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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 23rd April 2023

Third Sunday of Easter

A Warm Welcome to All our Services

COLLECT

Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with
boldness and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your
risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

READINGS

Acts 2:14a, 36 - 41
1 Peter 1:17 - 23
Luke 24:13 - 35

SUNDAY 23rd APRIL

ST CASSIAN'S

9:30am Morning Worship

6:30pm Evensong

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

A Message from Revd Robert Legge

Dear David,

On behalf of Helen and myself can I take the opportunity to thank the whole parish for the very generous cheque and for the many cards, gifts, and good wishes as we leave Kidderminster after 10 wonderful years serving in the Parish of Kidderminster East. Our final service at St George's was truly a very special occasion, one which we will remember and treasure for a long time to come. I hope that everything is going well in the parish and I look forward to hearing good things from your part of the world in the months and years ahead. *Kind regards, Robert*

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

St George's Church is holding it's next **half term event** for children up to the age of 11 (Year 6) accompanied by a parent or carer on **Tuesday 30th May**, 10.00am to 12 noon. The morning crafts and games will be based around the parable of *The Lost Sheep*. 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 on 01562 827093

Kidderminster East Youth (KEY)

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

All meetings on Sundays at **St Cecilia's Church**, Hoo Road, Kidderminster, DY10 1LP

Please note the dates below for meetings during the Summer Term:

7th May	5:30 - 6:30pm (after board games café)
21st May	6:00 - 7:30pm
4th June	5:30 - 6:30pm (after board games café)
11th June	6:00 - 7:30pm
2nd July	5:30 - 6:30pm (after board games café)
16th July	6:00 - 7:30pm
23rd July	6:00 - 7:30pm



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

Together @KEP comes to St George's

Together @ is back this month, after a break for Lent, on **Tuesday 25th April, 7:30pm**, but this time at **St George's Church**, Radford Avenue. We gather as five churches for worship in a contemporary style. Please join us for a Prayer & Praise evening as we look back with gratitude and look forward with expectation of all that the Lord is doing. Refreshments will be available from 7:00pm, so do come early!

Café Chad - Table Top Sale

Our 'Special' morning sale is back!

Wednesday 17th May, 9:30am - 12:30pm

Delicious homemade cakes, teas & coffees in aid of Spurgeons Children's charity.

To book a table contact Mattie on Facebook, at Café Chad any Monday or Wednesday, or on Sunday morning at St Chad's, or by email:

mattieunderhill68@gmail.com



CAFÉ CHAD

Mondays & Wednesdays
9:15am - 12:15pm



at St Chad's Church, Burcher Green including **Knit & Natter with Craft** group on Mondays 10:00am - 12:00noon.

Changes to Opening times in May

Open - May Day Monday 1st May

Closed - Coronation Bank holiday 8th May

Open - Spring Bank Monday 29th May

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

Week	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
24/4	DH	DH	DH	DH	-	DH
1/5	-	DH	DH	DH	-	DH

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 10th May, 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 David Hildred for Friday 21st April

John 21. It's so important to have the record of these early encounters between the risen Lord Jesus and his disciples, because they show us that they really weren't expecting the resurrection to happen. Even when they do begin to accept that Jesus is alive they struggle to make good decisions and are far from being a world-changing crowd of apostles. We have read about how Jesus makes time to appear to Thomas, to minister to his questions and need for proof: Jesus knows what we each need to make him a reality to us. We're not all the same, and so today he meets with Peter and poses his three-fold question about Peter's love for him. Peter had been quick to deny knowing Jesus three times, and here Jesus draws out of him a declaration of love which undoes each of those denials. Tomorrow he has a different word for John. He deals with us as individuals: isn't that amazing? Isn't that great?

