



**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 23rd July 2023
Seventh Sunday after Trinity**

A Warm Welcome to All our Services

COLLECT

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them
grow: though our faith is small as
mustard seed, make it grow to
your glory and the flourishing of
your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

READINGS

Genesis 28:10 - 19a
Romans 8:12 - 25
Matthew 13:24 - 30, 36 - 43

SUNDAY 23rd JULY

ST CASSIAN'S

9:30am	Holy Communion
6:30pm	Evensong

ST CECILIA'S

11:00am	Holy Communion
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ST CHAD'S

9:30am	Morning Worship
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ST GEORGE'S

11:00am	Holy Communion
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ST MARY'S, STONE

11:00am	Morning Worship
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Kidderminster East Youth (KEY)

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

Final meeting before Summer break: Sunday 23rd July

6:00pm - 7:30pm at **St Cecilia's Church**, Hoo Road, DY10 1LP

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



The Children's Activity Club

St Chad's Church,

On **Friday 28th July 9:30am - 1:30pm**
and **Friday 1st September**, same time

Open to children in school years 2 - 5 only.

This event is FREE. Refreshments/lunch
are provided. Book now for Sept event by
contacting katyc34@btinternet.com
tel: 01562 861023 **by Wed 25th Aug**

Newsletter Backup

Good News! Mark is recovering and
currently training up the volunteer -
thanks to God and praying for rapid
learning/equipping.

Prayer Diaries: The latest diocesan
prayer diaries (July to November) are now
available from each church. **Please** take
one for your everyday use.



"Postcards from Northern Ireland"

The 12th and **final episode** of this popular video series from the gone-but-not-forgotten Rev Robert Legge will be available from **Saturday 5th August**. This episode is entitled *The Crown, Larne*, which might sound like a pub but definitely isn't! You can watch this, and all the past episodes, on our [KEP Youtube channel](#). Other ways of watching are via the KEP website page [Postcards from Northern Ireland](#) and also the [Facebook page](#). Treat yourself to some quiet time, with a cup of tea and a biscuit and take a look while they are still available.

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 31st July, 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.



Bible Reading group

The group will meet on **Thursday 3rd August** at 11:00am in the Rectory.

We will be reading some penitential 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.



Young at Heart

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

26th July

Revd Guy Hewitt

"From PC to Priest"

This is the final meeting before the summer break. Young at Heart will be back in September.

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

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
24/7	DH	DH	DH	DH	-	DH
31/7	DH	DH	DH	DH	-	DH

Parish Prayer Meeting: Our next meeting will be **online via Zoom** on **Wednesday 9th August**, at **7:30pm** (login from 7:20pm) for 45 minutes of prayer, worship and praise. Come and pray about the Team Vicar vacancy and other matters. Please join us, you are all very welcome.



To join **any** of the online Prayers please email parishcomms@kiddermintereast.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 July

Esther 8. We've read this week about how Esther risked her life to gain an audience with the king, where fasting played a role (and might we assume prayer too?), and how the king 'just happened' not to be able to sleep and so read through his books (scrapbooks, prayer journals – they are good for looking back on, aren't they?) and it results in the rescue of Mordecai and downfall of Haman. It feels like we're being pushed into declaring "There's no such thing as a coincidence". Then what seemed like a hopeless situation for the Jews is turned to joy and gladness: can you see Jesus in this story?

Daily Readings for week beginning Monday 24 th July	
Date	Bible passage
Mon 24 th	Jeremiah 26:1 – end
Tue 25 th	Acts 11:27 – 12:2 <i>James the Apostle</i>
Wed 26 th	Jeremiah 29:1 – 14
Thu 27 th	Jeremiah 30:1 – 11
Fri 28 th	Jeremiah 30:12 – 22
Sat 29 th	Jeremiah 31:1 – 22

Parish Men's Breakfast & Ladies Get-Together

23 men met for another breakfast on Saturday 15th July. A good time was had by all, with good fellowship, food, music and laughter. There were a few new faces which was great to see. The next meeting has been arranged for **Saturday 2nd September** at 9:30am at St Cecilia's.

We look forward to seeing you. *Roger and Ron*

Last Saturday, nine ladies enjoyed chatting and sharing together at a café in town. We shall also be meeting on **2nd September** at 10.00am; venue to be confirmed.

Ladies who Leisure



Walking the Pilgrims' Way, Winchester to Canterbury

St George's parishioner Liz Layton and her husband will be making a pilgrimage from Winchester to Canterbury Cathedrals (220km), starting Monday 31st July and finishing on Saturday 12th August. As well as the spiritual aspect, she is also raising money for Macmillan in memory of her Dad who passed away from cancer in Dec '21. She would be grateful for your prayer support during this time. If you feel you would also like to contribute to Macmillan you can visit www.justgiving.com/LizLayton2023. If you would like to follow her progress you can do so on her Facebook page "Walking the Pilgrims' Way, Winchester to Canterbury" where photos and updates will be posted.

St George's Pop up Café

Open **Wednesday 2nd August** and the first Wednesday of every month at St George's Church, Radford Avenue.

