



**Encountering God
following Jesus
Spirit-transforming lives**

THE KIDDERMINSTER EAST PARISH NEWSLETTER

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

**Sunday 31st March 2024
Easter Sunday**

A Warm Welcome to All our Services

Allelulia!

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Allelulia!

COLLECT

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of
death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and
hope;
for a new day has dawned,
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.



Easter Hunt Trail Saturday 30th March



Hope to see you at Brinton's Park
10.30-12 noon to support Churches
Together in Kidderminster tell the
Easter Story. If it's wet the event will
be held at Holy Innocents Church!

SUNDAY 31st MARCH

ST CHAD'S

9:30am Holy Communion

ST CECILIA'S

9:45am Holy Communion

ST GEORGE'S

11:00am Holy Communion

ST MARY'S, STONE

11:00am Holy Communion

READINGS

Acts 10: 34 - 43
1 Corinthians 15: 1 - 11
John 20: 1 - 18

Fellowship Groups Across the Parish

Although the "parish together" Lent series of studies in Romans has ended, the opportunity to meet together for Christian fellowship around God's Word has not! Groups run in and around the four churches; new members are very welcome.

For information contact a churchwarden.

Midweek Services

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



**Parish Coach Trip
to Bristol
Thursday 4th April**
leaving **St George's** at
9:00am returning back
around 5.30pm.
Cost £20.

To book via Jan on 01562 630431.

Café Chad

Will be open as usual on
Bank Holiday Monday (1st April)
9.15—12.15

St George's Coffee Shop

Every Friday morning
10:00am - 12:00noon
at St George's Church, Radford Ave



Repair Café

Would you contemplate having something repaired/sharpened rather than just being thrown away? Bring your items to the **Repair Café** at the Youth Centre, Bromsgrove Street, Kidderminster, **first Saturday in the month, 10:00am to 1:00pm** No fixed fee, but donations gratefully received.



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 way to start the day. All welcome.

Daily Readings for week beginning Monday 1st April		
Date	Bible passage & Notes	Zoom
Mon 1 st	1 Corinthians 15:1 - 11	--
Tue 2 nd	1 Corinthians 15:12 - 19	--
Wed 3 rd	1 Corinthians 15:20 - 28	--
Thu 4 th	1 Corinthians 15:29 - 34	--
Fri 5 th	1 Corinthians 15:35 - 50	--
Sat 6 th	1 Corinthians 15:51 - end	--

Daily Readings for week beginning Monday 8th April		
Date	Bible passage & Notes	Zoom
Mon 8 th	Luke 1:26-38 <i>The Annunciation</i>	DH
Tue 9 th	Colossians 1:15 - end	DH
Wed 10 th	Colossians 2:1 - 15	DH
Thu 11 th	Colossians 2:16 - 3:11	DH
Fri 12 th	Colossians 3:12 - 4:1	--
Sat 13 th	Colossians 4:2 - end	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 10th April** 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 requesting a copy of the link & password **by 6:00pm on the day before the meeting**.

The next **parish newsletter** will be published on **Friday 12th April**, covering **Sundays 14th April and 21st April**. Items for inclusion should be sent to news@kidderminstereast.org.uk to reach the office by **Wednesday 11th April**. Thank you.

Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd Guy Hewlett for Friday 29th March

Isaiah 52. Good Friday has arrived. We pause in silence and horror at the death of Jesus on the cross. In Isaiah we read of future comfort for the remnant of Israel and about the suffering and glory of God's servant, Jesus. The good news is prophesied by Isaiah; how beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news. The suffering servant will be lifted up, the nations will hear, and all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God!

Children's Club

The **Children's Club** is a fun and friendly club for school years 2 to 5 (some flexibility - please enquire). Children enjoy games, music, craft, stories, drama plus a meal & refreshments at every session, in a safe and friendly environment. All events are **free**.