Daily Readings for week beginning Mon 24th April	
Date	Bible passage
Mon 24 th	Ephesians 6:10 - 20 <i>George, martyr</i>
Tue 25 th	Acts 12:25 – 13:3 <i>Mark the Evangelist</i>
Wed 26 th	Ephesians 2:1 - 10
Thu 27 th	Ephesians 2:11 - end
Fri 28 th	Ephesians 3:1 - 13
Sat 29 th	Ephesians 3:14 - end

Emergency Alert system Sunday 23rd April



The Government is testing the Alert system at 3:00pm, which means that if your mobile phone is switched on it will receive a loud alert, even if it is on 'silent'. If you do not wish to be startled by this you will need to switch your phone off just before 3:00pm

Local Elections on 4th May

In order to be able to vote at the Polling Station you must take photographic identification with you (e.g. passport, driving licence, bus pass). There is a list of what documents are acceptable, and there is a way you can still vote if you don't have any of them: please ask if you need help checking or applying for the non-photo ID way.

Spring Harvest 2023 Report

A group of us recently returned from Spring Harvest and thoroughly enjoyed it in spite of appalling weather on all but one day. We came back spiritually refreshed and renewed and the fellowship between us was great. Evening worship with 2000 others was so special. It was amazing that 2 of our group made a personal commitment to Christ during the final worship evening. Next year Spring Harvest at Minehead is **8th to 12th March 2024**. The theme is *'Up and Alive: Living the Life We are Made for'*. It would be lovely to take a group again. If you are interested in going please contact Margaret Hodgson: 07503 521071 or margaret@hodgsonfamily.org in good time before booking opens at 8.00am on **14th June 2023** as accommodation is booked up very quickly. Please do look online for more details at www.springharvest.org.

Parish Prayerlink: email prayer requests to prayerlink@kidderminstereast.org.uk
Our praying friends across the whole parish are happy to pray for you.

Midweek Services

St George's
Holy Communion at 10:00am
on **Wednesdays 3rd & 17th May**

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



"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 [Facebook page](#). The 9th reflection, *Murals (Belfast)*, is due to "drop" on **Saturday 6th May**. All 12 of these popular short meditations will still be available through to the final episode in August, reminding us of Robert and what we are missing! Treat yourself to some quiet time and take a look.

Dog Sit

Is there someone willing to care for my 12 year old shiz tzu for a week in July? Please contact the parish office if you can help and I will get back to you. Many thanks, *Val Beeston*



Bible Reading group



The group will meet on **Thursday 4th May** at 11:00am in the Rectory.

We will be reading in Psalms - beginning in Psalm 63. The session leader plans to *"put the first six words of Psalm 63 'under the microscope' and confirm our conclusions by considering other psalms"* The group is open to all but please let us know you are coming either directly or via the Parish Office.

Valerie Bond & Hilary Hildred.

Canal Trip

leaving from:



The Bonded Warehouse at Stourbridge at **12noon on Thursday 1st June** travelling to Stourton and returning at 2pm. **Cost £16.**

Optional fish /pie and chips: **£7 extra.**

Contact Jan on 01562 630431 or jferg541@gmail.com to book.

St George's Pop up Café

is open on **Wednesday 3rd May** and the first Wednesday of every month at St George's Church, Radford Avenue. For more details see our [Webpage link](#)

Flower Arranging and Lunch at St George's

We would like to invite you to join us for a **two course lunch** and **flower arranging demonstration** by Mike Towler, **Tuesday 25th April**, 12:00noon at St George's church, Radford Avenue. Tickets £10:00 available from Jan Ferguson (07801 118214) or Chris Griffiths (07919 178236). Proceeds to the roof access project.

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, usually on the last Monday of the month. Our next meeting will be on

Monday 24th April, 2:00pm - 4:00pm. For more information email Carol, Freda or Alison on lifeafterlosskep@gmail.com or call the parish office on 01562 822131.





