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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 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

*A Warm Welcome to All our Services*

## COLLECT

Risen Christ,  
your wounds declare your love for  
the world and the wonder of your  
risen life: give us compassion and  
courage to risk ourselves for  
those we serve,  
to the glory of God the Father.

## READINGS

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

## SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> MAY

### ST CASSIAN'S

9:30am Holy Communion

### ST CECILIA'S

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9:30am Worship for All

### ST GEORGE'S

11:00am Morning Worship

6:30pm Evening Prayer

### ST MARY'S, STONE

11:00am Holy Communion

## AGMs and APCM

We are into the season of **Annual General Meetings** in each of our churches (see separate notice), and then on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** we have the **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** for the whole parish, which this year will take place in **St Chad's at 7:00pm**. 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 use the days ahead to be thinking, praying and taking action with regard to who should be elected into those positions; we aim to be organised in the best way possible using the gifts and willingness that God has provided for us. Please pray!

*David*

## Midweek Services

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

**St George's**  
Holy Communion at 10:00am  
on **Wednesdays 17<sup>th</sup> May**

## District Church Council AGMs

St Cassian's	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	7:00pm
St Cecilia's	Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	after 11:00am service
St Chad's	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	7:30pm
St George's	Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	after 11:00am service
St Mary's Stone	Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	after 11:00am service

## Kidderminster East Youth (KEY)

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

**Next meeting: Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May, 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)



### Café Chad - Table Top Sale

Our 'Special' morning sale is back!

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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**  
**Closed** - Coronation Bank holiday 8<sup>th</sup> May  
**Open** - Spring Bank Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May  
*All welcome!*



### Young at Heart

**Wednesdays 2:00pm - 4:00pm**

at **St Cecilia's Church, Hoo Road**

**10<sup>th</sup> May** Tea out - **SOLD OUT!**

**17<sup>th</sup> May** Talk by Sue Merrill

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



### Stone Corner Café

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May** 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.



## 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
<b>8/5</b>	-	-	DH	DH	-	DH
<b>15/5</b>	DH	DH	DH	DH	-	DH

**Parish Prayer Meeting:** Our next meeting will be **online via Zoom** on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 5<sup>th</sup> May

*Ephesians 6.* From early on in this letter Paul has been urging the Ephesians Christians to recognise that it is by God's grace that they have been welcomed into his kingdom of light – not by any merit or effort from themselves. It is because of this that he challenges them to think about the course of their life and how they can show they are no longer driven by the darkness but by the light. Today's reading is for those who are in a relationship as child-parent or slave-master (which we could read as employee-employer). In our interactions with those around us, can we show that we are driven by light, by grace, by God's love, in the way that we speak and behave?

### Daily Readings for week beginning Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May

Date	Bible passage
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>	Deuteronomy 16:1 – 20
Tue 9 <sup>th</sup>	Deuteronomy 17:8 – end
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	Deuteronomy 18:9 – end
Thu 11 <sup>th</sup>	Deuteronomy 19:1 – end
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	Deuteronomy 21:22 – 22:8
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup>	Deuteronomy 24:5 - end

### Canal Trip

leaving from:



**The Bonded Warehouse** at Stourbridge  
at **12noon on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:jferg541@gmail.com) to book.

### 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*



### Thank you, Derek, and Happy Retirement

I would like to thank you all for the good wishes, presents and cards I have received for my retirement from St. George's Maintenance team. It has been a pleasure and honour to have been the coordinator for the past 9 years, but at 85 years of age I thought it was time to hand over the "Clipboard". The highlight of this time was winning the "Churches Trust" award for the best Maintenance team in the U.K. I would like to wish John Braddick every success for the future as he takes over the team.

*Derek Hill*



## SPRING HARVEST

### Spring Harvest 2024

Spring Harvest next year is from 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> April

**2024.** If you're interested in going as part of our group please contact Margaret Hodgson: 07503 521071 or [margaret@hodgsonfamily.org](mailto:margaret@hodgsonfamily.org) in good time before booking opens at 8.00am on **14<sup>th</sup> June 2023** as accommodation gets booked up very quickly. Please do look online for more details at [www.springharvest.org](http://www.springharvest.org).

The next **parish newsletter** will be published on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May**, and will cover the next three Sundays **21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> May** and **4<sup>th</sup> June**. Please send items for publication to [news@kidderminstereast.org.uk](mailto:news@kidderminstereast.org.uk) to reach the office by **Wed 17<sup>th</sup> May** at the latest.



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# Sixth 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 14<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

## COLLECT

Risen Christ,  
by the lakeside you renewed your  
call to your disciples:  
help your Church to obey your  
command and draw the nations to  
the fire of your love,  
to the glory of God the Father.

