



# THE KIDDERMINSTER EAST PARISH NEWSLETTER

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

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2023  
Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

*A Warm Welcome to All our Services*

## COLLECT

God of glory,  
the end of our searching, help us  
to lay aside all that prevents us  
from seeking your kingdom,  
and to give all that we have  
to gain the pearl beyond all price,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

## READINGS

Genesis 45:1 - 15

Romans 11:1 - 2a, 29 - 32

Matthew 15:21 - 28

## SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

### ST CASSIAN'S

9:30am Baptism Service

### 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 Baptism Service



## Games in the Park - Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August

We had such a great time in the park a fortnight ago we've decided to do it all over again this Sunday!

**12:30pm** onwards in **Forester Park** off Forester Way, Hoobrook.

Bring a picnic, Bring a chair and Bring a game if you have one.

*Everyone is very welcome.*

## 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 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2:00pm - 4:00pm at St Cecilia's, Hoo Road.** For more info email Carol, Freda or Alison on [lifeafterlosskep@gmail.com](mailto:lifeafterlosskep@gmail.com) or call the parish office on 01562 822131.



**The Children's Activity Club**  
**St Chad's Church, Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September**  
**9:30am - 1:30pm**  
 Open to children in school years 2 - 5 only.  
**This event is FREE.** Refreshments/lunch  
 are provided. Book now by contacting  
[katyc34@btinternet.com](mailto:katyc34@btinternet.com)  
 tel: 01562 861023 by **Wed 25<sup>th</sup> August**

**Congratulations**  
 To St George's parishioner  
**Christian Nnademere**  
 on passing his  
 driving test.  
**Thank you**  
 to everyone for your prayers of support.



**St Cassian's Church Fete, Chaddesley Corbett, DY10 4SD**  
**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 12:00noon to 3:00pm**

**Join us for lots of fun!**



*Including:* Tombola, Rainbow raffle, Cake stall,  
 Tea/coffee and cake, Christmas stall,  
 Local crafts, Games and much, much more.  
 Parking in car park opposite St Cassian's.

And not forgetting: **Teddies from the Tower:**



Bring along your bravest teddy with a home made parachute.  
 The teddy who takes the longest time to reach the ground is the winner!

**Parish Prayers Online via Zoom**

**Morning Prayer with Daily readings at 8:00am:** Join David, and others from the parish, online via Zoom for Morning Prayer. Please see the tables below for Daily readings. Where you see David's initials in the Zoom column there will be an online prayer that day. Please join us for a great start to the day.

Daily Readings for week beginning Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> August		
Date	Bible passage	Zoom
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup>	Mark 5:1 – 20	DH
Tue 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Mark 5:21 – 34	DH
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Mark 5:35 – end	DH
Thu 24 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 22:24 - 30 <i>Bartholomew the Apostle</i>	DH
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	Mark 6:14 – 29	--
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup>	Mark 6:30 - 44	DH

Daily Readings for week beginning Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> August		
Date	Bible passage	Zoom
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup>	Mark 6:45 – end	--
Tue 29 <sup>th</sup>	Mark 7:1 – 13	DH
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup>	Mark 7 :14 – 23	DH
Thu 31 <sup>st</sup>	Mark 7:24 – 30	DH
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	Mark 7:31 – end	--
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mark 8:1 – 10	DH

If you do not automatically receive a Zoom link for Morning Prayer you can 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 13<sup>th</sup> Sept**, 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@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 18<sup>th</sup> August

*Jeremiah 44*. Will those of God's people who are left behind in Jerusalem, who have not been taken into exile into Babylon, learn from all that has happened and all that God has said through his prophets? It appears not. They seem intent on fleeing to Egypt, to form alliances there, and refuse to repent and rest in the Lord. The message of Jeremiah is still that they should settle in Judea and wait for God's salvation, even though they will endure 70 years (see Jeremiah 25) of separation from those who have gone into exile. Their refusal to listen to Jeremiah is a sign they are so easily led away from God into the worship of other gods and idols. Can we learn from this episode of the People of God how to be the People of God today?

### Café Chad - Where friendships are made

For people of all ages to come and feel welcome, make friends and feel valued.

Every **Monday & Wednesday** 9:15am - 12:30pm at St Chad's Church, Burcher Green

Including: **Knit & Natter** with Crafts on **Mondays** 10:00am - 12:00noon



**Art Group** on **Wednesdays** 10:00am - 12:00noon

**Café Chad:** *We're not just about a cup of coffee!*



### Kidderminster Foodbank - Positions Vacant

**Foodbank Manager** (up to £30k pa): Requires a motivated and passionate Manager to oversee the operation of the well-established Kidderminster Foodbank (Trussell Trust). Based in Kidderminster town centre, you will work with a dedicated and committed team of volunteers to guide further development of the foodbank, including its resources, financial assets, reputation and partnerships. For further information and to apply please use the link: [uk.indeed.com](http://uk.indeed.com) and search "foodbank". Deadline **4<sup>th</sup> Sept**.

**Trustee Board Clerk/Secretary** (voluntary): Following the retirement of Maureen Lewis the board are seeking to engage a local volunteer to take on the role of Clerk and Administrator. The post will involve attending board meetings, taking and producing accurate minutes of the six meetings each year, and the accompanying administrative tasks. Estimated commitment 5hrs per month. For further information and to apply please use the link [charityjobs.uk](http://charityjobs.uk), select volunteer jobs and search for *Trustee Foodbank in Kidderminster*. Deadline **13<sup>th</sup> September**.

