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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 15<sup>th</sup> October 2023  
Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity**

*A Warm Welcome to All our Services*

## COLLECT

Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## READINGS

Exodus 32:1 - 14  
Philippians 4:1 - 9  
Matthew 22:1 - 14

## SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER

### 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

**4:00pm** Bereavement Service

### ST MARY'S, STONE

**11:00am** Holy Communion

## Kidderminster East Youth (KEY)

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

**Next Meeting: Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October, 6:00pm - 7:30pm**

at **St Cecilia's Church, Hoo Road, DY10 1LP**

There will also be a meeting on **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October** (during half term).

Times to be confirmed in the next newsletter.

For further information or if you would like to join KEY please contact :

Grace Kerrigan (07807 647279) or Richard Baker (07843 136785)



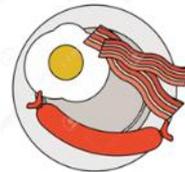
## Parish Annual Bereavement Service



The annual Bereavement Service, to remember those special to us who have died, will take place on **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October, 4:00pm** at St George's Church, Radford Avenue. The next of kin of those for whom we have taken funeral services in the last 12 months will have received a special invitation to attend. However, the service is open to all, so please come to support those who have lost a loved ones and to remember your own.

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

The next meeting will be at St Cecilia's on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October** 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. *Ron & Roger.*



**Ladies Get - Together on the same day:** Ladies, we are hoping you will be able to join us at **The Eazy Lounge Café** in Vicar Street at 10:00am. A time to enjoy good company, tea/coffee and perhaps some cake without any cooking or washing up.

**Save the date - Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 9:30am, St Cecilia's:** Ladies, a delicious cooked breakfast together with croissants, tea and coffee. Please put this date in your diary, there will not be a charge for this. *Ladies who Leisure*

### St George's Pop up Café

Open **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November** and the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month

**12:00noon - 2:00pm**

at St George's Church,  
Radford Avenue.

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



### in Chaddesley Corbett

**Mon 16<sup>th</sup> October 10:30am - 12noon**

Ladies, we would love to see you for a coffee and a chat at Susie's, Hill Pool House. For more info call Beth (777136) or Susie (777419)

## 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 <b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October</b>		
Date	Bible passage	Zoom
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	Ezekiel 28:1 – 19	DH
Tue 17 <sup>th</sup>	Ezekiel 33:1 – 20	DH
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 10:1 – 9 <i>Luke the Evangelist</i>	--
Thu 19 <sup>th</sup>	Ezekiel 34:1 – 16	--
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	Ezekiel 34:17 – end	--
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup>	Ezekiel 36:16 - 36	DH

Daily Readings for week beginning <b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October</b>		
Date	Bible passage	Zoom
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Ezekiel 37:1 – 14	DH
Tue 24 <sup>th</sup>	Ezekiel 37:15 – end	DH
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	Ezekiel 39:21 – end	DH
Thu 26 <sup>th</sup>	Ezekiel 43:1 – 12	DH
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	Ezekiel 44:4 – 16	--
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup>	John 15:17 – end <i>Simon &amp; Jude, Apostles</i>	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 11<sup>th</sup> October**, at **7:30pm** (login from 7:20pm) for 45 minutes of prayer, worship and praise. Come and pray for the Team Vicar situation 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 13<sup>th</sup> October

*Mark 15 & 16.* Mark continues the hurried pace of his writing to cover these last moments of the life of Jesus. He does not dwell on the gory details of crucifixion, but yet conveys that it was a very real death, with a very real purpose. He rushes past the supernatural darkness, the forsakenness of Jesus, the expectation of Elijah arriving before *'the great and dreadful day of the Lord'* (last but one verse of the Old Testament), the curtain being torn open, the centurion's recognition, the women's presence, and the original ending (v8) leaves us without any confirmed sighting of the resurrected Jesus. It's as if Mark is passing the baton to us and saying, "Go on, keep running with this news". Shall we?

### The Children's Club Autumn 2023

Join us to have fun at: St. Chad's Church Burcher Green, Comberton, DY10 3AY on:

- Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October 9:30am - 12:30pm
- Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November 9:30am - 12:30pm
- Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December noon – 4:45pm \*\*



All events are free of charge Refreshments and a meal will be provided

*\*\* Parents/guardians and family members of registered children are invited to join us for a midafternoon buffet at 3pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> December prior to the Christingle Service. The children will be instrumental in leading the service so please make every effort to come.*

Open to children in school years 2 to 5 only\* Book early as spaces are limited!

**Registration** for the 1<sup>st</sup> session is now **closed** but you can still book for **later sessions**

*\* Small adjustments to age limits may be accommodated. Please enquire.*

All enquiries to Katy at [katyc34@btinternet.com](mailto:katyc34@btinternet.com) or 01562 861023

**Request for Help:** Several of our regular team helpers are unable to assist with the programme on this occasion leaving us very short of help. CAN YOU HELP? No experience necessary although DBS and safeguarding would be an advantage. Please contact Katy (above) or Jen ([tompkinj@hotmail.com](mailto:tompkinj@hotmail.com)) or the parish office.



### Young at Heart

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

18<sup>th</sup> October Paul Berrick *Singer*

25<sup>th</sup> October No meeting - Mid term break

If you would like to go on the **coach trip** to the National Arboretum on 1<sup>st</sup> **November** please see Jean Bailey at the next meeting or contact the parish office. Thank you

### Life after Loss Bereavement Café

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October

2:00pm - 4:00pm

at St Cecilia's, Hoo Road.

