



**Encountering God
following Jesus
Spirit-transforming lives**

THE KIDDERMINSTER EAST PARISH NEWSLETTER

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

Sunday 5th February 2023
Third Sunday before Lent

A Warm Welcome to All our Services

COLLECT	SUNDAY 5 th FEBRUARY	
Eternal God, whose Son went among the crowds and brought healing with his touch: help us to show his love, in your Church as we gather together, and by our lives as they are transformed into the image of Christ our Lord.	ST CASSIAN'S	
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11:00am	Morning Worship	
READINGS		
Isaiah 58:1 - 9a 1 Corinthians 2:1 - 12 Matthew 5:13 - 20		

LENT

Lent Course 2023

Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday, 22nd February**.
Can you keep **Thursday evenings** for the Lent Course?
Beginning 23rd February.

In the churches from this Sunday for a couple of weeks there is a **sign-up sheet** to let us know you'll be joining in with the Lent course. This will enable us to avoid waste by photocopying too many leaflets, etc. How easy do you find it to tell your story of faith and what you know of Jesus? This course is designed to increase our confidence in taking the opportunities that come our way, because we can't leave the job to anyone else of telling others how good the good news is. There will be times when we work in small groups, but everyone will have the chance to be in that small group with a friend.

Thursdays, 7:30pm, St George's (all except one week). "Faith Pictures".

Please sign up!

David

Midweek Services

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

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

Parish Prayer Ministry and Prayerlink

The parish provides a service to all parishioners, and indeed anyone who requests prayers, via a small team of people who pray regularly for anyone who makes a request. This team is currently lacking a **central organiser**; someone who receives the requests via email or the website and passes them on to our praying friends. **Could you be that person?** The task is not too onerous and training can be provided on the technology involved (mostly email). **Please contact the clergy or the parish office if you are interested.**



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



Board Games Café @StCecilia's

Sunday 5th February, 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 5th February, 5:30pm - 6:30pm**

at **St Cecilia's Church**, (immediately following 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)



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
6/2	DH	DH	DH	DH	-	DH
13/2	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 David Hildred for Friday 3rd February

The chapters in this week's readings are some of the 'big hitters' that we often turn to first when thinking about spiritual gifts, the analogy of the church being the body of Christ, love, and orderly worship. The chapter about resurrection is being set aside until nearer Easter! With all of these themes Paul is addressing an issue that had arisen in the Corinthian church, and his words are still relevant for us even where the issue is not as pressing as it was for them. However, this letter is not a theological textbook, and that is made clear in the final chapter where Paul refers to individuals by name and the contribution they have made to the ministry of the gospel. Which is the name or phrase that encourages you the most? Which phrase would you like to have been written about you? What can you do to make that true?

Daily Readings for week beginning Mon 6th Feb	
Date	Bible passage
Mon 6 th	John 17:1 – 5
Tue 7 th	John 17:6 – 19
Wed 8 th	John 17:20 – end
Thu 9 th	John 18:1 – 11
Fri 10 th	John 18:12 – 27
Sat 11 th	John 18:28 - end

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 ASAP or by the end February at the latest.

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



Friends of the Holy Land Charity Concert

At Westminster Cathedral, Victoria Street, London SW1P 1LT

Thursday 16th February, 7:30pm

Featuring the London Welsh Male Voice Choir with guest soloists The Priests. Tickets £20, £30, £40 and £60 from Eventbrite (*search LWMVC concert at Westminster Cathedral*) or call 01926 512980. More info from www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk

Friends of the Holy Land **Pilgrimage to Canterbury** on **6th - 8th October** led by Bishop John Inge and Archbishop Bernard Longley. If you would like more details please contact j.quinn789@btinternet.com, 01299 851021 / 07960 218925.



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Second Sunday before 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 12th February 2023

COLLECT

Almighty God,
give us reverence for all
creation and respect for every
person, that we may mirror
your likeness
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

READINGS

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

SUNDAY 12th FEBRUARY

ST CASSIAN'S

9:30am Worship for All

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

11:00am Baptism Service

Parish Coach Trip

Our first trip this year is to

Oxford

Thursday 2nd March

leaving St George's at 9:00am
and returning around 5:30pm



Cost £20. To book :

please speak to Jan on 01562 630431.

Kidderminster Choral Society

Present: 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:

www.kidderminsterchoralsociety.co.uk

Or £16 on the door. Under 20s Free

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, 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.**



Ash Wednesday Services - 22nd February

St Cassian's

Holy Communion at 10:00am

St Mary's, Stone

Holy Communion at 7:30pm

Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd David Hildred for Friday 10th February

This week we have been with Jesus and his last few days of ministry before crucifixion; we have heard ourselves being prayed for in his detailed prayer in chapter 17, and now we might find our reactions reflected in the actions of Peter and others. At the arrest of Jesus Peter appears to want to stop it from happening by striking out with the sword: do we get confused as to whether it's sad news or good news that Jesus was taken? And then Peter loses his nerve when he is challenged about being a disciple of Jesus: do we let fear or shame get the better of us sometimes? The official strikes out at Jesus as words of truth are given in answer to their questions: do his words always draw the appropriate reaction from us? Thank God for the grace of Jesus in all these encounters.

Daily Readings for week beginning Mon 13th Feb

Date	Bible passage
Mon 13 th	John 19:1 – 16
Tue 14 th	John 19:17 – 30
Wed 15 th	John 19:31 – end
Thu 16 th	John 20:1 – 10
Fri 17 th	John 20:11 – 18
Sat 18 th	John 20:19 - end



Young at Heart

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

8th Feb Ian Botfield *A Midlands Mystery Tour*

15th Feb *Rhythmicity*

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

Next parish newsletter will be published on Fri 17th Feb covering Sundays 19th & 26th Feb. Please send items for publication to news@kidderminstereast.org.uk to reach the office by Wed 15th February.

Stone Corner Café

Wed 8th February 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.



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.

Diocesan and other News

Retreat House, Holland House has re-started 'Quiet Mondays'. Come and spend the day in quietness, peace and reflection. [Find out more & book](#)

Worcester Passion Play has set up a GoFundMe page. If you can help support this year's play, please visit: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/worcester-passion-play-ltd>

Thy Kingdom Come is supporting the **Churches Against Poverty** [Lament to Hope/Call to Prayer](#) event on **Wednesday 8th February**, 2:00pm - 8:30pm, Westminster Chapel, Buckingham Gate, London, to pray for those affected by the cost of living crisis, gathering with others from different denominations and traditions to intercede.

Requests for Prayer

- 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 during the next fortnight are listed below

Mon 6 th Feb	7:30pm	St Mary's Stone DCC meeting	St Mary's Stone
Tues 7 th Feb	7:00pm	St Cassian's DCC meeting	St Cassian's
Wed 8 th Feb	10:00am	Holy Communion	St Cassian's
	2:00pm	Stone Corner Café	St Mary's, Stone
Sunday 12 th Feb	8:30am	Breakfast/Warm Space	St Cassian's
Services for today are listed elsewhere in this newsletter			
Mon 13 th Feb	7:00pm	PCC Meeting	online via Zoom
	7:45pm	St Chad's DCC	St Chad's
Wed 15 th Feb	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	7:30pm	Parish Prayer	online via Zoom
Sunday 19 th Feb	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
	6:00pm	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 19th FEBRUARY

READINGS: Exodus 24:12 - end 2 Peter 1:16 - end Matthew 17:1 - 9

SUNDAY 26th FEBRUARY

READINGS: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:25-end

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