



**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 11th June 2023

First Sunday after Trinity

A Warm Welcome to All our Services

COLLECT

God of truth,
help us to keep your law of love
and to walk in ways of wisdom,
that we may find true life
in Jesus Christ your Son.

READINGS

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

SUNDAY 11th JUNE

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 Holy Communion

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? **Will you join with us** in committing to **pray through 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 & David G.* (Please note: no meeting in June).

Kidderminster East Youth (KEY)

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

Next meeting: Sunday 11th June 6:00pm - 7:30pm

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)





SPRING HARVEST

Spring Harvest 2024

Spring Harvest next year is **8th - 12th April** at Minehead.

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. For more information please see www.springharvest.org.

Bursary Fund: To help those who would wish to attend this enriching event but are put off by the cost in these hard times, we are appealing for pledges of donations towards a bursary fund to alleviate costs. If you feel called to help out and can afford to do so please contact Margaret on the above email address by the end of **Sunday 11th June**, or anonymously via Revd David (contact details on back page). Thank you.

Parish Men's Breakfast & Ladies Get-Together

On 3rd June we had another enjoyable Men's Breakfast at St Cecilia's. We had 22 participants who all enjoyed good fellowship and food. It was agreed that the next breakfast would be at St Cecilia's on **Saturday 15th July** at 9:30am. All are welcome. *Roger and Ron*



12 Ladies enjoyed coffee, cake and a chance to catch up at The Eazy Lounge. Please note this is an informal gathering and is open to all ladies in the parish. Next date is also **15th July** at 10:00am. Plans are being discussed to hold an afternoon Tea Party soon, watch this space for further details. *Ladies who Leisure*

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 26th June, 2:00pm - 4:00pm at St Cecilia's, Hoo Road.** For more info email Carol, Freda or Alison on lifelafterlosskep@gmail.com or call the parish office on 01562 822131.



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
12/6	DH	DH	DH	DH	DH	-
19/6	DH	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 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 9th June

Romans 6. The chapters this week have been getting us to look back to the foundations of our faith and see that Abraham put his faith in God long before any ceremonies and rituals came, even before the law came through Moses: our faith is likewise based upon God's promises, not upon law-keeping or religious practices. This is because Jesus is described as 'the second Adam' (from the hymn) who, by grace, puts right what Adam put wrong. Some Romans didn't quite get it and concluded "So, we should sin more in order to see more of God's grace poured out to us"! Paul draws out that the freedom we have in Jesus is not a freedom to sin, but a freedom to be servants (slaves) of God and find his free gift of eternal life. Read slowly, read carefully!

Daily Readings for week beginning Monday 12 th June	
Date	Bible passage
Mon 12 th	Romans 7:1 - 6
Tue 13 th	Romans 7:7 – end
Wed 14 th	Romans 8:1 – 11
Thu 15 th	Romans 8:12 – 17
Fri 16 th	Romans 8:18 – 30
Sat 17 th	Romans 8:31 - end

Holland House Retreat Centre

Quiet Garden Days: Spend a day of peace and reflection in our beautiful gardens, Main Street, Crothorne, WR10 3NB. **Dates:** 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, to book and **for other events** (retreats etc) at Holland House see www.hollandhouse.org or call 01386 860330. All welcome.



Young at Heart

Wednesdays 2:00pm - 4:00pm

at St Cecilia's Church, Hoo Road

14th June *My Father* Rhydwen Foreman

21st Jun Buffet lunch at Severn Valley Country Park (contact Jean Bailey)

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



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!



