaiah 58:1 - 9a 1 Corinthians 2:1 - 12 Matthew 5:13 - 20

SUNDAY 12th FEBRUARY

READINGS: Genesis 1:1 - 2:3 Romans 8:18 - 25 Matthew 6:25 - end

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