



THE KIDDERMINSTER EAST PARISH NEWSLETTER

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

Sunday 21st May 2023

Sunday after Ascension Day

A Warm Welcome to All our Services

COLLECT

Risen, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with
power and compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know
your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

READINGS

Acts 1:6 - 14
1 Peter 4:12 - 14; 5:6 - 11
John 17:1 - 11

SUNDAY 21st MAY

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 Holy Communion

Thy Kingdom Come - Ascension to Pentecost



You can [read a reflection](#) from Rev'd Canon Chris Russell, Archbishop Justin Welby's Adviser for Evangelism & Witness, on the importance of praying 'Come Holy Spirit' in these days between Ascension & Pentecost.

The special message from **Archbishop of Canterbury**, Justin Welby is still available to listen to using this link: [Justin Welby - a special message](#). We hope you are finding the **prayer journals** (available in churches for 20p) a useful aid during this period. Those of you who are more technically minded may like to download the **prayer app** (for [iOS](#) or [Android](#)) which has lots of useful prayers, videos and other resources to help you to pray during this time. Please remember the **call to prayer** and especially to pray for 5 people to respond positively to the Holy Spirit in their lives. You can find out more, read blogs and download other resources by visiting: <https://www.thykingdomcome.global>

Midweek Services

St George's
Holy Communion at 10:00am
on **Wednesdays 7th & 21st June**

St Cassian's
Holy Communion at 10:00am
on **Wednesday 14th June**

Annual Meeting of Parishioners and APCM

On **Monday 22nd May** we have the **Annual Meeting of Parishioners** and **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** for the whole parish, in **St Chad's Church, Burcher Green, at 7:30pm**. It's an important time for 'taking stock' together of what God has been doing amongst us in the past year, and what we might look forward to in the coming year. This is also the period when various officers need electing for each church, onto the **Parochial Church Council** for the whole parish, and beyond our borders as representatives in the **Deanery**. Please pray for all those who will put themselves forward to fill those positions, using the gifts and willingness that God has provided. I hope you are able to attend; I look forward to seeing you. *David*

Kidderminster East Youth (KEY)

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

Next meetings: Sunday 21st May, 6:00 - 7:30pm
and **Sunday 4th June** 5:30—6:30pm (after Board Games Café)
at **St Cecilia's Church**, Hoo Road, Kidderminster, DY10 1LP



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

Together@KEP

In the community of **Together@** we have always looked for where God is leading us next, and we have followed. We have shaped our gatherings and our ministry around where God is moving. We feel that God is on the move again, and we are excited, but where will he take us this time? We are **pausing** our May gathering (so we are **not meeting on 23rd May**) to ask if you will join with us in committing to **pray through May and June** that God will reveal his purposes and plans for this community. Will you share your thoughts, bible passages, words and pictures, in faith, that God will show us where we go next? We have an idea of what this might be, but would appreciate you also listening to the Lord. Together, we will be able to hear God's call and act on it. Called. Equipped. Committed. *David H and David G.*

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
22/5	DH	DH	DH	DH	-	DH
29/5	-	DH	DH	DH	-	DH
5/6	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 14th June**, 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 19th May

Deuteronomy 29. There are blessings for obedience and curses for disobedience during God's formation of his People into the holy nation that will carry his blessing to others. The covenant, pact or agreement that we read about is what we now refer to as the Old Covenant, since there is a New Covenant that is offered to us through faith in Jesus. The result of the covenants is the same: God's holy people busy with his holy mission. The ancient People of God couldn't keep their side of the covenant (obedience), and let's not think we would have done any better! The New Covenant is fuelled and filled with the grace of Jesus as he supplies what we are lacking, as he takes away our sinfulness and replaces it with his holiness. Are we ready to get on with his mission?

Daily Readings for week beginning Monday 22nd May	
Date	Bible passage
Mon 22 nd	Deuteronomy 31:1 – 13
Tue 23 rd	Deuteronomy 31:14 – 29
Wed 24 th	Deuteronomy 31:30 – 32:14
Thu 25 th	Deuteronomy 32:15 – 47
Fri 26 th	Deuteronomy 33:1 – end
Sat 27 th	Deuteronomy 32:48 - end and 34:1 - end



Bible Reading group

The group will meet on
Thursday 1st June
at 11:00am in the Rectory.

We will be reading in Psalms, looking this time at Psalm 19. 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.



SPRING HARVEST

Spring Harvest 2024

Spring Harvest next year is from **8th to 12th April**

2024. If you're interested in going as part of our group 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 gets booked up very quickly. Please do look online for more details at www.springharvest.org.

