



**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 26th November 2023
Christ the King**

A Warm Welcome to All our Services

COLLECT	SUNDAY 26th NOVEMBER	
<p>God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory.</p>	ST CASSIAN'S	
	9:30am	Morning Worship
	6:30pm	Evensong
	ST CECILIA'S	
	11:00am	Morning Worship
	ST CHAD'S	
READINGS	9:30am	Holy Communion
	ST GEORGE'S	
	11:00am	Holy Communion
	ST MARY'S, STONE	
	11:00am	Morning Worship
	<p>Ezekiel 34:11 - 16, 20 - 24 Ephesians 1:15 - end Matthew 25:31 - end</p>	

The Chaddesley Corbett Nativity Play

with the Cassian Players

Performed in St Cassian's Church, Chaddesley Corbett

Thursday 7th December and Friday 8th December, 7:30pm

Saturday 9th December and Sunday 10th December, 6:00pm

Tickets £8.00, to include a souvenir programme and interval drink.

Numbered seats.

Not suitable for children under 6 due to duration of performance and late finish.

Tickets can be obtained from Rich Vale 07506 779542
or scan the QR image.



**Midweek
Services**

St George's
Holy Communion at 10:00am
on **Wednesdays 6th & 20th Dec**

St Cassian's
Holy Communion at 10:00am
on **Wednesday 13th December**

The Children's Club Autumn 2023

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

- **Saturday, 2nd December 12:00noon – 4:45pm ****

Late registration for this event **may be possible**, please enquire **immediately** to avoid disappointment.



The event is **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 mid-afternoon buffet at 3pm on 2nd Dec prior to the Christingle Service. The children will be instrumental in leading the service (at 4pm) so please make every effort to come.**

Open to children in school years 2 to 5 only. *Small adjustments to age limits may be accommodated.* All enquiries to Katy at katyc34@btinternet.com or 01562 861023.

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 provide a listening ear over a cup of tea/coffee & cake in a warm & friendly atmosphere. Our next meeting is on **Monday 27th November, 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.



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 27th November		
Date	Bible passage	Zoom
Mon 27 th	Matthew 9:18 – 34	DH
Tue 28 th	Matthew 9:35 – 10:15	DH
Wed 29 th	Matthew 10:16 – 33	DH
Thu 30 th	Matthew 4:18 – 22 <i>Andrew the Apostle</i>	DH
Fri 1 st	Matthew 11:2 – 19	--
Sat 2 nd	Matthew 11:20 - end	DH

Daily Readings for week beginning Monday 4th December		
Date	Bible passage	Zoom
Mon 4 th	Matthew 12:1 – 21	DH
Tue 5 th	Matthew 12:22: - 37	DH
Wed 6 th	Matthew 12:38 – end	DH
Thu 7 th	Matthew 13:1 – 23	DH
Fri 8 th	Matthew 13:24 – 43	DH
Sat 9 th	Matthew 13:44 - end	--

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 13th December, at 7:30pm** (login from 7:20pm) for 45 mins 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 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 24th November
Matthew 8. We read about some 'general' healings at the end of chapter 4, but now we have a series of particular healings, such that those who were blessed could be easily identified. Is Matthew telling us that we should take note of the teaching of Jesus (that we read about last week) because his authority to teach is shown by these healings? And then, on top of that he proves his authority over creation, and over the spiritual world, which is particularly underlined when he heals the paralytic and speaks the most powerful words "Your sins are forgiven". Let's rejoice he is the same Jesus for us today!

**St George's Christmas Fayre
& Table Top sale**



**Saturday 2nd December
9:30am - 12:00noon**

£10 per table. Gifts and Art work; Cake stall; Book stall; White elephant; Raffle; Refreshments including bacon rolls, tea/coffee. Enquiries, and to book a table, contact Jan on 01562 630431 or Chris on 07919 178236



**Café Chad
Christmas Special**

**Wednesday 6th December,
9:15am - 12:15pm**

Seasonal Crafts, Cakes, Gifts
and Refreshments.

In aid of **Ukraine Relief Fund**

St Chad's Church Hall, Burcher Green,
(by Comberton shops), DY10 3AY

Ladies Breakfast

Saturday 9th December at 9.30am, St Cecilia's, Hoo Road, DY10 1LP

Ladies please join us for a delicious cooked breakfast together with croissants, tea and coffee. Please *WhatsApp* or text Lyn on 07982 248645



or email office@kiddermintereast.org.uk by **Saturday 2nd December** so that we have some idea of numbers. There is no charge although donations will be gratefully received. We look forward to seeing you. *Cynthia & team.*



St George's Christmas Party
Friday 8th December, 7:30pm
 At St George's Church

For more information contact Jan or Chris
(Contact details above). All Welcome.

St George's Pop up Café

Open **Wednesday 6th December**
 and the 1st Wednesday of every
 month **12:00noon - 2:00pm**
 at St George's Church,
 Radford Avenue.



**Chocolate Oranges with Knitted Hats,
Dragon Scale Mitts and Much More**



Handmade gifts at
**St George's Christmas
 Fayre on 2nd December**



(see above). All money taken on this stall will go to St George's Roof Access Fund. Would love to see you there. (I shall also be making cakes for the Cake Stall. *Geraldine Halama*)

Young at Heart

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



29th Nov

JDR Band

6th Dec

Meal out - contact organiser

If you wish to join this group please contact Jean Bailey via the parish office.