Difficult issues, Christian responses

Do you need help with formulating a Christian response to Conversion therapy, the Online Safety Bill, and Assisted suicide? If so, you might like to know that **The Christian Institute** is coming to Kidderminster on **Wednesday 21st June, 7:30pm**. Kidderminster Evangelical Church in Greatfield Road are hosting a meeting; **free** to attend. You can find out more at christian.org.uk

Kidderminster Baptist Church

Recruitment for Family Ministry Lead

The Baptist Church are excited to share that they are looking to extend their team supporting families. *"Our heart is for all in our community and this role will continue to demonstrate our care and support."*

Take a look at their website for more info:

www.kidderminsterbaptist.com/job-vacancies



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Second Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 18th June 2023

COLLECT

Faithful Creator,
whose mercy never fails:
deepen our faithfulness to you
and to your living Word,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

READINGS

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

SUNDAY 18th JUNE

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



in Chaddesley Corbett

Monday 19th June 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) or
Susie (777419)



Stone Corner Café

**Wednesday 14th June 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.



Midweek Services

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

St George's
Holy Communion at 10:00am
on **Wednesday 21st June**

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 23rd June**, covering Sundays **25th June & 2nd July**. Please send items for publication, to reach the office by **Wednesday 21st June** at the latest, to news@kidderminstereast.org.uk. Thank you

Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd David Hildred for Friday 16th June

Romans 8. Paul is so very honest about what is going on in his own life, and he helps us to admit that we experience the same conflict of desires. He describes it as “in my mind I am a slave to God, but in the sinful nature a slave to the law of sin”. He wants to do good, wants to live God’s way, but so often finds that his sinful nature has the upper hand. What a terrible situation were it not for Jesus! The later readings this week cause us to join in with cries of praise that Jesus has won the victory over sin for us, and so through him we become ‘more than conquerors’ in the battle that rages within us. The battle goes on, but we too can be ‘convinced’ that nothing will separate us from God’s love whilst we wait for the final day of that battle to arrive.

Daily Readings for week beginning Monday 19th June	
Date	Bible passage
Mon 19 th	Romans 9 :1 – 18
Tue 20 th	Romans 9 :19 – end
Wed 21 st	Romans 10:1 – 10
Thu 22 nd	Romans 10:11 – end
Fri 23 rd	Romans 11:1 – 12
Sat 24 th	Luke 1:57-66, 80 <i>Birth of John the Baptist</i>

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!



Polly’s KETL Toy Library

Kidderminster Evangelical Church in Greatfield Road has set up **Kidderminster Evangelical Toy Library**. It is open **Mon 19th June** 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.



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.
- **Art Group** on Wednesdays 10:00 - 12:00noon **All welcome!**

Parish Prayerlink

Prayer requests can be emailed to prayerlink@kidderminstereast.org.uk

Our praying friends across the whole parish are happy to pray for you.

Alternately, contact Glenn and Anne on 01562 822690 or email them on glennscott@mac.com

Requests for Prayer

- As consultations begin about filling the vacant Team Vicar position please pray for a successful outcome that will enrich us all.
- For our dedicated churchwardens as they meet the Archdeacon this week during the Visitation, representing us all to the diocese.

*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 fortnight are listed below

Mon 12th June	7:00pm	Standing Committee	online via Zoom
Tues 13th June	7:00pm	Alpha Course	St Cecilia's
	7:00pm	St Cecilia's DCC	St Cecilia's
Wed 14th June	10:00am	Holy Communion	St Cassian's
	10:30am	Deanery Visitation ('til 6:00pm)	St George's
	2:00pm	Stone Corner Café	St Mary's Stone
	7:30pm	Parish Prayer	online via Zoom
Thurs 15th June	10:00am	Deanery Visitation ('til 6:00pm)	St George's
	7:00pm	St Cassian's DCC	St Cassian's
Sun 18th June	<i>Church services are listed elsewhere in this newsletter</i>		
Mon 19th June	10:30am	Share & Care	Chaddesley Corbett
	7:30pm	St Chad's DCC	St Chad's
Tues 20th June	7:00pm	Alpha Course	St Cecilia's
	7:00pm	Deanery Synod Meeting	St Peter & Paul, Rock
Wed 21st June	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
Sun 25th June	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	Morning Worship	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 25th JUNE

READINGS: Genesis 21:8 - 21 Romans 6:1b - 11 Matthew 10:24 - 39

SUNDAY 2nd JULY

READINGS: Genesis 22:1 - 14 Romans 6:12 - end Matthew 10:40 - end

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