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. Our next meeting is on **Monday 22nd May, 2:00pm - 4:00pm at St Cecilia's, Hoo Road.** For more info email Carol, Freda or Alison on lifefterlosskep@gmail.com or call the parish office on 01562 822131.





Encountering God
following Jesus
Spirit-transforming lives

Pentecost Sunday

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

Sunday 28th May 2023

COLLECT

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the
gift of faith, revive your Church
with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

READINGS

Acts 2:1 - 21
1 Corinthians 12:3b - 13
John 20:19 - 23

SUNDAY 28th MAY

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 Morning Worship

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



The Children's Club Activities

Join us to have fun at **St Chad's Church**,
Burcher Green, DY10 3AY

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

Open to children in school years 2 - 5 only.

This event is FREE. Refreshments and meals are provided. Booking is essential.

Please contact: katyc34@btinternet.com

tel: 01562 861023 by **Wed 24th May**



Young at Heart

Wednesdays 2:00pm - 4:00pm

at St Cecilia's Church, Hoo Road

24th May Zumba with Bev Slater

31st May Half Term - NO MEETING

7th June *PC to Priest* - Rev Guy Hewlett

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

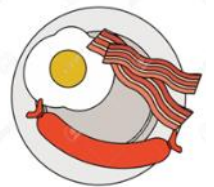
Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd David Hildred for Friday 26th May

Deuteronomy 33. There's a change-over in leadership: Moses has brought them out of Egypt and Joshua will lead them into their Promised Land. As with any change in leadership there is the danger of the focus being lost as the 'new broom' comes in and sweeps away the past, but the Lord is focused on keeping his people as his people, even though he knows the state of their hearts. There is here a series of blessings that follow on from the warnings in the chapters before: God brings both before his people – he loves as he disciplines. Shall we listen out for both as the Lord works with us, his people of today?

Daily Readings for week beginning Monday 29th May	
Date	Bible passage
Mon 29 th	Romans 1:1 – 17
Tue 30 th	Romans 1:18 – end
Wed 31 st	Luke 1:39 - 56 <i>Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth</i>
Thu 1 st June	Romans 2:17 – end
Fri 2 nd	Romans 3:1 – 20
Sat 3 rd	Romans 3:21 - end

Parish Men's Breakfast & Ladies Get-Together

The next **Breakfast** will be at St Cecilia's on **Saturday 3rd June** 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 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 on the **same day**. A time to enjoy good company, tea/coffee and perhaps some cake without any cooking or washing up. *Ladies who Leisure*

St George's Pop up Café

Open **Wednesday 7th June** and the first Wednesday of every month at St George's Church, Radford Avenue. For more details see our [Webpage link](#)



Knit & Natter

at **St George's Church** every **Wednesday** 2:00pm - 4:00pm
Come for a **knit** or come for a **natter**, either or both are fine!



Diocesan and other News

Bishop John would like to invite anyone who gives their time to volunteer in their parish to a special 'thank you' event at Hartlebury Castle on **Monday 22nd May**, 7:00pm - 9:00pm. This is an additional date for those who have been unable to make the previous two events (which were both fully booked). Anyone is welcome to come along, but places are limited so please sign up using the [Eventbrite portal](#) via the diocesan website. You are welcome to bring someone to accompany you; please book a separate ticket for them.

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.](#)



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Trinity Sunday

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

Sunday 4th June 2023

COLLECT

Holy God, faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth, and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

READINGS

Isaiah 40:12 - 17; 27 - end
2 Corinthians 13:11 - end
Matthew 28:16 - end

SUNDAY 4th JUNE

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

6:30pm Evening Prayer

ST MARY'S, STONE

11:00am Morning Worship

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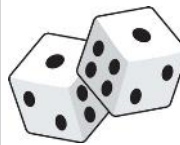
Mondays & Wednesdays
9:15am - 12:15pm



at St Chad's Church, Burcher Green
including **Knit & Natter with Craft** group
on Mondays 10:00am - 12:00noon.
& **Art Group** on Weds 10:00 - 12:00noon
Please note that we are still OPEN on
Monday 29th May (Spring Bank Holiday)
All welcome!

Board Games Café @StCecilia's

Sunday 4th June, 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+.

Newsletter Backup

Do you have experience of the Publisher programme? Would you be willing to help with the production of this newsletter during times of annual leave (or in emergencies)? Or even, would you be willing to learn? If so, please contact the office and find out from Mark what would be involved: office@kidderminstereast.org.uk / 01562 822131.

