



**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 2nd April 2023
Palm Sunday

A Warm Welcome to All our Services

COLLECT

True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and
love you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory.

READINGS

Isaiah 50:4 - 9a
Philippians 2:5 - 11
Matthew 21:1 - 11

SUNDAY 2nd APRIL

ST CASSIAN'S

9:30am Holy Communion

ST CECILIA'S

11:00am Morning Worship

ST CHAD'S

9:30am Worship for All

ST GEORGE'S

11:00am Morning Worship

6:30pm Evening Prayer

ST MARY'S, STONE

11:00am Holy Communion

Institution of Revd Robert Legge in St Mary's, Blackpool

Robert's Institution service is on **Monday 17th April** at **7:30pm** in **St Mary's Church**, Squire Gate, Stonycroft Avenue, Blackpool, FY4 2NR. If you are intending to go, please can you give your name(s) to your church warden or, alternatively, email your name(s) to the Parish Office using office@kidderminstereast.org.uk, by **Tuesday 11th April**, so we can let St Mary's Church have an idea of the numbers of those coming from Kidderminster East. Many thanks for your help.

Helen Legge

NOW IS THE TIME!

If you want to join our Alpha group please phone Margaret on 07503 521071 or email office@kidderminstereast.org.uk BEFORE EASTER SUNDAY.



Alpha is a 10 week course where you can find out about the Christian faith, ask awkward questions, and share your point of view. It starts **Tuesday 18th April** when we will meet together at 7:00pm for a small meal followed by a short video. A discussion follows this where you can say as much or as little as you like. Absolutely free.

Kidderminster East Youth (KEY)

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

Our Next Meeting: Sunday 2nd April, 5:30pm - 6:30pm (after Board Games Café) at **St Cecilia's Church**, Hoo Road, Kidderminster, DY10 1LP

Please also note the rearranged dates for the rest of April:

Sunday 16th April, 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Sunday 30th April, 6:00pm - 7:30pm

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



Good Friday: Churches Together Walk of Witness

The CTiK **Walk of Witness** on **Good Friday** will begin at individual churches all over the town with participants congregating in front of the Town Hall at 11:00am for an **Act of Worship**. In our parish the **Walk** will begin at 10:30am from St Cecilia's (Hoo Road), St Chad's (Burcher Green) and St George's (Radford Avenue). Please gather at any of these churches to begin your **Walk**. Please ensure that you are there in good time so that, once gathered, you can all set off together as an **Act of Witness** and arrive at the Town Hall by 11:00am.



Bible Reading group

There will be NO meeting in **April** due to **Maundy Thursday**. We will be back as normal next month at

11:00am on **Thursday 4th May**. Open to all but please let us know you are coming either directly or via the Parish Office.

Valerie Bond & Hilary Hildred.



CAFÉ CHAD

Opening times over the **Easter period.**



Closed - Easter Bank holiday
Monday 10th April

Open - all other **Mondays** and **Wednesdays, 9:15am - 12:15pm** at St Chad's Church, Burcher Green, DY10 3AY

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 three weeks. Prayers are led by David. If you do not

Week	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
3/4	DH	DH	DH	DH	DH	-
10/4	-	-	-	-	-	-
17/4	DH	DH	DH	DH	DH	-

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 12th April, at 7:30pm** (login from 7:20pm) for 45 minutes of prayer, worship and praise, covering issues in the parish and 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 31st March

Jeremiah 24 v 1-10: Do you remember that in our 3rd March reflection I wrote about only hearing one part of a story and that we would be returning to that point? Well here we are! God's people have been taken into exile by their enemies and it looks as if all is lost. However that's only half the story because now we hear this wonderful prophecy which has been given to Jeremiah. There are 2 aspects to this prophecy, there are the "bad figs" that will not be returning from exile, however there are also the "good figs". They will be coming home to the Temple and fulfilling God's plans and purposes. God will keep His promise, the exiles will return and God's plan of salvation will continue. In the Old Testament the idea of a remnant or minority is a very prominent theme and I wonder how often we feel like remnants from a time where more people came to church, knew about the Christian faith and sent their children to youth events and meetings? Let us remember that God was faithful to His remnant people in Jeremiah's time and He will be faithful to them today if they remain faithful to Him. To be honest we are few, but in God's strength we can do much!

