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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 27<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

**Last Sunday after Trinity/Bible Sunday**

*A Warm Welcome to All our Services*

## COLLECT (for Bible Sunday)

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

## READINGS (for Bible Sunday)

Isaiah 55:1 - 11  
2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5  
John 5:36b - end

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

### ST CHAD'S

**9:30am** Holy Communion

### ST CECILIA'S

**9:45am** Morning Worship

### ST GEORGE'S

**11:00am** Holy Communion

### ST MARY'S, STONE

**11:00am** Morning Worship

## Midweek Services

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



## Stand and Shine: Parish Awayday (at home!)

Videos, teachings, workshops, praise and prayer and (we hope) fun!  
Come and join us as we meet together as a parish in **St Cecilia's church** on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November** from **10:00am till** (roughly) **3:30pm**. A lunch of mini fish and chips, large sausage and chips or veggie burger and chips will be provided. We hope to cover the cost of that but small donations on the day may be welcomed but not absolutely necessary from everyone.

If you would like to join us at this parish event could you please let the office know either by email [office@kidderminstereast.org.uk](mailto:office@kidderminstereast.org.uk) or phone 01562 822131 and state which of the 3 lunches you would like so we can order the right amount. **Please let us know by 10<sup>th</sup> November at the latest because of catering.** Many thanks. *Margaret H.*

## 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) making Christingles with a class, ready for their Christingle service later that day (date to be fixed)
- (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

### Bereavement Café - *Life after Loss*

If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, the 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. The next meeting is on **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October, 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.



### 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 28 <sup>th</sup> October			Daily Readings for week beginning Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November		
Date	Bible passage	Zoom	Date	Bible passage	Zoom
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup>	John 15:17 – end <i>Simon and Jude, Apostles</i>	DH	Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	Daniel 1:1 - end	DH
Tue 29 <sup>th</sup>	2 Timothy 4:9 – end	DH	Tue 5 <sup>th</sup>	Daniel 2:1 - 24	DH
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup>	Titus 1:1 – end	DH	Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	Daniel 2:25 - end	DH
Thu 31 <sup>st</sup>	Titus 2:1 – end	DH	Thu 7 <sup>th</sup>	Daniel 3:1 - 18	DH
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>	Revelation 21:1 – 6a <i>All Saints' Day</i>	--	Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	Daniel 3:19 - end	--
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Luke 14:1, 7 – 11 <i>All Souls' Day</i>	DH	Sat 9 <sup>th</sup>	Daniel 4:1 - 18	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:** Please join us on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November** 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 The Ven Andy Piggott for Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October

We've read this week more of Paul's encouraging words to Timothy. About 20 years ago when I was leaving my role at the Church Pastoral Aid Society and preparing to move to a new ministry, a group of colleagues with whom I'd worked closely for the previous 4+ years gathered round me to pray and commend me to God's care and keeping. It was a very affirming and positive experience, and has proved to be a very memorable one. As they prayed, one of them read words from Paul to Timothy that we'll have come across this week "... *I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you .... For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline*" (1:6,7).

Paul was well aware of Timothy's capacity for self-doubt and that from time to time he lacked confidence. He wanted to remind Timothy that God had both called him and would equip him for service. The same of course is true for us! May God fan into flame all the good gifts he gives us as we serve him this week!

### Children's Half-Term Activity Morning

We will be holding the next parish **half term event** for children up to the age of 11 years (school year 6) accompanied by a parent or carer at :

**St George's Church on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October, 10:00am to 12:00noon.**

Our theme is ***The Feeding of the 5000***. 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. For further information please contact the parish office



### Children's Club at St Chad's

The **Children's Club** is a fun and friendly club for school years 2 to 5. Children enjoy games, music, craft, stories, drama plus a meal & refreshments at every session, in a safe and friendly environment. All events are **free**. **In order to attend**, children must be registered. A form is available to download from the [parish website](#). Alternatively, please email [Katyc34@btinternet.com](mailto:Katyc34@btinternet.com) to request a form or to book a place. Please ensure that places are booked **no later than** seven days before each event as spaces are limited. Upcoming dates are:



<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November</b>	5:00pm - 7:30pm	All meetings at <b>St Chad's Church, Burcher Green, Kidderminster, DY10 3AY</b>
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December</b>	12:00pm - 3:50pm	

followed by Christingle at 4:00pm \*\*

**\*\* Please Note:** the Christingle service is **open to all**, and is followed by tea, coffee, mulled wine, mince pies etc afterwards. All are welcome to this hospitality.