The next **parish newsletter** will be published on **Friday 9th June**, covering Sundays **11th & 18th June**. Please send items for publication to news@kidderminstereast.org.uk to reach the office by **Wed 7th June** at the latest. Thank you

Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd David Hildred for Friday 2nd June

Romans 3. Paul is writing to the Christians in Rome as they come to understand that they are welcomed into being the People of God through faith in Jesus. Far from undermining all that happened in the Old Testament, Jesus has fulfilled and brought to new life all that it was pointing to. Some of Paul's reasoning needs careful reading (slowly and a number of times!) but keep in mind that these people in Rome, just like us, are loved by God (1:7) and have faith in Jesus (1:8). It is that faith which opens the way to the Father whether we are of Jewish or non-Jewish heritage: all have sinned, and all are justified freely by his grace. Alleluia!

Daily Readings for week beginning Mon 5th June	
Date	Bible passage
Mon 5 th	Romans 4:1 – 12
Tue 6 th	Romans 4:13 – end
Wed 7 th	Romans 5:1 – 11
Thu 8 th	Romans 5:12 – end
Fri 9 th	Romans 6:1 - 14
Sat 10 th	Romans 6:15 - end



"Postcards from Northern Ireland"

Are you missing the soft, Irish brogue of Revd Robert Legge? You can still hear him on our [KEP Youtube channel](#) where his series of 12 short spiritual reflections, inspired by various locations in Northern Ireland, are still available. The tenth reflection, *Sailing into Larne port*, is due to "drop" on **Saturday 3rd June**. Other ways of seeing them are via the KEP website page [Postcards from Northern Ireland](#) and also the [Facebook page](#). All 12 of these popular short meditations will still be available through to the final episode in August. Treat yourself to some quiet time, with a cup of tea and a biscuit and take a look.

Art Exhibition at Trinity Methodist Church, Churchfields, Kidderminster

On the theme "*The Human One*", exploring the Life, Death & Resurrection of Jesus, for three weeks **Saturday 20th May to Wednesday 7th June** (except Sundays) 10:00am - 3:00pm. A series of original paintings by Jeremy Thomas, artist in residence at St Mary's Priory, Abergavenny, soon to be exhibited at Worcester Cathedral. The paintings are full of hidden details and threads that you have to look carefully to see. More details on posters in church or contact David Skitt: arleystation@aol.com

SUNDAY 11th JUNE

READINGS: Genesis 12:1 - 9 Romans 4:13 - end Matthew 9:9 - 13, 18 - 26

SUNDAY 18th JUNE

READINGS: Genesis 18:1 - 15 Romans 5:1 - 8 Matthew 9:35 - 10: 8

Requests for Prayer

- For the successful outcome of our AGMs and APCMs as we plan for the future.
- For those who serve on DCC, PCC and other church volunteers.
- That our events for children and young people may lead to more young families finding the love of Christ and becoming part of the worshipping community.

*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	Mondays	10:00am - 12:00noon	St Chad's
Art Group	Wednesdays	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 22nd May	2:00pm	Bereavement Café (Life after Loss)	St Cecilia's
	7:30pm	Parish Annual Meeting & APCM	St Chad's
Tues 23rd May	7:00pm	Alpha Course	St Cecilia's
Sunday 28th May	<i>Pentecost: Thy Kingdom Come - Call to Prayer, ends Church services are listed elsewhere in this newsletter</i>		
Tues 30th May	10:00am	Children's Half term Activities	St George's
	7:00pm	Alpha Course	St Cecilia's
Thurs 1st June	11:00am	Bible Reading Group	Rectory
	12:00noon	Canal Boat Trip	Stourton
Fri 2nd June	9:30am	Children's Activity Club	St Chad's
Sat 3rd June	9:30am	Men's Breakfast	St Cecilia's
	10:00am	Ladies Get-together	Eazy Lounge Café
Sunday 4th June	<i>Church services are listed elsewhere in this newsletter</i>		
	3:30pm	Board Games Café	St Cecilia's
	5:30pm	KE Youth	St Cecilia's
Mon 5th June	7:30pm	Animating Worship with Music	St Cassian's
Tues 6th June	7:00pm	Alpha Course	St Cecilia's
Wed 7th June	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	12:00noon	Pop-up Café	St George's
Sat 10th June	<i>Alpha Course Awayday - details available to participants</i>		
Sunday 11th June	9:30am	Worship for All	St Cassian's
	9:30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
	11:00am	Morning Worship	St Cecilia's
	11:00am	Baptism Service	St George's
	11:00am	Holy Communion	St Mary's Stone
	6:00pm	KE Youth	St Cecilia's
	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](#).

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