Daily Readings for week beginning Mon 3 rd April	
Date	Bible passage
Mon 3 rd	Luke 22:1 - 23
Tue 4 th	Luke 22:24 - 53
Wed 5 th	Luke 22:54 - end
Thu 6 th	Luke 23:1 - 25 <i>Maundy Thursday</i>
Fri 7 th	Hebrews 10:1 - 10 <i>Good Friday</i>
Sat 8 th	John 2:18 - 22

St George's Coffee Shop

CLOSED on Good Friday

Back open on Friday 14th April
10:00am - 12:00noon



St George's Pop up Café

is open on **Wednesday 5th April**
and the first Wednesday of every month
at St George's Church, Radford Avenue.
For more details see our [Webpage link](#)

Board Games Café @StCecilia's

Sunday 2nd April, 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+.



Advance Notice:

United Parish Service

at St Cassian's,

Sunday 30th April, 10:30am

Only it's not at church,
but in the **community orchard**
(turn up the Lane by the
Flower Shop).

Bring your own chair.
Disabled parking at the top of
the Lane.



The Children's Club 2023 Activities

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

Friday 14th April 9:30am - 1:30pm

Friday 2nd June 9:30am - 1:30pm

Friday 28th July 9:30am - 1:30pm

Friday 1st Sept 9:30am - 1:30pm

Open to children in school years 2 - 5 only.

Booking essential (closing date **24th March**)

All events FREE

Refreshments and meals provided

Contact: katyc34@btinternet.com

tel: 01562 861023 to book



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Holy Week and Easter Sunday

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

Monday 3rd - Sunday 9th April 2023

HOLY WEEK			
Monday to Friday	8:00am	Morning Prayer <i>Request a link from: parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk</i>	Online via Zoom
Wednesday 5th April	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
Maundy Thursday	7:30pm	Holy Communion	St Mary's, Stone
Good Friday	10:00am	Worship for All	St Cassian's
	10:30am	Churches Together in Kidderminster Walk of Witness	<i>From Chad/Cecilia/ George to Town Hall</i>
	2:00pm	Hour at the Cross	St Chad's
	7:00pm	Reflection	St Cassian's
Holy Saturday	10:30am - 12:00noon	Churches Together in Kidderminster Children's Easter Egg Hunt <i>No booking required</i>	Brinton Park <i>(Holy Innocents' Church in bad weather)</i>

COLLECT
God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

READINGS
Acts 10:34 - 43 Matthew 28:1 - 10

EASTER SUNDAY 9th APRIL	
ST CASSIAN'S	
9:30am	Holy Communion
ST CECILIA'S	
11:00am	Holy Communion
ST CHAD'S	
9:30am	Holy Communion
ST GEORGE'S	
11:00am	Holy Communion
ST MARY'S, STONE	
11:00am	Holy Communion

Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd David Hildred for Friday 7th April

Hebrews 10. On this Good Friday we will no doubt be able to experience the story of Jesus through readings, music, art and reflection on the words of others, and we will once again be invited to wade more deeply into its meaning and effect for us, rather than for ever only paddle in the familiar details of the cross. This passage in Hebrews is a good one to wade in! We are reminded of the animal sacrifices that were commanded by the Old Testament law, that surely were a good thing, but which were unable to bring final cleansing and forgiveness (v4). Yet they set the pattern which Jesus came to fulfil and fill full of meaning, and with his one sacrifice achieved God's full purpose, which is expressed in v10: we have been made holy! Feel free to be lost in wonder, love and praise!