### Christmas at Holland House Retreat Centre

**Christmas Lunch: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December** £28 per person  
(please advise of any allergies or dietary requirements at the time of booking)

**Festive Afternoon Tea: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December** £25 per person  
(Please request a time between 1pm and 3pm which will be confirmed when your booking is processed. We can cater for vegetarians as an alternative diet)

To book please go to: <https://hollandhouse.org/events/page/2/>

## Parish Breakfast

On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October, 20 men met up for the men's breakfast. A good time was had by all with plenty of jovial conversation, good food together with a humorous video thanks to Geoff. The next 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*



Just a small group of ladies met in The Eazy Lounge where we were very warmly welcomed and enjoyed our time together. We shall be meeting again on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December**. Hopefully we will have a few more ladies taking a break from Christmas shopping!

*Lyn and Cynthia*

## St George's Pop up Café

Open **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November** and the first Wednesday of every month

**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.**

## Young at Heart

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

**30<sup>th</sup> Oct** *How the War was won from the playing fields of Malvern*  
Malvern Radar & Technology  
History Society

**6<sup>th</sup> Nov** *Orkney, Lord Kitchener and the loss of the HMS Hampshire*  
Alan Bradbury

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

## Parish Coach Trip

to **Wells in Somerset** on **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October** leaving **St George's** at 8:30am returning back around 5:30pm.

**Cost £20.** To book please speak to Jan on 01562 630431.



## Street Pastors

The local street pastors organisations are amalgamating into a Wyre Forest team covering Kidderminster, Stourport and Bewdley. They are looking for volunteer administrative staff to help run the group. Positions required include: Chair, Vice chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Co-ordinator, Prayer Co-ordinator, Safeguarding Officer. Please contact the parish office in the first instance for further information.

## Kidderminster Foodbank

would currently welcome,  
by way of donations:

**Hot meats** (hot dogs, meatballs, Fray Bentos pies)

**Cold meats** (ham, corned beef)

**Tinned veg** (potatoes, sweetcorn, peas, carrots)

**Packet Pasta** in Sauce

**Packet Rice** (microwaveable)

**Tinned puddings** (rice pudding, custard, sponges)

**Toiletries**

**Please give generously, if you can**

The next **parish newsletter** will be published on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November**, covering **Sundays 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> November**. Items for inclusion should be sent to [news@kidderminstereast.org.uk](mailto:news@kidderminstereast.org.uk) to reach the parish office by **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November** at the latest. Thank you.



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# Fourth Sunday before Advent

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

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024**

<b>COLLECT</b>	<b>SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER</b>	
God of glory, touch our lips with the fire of your Spirit, that we with all creation may rejoice to sing your praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.	<b>ST CHAD'S</b>	
	<b>9:30am</b>	Morning Worship
	<b>ST CECILIA'S</b>	
	<b>9:45am</b>	Holy Communion
	<b>ST GEORGE'S</b>	
	<b>11:00am</b>	Morning Worship
	<b>6:30pm</b>	Evening Worship
	<b>ST MARY'S, STONE</b>	
<b>READINGS</b>	<b>11:00am</b>	Holy Communion
Deuteronomy 6:1 - 9		
Hebrews 9:11 - 14		
Mark 12:28 - 34		



## Family Activity Afternoons @StCecilia's

On the first Sunday of every month

**Next Meeting: Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 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. Contact Grace (07807 647279) or Richard (07843 136785) for more information. Thank you.



## Team Vicar vacancy

Please continue to pray for the new interview day of **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November**. It's good that we have this opportunity, and we need to carry on praying that the process will enable the Lord's choice of candidate to be appointed. *David*

## Assisted Dying

Many of us will have seen or heard coverage in the news of the proposal by Kim Leadbetter MP to introduce legislation about Assisted Dying into the House of Commons.

Our Archbishops and some bishops have expressed deep concerns about what is being proposed from a Christian perspective, many of which will also concern us. Recognising of course that detailed proposals have yet to be debated and that this is a very complicated and sensitive issue around which there are many complexities, some of us may wish to find out more. For those who are interested the **Christian Institute** and **CARE** both have websites which will provide further information.

The details are: <https://www.christian.org.uk/campaign/assisted-suicide/>  
and: <https://care.org.uk/cause/assisted-suicide>

Please may we encourage everyone to pray about this issue AND to write a simple note to our MP, Mark Garnier, expressing your views.

His address is: [mark.garnier.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:mark.garnier.mp@parliament.uk)

Thank you.

