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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 8<sup>th</sup> January 2023

**First Sunday of Epiphany**

*A Warm Welcome to All our Services*

| COLLECT   | SUNDAY 8 <sup>th</sup> JANUARY |                               |
|---|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Heavenly Father,<br>at the Jordan you revealed Jesus<br>as your Son:<br>may we recognize him as our<br>Lord and know ourselves to be<br>your beloved children;<br>through Jesus Christ our Saviour. | <b>ST CASSIAN'S</b>            |                               |
|   | <b>9:30am</b>                  | Worship for All - Christingle |
|   | <b>ST CECILIA'S</b>            |                               |
|   | <b>11:00am</b>                 | Morning Worship               |
|   | <b>ST CHAD'S</b>               |                               |
|   | <b>9:30am</b>                  | Holy Communion                |
| <b>READINGS</b>   | <b>ST GEORGE'S</b>             |                               |
|   | <b>11:00am</b>                 | Holy Communion                |
|   | <b>ST MARY'S, STONE</b>        |                               |
|   | <b>11:00am</b>                 | Holy Communion                |

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| <b>Midweek Services</b> | <b>St Cassian's</b><br>Holy Communion at 10:00am<br>on <b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January</b> | <b>St George's</b><br>Holy Communion at 10:00am<br>on <b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January</b> |
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## **Board Games Café @StCecilia's**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 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+.

## **Kidderminster East Youth (KEY)**

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

Next meeting: **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January, 5:30 - 6:30pm**

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

immediately following the Board Games Café

For further information or if you would like to join KEY please contact :

Grace Kerrigan (07807 647279) or Richard Baker (07843 136785)







**CAFÉ CHAD**  
 Now open again every  
**Monday and Wednesday**  
**9:15am - 12:15pm** at  
 St Chad's Church, Burcher Green, DY10 3AY  
 including **Knit & Natter with Craft** group on  
 Mondays 10:00am - 12:00noon.  
 All welcome!



**St George's Coffee Shop**  
 open every **Friday**  
 10:00am - 12:00noon  
**Now with Art Table**  
 Pop in for a cuppa and a chat.



**Knit & Natter**  
 at **St George's Church**  
**every Wednesday**  
 2:00pm - 4:00pm  
 Come for a **knit** or come for a **natter**,  
 either or both are fine!

**in Chaddesley Corbett**  
**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January**  
**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)

**Warm Spaces**  
**St Cecilia's** is open **every Sunday** 9:15 - 10:30am  
 offering a warm space and a free breakfast.  
**St Chad's** is open on **Mondays** 3:00 - 5:30pm  
 from **9<sup>th</sup> January** with free soup/roll and hot drinks.

**Stone Corner Café**  
**Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Jan** 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.


**Parish Prayer Meeting on Zoom**  
**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January, 7:30pm.** By joining together for this time of prayer we  
 acknowledge our dependence upon the Lord for all that we need. It's a meeting that is  
 suitable for those who are happy to pray out loud as well as those who prefer to pray  
 silently in their minds. Robert will guide us through praying together about various  
 themes as we seek to be channels for the Lord's love and instruments of his mission.  
 Please ask for the Zoom details if you're not already on the list to receive them.  
 (see separate notice below for joining details)

**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 |
|------|-----|------|-----|-------|-----|-----|
| 9/1  | DH  | DH   | DH  | DH    | -   | DH  |
| 16/1 | DH  | DH   | DH  | DH    | -   | DH  |

**Parish Prayer Meeting:** Our next meeting will be **online via Zoom** on  
**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> 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.  
 (see separate notice above). Please join us, you are all very welcome.



To join **any** of the online Prayers please email [parishcomms@kiddermistereast.org.uk](mailto:parishcomms@kiddermistereast.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 6<sup>th</sup> January

*Matthew 2:1-12.* When you were a child did you ever play a party game called “Follow my leader?” One child was picked to be the leader and for a period of time everyone else had to follow them. And of course you didn’t know if you would end up in the kitchen, the bathroom or the next-door neighbour’s house! I often think about that game when I read our passage for today. Sometimes we get the impression that the Magi followed the star just like in the game and they ended up in Bethlehem worshipping Jesus. However that’s not what actually happened, they ended up not in Bethlehem, but in Jerusalem some 6 miles to the North. They then went to the evil, paranoid King Herod and asked him where the King of the Jews was to be born (how these men ever become known as “wise” is completely beyond me!) If the Wise men had really followed the star as they were meant to why did they end up in Herod’s Palace? I wonder if it was because they took their eyes off the star, ignored God’s guidance and followed their own inclinations and instincts. They were looking for a King and of course conventional wisdom required that Kings were to be found in palaces hence their arrival in Jerusalem and Herod’s Palace. It was only when God pointed out their mistake to them that they turned to Him once again and made it eventually to Bethlehem. Let’s keep our eyes on God’s guidance in the year that lies ahead and not head off on our own directions, we might end up getting very lost!

| Daily Readings<br>for week beginning Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan |                          |
|--|--------------------------|
| Date   | Bible passage            |
| Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>  | 1 Corinthians 1:1 - 17   |
| Tue 10 <sup>th</sup>   | 1 Corinthians 1:18 - end |
| Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>   | 1 Corinthians 2:1 - end  |
| Thu 12 <sup>th</sup>   | 1 Corinthians 3:1 - end  |
| Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>   | 1 Corinthians 4:1 - end  |
| Sat 14 <sup>th</sup>   | 1 Corinthians 5:1 - end  |

### Parish Men’s Breakfast & Ladies Get-Together



The first meeting in the New Year will be at St Cecilia's on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January** at 9:30am. Please WhatsApp Roger on 07711 732120 or email [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. 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 on the same day it would be super to see you. Last time a small group met at *The Exchange Café* but this time we shall be meeting at the new Turkish Café, **Eazy**, in Vicar Street at 10:30am. A time to enjoy good company, tea/coffee and perhaps some cake without any cooking or washing up. *Ladies who Leisure*

### Friends of the Holy Land Ecumenical Pilgrimage to Worcester Cathedral



Bishop John Inge and Archbishop Bernard Longley will lead an ecumenical pilgrimage on **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:j.quinn789@btinternet.com), 01299 851021 / 07960 218925. Jim is also taking **expressions of interest** for a **Pilgrimage to Canterbury** on **6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> October** also led by both Bishops. Details & prices etc to be confirmed at a later date.