## READINGS

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

## SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> MAY

### ST CASSIAN'S

**9:30am** Worship for All

**6:30pm** Evensong

### ST CECILIA'S

**11:00am** Morning Worship

### ST CHAD'S

**9:30am** Holy Communion

### ST GEORGE'S

**11:00am** Baptism Service

### ST MARY'S, STONE

**11:00am** Morning Worship

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



St George's Church is holding its next **half term event** for children up to the age of 11 (Year 6) accompanied by a parent or carer on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> 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



## Parish Men's Breakfast & Ladies Get-Together

On 29<sup>th</sup> April 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 3<sup>rd</sup> June** at **9:30am**. All are welcome.

*Roger and Ron*

12 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 **3<sup>rd</sup> June** at **10:00am**.

*Ladies at Leisure*



## Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd David Hildred for Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May

*Deuteronomy 21.* The name of this Bible book means “Second Law” and stems from the time when the 10 commandments were re-issued to the People of God (chapter 5) and in the chapters that follow there are many hints, tips, suggestions and commands that are designed to enable the People “to fear the Lord, walk in all his ways, love him, serve him and observe his commands” (10:12). Some of the laws might sound odd to us, but God was drawing together his people to be a united nation, distinct from the peoples around them, in a single-focus lifestyle (not ‘mixed’ like some of the laws pointed out) so that they could fulfil the promise to Abraham to be that nation that brings blessing to all other nations. How are we getting on with that task being the People of God today?

Daily Readings for week beginning Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> May	
Date	Bible passage
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>	Acts 1:15 - end <i>Matthias the Apostle</i>
Tue 16 <sup>th</sup>	Deuteronomy 28:1 – 14
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup>	Deuteronomy 28:58 – end
Thu 18 <sup>th</sup>	Acts 1:1-11 <i>Ascension Day</i>
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	Deuteronomy 29:2 – 15
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup>	Deuteronomy 30:1 - end



### 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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>

### Kidderminster & Stourport Deanery: United Deanery Service

Acclaiming **Thy Kingdom Come** *“Praying and living the Kingdom*

*Empowered by the Holy Spirit”* at **St Mary & All Saints**, Clensmore Street, Kidderminster DY10 2JN, **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May, 10:00am**, with main celebrant Revd Canon Tim Williams, Area Dean. Followed by refreshments; please come along.



### Diocesan and other News

**The Examen - A Gift of St. Ignatius of Loyola: Wed 17<sup>th</sup> May, 7:30 – 9:15pm**, at **St Michael & All Angel’s church, Stourport**.. An evening of learning, reflection and sharing facilitated by Max and Cecilia Jourdier. The Examen is an ancient exercise or ‘tool’ for prayer and spiritual growth which has come down to us from the teaching of St. Ignatius that many people find it a really helpful way of reflecting on their daily journey with God. The evening will include a time to pray the Examen and then reflect on that experience together. To book email [revnmwright@btinternet.com](mailto:revnmwright@btinternet.com) or call 07871 163140  
The current full diocesan [Training and Events programme](#) is now available online

## DIARY

Homegroups meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of every month.

### Weekly Events

Café Chad	Mondays & Weds	9:15am - 12:15pm	St Chad's
Knit & Natter/Craft	Mondays & Weds	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

<b>Tues 9<sup>th</sup> May</b>	7:00pm	Alpha Course	St Cecilia's
	7:30pm	St Chad's AGM	St Chad's
<b>Wed 10<sup>th</sup> May</b>	10:00am	Holy Communion	St Cassian's
	2:00pm	Stone Corner Café	St Mary's Stone
	7:30pm	Parish Prayer	online via Zoom
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<i>Church services are listed elsewhere in this newsletter</i>		
	After 11:00am service	St George's AGM	St George's
	After 11:00am service	St Mary's AGM	St Mary's Stone
<b>Mon 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	10:30am	Share & Care	Chaddesley Corbett
	7:30pm	St George's DCC	St George's
<b>Tues 16<sup>th</sup> May</b>	7:00pm	Alpha Course	St Cecilia's
	7:00pm	St Cassian's AGM	St Cassian's
<b>Wed 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	9:30am	Table Top Sale	St Chad's
	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
<b>Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<i>Ascension: Thy Kingdom Come - Call to Prayer, begins</i>		
<b>Sat 20<sup>th</sup> May</b>	10:00am	United Deanery Service for TKC	St Mary's, Kidderminster
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	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	Holy Communion	St Mary's Stone
	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 21<sup>st</sup> MAY - Ascension Sunday

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

### SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> MAY - Pentecost

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

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