Andy Piggott

## Remembrance Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> November

Please note that our 11:00am services will start a few moments earlier at **10:55am**, so that the **Act of Remembrance** can be included. The earlier services that day will incorporate the **Act** at the end of their services. *David*



### Bible Reading group

Our next meeting will be on  
**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November,**  
**11:00am** at the **Rectory.**

We will be looking at *Mark chapter 9*.  
Refreshments served from 10:45am.  
Open to all but please let me know you are coming, either directly or via the parish office. *Hilary Hildred.*

### New Home Group

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

Starting on: **7<sup>th</sup> November**  
Also meeting on: **5<sup>th</sup> December**

If interested please contact  
Rev Andi Jones on 07519 940317



## 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). At our first meeting there were 5 young people and 2 more said they would come next time. 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.



## Faithful Friday Blog Post from The Ven Andy Piggott for Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November

In just 5 days we've dipped into 4 different books of the bible this week ... and, perhaps surprisingly, I want to offer a thought based on a verse that we didn't even read, but one which might help us draw together some of the threads we've been thinking about! We've read Paul's final words to Timothy, an encouraging yet challenging letter to Titus and part of John's inspiring and mysterious vision of heaven in the book of Revelation.

On the feast day of Simeon and Jude on Monday we read *John 15:17-27* but the words of Jesus John records for us immediately beforehand in *v16* are really helpful. Jesus reminds us, '*You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit – fruit that will last.*'

Paul, Timothy, Titus, Simeon, Jude, all the saints, **and that includes us (!!)**, have been chosen and called by Jesus ... and our purpose is to go and bear fruit! May God give us all a clear sense of his purpose, send his Spirit to fill us and use us as fruit bearers!

### Diocesan News

On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October, Bishop Martin was commissioned as the **Acting Bishop of Worcester**, a role which he will hold throughout the vacancy in See while continuing to be Bishop of Dudley. Bishop Martin wrote to clergy and lay leaders across the Diocese as he took up this new role. You can read his letter [via this link](#). The process to find our next Bishop is well under way and you can read the diocesan Statement of Needs and see who our representatives will be on the Crown Nominations Committee [via this link](#).

The diocese is planning a '**posada**' during Advent this year with Mary and Joseph travelling around to a different church in the Diocese each day from **1<sup>st</sup> December**.

*Posada* is the Spanish word for lodging or accommodation, so each stop on this journey is their lodging for the night, representing the lodging places Mary and Joseph stayed at on their way to Bethlehem. It is hoped that several churches in our deanery will be involved. More details to follow.

**Writing your will for free** : There will be a seminar via Zoom on **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October**, and again on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November**, both at 12.30 - 1.30pm. Find out how you can write your will for free with Chris Boden and Robyn Rooney, who will talk about accessing this service and their own experiences of writing their wills. [Find out more](#)

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

### Requests for Prayer

- Carry on praying that the process to recruit a new Team Vicar will enable the Lord's choice of candidate to be appointed.
- For the success of the half term activity group at St George's.
- For the new Home Group at St Cecilia's.
- Pray about the outcome of the assisted dying bill in Parliament.

*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

<b>Café Chad</b>	Mondays & Weds	9:15am - 12:15pm	St Chad's
<b>Knit &amp; Natter/Craft</b>	Mondays	10:00am - 12:00noon	St Chad's
<b>Art Group</b>	Wednesdays	10:00am - 12:00noon	St Chad's
<b>Knit &amp; Natter</b>	Wednesdays	2:00pm - 4:00pm	St George's
<b>Young at Heart</b>	Wednesdays	1:00pm - 4:00pm	St Cecilia's
<b>Coffee Shop/Art table</b>	Fridays	10:00am - 12:00noon	St George's
<b>Meet and Eat</b>	Fridays	from 12:00noon	Morrison's Café

## Other events during the next fortnight are listed below

<b>Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	2:00pm	Bereavement Café	St Cecilia's
<b>Tues 29<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	9:00am	Children's Half-term activity morning	St George's
<b>Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
<b>Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> Oct</b>	8:30am	Coach trip to Wells, Somerset	St George's
<b>Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov</b>	<i>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 6<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	12:00pm	Pop-up Café	St George's
<b>Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	10:30am	New home group	St Cecilia's
	11:00am	Bible reading group	The Rectory
<b>Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	9:30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
	9:45am	Café Church	St Cecilia's
	<b>10:55am</b>	Holy Communion	St George's
	<b>10:55am</b>	Morning Worship	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 10<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER (Remembrance Sunday)

**READINGS:** Jonah 3:1 - 5, 10      Hewbrews 9:24 - end      Mark 1:14 - 20

## SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

**READINGS:** Daniel 12:1 - 3      Hebrews 10:11 - 14, 19 - 25      Mark 13:1 - 8

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