For more details see our [Webpage link](#)



Thank You

Mike Towler would like to thank everyone for their good wishes, prayers and cards following his recent surgery; it has been very much appreciated. He hopes to be back in full circulation soon



Board Games Café @StCecilia's

This month: Games in **Forester Park**, off Hoo Road.
Sunday 6th August. 1:00pm to 3.30pm. Bring a chair, bring a picnic, bring an outdoor game if you want to.



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Eighth 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 30th July 2023

SUNDAY 30th JULY

ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS, GREAT WITLEY, WR6 6JT

10:00am

United Parish Service of Holy Communion
In the Tea Room Gardens (in Church if wet)
PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR

ST CECILIA'S

10:30am

United Parish Service: Café-style Church
Please note that this service will not be Holy Communion

COLLECT

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake: when we
prosper save us from pride, when we are needy
save us from despair, that we may trust in you
alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

READINGS

Matthew
13:31 - 33, 44 - 52

Parish Coach Trip

Our next trip is to **Llandudno**
Thursday 10th August
leaving St George's at 8:30am
and returning around 6:00pm

Cost £20.

To book : please speak to Jan on
01562 630431.



Stone Corner Café

Wednesday 9th August
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 George's
Holy Communion at 10:00am
on **Wednesdays 2nd & 16th August**

St Cassian's
Holy Communion at 10:00am
on **Wednesday 9th August**

The next **parish newsletter** will be published on **Friday 4th August**, covering Sundays **6th & 13th August**. Please send items for publication, to reach the office by **Wednesday 2nd August** at the latest, to news@kidderminstereast.org.uk. Thank you

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

Jeremiah 30. The nation was about to suffer the great humiliation of being overrun by the Babylonians and their best people being taken off into exile. They were desperate for good news, and that's what the false prophets gave them: "just a couple of years and it will all be over". But Jeremiah had the word of the Lord: "get set for the long term – 70 years of exile", but the message is given in the context of God's plans for the prosperity of his people, even though it didn't look like that at the time. The long-standing promise was still "you will be my people and I will be your God". Is there a situation where we need God's long-term plan backed up by his long-standing promise?

Daily Readings for week beginning Monday 31 st July	
Date	Bible passage
Mon 31 st	Jeremiah 31:23–25,27-37
Tue 1 st Aug	Jeremiah 32:1 -15
Wed 2 nd	Jeremiah 33:1 – 13
Thu 3 rd	Jeremiah 33:14 – end
Fri 4 th	Jeremiah 35:1 – end
Sat 5 th	Jeremiah 36:1 - 18

Consultation on Public Space Protection Orders

Everyone is invited to contribute to the Local Council's consultation on the control of dogs and consumption of alcohol in public places. Anyone who wishes to take part can do so via the link below. Please contribute to the consultation process by completing the online surveys www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk/pspo by 5pm, Tuesday 8th August 2023.

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!

Kidderminster Foodbank

We have had a plea from Churches Together in Kidderminster about the Foodbank. Stocks are very low and they are **desperately** in need of donations. The shortages are in **all areas**. Donations of any kind would be very much appreciated. If you can possibly help, either food or cash, please donate via your usual donation point or see the [Foodbank Website](#) for how you can help. Thank you

ABOUND Family Camp

Faith filled fun for the whole family at Lenchwood Christian Centre, Evesham, **18th - 21st August 2023**. With Joanna Adeyinka-Burford (CBeebies), 4Front Theatre, storyteller Bob Hartman and lots more. Go to www.virtualsundayschooluk.com for more information and to book tickets. (Day tickets also available).

Requests for Prayer

- That the Lord may call a new Team Vicar to join us in our work in Kidderminster.
- As heatwaves encircle the earth may all peoples remember that God has entrusted the care of his creation to all of His children.

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 few weeks are listed below

Sun 23 rd July	6:00pm	KE Youth	St Cecilia's
Tue 25 th July	7:30pm	Together@KEP - NO MEETING THIS MONTH	
Fri 28 th July	9:30am	Children's Club	St Chad's
Sunday 30 th July		<i>Church services are listed elsewhere in this newsletter</i>	
Mon 31 st July	2:00pm	Bereavement Café (Life after Loss)	St Cecilia's
Wed 2 nd Aug	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	12:00pm	Pop-up Café	St George's
Thurs 3 rd Aug	11:00am	Bible Reading Group	Rectory
Sunday 6 th Aug	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	Morning Worship	St Mary's Stone
	3:30pm	Board Games Café in the park	Forester Park
	6:30pm	Evening Prayer	St George's
Wed 9 th Aug	10:00am	Holy Communion	St Cassian's
	2:00pm	Stone Corner Café	St Mary's Stone
	7:30pm	Parish Prayer	Online via Zoom

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 6th August

READINGS: Genesis 32:22 - 31 Romans 9:1 - 5 Matthew 14:13 - 21

SUNDAY 13th August

READINGS: Genesis 37:1 - 4, 12 - 28 Romans 10:5 - 15 Matthew 14:22 - 33

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