THE KIDDERMINSTER EAST PARISH NEWSLETTER

Encountering God following Jesus Spirit-transforming lives

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

> Sunday 19th February 2023 Sunday next before Lent

A Warm Welcome to All our Services

COLLECT	SUNDAY 19 th FEBRUARY	
Holy God, you know the disorder of our	ST CASSIAN'S	
	9:30am	Holy Communion
sinful lives: set straight our	ST CECILIA'S	
crooked hearts, and bend our	11:00am	Holy Communion
wills to love your goodness and your glory	ST CHAD'S	
in Jesus Christ our Lord.	9:30am	Morning Worship
	ST GEORGE'S	
READINGS	11:00am	Morning Worship
Exodus 24:12 - end	6:30pm	Evening Prayer
2 Peter 1:16 - end Matthew 17:1 - 9	ST MARY'S, STONE	
	11:00am	Morning Worship

Lent Course 2023

How steep is the decrease in knowledge in the general public about Jesus and what it means to have faith in him? Do your non-church family and friends have a good grasp of what the

good news of Jesus is all about? How will these people hear something helpful? The course **"Faith Pictures"** is designed to help us play our part by increasing our confidence in telling our story of faith; we can't leave the job to anyone else. Please sign up today (19th Feb) to let us prepare the right number of materials. Come along on **Thursday 23rd February at St George's, 7:30pm** to join in. We will be working in groups, but you'll be with someone you know. David

Thursdays in Lent, all at St George's (except 23rd March which is at St Chad's).

Alpha: The course is for those who want to investigate Christianity, are new to a church or those who want to brush up on their basic Christian knowledge, in a friendly, welcoming environment. We will be running a ten part course in KEP starting on **Tuesday 18th April**. If you would like to take part please contact Margaret on 07503 521071.



Ash Wednesday 22nd February

Lent begins this week, and on Wednesday we have two opportunities to mark the beginning of the season together. At **St Cassian's at 10:00am** the service of Holy Communion will use the Book of Common Prayer (1662), and at **St Mary's Stone at 7:30pm** the service will use the modern service booklet. In both places there will be the chance to receive the sign of the cross in ash on the forehead; it is optional. All are welcome to either (or both) services.

Children's Half-Term Activity Morning at St George's Church



St George's Church, Radford Avenue, will be holding its next half term event for children up to the age of 11 (Year 6) accompanied by a parent or carer on **Tues 21st February** from 10:00am to 12:00noon. The morning crafts and games will be based around *Jesus Calms the Storm*. Drinks and cakes will be available, come along and have



fun. The cost is £1 per child – under 2's are free. If you require further information please contact Carol Bishton: Tel 01562 827093

Churches Together in Kidderminster Easter Hunt

CTiK need your help for the annual event in Brinton Park on Easter Saturday 8th April, 10:30am - 12:00noon. Set-up from 8:15am with an expected 450 children (under 12's) completing a trail based on the Easter Story. **Help needed with**: transport; set-up/clear down of tents/tables; registration; prize distribution; face painting; stewarding; refreshments or bring your own stall. **Please** contact Jane Pollard on 07949 968276 or pollardjane@yahoo.co.uk by the end February (THIS WEEK – DON'T DELAY!!)

Kidderminster East Youth (KEY)

for children and young adults in school years **4** - **13** (ages **9** - **18** yrs) <u>Next meeting</u>: Sunday 19th February, 6:00pm - 7:30pm at St Cecilia's Church, Hoo Road, Kidderminster, DY10 1LP



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

Parish Prayers Online via Zoom

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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

over the next two weeks. Flayers					
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.					