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Fourth Sunday of Easter

Times of Services at the Churches of
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Sunday 30th April 2023

SUNDAY 30th APRIL

**COMMUNITY ORCHARD, Fishers Lane,
Near St Cassian's Church, Chaddesley Corbett, DY10 4SD**

10:30am

United Parish Service of Holy Communion

There are no other services in the parish today

COLLECT

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice and to follow your
command, that all your people may be gathered
into one flock, to the glory of God the Father.

READINGS

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

United Parish Service: Sunday 30th April 2023 10:30am in Chaddesley Corbett

We're going to use one of the green spaces in the village for an open air service together - wrap up warm, bring a chair and be ready to meet with the Lord and each other in the midst of his beautiful creation. We are meeting at the **Community Orchard**, which is at the top of **Fishers Lane** (to the side of the Flower Shop). There are a few spaces for disabled parking at the top of the Lane, but most of us should park near St Cassian's church, DY10 4SD, and walk the short distance. If you use "What3words" the Orchard entrance is at *winemaker.sprays.speak*



Parish Men's Breakfast & Ladies Get-Together

The next meeting will be at St Cecilia's on **Saturday 29th April** at 9.30am. New members always welcome. 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.

Roger and Ron

Ladies, we are hoping you will be able to join us at **The Eazy Lounge Café** in Vicar Street at 10:00am. A time to enjoy good company, tea/coffee and perhaps some cake without any cooking or washing up.

Ladies who Leisure



Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd David Hildred for Friday 28th April

Ephesians 3. Today's reading is like a 'long aside' in Paul's train of thought. "For this reason" is interrupted by this aside and he picks up his train of thought again at v14. It is as if he is asking his readers "Can I just check, you have got it clear, haven't you, that Jesus is as much for the Gentiles as he is for the Jews?" In yesterday's reading, v15, Paul boldly stated that God's purpose was to create 'one new man' out of the two, Gentile and Jew. It was not that Gentiles had to become Jews, nor that Jews had to become Gentiles, but that being a 'new disciple' was the aim for both. Paul refers to this as 'the mystery', which is not something 'mysterious', but a truth that God was holding until the right time came for it to be revealed. That glorious truth is that through faith in Jesus we may approach God with freedom and confidence. Is one of those approaches particularly special for you today? And that's just an aside!

Daily Readings for week beginning Mon 1 st May	
Date	Bible passage
Mon 1 st	John 14:1 - 14 <i>Philip & James, Apostles</i>
Tue 2 nd	Ephesians 4:17 - end
Wed 3 rd	Ephesians 5:1 - 14
Thu 4 th	Ephesians 5:15 - end
Fri 5 th	Ephesians 6:1 - 9
Sat 6 th	Ephesians 6:10 - end

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!

Board Games Café @StCecilia's Sunday 7th May, 3:30pm - 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+.



Thy Kingdom Come - Ascension to Pentecost

A special message from **Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby**:

'We are praying that God would open hearts and minds to His love and that, by His Spirit, He would equip and enable us to be his faithful witnesses.'

Listen to his TKC message using this link: [Justin Welby - a special message](#)

The parish has ordered a quantity of **prayer journals** for use during the 11 day TKC period. These will be distributed to churches shortly. **Please take one.** If you are able, a donation of just 20p per copy will cover our costs.

You can attend the national online **Ascension Day Prayer and Worship service, Thurs 18th May, 7:00pm - 8:30pm**, by booking your free place via the [Eventbrite link](#).

You can find out more, read blogs and download other resources by visiting the TKC website at: <https://www.thykingdomcome.global>

The next **parish newsletter** will be published on **Friday 5th May**, covering **Sundays 7th & 14th May**. Please send items for publication to news@kidderminstereast.org.uk to reach the office by **Wednesday 3rd May** at the latest. Thank you



The Coronation

Bring and share your lunch with us at St Cecilia's Church, Hoo Road, DY10 1LP and watch **The Coronation** together on our big screen.

The church will be open on **Saturday 6th May from 10:00am.**

No need to book and **no charge.**

Just turn up and share.



