



**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 March 2023
Second Sunday of Lent

A Warm Welcome to All our Services

COLLECT	SUNDAY 5 th MARCH	
Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.	ST CASSIAN'S	
	9:30am	Holy Communion
	ST CECILIA'S	
	11:00am	Holy Communion
	ST CHAD'S	
	9:30am	Worship for All
	ST GEORGE'S	
	11:00am	Morning Worship
	ST MARY'S, STONE	
	6:30pm	Evening Prayer
READINGS		
Genesis 12:1 - 4a		
Romans 4:1 - 5, 13 - 17		
John 3:1 - 17		
	11:00am	Morning Worship



Alpha Course



Ever wondered what the Christian faith is all about? Do you want to ask questions and share your point of view (whatever that is!)? We're running a 10 week **Alpha course** where you can find out more, starting **Tuesday 18th April**. We 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 and ask all the awkward questions you like (not saying we'll necessarily have all the answers though!)

Absolutely free. For more info contact office@kidderminstereast.org.uk or phone Margaret on 07503 521071. If you decide at any time that isn't for you, just let us know and there will be no pressure whatsoever to continue.

Was Jesus a
real person?
Why does God
allow suffering?
Why did Jesus
die?

Does God heal today?

What is the
Holy Spirit?

Midweek Services

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

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

LENT

Lent Course 2023



FAITH Pictures

Faith Pictures is now well underway.

It is possible to join in, and there are

ways of catching up with where we've got to. We continue to meet

on **Thursdays at 7:30pm** in St George's (except for **23rd March** which is at **St Chad's**).

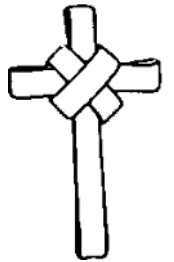


Folding palm crosses

On **Saturday 1st April** there will be a workshop in St George's annexe to fold palm leaves into crosses for Palm Sunday.

No experience is necessary! Please bring a pair of medium-sized strong scissors, and, if you can, something for a shared lunch.

The workshop & lunch will run from 10:00am until approximately 2:00pm.



Board Games Café @StCecilia's

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

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

straight after 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)



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.

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 parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk

requesting a copy of the link & password, **by 6:00pm on the day before the meeting.**

The next **parish newsletter** will be published on **Friday 17th March** covering **Sundays**

19th & 26th March. Items for publication can be sent to news@kidderminstereast.org.uk

to reach the office by **Wednesday 15th March**. Thank you

Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd Robert Legge for Friday 3rd March

Jeremiah 6 v 22-30: How many times have you found yourself in the embarrassing position of only hearing half of a story, acting upon that half and then making a gigantic mess of the subsequent outcome? I certainly have and quite often it is the people closest to me who have had to step in and help me to sort it all out! I think that what we need to remember is that it isn't a question of the half story being wrong as such, it's just incomplete and therefore we don't get the full sense as to what is really happening. And that's what happens in this passage. Everything written here is true; the Assyrians are going to invade and capture Israel in 723BC and the Babylonians will do the same to Judah in 586BC. However that's only one part of the story. As we will see in a few weeks' time a remnant of the people of Judah will remain and return to Jerusalem and God's plan for His people will ultimately be fulfilled. It's the fact of God's judgement that is outlined here however in time God's mercy will also appear. Both as individual Christians and as a parish we need to hear God's story in its entirety. We need to pay attention to His warnings as well as His blessings, His challenges as well as His encouragements. And we need to respond to both in love and in gratitude.

Daily Readings for week beginning **Mon 6th March**

Date	Bible passage
Mon 6 th	Jeremiah 7:21 – end
Tue 7 th	Jeremiah 8:1 – 15
Wed 8 th	Jeremiah 8:18 – 9:11
Thu 9 th	Jeremiah 9:12 – 24
Fri 10 th	Jeremiah 10:1 – 16
Sat 11 th	Jeremiah 10:17 - 24

Parish Men's Breakfast & Ladies Get-Together

Our next meeting will be at St Cecilia's on **Saturday 11th March** at **9:30am**. 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 sharing a hearty breakfast and good companionship. *Ron & Roger.*

Ladies Get-Together on the **same day**. Ladies, if you would like to meet at *The Eazy Lounge Cafe* in Vicar Street at **10:00am** on the same day it would be super to see you. A time to enjoy good company, tea/coffee and perhaps some cake without any cooking or washing up. This is a slightly earlier time than our last meeting due to a couple of requests. *Ladies at Leisure*

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



8th March

Graham E Handy

Singer

15th March

Steven Baird Parker

Local nature photographer

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

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 5:00pm - 7:30pm

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

All events FREE

Refreshments and meals provided

Contact: katyc34@btinternet.com

tel: 01562 861023 **to book**

Open to children in school years 2 - 5 only. Booking essential (closing date **17th March**)



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Third 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 12th March 2023

COLLECT

Eternal God,
give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection
we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

READINGS

Exodus 17:1 - 7
Romans 5:1 - 11
John 4:5 - 42

SUNDAY 12th MARCH

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 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**, 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**.