Daily Readings for week beginning Mon 10th April

Date	Bible passage
Mon 10 th	Mark 16:1 - 8
Tue 11 th	Luke 24:1 - 12
Wed 12 th	Matthew 28:16 - end
Thu 13 th	Luke 7:11 - 17
Fri 14 th	Luke 8:41 - end
Sat 15 th	John 11:17 - 44

Polly's KETL Toy Library

Kidderminster Evangelical Church in Greatfield Road has set up Kidderminster Evangelical Toy Library. It is open **Mon 17th April** and every 3rd Monday of the month, 10:30am - 12:30pm for parents with children aged 0-4 years. It costs £1 per child to visit it and borrow a toy for the month. Could this benefit someone you know? There are leaflets in each church with further details.



News in Brief...

St Chad's Warm Space - last session is on **Monday 3rd April**. Closed until the Autumn.

St Cecilia's Warm Space & Breakfast: has also had its last session, for now, on 26th March.

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

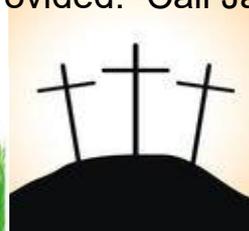
Electoral Roll revision: Please listen for announcements in church and see church noticeboards.

Holy Saturday: Churches Together Easter Hunt Trail

In Brinton Park Saturday 8th April 10:30—12:00noon

Eggciting reward for all child participants (up to aged 11 years). Event also includes circus skills, face painting, refreshments and more. No need to book but come early to avoid disappointment. In the event of bad weather we will retreat to Holy Innocent's Church, Stourport Road (near the traffic lights). **THIS EVENT IS FREE.**

There is still time to volunteer: We are still short of face painters and balloon modellers, full training can be given and only a limited number of animals or faces will be on offer to be chosen, pictures provided. Call Jane Pollard on 07949968276 or email: Pollardjane@yahoo.co.uk



The next **parish newsletter** will be published on **Friday 21st April**, covering **Sundays 23rd & 30th April**. Please send items for publication to news@kidderminstereast.org.uk to reach the office by **Wednesday 19th April** at the latest. Thank you



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Second Sunday of Easter

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

Sunday 16th April 2023

COLLECT

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no
entrance barred: open the doors
of our hearts, that we may seek
the good of others and walk the
joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father.

READINGS

Acts 2:14a, 22 - 32

1 Peter 1:3 - 9

John 20:19 - end

SUNDAY 16th APRIL

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

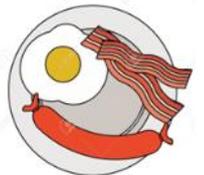
ST MARY'S, STONE

11:00am Morning Worship

Parish Men's Breakfast & Ladies Get-Together

On 11th March another successful Men's Breakfast was held at St Cecilia's. we had 23 participants who all enjoyed good fellowship and food. It was agreed that the **next breakfast** would be at **St Cecilia's on Saturday 29th April** at 9:30am. All are welcome.

Roger and Ron



Nine Ladies enjoyed coffee and cake at **The Eazy Lounge**, with some new faces which was lovely. Please note this is an informal gathering and is open to all ladies in the parish. Next date is also **29th April** at 10:00am.

Ladies at Leisure

Stone Corner Café

Wednesday 12th April 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.



**share
& care**



in Chaddesley Corbett

Monday 17th April 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)

Midweek Services

St George's

Holy Communion at 10:00am
on **Wednesdays 5th & 19th April**

St Cassian's

Holy Communion at 10:00am
on **Wednesday 12th April**

Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd David Hildred for Friday 14th April

Luke 8. Yesterday, today and tomorrow we read the accounts of where Jesus raises particular people from the dead. It showed that he had power over death; it was not the same enemy for him as it is for us. Many have written before about how these three individuals nonetheless would have died once again at some point in the future and so it was more about resuscitation than resurrection. However, the great news of Easter is that the resurrection of Jesus is a “transferrable benefit”. His victory over death means that Jesus is the first fruits of those who have been raised, meaning that we are in the bunch of those who follow on where he is leading and living. It’s worth making a few chocolate eggs disappear to celebrate that! (other Easter treats are available).

