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# THE KIDDERMINSTER EAST PARISH NEWSLETTER

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

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2024  
**Christ the King**

*A Warm Welcome to All our Services*

<b>COLLECT</b>	<b>SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER</b>	
<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>	<b>ST CHAD'S</b>	
	<b>9:30am</b>	Holy Communion
	<b>ST CECILIA'S</b>	
	<b>9:45am</b>	Morning Worship
<b>READINGS</b>	<b>ST GEORGE'S</b>	
	<b>11:00am</b>	Holy Communion
	<b>ST MARY'S, STONE</b>	
	<b>11:00am</b>	Morning Worship
<p>Daniel 7:9 - 10, 13 - 14 Revelation 1:4b - 8 John 18:33 - 37</p>		

**Midweek Services**      **Holy Communion** Every Wednesday at **10:00am** at  
St George's Church, Radford Avenue, DY10 2ES

**Assisted Dying**

The [Assisted Dying Bill](#) has yet to reach the House of Commons but has already attracted much debate. Our MP, Mark Garnier, has said that he currently intends to support the Bill but is "...fully open to hearing, considering and engaging with arguments from both sides before making a final decision." Does this prompt you to consider writing to him? His address is [mark.garnier.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:mark.garnier.mp@parliament.uk)      *David*

**Cathedral Confirmation**

Many will know that, sadly due to bereavement, **Joshua Slater** was unable to be confirmed at the service in St George's in September. However, we have been able to arrange for him to join in with the service in the **Cathedral** which takes place **TODAY, Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 6:30pm**. You are very welcome to attend and support Josh at the service - it would be an encouragement for him. Please pray for Josh as he now completes the step he had intended to make earlier.      *David*



**St George's Pre-Christmas Table Top Sale**  
**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November**  
**10:00am - 1:00pm**  
 at St George's Church  
 Gifts, cakes, bric-a-brac, tea/ coffee, hot dogs & bacon rolls.  
 Book a table for £15. Enquiries to Chris (07919 178236) or Jan (01562 630431).  
**Proceeds to St George's Projects**


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




I am selling handmade gifts at **St George's Pre-Christmas Tabletop Sale** on **30<sup>th</sup> November, 10:00am to 1:00pm** and would love to see you there. All that you pay on my stall will go to St George's Projects. I shall also be making cakes for the Cake Stall. *Geraldine Halama*

**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. Next meeting **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2:00pm - 4:00pm** at **St Cecilia's**, Hoo Road. For more information email Carol, Freda or Alison on [lifefterlosskep@gmail.com](mailto: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 morning. Please join us for a great way to start the day. All welcome.

Daily Readings for week beginning Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> November		
Date	Bible passage	Zoom
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup>	Isaiah 40:1 – 11	DH
Tue 26 <sup>th</sup>	Isaiah 40:12 – 26	DH
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup>	Isaiah 40:27 – 41:7	DH
Thu 28 <sup>th</sup>	Isaiah 41:8 – 20	DH
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	Isaiah 41:21 – 42:9	--
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 4:18 -22 <i>Andrew the Apostle</i>	DH

Daily Readings for week beginning Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December		
Date	Bible passage	Zoom
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Isaiah 42:18 – end	DH
Tue 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Isaiah 43:1 – 13	DH
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	Isaiah 43:14 – end	DH
Thu 5 <sup>th</sup>	Isaiah 44:1 – 8	DH
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	Isaiah 44:9 – 23	DH
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup>	Isaiah 44:24 – 45:13	--

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:** Please join us on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December** for the usual monthly 45 mins of prayer, worship and praise for the parish and the wider world **online via Zoom**. Login from 7:20pm for a **7:30pm** start. Just request a link from the address below. All 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 22<sup>nd</sup> November**  
*Daniel 10*. This section of the book of Daniel is quite an unusual read. It is almost as if Daniel sees behind the scenery of the stage of this world and is shown what is going on in the spiritual world which determines what happens on the stage. He makes a link with the book of the prophet Jeremiah, and refers to Gabriel (who appears in the Christmas story) and to Michael (who appears in the Book of Revelation), which might just help us to see this is not absolutely beyond our understanding, but stands in the flow of Scripture that says the King of kings is coming, and his kingdom lasts for ever, no matter what the political scenery of the world looks like in any particular Act.