Parish Prayer Meeting: Our next meeting will be **online via Zoom** on **Wednesday 15th March,** 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 <u>parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk</u> requesting a copy of the link & password, **by 6:00pm on the day before the meeting.**

Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd David Hildred for Friday 17th February

The grim account of the crucifixion is followed by the glorious record of the resurrection. All of it is written by John from the angle of how different people were involved at various stages. It's almost as if he is saying to us "Go and check it out with Pilate, or

Joseph of Arimathea, or Mary Magdalene, and hear it from them as to what happened", and alongside their experiences we are given indications of their meanings; some Scripture is fulfilled, some understanding is deepened, an explanation is given about forgiveness, and so on. John rounds off chapter 20 with a note about why he has chosen to write the life of Jesus and the particular selection of events in the previous chapters: it's so that we can join Thomas and the other disciples in believing and receiving life in the name of Jesus. Have we done what John hoped we would?



in Chaddesley Corbett Monday 20th February 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)

	Daily Readings Deginning Mon 20 th Feb	
Date	Bible passage	
Mon 20 th	Jeremiah 1:1 – end	
Tue 21 st	Jeremiah 2:1 – 13	
Wed 22 nd	Daniel 9:3 – 6, 17 - 19	
Thu 23 rd	Jeremiah 2:14 – 32	
Fri 24 th	Jeremiah 3:6 – 22	
Sat 25 th	Jeremiah 4:1 - 18	



Turkey and Syria Earthquake appeal

Devastating earthquakes have killed 35,000 people and injured

many more in Turkey and Syria. Hundreds of buildings have been destroyed. Survivors are facing freezing conditions and need urgent aid. You can donate via the Disasters **Emergency Committee website** https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/turkey-syria-

earthquake-appeal



"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 <u>Facebook page</u>. The 7th reflection, *Carnlough*, will be released on 4th March. All 12 of these popular short meditations will still be available through to the final episode

in August, long after Robert has left. Do take a look and spend some quiet time.

The Children's Club 2023 Activities

Join us to have fun at St Chad's Church, Burcher Green, DY10 3AY on these dates:

- Friday 24th March Friday 14th April Friday 2nd June Friday 28th July
- 9:30am 1:30pm 9:30am - 1:30pm 9:30am - 1:30pm 9:30am - 1:30pm

5:00pm - 7:30pm

All events FREE Refreshments and meals provided Contact: katyc34@btinternet

tel: 01562 861023 to book

Friday 1st Sept Open to children in school years 2 to 5 only. Booking essential (closing date 17th March)

Parish Men's Breakfast & Ladies Get-Together



The last meeting, on 21st January, was well attended and enjoyed by all present. The next meeting will be on **Saturday 11th March** at 9:30am at St Cecilia's Church, Hoo Road, DY10 1LP. 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! Ron & Roger.

Ladies Get-Together on the same day. There were 9 ladies who enjoyed our last meeting. We will meet again at a café in town (time and venue to be confirmed in next newsletter) on Saturday 11th March. A time to enjoy good company, tea/coffee and perhaps some cake without any cooking or washing up. Ladies at Leisure

Parish Prayer Ministry and Prayerlink

We are pleased to announce that Karen Morton has agreed to be the new **Prayerlink** organiser for the parish. If you have any prayer requests please send them to prayerlink@kidderminstereast.org.uk. Karen will be monitoring this email address and will pass the request to our praying friends across the whole parish who are happy to pray for you. If you would like to become part of the Parish Prayerlink Team and pray for those who request help, please contact Karen on the same email address as above.

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. Our next meeting will be on

Monday 27th February, 2:00pm - 4:00pm. For more information email Carol, Freda or Alison on lifeafterlosskep@gmail.com or call the parish office on 01562 822131.

against poverty

Churches Together in Kidderminster & Christians Against Poverty



Poverty destroys lives. It robs people of joy, hope and opportunities. Every day, CAP hears about the burdens of shame,

isolation, and guilt that financial difficulty brings. CAP inspires churches to see that they can bring hope to their community by offering training to run CAP Money Courses, be a CAP Befriender or even a CAP Debt Coach.

Could this be something you could be involved in? Want to find out more? Come to our Launch and Information event on Sunday 26th March 2023 – 6:00p.m. Kidderminster Baptist Church Franche Road, Kidderminster, DY11 5BE.