Parish Prayer Ministry and Prayerlink

As mentioned in the last newsletter, the **Parish Prayerlink** facility has been reinstated and Karen Morton will be managing the **Prayerlink** mailbox.

Requests for prayer for specific people / situations can be emailed to:

prayerlink@kidderminstereast.org.uk. Our praying friends across the whole

parish will then be happy to pray for you. If you would like to become part of

the **Prayerlink** team and be sent the requests to pray for, please e-mail the same

address. Please note that for anyone without internet access, or who would prefer to

pass their prayer request to the Prayer Ministry Team in their church, Glenn & Anne

Scott are willing to take requests for prayer by phone on 01562 822690. They will then

relay those requests on to the relevant Church / Parish Prayer Ministry / Prayerlink

Teams by email. You can, of course, also make direct contact with any member of the

Prayer Ministry Teams if you have their phone or email details.



Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd Robert Legge for Friday 10th March

Jeremiah 10 v 1-16: I don't know what many of you do in your spare time, however I will take a wild guess that few if any of you go into the forest, cut down a tree, shape it with your chisel, adorn it with silver and gold and fasten it with hammer and nails! In our modern times we find it frankly incomprehensible that people could do such a thing; create gods that are really no gods at all, but half a moment! Are there any gods that we fashion today albeit in a slightly different form? What about the gods of money, popularity, influence, comfort, status and possessions to name but a few? These are the things our world tends to worship and idolise and there is always a danger that consciously or unconsciously we join in with them. Before we condemn the people of the Old Testament too harshly let us look into our own hearts and see if there are any gods lurking there that have much more influence in our lives than we might care to admit.

Daily Readings for week beginning Mon 13th March

Date	Bible passage
Mon 13 th	Jeremiah 11:1 – 17
Tue 14 th	Jeremiah 11:18 – 12:6
Wed 15 th	Jeremiah 13:1 – 11
Thu 16 th	Jeremiah 14:1 – end
Fri 17 th	Jeremiah 15:10 – end
Sat 18 th	Jeremiah 16:10 – 17:4

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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 – 6:00pm** at **Kidderminster Baptist Church**, Franche Road, Kidderminster, DY11 5BE.

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

Diocesan and other News

Bishop John's **Lent Appeal** in 2023 is for the Anglican Diocese of Peru, which has had a very turbulent few years with one of the world's highest Covid mortality rates and considerable political unrest. Strict lockdowns and the financial implications have had a major impact on the Anglican Church. Paying stipends has been difficult, leading to many clergy taking additional jobs and limiting ministry and mission in poor areas. You can read more and donate at:

<https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/news/bishop-johns-lent-appeal-2023.php>

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:

Wed 29th March, 7:00 – 9:00pm, The Guildhall, Worcester **Book:** <https://bit.ly/3RffCyP>

Thurs 30th March, 7:00 – 9:00pm, Hartlebury Castle **Book:** <https://bit.ly/3kQ3p7y>

For more info: <https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/an-invitation-from-bishop-john.php>

Requests for Prayer

- 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.
- All those in the parish who are sick or infirm and in need of support.

DIARY

Homegroups are not meeting during Lent. Please attend the parish Lent Course.

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

Tues 7th Mar	7:00pm	Deanery Synod	St Michael's, Stourport
Wed 8th Mar	10:00am	Holy Communion	St Cassian's
	2:00pm	Stone Corner Café	St Mary's, Stone
Thurs 9th Mar	7:30pm	Parish Lent Course	St George's
Sat 11th Mar	9:30am	Men's Breakfast	St Cecilia's
	10:00am	Ladies get together	The Eazy Lounge Café
Sunday 12th Mar	Services for today are listed elsewhere in this newsletter		
Wed 15th Mar	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	7:30pm	Parish Prayer	online via Zoom
Thurs 16th Mar	7:30pm	Parish Lent Course	St George's
Sunday 19th Mar	10:30am	United Service of Holy Communion	St George's
	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 MARCH

READINGS: Exodus 2:1 - 10 John 19:25 - 27

SUNDAY 26th MARCH

READINGS: Ezekiel 37:1 - 14 Romans 8:6 - 11 John 11:1 - 45

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