### Holland House Retreat Centre - The spirituality of walking

**Fri 1<sup>st</sup> – Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept** "So much space around you": led by Rosie Miles. Walking is among our most ordinary and unnoticed activities, but it can also be highly intentional, rich with symbolism and meaning for our lives. Come and spend a weekend at Holland House, where we will both walk in the local area and explore together writing about walking in prose and poetry. For more info and to book go to [Holland House](http://Holland House website) website.

The next **parish newsletter** will be published on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September**, covering Sundays **3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> September**. Please send items for publication, to reach the office by **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August** at the latest, to [news@kidderminstereast.org.uk](mailto:news@kidderminstereast.org.uk). Thank you



Encountering God  
following Jesus  
Spirit-transforming lives

# Twelfth 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 27<sup>th</sup> August 2023**

## COLLECT

God of constant mercy,  
who sent your Son to save us:  
remind us of your goodness,  
increase your grace within us,  
that our thankfulness may grow,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## READINGS

Exodus 1:8 - 2:10  
Romans 12:1 - 8  
Matthew 16:13 - 20

## SUNDAY 27<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

### ST CASSIAN'S

**9:30am** Morning Worship

**6:30pm** No Service Today

### 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

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

The next meeting will be at St Cecilia's on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September** at 9.30am. Please WhatsApp Roger on 07711 732120 or email [office@kidderminstereast.org.uk](mailto: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. . All ladies of the parish are invited, so come along and enjoy the company. *Ladies who Leisure*



## Board Games Café @StCecilia's

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 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+.

## Midweek Services

### St George's

Holy Communion at 10:00am  
on **Wednesdays 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> September**

### St Cassian's

Holy Communion at 10:00am  
on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September**



## Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd David Hildred for Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August

*Mark 6.* Herod heard the reports about what Jesus had been doing (casting out demons, healing sick people, raising a dead child) and his reaction is to be reminded about how he had presided over the death of John the Baptist, with the resulting alarm that John had been raised from the dead. John had challenged Herod about a sinful relationship, but he refused to repent. Would this second prompting of God via the reports about Jesus result in repentance? Are we quicker than Herod to respond to the prompting of the Holy Spirit when something is amiss in our life?

### Diocesan News

**Bishop Martin** has recently completed his pilgrimage around the Diocese, 'praying for growth' in each of our deaneries. At each service Bishop Martin led the congregation around the church in song and prayer and people were anointed with oil. You can read his reflections on the pilgrimage on the [Diocesan website](#).

**Message from Bishop John:** You will be aware that Diocesan Secretary John Preston is leaving us at the beginning of September. He has made a huge contribution to the Diocese during his five years here and we owe him a great debt of gratitude. If you would like to make a donation to his leaving collection by way of thanks, this can be transferred electronically to: The Worcester Diocesan Board of Finance Ltd, Sort Code: 30 99 90, Account No: 02974040, Reference: JP COLLECTION. Alternatively, cash donations may be given to Jessica Lambert at the diocesan offices in Lowesmoor. The deadline for receiving donations is Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August.

**Ride & Stride** takes place on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September, when sponsored cyclists, walkers, drivers and riders across Worcestershire & Dudley will be visiting as many churches as they can to raise money for the local Historic Churches Trust. Will you be taking part or will your church be open for this or for the Heritage Open Days? Follow this link, [Ride and Stride](#), to find out more.

**General Synod Rep,** Lynn Nichol has put together a summary of the July group of sessions. You can read it by following [this link](#).



**Friends of the Holy Land** are looking for a volunteer to fulfil the role of Pilgrimage Liaison officer. It would involve a couple of hours a week to search for pilgrimages to the Holy Land from the UK and Ireland and to populate a spreadsheet with details of the pilgrimages. They are offering training and support for the role which is part of an admin team. It would suit someone who wants to help support Christians in the Holy Land, enjoys 'googling' and is familiar with spreadsheets. If you would like to know more, please contact the team by email on [office@friendsoftheholylan.org.uk](mailto:office@friendsoftheholylan.org.uk) or telephone 01926 512980 to speak to Caroline.

### Requests for Prayer

- With just one week left before the deadline for applications for the Team Vicar post (Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August) let's be praying that the Holy Spirit will prompt an application from the person whom we trust the Lord is calling to work with us.

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

*Please contact the Parish Office for more details.*

# DIARY

Homegroups will restart in September, on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month.

## Weekly Events

*(Please remember some events may not run during the holiday period)*

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's Café

**Other events** during the next two weeks are listed below

Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> Aug	2:00pm	Bereavement Café (Life after Loss)	St Cecilia's
Tue 22 <sup>nd</sup> Aug		Together@KEP - NO MEETING THIS MONTH	
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Aug		<i>Closing date for applications for new Team Vicar</i>	
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> Aug		<i>Church services are listed elsewhere in this newsletter</i>	
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	9:30am	Children's Holiday Club	St Chad's
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	9:30am	Men's Breakfast	St Cecilia's
	10:00am	Ladies Get-together	Eazy Lounge Café
	12:00noon	Chaddesley Church Fete	St Cassian's
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	9:30am	Holy Communion	St Cassian's
	9:30am	Worship for All	St Chad's
	11:00am	Baptism Service	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
	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 3<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER

**READINGS:** Exodus 3:1 - 15    Romans 12:9 - end    Matthew 16:21 - end

## SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

**READINGS:** Exodus 12:1 - 14    Romans 13:8 - end    Matthew 18:15 - 20

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