For more information contact your church leader or email Jborlase12@gmail.com

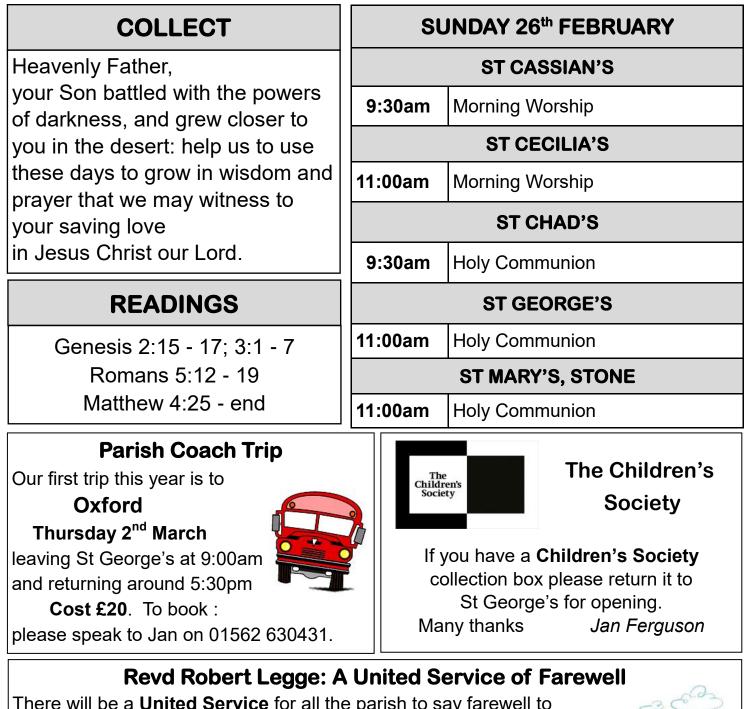


First Sunday of Lent



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

Sunday 26th February 2023



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**, followed by coffee and cake.

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.**

Midweek	St George's		
Services	Holy Communion at 10:00am		
	on Wednesday 1 st March		

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

Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd David Hildred for Friday 24th February

Jeremiah is called by God to be a prophet to the people of Judah, the southern kingdom of the people of God. The northern kingdom, referred to as Israel, had already been

overrun as punishment from God for turning away from him. Here is a final call for God's people to stop running after other gods and return to him as his faithful people; it is a call that explains what will happen to his people when they don't (and indeed they don't), and what will happen when God draws them back out of exile in Babylon (and indeed God does). The language in these chapters is of sexual intimacy, prostitution and adultery, which reflects the heartless rejection of the relationship that God had intended for his people - a relationship of tender care, love and commitment. Will the bride of Christ (the church) take heed? May our ears be open!

Young at Heart

Wednesdays 2:00pm - 4:00pm

at St Cecilia's Church

no meeting

Tea Out

Half Term

Booking essential

Please contact organiser

Dai week beg	l y Readings for ginning Mon 27th Feb
Date	Bible passage
Mon 27 th	Jeremiah 4:19 – end
Tue 28 th	Jeremiah 5:1 – 19
Wed 1 st	Jeremiah 5:20 – end
Thu 2 nd	Jeremiah 6:9 – 21
Fri 3 rd	Jeremiah 6:22 – end
Sat 4 th	Jeremiah 7:1 - 20

St Chad's Spring Clean Saturday 22nd April, 10:00am - 1:00pm



(Please note 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.

Thanksgiving Service

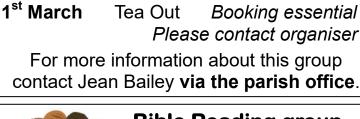
David Pearson, formerly choirmaster and organist at St Cassian's and later organist at St Mary's Stone for many years sadly died just before Christmas. There will be a service of thanksgiving for his life on Saturday 25th February at 12:00noon at St Cassian's. All who knew him and who were inspired by his music making are very welcome to attend.

Repair Café

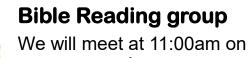
Would you contemplate having



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!



22nd Feb



Thursday 2nd March at The Rectory, Leswell St.

Our subject this month is *Melchizedek*. 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.

Thank You

John Clarke would like to thank everyone for their kind messages, prayers and sympathy following the recent passing of Marguerite and for all those who attended the funeral and their kind donations for St George's church.