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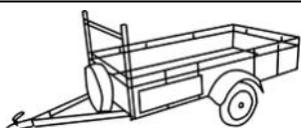
Date	Bible passage
Mon 17 th	John 20:1 - 10
Tue 18 th	John 20:11 - 18
Wed 19 th	John 20:19 - end
Thu 20 th	John 21:1 - 14
Fri 21 st	John 21:15 - 19
Sat 22 nd	John 21:20 - end

Trailer

Free to a good home!

(Donations to church youth welcome)

Approx 4’x3.5’x2’ deep. Good working order. Comes with spare wheel and electrics. Contact Richard 07843 136785



Young at Heart

Wednesdays 2:00pm - 4:00pm

at St Cecilia’s Church, Hoo Road

5th & 12th April Half Term break

19th April Activity to be confirmed

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

Virtual Tour of St Mary's church, Stone

St Mary's church, Stone is a beautiful building that was built in the 1830s. Many of us have driven by it on the A448.

Now, there is a great opportunity to see the inside of it with the launch

of St Mary's new **virtual tour** that is available on the KEP YouTube channel

<https://youtu.be/TJkATBquWGo>. So, if you've not seen inside it before or would like to know a little more about its rich history, here's your chance!



Diocesan and other News

Worcester Passion Play - open-air performance on **Friday 7th April**, 10:30am in Cathedral Square, Worcester. Performed by a cast of actors from local churches, together with live animals, music and outdoor projection, and featuring Bishop John and his wife, H-J! You can watch a short promotional video by following this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VKoDAwQ-Aw>.

The **March - July** edition of the **prayer diary** is now available from your church. You can also download a copy from here: <https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/prayer-diary/>

Requests for Prayer

- For Robert Legge as he approaches the day of his institution in Blackpool
- For David Hildred as he continues his ministry in KEP without Robert.
- For Rob, Joanne and family on the recent passing of Joanne’s mum Lillian Gwilliam.

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

DIARY

Homegroups will start up again after the Lent and Easter break on Tuesday 18th April.

Weekly Events

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
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 three weeks are listed below

Wed 5th April	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	12:00noon	Pop-up Café	St George's
Thurs 6th April to Sun 9th April	<i>All parish services for the Easter Triduum are listed elsewhere in this newsletter</i>		
Fri 7th April	10:30am	CTiK Walk of Witness	from St Chad, St Cecilia & St George
Sat 8th April	10:30am	CTiK Children's Easter Hunt	Brinton Park
Wed 12th Apr	10:00am	Holy Communion	St Cassian's
	2:00pm	Stone Corner Café	St Mary's Stone
	7:30pm	Parish Prayer	online via Zoom
Fri 14th April	9:30am	Children's Activity Club	St Chad's
Sunday 16th Apr	<i>Services for today are listed elsewhere in this newsletter</i>		
	6:00pm	KE Youth	St Cecilia's
Mon 17th April	10:30am	Share & Care	Chaddesley Corbett
	7:30pm	St Mary's DCC	St Mary's
Tues 18th April	7:00pm	Alpha Course	TBC
Thurs 20th April	7:00pm	St Cassian's DCC	St Cassian's
Sat 22nd April	10:00am	Annual Spring Clean	St Chad's
Sunday 23rd Apr	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
	6:30pm	Evensong	St Cassian's

Online resources: [Children's corner](#), Messy Church [Facebook group](#), plus many videos on our [YouTube channel](#), posts on our [Facebook page](#) and [parish website](#).

SUNDAY 23rd APRIL

READINGS: Acts 2:14a, 36 - 41 1 Peter 1:17 - 23 Luke 26:13 - 35

SUNDAY 30th APRIL

READINGS: Acts 2:42 - end 1 Peter 2:19 - end John 10:1 - 10

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