We provide a listening ear over a cup of tea/coffee & cake in a warm & friendly atmosphere. For more information email Carol, Freda or Alison on [lifefterlosskep@gmail.com](mailto:lifefterlosskep@gmail.com) or call the parish office on 01562 822131.

The next **parish newsletter** will be published on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October**, covering **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October** and **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November**. Please send items for publication, to [news@kidderminstereast.org.uk](mailto:news@kidderminstereast.org.uk). to reach the office by **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> October** at the latest, Thank you.



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# Twentieth 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 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023**

## COLLECT

God, our light and our salvation:  
illuminate our lives, that we  
may see your goodness in the  
land of the living, and looking  
on your beauty may be changed  
into the likeness of  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

## READINGS

Exodus 33:12 - end  
1 Thessalonians 1:1 - 10  
Matthew 22:15 - 22

## SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER

### 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 will be 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 31<sup>st</sup> October** from 10:00am to 12:00noon. The theme that we are following is **"I am the Light of the World"**

During the morning we will have lots of enjoyable crafts & games. 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 info please contact Carol Bishton- Tel: 01562 827093

**Appeal for fabric:** We need orange, yellow, gold and red fabric for a large collage of a fiery sun, which we will be creating with the children. Any offer of material, no matter how small, will be gratefully received. Please bring to St George's and give to Julie Vardy, Rosemarie Morgan or Yvette Hill or get in touch with Yvette on 07792 675476.

## United Parish Service: Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October

There will be a **United Parish Service** at St George's Church, Radford Avenue at **10:30am** on the theme of **"A Celebration of Wholeness and Healing"**. All welcome. There will be **no other church services** in the parish that Sunday.

## Midweek Services

**St George's**  
Holy Communion at 10:00am  
on **Wednesdays 18<sup>th</sup> Oct & 1<sup>st</sup> Nov**

**St Cassian's**  
Holy Communion at 10:00am  
on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November**

## Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd David Hildred for Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October

*Ezekiel 34.* Ezekiel lived through the days of the exile of the People of God when they had been overrun by Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon, and now we hear that the failure of those who were meant to be shepherds for the people will result in God stepping in to be their shepherd. We rightly hear a pre-echo of the words of Jesus about being the Good Shepherd in *John 10*. The trouble is, it wasn't just the shepherds who had failed; the sheep were pretty bad too, trampling the pasture, stirring up mud in the water, the strong taking advantage of the weak. Will we allow the Good Shepherd to turn us into good sheep by following his voice, his instruction, his footprints, allowing our hearts to be swapped from stone to flesh?

### Diocesan News

Archdeacon of Worcester, **Robert Jones** will retire on **30<sup>th</sup> November**. It will be 43 years since his ordination in Worcester Cathedral with 17 of those years in diocesan ministry & the previous 26 in parish. There will be a chance to say goodbye & thank you to Robert at Evensong (4:00pm) in the Cathedral on **19<sup>th</sup> November**.

**Our clergy** recently gathered at a Christian conference centre in Hertfordshire for several days. The theme of the conference was '*Faithful Improvisation*' and included a number of speakers and workshops as well as worship and time to socialise together. You can read a report about what they got up to by following the link below  
<https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/clergy-conference--faithful-improvisation.php>

### Friends of the Holy Land - Urgent Prayer for Peace

We woke up on **7<sup>th</sup> October** to troubling and distressing news from Gaza and southern Israel. A barrage of rockets had been fired from Gaza into Israel and gunmen from Hamas have infiltrated southern Israel in a surprise attack. Civilians in Gaza are deeply fearful of the consequences and the small Christian community is gathered together for safety as the Israeli response begins. Throughout the West Bank tight travel restrictions are in place, all schools are closed and many shops and businesses as our brothers and sisters stay at home fearful that the violence may spread. As violence and tensions increase, please join us in praying for a swift cease-fire and de-escalation to the violence and for peace to prevail. You can find the **Prayer for Peace**, written by Rev Su McClellan, of *Embrace the Middle East*: <https://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/news/urgent-prayer-for-peace>



### Requests for Prayer

- Please continue to pray about the ongoing Team Vicar vacancy, asking that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide us in this process.
- For those who live in Israel and the Gaza Strip, especially those affected by recent conflict.
- For Rob Poulsen, Kate Hudson and family on the recent passing of their brother Marius Poulsen.

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

*Please contact the Parish Office for more details.*

## DIARY

Homegroups meet on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the 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's Café

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

Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	10:30am	Share & Care	Hill Pool House, Chaddesley
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	7:00pm	Deanery Synod	POSTPONED until 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct	9:30am	Children's Club	St Chad's
	9:30am	Men's Breakfast	St Cecilia's
	10:00am	Ladies Get-together	Eazy Lounge Café
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	<i>Church services are listed elsewhere in this newsletter</i>		
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	2:00pm	Young at Heart	NO MEETING - Mid Term Break
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<i>Clocks go back</i>		
	10:30am	United Parish Service	St George's
	TBC??	KE Youth	St Cecilia's
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	2:00pm	Bereavement Café	St Cecilia's
Tues 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	9:00am	Children's Half Term Activity	St George's
	7:00pm	St Cecilia's DCC	St Cecilia's
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	10:00am	Holy Communion (All Saints Day)	St George's
	12:00pm	Pop-up Café	St George's
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	11:00am	Bible Reading Group	The Rectory

**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 29<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER (United Service)

**READINGS:** Nehemiah 8:1 - 4a, 8 - 12    Colossians 3:12 - 17    Mark 10:46 - 52

### SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

**READINGS:** Micah 3:5 - end    1 Thessalonians 2:9 - 13    Matthew 24:1 - 14

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