### Bible Reading group

Our next meeting will be on  
**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December,**  
**11:00am** at the **Rectory**.

We will be considering 'Why Christmas?' to help focus all our celebrations on Jesus. Refreshments served from 10:45am. Open to all but please let me know you are coming, either directly or via the parish office, thank you. Hilary Hildred.

**For your diary:** our January meeting will be on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January.



### Young at Heart

**Wednesdays 2:00pm - 4:00pm**  
 at St Cecilia's Church, Hoo Road  
 Open for tea/coffee from **1:00pm**

**27<sup>th</sup> Nov** Musical Entertainment  
 JDR Band

**4<sup>th</sup> Dec** Meal out (contact organiser)  
 at De Beer's Garden Centre

For more information or if you wish to join this group please contact Jean Bailey via the parish office.

### St George's Pop up Café

Is celebrating its **10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** on  
**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December**  
**12:00noon - 2:00pm**  
 at St George's Church



**Lunch time Special:** Jacket potato with choice of filling followed by cake, fresh fruit, tea/coffee. Come along for a **warm lunch** and a **warm welcome**.

*No charge. Donations welcome.*

**NOTE:** Not open 1<sup>st</sup> January but will be open on 8<sup>th</sup> January instead.

### Café Chad Special

**Christmas 2024 Appeal**  
**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December**  
 9:15am - 12:30pm



In aid of



**Medecins Sans Frontieres**  
 (Doctors without Borders)

**Christmas Gift themed Stalls and  
 Bumper Christmas Hamper Raffle  
 plus Cakes & Refreshments**

**Raffle ticket on sale now!**

**FREE ADMISSION - All welcome**

### Stone Corner Café

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December**  
 at **St Mary's Stone**



Call in any time between  
 2:00pm - 4:00pm

for a chat, a drink and a slice of cake.

**Everyone welcome.**

### St Chad's Christmas cards

St Chad's will be delivering their own Christmas Cards to over 3000 homes by 3<sup>rd</sup> December, providing information about Christmas events and activities.



## Carols Round the Crib



St George's Church  
Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December  
3:30pm Refreshments  
and mince pies  
4:00pm Service starts

Come and join us for an informal telling of the Christmas Story with all your favourite carols.

This event is particularly aimed at youngsters aged 1 to 91!



## New Home Group

Meeting on the first Thursday  
of each month at 10:30am  
at St Cecilia's Church,



Next meeting is on: 5<sup>th</sup> December

If interested please contact  
Rev Andi Jones on 07519 940317

**Knit & Natter** at St George's every  
**Wednesday 2 - 4pm.** Come for a **knit** or  
come for a **natter**, either or both are fine!

## BLUE CHRISTMAS

## Blue Christmas

*You are warmly invited to a quieter  
and more reflective seasonal service.*

The parish **Blue Christmas** service will be held at  
**St Cecilia's Church**, 164 Hoo Road, DY10 1LP on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** starting with  
refreshments at **6:30pm**. There will be a quieter, more reflective  
Christmas service from **7:00pm - 7:45pm** which would be especially  
suitable of anyone who might still want to celebrate Christmas, but for a  
variety of reasons, they would prefer to do it in a quieter way this year.  
Come for as little or as much as you feel able. For more information  
you can contact the parish office on 01562 822131. All welcome.



## New young person's discussion group at St Chad's

For young people in **school year 7** and upwards. Please join us at St  
Chad's during the regular Sunday morning service **every Sunday** except  
the first Sunday of the month (when there is Worship for All). It is an



opportunity to meet with people your own age and  
discuss topics that are important to you (relationships,  
family, trust, mental health, etc) and to see what the Bible has to say  
about them. Drinks and continental style breakfast are also available  
(and popular!). Anyone who would like to know more about the group  
can contact Jen Tompkin on 07775 623691.



## 'Meet and Eat'

Come and join us every  
**Friday at 12.00 noon**  
at **Morrison Café**

Green St, Kidderminster DY10 1AZ

We will continue meeting each Friday over the  
Christmas period. Newcomers always welcome.