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## Second 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 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

### COLLECT

Eternal Lord,  
our beginning and our end:  
bring us with the whole creation  
to your glory,  
hidden through past ages  
and made known  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### READINGS

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

### SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

#### ST CASSIAN'S

**9:30am** Holy Communion

#### ST CECILIA'S

**11:00am** Holy Communion

#### ST CHAD'S

**9:30am** Morning Worship

#### ST GEORGE'S

**11:00am** Morning Worship

**6:30pm** Evening Prayer

#### ST MARY'S, STONE

**11:30pm** Holy Communion

### Together @KEP

We will meet at **St Cecilia's Church**, Hoo Road, DY10 1LP on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> 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.



### Lent Course 2023

Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup>**

# LENT

**February.** Can you keep Thursday evenings for the Lent Course? It's called

**"Faith Pictures"** (written by Church Army), beginning **23<sup>rd</sup> February.**

More details to follow.

### Young at Heart

**Wednesdays 2:00pm - 4:00pm**

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



**11<sup>th</sup> Jan** Andy Jones *An Arborist*

**18<sup>th</sup> Jan** Bev *Zumba*

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



## Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd Robert Legge for Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January

1 Corinthians 4. Do you prefer, 1. Manchester United or Manchester City, 2. Coronation Street or Eastenders, 3. Beatles or Rolling Stones, 4. Marmite; love it or hate it? \*

There is something about human behaviour that tends to want to belong in one camp or another in all sorts of different ways. It was

certainly true in the Corinthian church in Paul's time; and this was causing big difficulties! Paul had already challenged the Corinthians over their allegiance to specific Christian leaders

(1 Corinthians 1 v 10-13) and they have ended

up inappropriately judging their leaders one

against the other. The Apostle warns them that

they must not do so, they need to remember that it is not human tradition or personal taste or even

personal qualities that should come into play

here, rather it should be God's written Word that

should be all important, that a leader's status

should rest upon how faithfully he or she expounds and lives by God's Word and that

ultimately it is God who will be the judge. When personal opinion is elevated to the

same status as God's Word, bickering and division will result. Let us ensure that the

foundations of our faith are firm and that our attitude to effective ministry is ultimately

shaped by God's will and purpose.

\* My answers; 1. Manchester United, 2. Neither, 3. Both, 4. Hate it!

| Daily Readings for<br>week beginning Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan |                          |
|--|--------------------------|
| Date   | Bible passage            |
| Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>   | 1 Corinthians 6:1 - 11   |
| Tue 17 <sup>th</sup>   | 1 Corinthians 6:12 – end |
| Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>   | 1 Corinthians 7:1 – 24   |
| Thu 19 <sup>th</sup>   | 1 Corinthians 7:25 – end |
| Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>   | 1 Corinthians 8:1 – end  |
| Sat 21 <sup>st</sup>   | 1 Corinthians 9:1 - 14   |

### Parish Year Plan 2023

You should now all have received a copy of the new parish year plan for 2023. One hardcopy has also been distributed to each 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. The Year Plan will be updated throughout the year. If you spot an error or wish to have an update included in future editions please email the parish office on [office@kidderminstereast.org.uk](mailto:office@kidderminstereast.org.uk) Parish team

### New Email Address for Parish News Items

**PLEASE NOTE:** We have introduced a **new email address** for you to send items to if you wish them to be published in the parish fortnightly newsletter. It is:

[news@kidderminstereast.org.uk](mailto:news@kidderminstereast.org.uk)

Please try to remember to use this address for all specifically newsletter related correspondence. *Thank you.* The next **parish newsletter** will be published on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January** covering **Sundays 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> January.**

Items for publication need to reach us by **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January.**

### Requests for Prayer

- For Revd Robert and his wife, Helen, as they prepare to move on to pastures new; may their last few months with us be blessed.
- For all those affected by war throughout the globe, who face the loss of loved ones, their homes, the ravages of winter and disease.

*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             | 9:30am - 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 - 12:00     | St George's   |
| Meet and Eat          | Fridays             | 12:00noon           | Morrison Café |

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

|                             |  |                    |                    |
|-----------------------------|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan     | 7:00pm   | Standing Committee | online via Zoom    |
| Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan   | 7:00pm   | St Cecilia's DCC   | St Cecilia's       |
| Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan    | 10:00am  | Holy Communion     | St Cassian's       |
|                             | 2:00pm   | Stone Corner Café  | St Mary's, Stone   |
|                             | 7:30pm   | Parish Prayer      | online via Zoom    |
| Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan    | Services are listed elsewhere in this newsletter |                    |                    |
| Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan    | 10:30am  | Share & Care       | Chaddesley Corbett |
| Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan    | Start of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity      |                    |                    |
|                             | 10:00am  | Holy Communion     | St George's        |
| Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan | 9:30am   | Morning Worship    | 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   |
|                             | 6:00pm   | 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 22<sup>nd</sup> JANUARY

**READINGS:** Isaiah 9:1 - 4    1 Corinthians 1:10 - 18    Matthew 4:12 - 23

## SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

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

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