World Day of Prayer 2023



Will be held at **Trinity Methodist on Friday 3rd March at 10:30am**, with the title *I have heard about your faith*. It will be hosted by the Baxter fellowship and has been prepared by the women of Taiwan, with the theme of encouragement, so has much to speak to each of us. Everyone is welcome to attend. *Rosemarie Morgan, Churches together in Kidderminster*

Diocesan and other News

The **Deanery Synod** will meet on **Tuesday 7th March, 7:00pm,** at **St Michael & All Angels church, Stourport on Severn, DY13 9DD.** The agenda will include information about the proposed new deanery changes plus discussion about New Worshipping Communities & other initiatives from the diocese. Synod reps are invited to attend, as is anyone interested in hearing about what is happening in our deanery.

Bishop John would like to invite anyone who gives their time to volunteer in their parish to one of two thank you events to enjoy cheese and wine & an opportunity for him to say thank you to you:

Wednesday 29th March, 7 – 9pm, The Guildhall, Worcester **Book:** <u>https://bit.ly/3RffCyP</u> Thursday 30th March, 7 – 9pm, Hartlebury Castle **Book:** <u>https://bit.ly/3kQ3p7y</u> For more info: <u>https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/an-invitation-from-bishop-john.php</u> The latest <u>Diocesan Training and Events</u> programme is now available with subjects as diverse as *How Churches Thrive* and Archdeacon Nikki Groake on *Changed my mind with the Bible*. Do take a look using the above link.

Kidderminster Choral Society The Best of Bernstein Saturday 25th March, 7:30pm

At St George's Church, Radford Avenue. Featuring Chichester Psalms & favourites from West Side Story etc. Tickets £14: <u>www.kidderminsterchoralsociety.co.uk</u> Or £16 on the door. Under 20s Free

Wyre Forest Symphony Orchestra Spring Symphony Concert Sunday 26th March, 7:30pm

At St George's Church, Radford Avenue. Featuring Dvorak Cello Concerto with soloist Richard Jenkinson Tickets on the door or: <u>www.ticketsource.co.uk</u>

Admission £10. Students & under 18s Free

The next **parish newsletter** will be published on **Friday 3rd March** covering **Sundays 5th & 12th March**. Please send items for publication to <u>news@kidderminstereast.org.uk</u> to reach the office by **Wednesday 1st March**. Thank you

Requests for Prayer

- Our partners in the Diocese of Peru have asked for our prayers following a series of violent protests across the country. Over 50 people have now died.
- For all those affected by the devastating earthquakes in Turkey and Syria thinking especially of families who have lost loved ones and survivors in need of help.
- 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/breakfas	-	9:15am - 10:30am	St Cecilia's					
Café Chad	•	ls 9:15am - 12:15pm						
Knit & Natter/Craft	•	Chad 10:00am - 12:00no						
Warm Space/food	Mondays	3:00pm - 5:30pm						
Knit & Natter	Wednesdays	• •						
Young at Heart	Weds in term tim	• •	•					
Coffee Shop/Art table			n - 12:00noon St George's					
Meet and Eat	Fridays	12:00noon	Morrison Café					
		ext fortnight are listed below						
Mon 20 th Feb 10:30	-	-	addesley Corbett					
Wed 22 nd Feb 10:00	am Holy Comm	union (BCP 1662)	St Cassian's					
7:30	pm Holy Comm	union	St Mary's, Stone					
-	pm Parish Lent	Course	St George's					
)noon Thanksgivin	ig service: David Pearson	St Cassian's					
	Services for today are	e listed elsewhere in this n	ewsletter					
Mon 27th Feb 2:00	•	nt Café	St Cecilia's					
Wed 1 st March 10:00	5	union	St George's					
Thurs 2 nd Mar 11:00		ng Group	The Rectory					
	pm Parish Lent		St George's					
Fri 3 rd March 10:30		-	rinity Methodists					
Sunday 5 th Mar 9:30			St Cassian's					
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page and on the parish		•						
	SUNDAY 5	5 th MARCH						
READINGS: Gene	esis 12:1 - 4 <i>a</i> Ro	omans 4:1 - 5, 13 - 17	John 3:1 - 17					
	SUNDAY 1	2 th MARCH						
READINGS: Exc	odus 17:1 - 7	Romans 5:1 - 11 Jo	ohn 4:5 - 42					
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