Young at Heart

Wednesdays 2:00pm - 4:00pm

at St Cecilia's Church, Hoo Road

26th April Kemp Hospice and everything they offer

3rd May Mr Phillips and his adventures

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

Holland House Retreat Centre

Quiet Garden Days 2023

Spend a day of peace and reflection in our beautiful gardens, Main Street, Crothorne, WR10 3NB

Theme for 2023 is "Emotions"

Dates:

Thurs 18th May

Thurs 15th June

Thurs 20th July

Thurs 17th August

Thurs 21st Sept

Thurs 23rd October

All days are 10:30am to 4:00pm approx.

Each day has a different leader. Cost is £20 including light lunch, coffee and afternoon tea. Agenda includes leader led reflection, optional Communion and shared reflection at the end. For more details and to book see www.hollandhouse.org or call 01386 860330. Organised by the "Friends of Holland House". All welcome.

Diocesan and other News

Lunchtime Learning: The Church and the Future of Work. Wednesday 26th April, 12:30pm - 1:30pm, with Dick Johnson (Faith at Work in Worcestershire). The way we work has changed significantly due to COVID, Global Economic instability, Brexit and the Climate Emergency. What's the lasting impact on work? How do these changes impact the Mission of the Church? Share your own experiences. [Book here](#)

More than hymns: animating Worship with Music: Monday 5th June, 7.30pm

In this evening workshop, Archdeacon Robert Jones will help us explore some of the many different ways we can use music in our worship, beyond simply putting hymns into our services. This will include a number of musical traditions from around the world church. This event will be held at **St Cassian's Church, Chaddesley Corbett**, and is intended especially for ALM Worship Leaders. [Find out more and book a place.](#)

The current full diocesan [Training and Events programme](#) is available online and a new programme will be available shortly.

Requests for Prayer

- For Robert Legge as he begins his new ministry in Blackpool.
- For David Hildred as he continues his ministry in KEP without Robert.
- All those who are struggling with the cost of living due to inflation and other pressures, whether it be illness, unemployment or mental health.
- All those caught up in conflict zones throughout the world.
- All those who are recently bereaved.

Would you like to be included in the Parish Newsletter for prayer?

Please contact the Parish Office for more details.

DIARY

Homegroups meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month.

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

Mon 24th April	2:00pm	Bereavement Café	St Cecilia's
	7:00pm	PCC Meeting	St Mary's
Tues 25th April	12:00noon	Flower arranging & lunch	St George's
	7:00pm	Alpha Course	St Cecilia's
	7:30pm	Together @KEP	St George's
Sat 29th April	9:30am	Mens' Breakfast	St Cecilia's
	10:00am	Ladies get-together	Eazy Lounge Café
Sun 30th April	10:30am	Holy Communion United Service	Chaddesley Corbett
	6:00pm	KE Youth	St Cecilia's
Mon 1st May	<i>deadline for submitting electoral roll forms and APCM reports</i>		
Tues 2nd May	7:00pm	Alpha Course	St Cecilia's
Wed 3rd May	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	12:00noon	Pop-up Café	St George's
Thurs 4th May	11:00am	Bible Reading Group	Rectory
Sat 6th May	10:00am	Bring & Share Coronation Lunch	St Cecilia's
Sunday 7th May	9:30am	Holy Communion	St Cassian's
	9:30am	Worship for All	St Chad's
	11:00am	Holy Communion	St Cecilia's
	11:00am	Morning Worship	St George's
	11:00am	Holy Communion	St Mary's Stone
	3:30pm	Board Games Café	St Cecilia's
	5:00pm	KE Youth	St Cecilia's
	6:30pm	Evening Prayer	St George'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 7th MAY

READINGS: Acts 7:55 - end 1 Peter 2:2 - 10 John 14:1 - 14

SUNDAY 14th MAY

READINGS: Acts 17:21 - 31 1 Peter 3:13 - end John 14:15 - 21

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