The parish **online year plan** for  
2025 is now available:

[Year Plan 2025](#)

Please use the above link to access  
it. There will be many omissions at  
this stage. Please send corrections  
and updates to the parish office

The next **parish newsletter** will be published on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December**, covering **Sundays 8<sup>th</sup>**  
and **15<sup>th</sup> December**. Items for inclusion should be sent to [news@kidderminstereast.org.uk](mailto:news@kidderminstereast.org.uk)  
to reach the parish office by **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December** at the latest. Thank you.



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# Advent Sunday

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

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024**

## 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

Jeremiah 33:14 - 16  
1 Thessalonians 3:9 - end  
Luke 21:25 - 36

## SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER

### ST CHAD'S

**9:30am** Worship for All

### ST CECILIA'S

**9:45am** Holy Communion

### ST GEORGE'S

**11:00am** Morning Worship

**6:30pm** Advent Carols

### ST MARY'S, STONE

**11:00am** Holy Communion



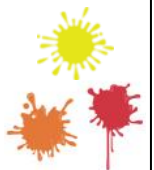
## Family Activity Afternoons @StCecilia's

On the first Sunday of every month

**Next Meeting: Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December, 3:30pm - 5:30pm**

Crafts, games, refreshments & more, for all the family  
@StCecilia's Church, 164 Hoo Road. Kidderminster, DY10 1LP

For more information contact the parish office on 01562 822131  
or email [office@kidderminstereast.org.uk](mailto:office@kidderminstereast.org.uk).



## Kidderminster East Youth (KEY)

A group for children and young adults in school years **5 - 13** (ages **9 - 18 yrs**).

The next meeting is **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December, 5:30pm - 6:30pm**  
after the Family Activity afternoon at St Cecilia's Church, Hoo Road.

If you would like to join the group, please get in touch without delay so  
that you can join the waiting list. Places may become available in January.

**Fundraiser:** The last meeting of the year will be on **15<sup>th</sup> December at 6:00pm**, and  
will also be a fundraising **Christmas Show** for next year's camp and other activities.  
It will be open to all at a cost of **£2 per ticket** (under 5s FREE if booked in advance).  
If there is anyone who can bake some Christmas treats for this event we would be very  
grateful. For more info about the fundraiser or KEY in general, please contact  
Grace (07807 647279) or Richard (07843 136785) and leave a message. Thank you.



## A Report from St George's CE School

It was so lovely to visit St George's church on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November with some children from St George's CE school. The children were proud to share their Art Sketch books with visitors who were attending the Art group. A piece of artwork was shared with the children and they have taken it back to school to complete.



Children who attend 'Wrap Around Club', before or after school, are busy making Christmas decorations with Mrs Teague, St George's CE School Wrap Around Co-ordinator. They are looking forward to running a stall to sell their decorations at the Church Christmas Fayre on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November. Also, the children will be selling 'pre-loved' St George's school uniform that has been kindly donated by past pupils.

Our Year 6 pupils attended the Remembrance Service held at St Mary's church (Kidderminster) and represented the family of St George's. It was so lovely that the children could show their respect and find out valuable information about the men and women who lost their lives serving their country.

The children from St George's thoroughly enjoyed being invited to be part of the recruitment process for a new Team Vicar. The children asked the candidate some challenging questions which were actually really thought provoking! We hope to meet the successful candidate again.



St George's school has some important events coming up to which all are welcome.

**Christmas Fayre** - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 3:15pm - 5:30pm

**Christmas Carol Service** - Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 8:45am - 9:45am

Clare Snape,  
Headteacher

 **St. George's**  
C of E School  
NURTURE, LEARN, SUCCEED

## St George's Church and School

We are looking to strengthen the connections between the Church and the School, and there are two particular opportunities that might appeal to you to help with;

- (a) Week beginning **13<sup>th</sup> January**: making **Christingles** with a class, ready for their Christingle service on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>**.
- (b) **once a half-term** - joining with their Breakfast Club (7:45-8:45am), to eat with and interact with (board games, colouring, etc.) those children who need to arrive early at school.

If you would like to be involved in either or both please make contact with David, Lisa or Bernie.