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First Sunday of Advent

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

Sunday 3rd December 2023

COLLECT

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin
to the light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour,
Jesus Christ.

READINGS

Isaiah 64:1 - 9
1 Corinthians 1:3 - 9
Mark 13:24 - end

SUNDAY 3rd DECEMBER

ST CASSIAN'S

9:30am Holy Communion

ST CECILIA'S

11:00am Holy Communion

ST CHAD'S

9:30am Worship for All

ST GEORGE'S

11:00am Morning Worship

6.30pm Advent Carol Service

ST MARY'S, STONE

11:00am Holy Communion



Family Activity Afternoons @StCecilia's

Sunday 3rd December (and 1st Sunday of every month)

3:30pm - 5:30pm.

Crafts, games, refreshments & more, for all the family

@StCecilia's Church, 164 Hoo Road. For more information

contact the parish office on 01562 822131 or email office@kidderminstereast.org.uk.



Kidderminster East Youth (KEY)

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

Next Meeting: Sunday 3rd December, 5:30pm - 6:30pm
at **St Cecilia's Church, Hoo Road, DY10 1LP**

Our last meeting this term will be a **Special Event** at **2:00pm** on
Sunday 10th December. We will be visiting the climbing wall at the
Wyre Forest Leisure Centre, Silverwoods Way, DY11 7DT.

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



The next **parish newsletter** will be published on **Friday 8th December**, covering
Sundays 10th & 17th December. Items for publication should be sent to
news@kidderminstereast.org.uk. to reach the office by **Wednesday 8th December**.

Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd David Hildred for Friday 1st December

Matthew 11. Things are developing. There are more healings unlike anything that has been the experience of the people in the past; Jesus empowers his disciples to multiply his ministry as he sends them out with the message “The kingdom of heaven is near”, backed up with miracles similar to what he had been doing. And then Matthew starts quoting Scripture again: we are heading for something momentous, and it all fits in with God’s plan. The last verses of our Old Testament (just before the pages of Matthew begin) tell us that Elijah would return, as a herald of the Day of the Lord: Jesus is plain about who this is! Are we ready for the momentous development?



Bible Reading group

The group will meet on **Thursday 7th December** from 11am at the rectory.

We will be reading about and considering *'a silent partner in the nativity'*. The group is open to all but please let me know you are coming either directly or via the Parish Office. Thank you. Hilary Hildred.



Longest Night Service

The Parish of Kidderminster East invites you to a quiet reflective Christmas service for those that are bereaved or find Christmas a difficult time of year.

Thursday 21st December at 7:00pm
St Cassian’s Church, Chaddesley Corbett.

St George’s Advent Carol Service Sunday 3rd December, 6:30pm



As we prepare, during Advent, for the birth of our Lord at Christmas, please join us for this celebration of Advent Carols.

Christingle at St Chad’s

Saturday 2nd December, 4:00pm

Led by the attendees at our **Children’s Club** who will be rehearsing their parts that afternoon. It would be lovely to see you there.

All welcome.



Full listings of parish Christmas Services will appear in the next newsletter



Kidderminster Foodbank at Christmas

In the 3 weeks leading up to **Christmas** the **foodbank** will provide Christmas food parcels for local individuals and families in crisis. Can you please donate one of the following: tinned ham, Christmas pudding, Christmas cake, box of biscuits, children’s selection box, box of chocolates, large bar of chocolate, snacks & nibbles, Christmas crackers. Basics are also always needed. Buy and make a donation at a supermarket, or bring it to one of our churches. Anything you offer would be wonderful.

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 the conflict in the Gaza Strip, the return of hostages, the cessation of violence, comfort for those in grief and relief for those in need.

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

Please contact the Parish Office for more details.

DIARY

Homegroups meet on 1st and 3rd 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 two weeks are listed below

Mon 27th Nov	2:00pm	Bereavement Café	St Cecilia's
	7:00pm	St Cassian's DCC	Online via Zoom
	7:30pm	St Mary's DCC	St Mary's, Stone
Sat 2nd Dec	9:30am	Table Top Sale & Craft Fayre	St George's
	12:00noon	Children's Activity Club	St Chad's
	4:00pm	Christingle	St Chad's
Sunday 3rd Dec	<i>Church services are listed elsewhere in this newsletter</i>		
	3:30pm	Family Fun afternoon	St Cecilia's
	5:30pm	KE Youth	St Cecilia's
Wed 6th Dec	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	12:00noon	Pop-up Café	St George's
Thurs 7th Dec	11:00am	Bible Reading Group	Rectory
Fri 8th Dec	7:30pm	Christmas Party	St George's
Sat 9th Dec	9:30am	Ladies Breakfast	St Cecilia's
	4:00pm	Carols Around the Crib	St George's
Sunday 10th Dec	9:30am	Worship for All	St Cassian's
	9:30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
	11:00am	Café Church	St Cecilia's
	11:00am	Baptism Service	St George's
	2:00pm	KE Youth Climbing Wall special	WF Leisure Centre
	5:00pm	Christingle	St Mary's Stone

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 10th DECEMBER

READINGS: Isaiah 40:1 - 11 2 Peter 3:8 - 15a Mark 1:1 - 8

SUNDAY 17th DECEMBER

READINGS: Isaiah 61:1 - 4, 8 - end 1 Thessalonians 5:16 - 24 John 1:6 - 8, 19 - 28

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