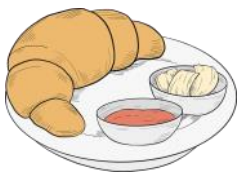
*David*

## Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd David Hildred for Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November

*Isaiah 41*. It's a big prophecy to get a handle on, but here in this part of the book of Isaiah we are encouraged to ponder the immensity of our God, his vastness, his infinity, such that he is more than any match for any situation we face. The prophet points out how often we settle for gods that are less than nothing: idols, models, made in our own image. Instead we are called to wonder at the grace the Almighty God shows us and how that is brought to us through the one called his 'servant'. He comes to lift up, to restore, and as we enter the season of Advent we know that his name is Jesus!

### Parish Breakfast

The next **Men's** meeting has been arranged for **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December** at St Cecilia's at 9:30am. We hope to see you then. *Roger and Ron*



**Ladies Get-together:** We shall also be meeting on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December** at 10:00am at **The Eazy Lounge** in Kidderminster. Why not take a break from Christmas shopping and join us there. *Lyn and Cynthia*



### Diocesan News

The independent review by Keith Makin into the Church of England's handling of allegations of serious abuse by the late John Smyth (which subsequently led to the resignation of Archbishop Justin Welby) has been published. You can find it, and further information, [using this link](#). If you have been affected by this report, need support or wish to make a disclosure, please contact the diocesan safeguarding team on [safeguardingadvice@cofe-worcester.org.uk](mailto:safeguardingadvice@cofe-worcester.org.uk) or ring on 01905 732800.

Our deanery proposed a motion to the Diocesan Synod about [Sustainable Church Flowers](#), which was adopted. Churches are encouraged to refrain from the use of floral foam (Oasis) in arrangements and to source flowers locally wherever possible.

The diocesan **Prayer Diaries** for December to March will be available soon. Please look out for them in your church and do please take a copy to use at home, or you can access it from the [diocesan website](#).

The **Friends of the Holy Land** are looking for new volunteers to take up the roles of Secretary and Treasurer of the Worcestershire and Dudley group. If this is something that interests you please find out more [using this link](#).

The full Diocesan Autumn **Training and Events** programme can be accessed [here...](#)

### Requests for Prayer

- For the situation in Ukraine; that restraint may be prevalent on all sides.
- For those in other conflict zones, the Holy Land, Palestine and South Sudan, that the peace of Christ may be present over this Christmas period and beyond.
- For those nearer to home for whom Christmas may not be such a joyful time, either through sickness, bereavement, homelessness or lack of means.

*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> weeks of the month, usually on a Tuesday

### Regular 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
Young at Heart	Wednesdays	1:00pm - 4:00pm	St Cecilia's
Knit & Natter	Wednesdays	2:00pm - 4:00pm	St George's
Coffee Shop/Art table	Fridays	10:00am - 12:00noon	St George's
Meet and Eat	Fridays	from 12:00noon	Morrison's Café

### Other events during the next fortnight are listed below

<b>Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	2:00pm	Bereavement Café	St Cecilia's
	7:30pm	St Chad's DCC	St Chad's
<b>Tues 26<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	7:00pm	St Cecilia's DCC	St Cecilia's
	7:30pm	St Mary's DCC	St Mary's Stone
<b>Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
<b>Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	10:00am	Pre-Christmas Table Top Sale	St George's
<b>Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Dec</b>	<i>Today's church services are listed elsewhere in this publication</i>		
	3:30pm	Family Activities Afternoon	St Cecilia's
	5:30pm	KE Youth	St Cecilia's
<b>Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	12:00pm	Pop-up Café	St George's
<b>Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	10:30am	New 'Home' Group	St Cecilia's
	11:00am	Bible Reading Group	The Rectory
<b>Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	9:30am	Men's Breakfast	St Cecilia's
	10:00am	Ladies' Get-together	The Eazy Lounge Café
<b>Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	9:30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
	9:45am	Café Church	St Cecilia's
	11:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	5:00pm	Christingle	St Mary's Stone

The full parish diary can be accessed through the online [Year Plan for 2024](#).

Online resources: See our [YouTube channel](#), [Facebook page](#) and [parish website](#).

### SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

**READINGS:** Malachi 3:1 - 4      Philippians 1.3 - 11      Luke 3.1 - 6

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

**READINGS:** Zephaniah 3.14 - 20      Philippians 4.4 - 7      Luke 3.7 - 18

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