Staff are safeguarding trained and DBS checked. **In order to attend**, children must be registered. A form is available to download from the [parish website](#). Alternatively, please email 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. Spaces are limited and we need to ensure that we have food and materials available for each child. Dates of **upcoming events** are (please see [parish website](#) for later dates):

Thursday 4th April, 9:30am - 1:30pm

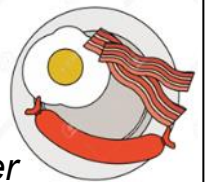
Friday 5th April, 9:30am - 1:30pm

Friday 26th April, 5:00pm - 7:30pm

All meetings are at
St Chad's Church,
Burcher Green,
Kidderminster, DY10 3AY

Parish Breakfast

The next **Men's breakfast** will be on **Saturday 6th April**, 9:30am at St Cecilia's. As well as the usual breakfast we are hoping to have a representative from **Night Stop** to talk to us about their work. *Ron & Roger*



The **Ladies** will also meet on **6th April** but in a change to the usual venue we will be meeting at **St George's** from **10:00am** to support the **Spring Table Top Sale** (see separate notice). Hope you can make it. *Lyn & Cynthia*

Spring Tale Top Sale

Saturday 6th April

St George's, Radford Ave.

10:00am - 1:00pm

£10:00 per table.

Craft & cake stalls, raffle, refreshments
(Sausage or Bacon rolls; tea/coffee).

To book a table or for further information
please contact Jan (01562 630431) or
Chris (07919 178236).

Proceeds to the church **Roof Access** fund.



St George's Pop up Café

Open **Wednesday 3rd April**

and the 1st Wednesday of every

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

at St George's Church,

Radford Ave. **All welcome**



Bible Reading Group

Please note next meeting will
be on **Thursday 2nd May**.

Thank you. *Hilary Hildred.*



DIARY

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	from 12:00noon	Morrison's Café

Other events during the next fortnight are listed below

Sat 31st Mar	10.30am-12	Easter Egg Hunt (Churches Together)	Brinton's Park
Tues 2nd April	7:30pm	Home Groups	Parish-Wide
Wed 3rd April	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	12 - 2pm	Pop-Up Café	St George's
Thurs 4th Apr	9-5.30pm	Parish Coach Trip to Bristol	
	9.30 - 1.30pm	Children's Club	St Chad's
Fri 5th April	9.30 - 1.30	Children's Club	St Chad's
Sat 6th April	9.30am	Parish Breakfast (see notice)	St Cecilia's
	10am - 1pm	St George's Spring Sale	St George's
Sunday 7th April	<i>Church services are listed elsewhere in this publication</i>		
Sun 7th Apr	3.30-5.30pm	Family Fun Afternoon	St Cecilia's
	5.30-6.30pm	KE Youth	St Cecilia's
Mon 8th April	7.30pm	St George's DCC	St George's
Wed 10th April	10am	Holy Communion	St George's
	2 - 4pm	Stone Corner Café	St Mary's Stone
	7.30pm	Parish Prayer (On-line via Zoom)	

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

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 14th APRIL

READINGS: Acts 3:12 - 19 1 John 3:1 - 7 Luke 24: 36b - 48

SUNDAY 21st APRIL

READINGS: Acts 4:5 - 12 1 John 3: 16 - end John 10:11 - 18

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

Sunday 7th April 2024

Second Sunday After Easter

COLLECT

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father.

READINGS

Acts 4:32 - 35
1 John 1:1 - 2:2
John 20:19 - end

SUNDAY 7th APRIL

ST CHAD'S

9:30am Worship for All

ST CECILIA'S

9:45am Holy Communion

ST GEORGE'S

11:00am Morning Worship

6:30pm Evening Worship

ST MARY'S, STONE

11:00am Holy Communion

Parish Prayer Ministry and Prayerlink

Requests for prayer for specific people / situations can be emailed to: prayerlink@kidderminstereast.org.uk. Our praying friends across the whole parish will then be happy to pray for you.

Glenn & Anne Scott are also willing to take requests for prayer by phone on 01562 822690. They will then relay those requests on to the relevant Church / Parish Prayer Ministry / Prayerlink Teams.



Team Vicar Vacancy

We continue to wait on the Lord for his provision of the right person to take up this post. Please pray **“without ceasing”** for this person, for our readiness as people and for David and all those who are ensuring ministry needs are met.

Ministry Update....

Archdeacon Nikki is helping us with some gaps on our service rota by taking a service at St Mary's on 14th April and preaching at the evening service at St George's on 21st April. We are really appreciative of her support at this time.

Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd David Hildred for Friday 5th April

1 Corinthians 15. Here's a marvellous chapter all about resurrection. It gives answers to those who can't believe that we have any existence after death. In today's particular section it describes how our resurrection body has a connection with our earthly body (we will still be 'us') but how it is changed to make it 'fit for purpose' for an eternal and spiritual existence. Death loses its sting; our faith is full of Christ's victory. Enjoy your chocolate eggs and rejoice even more in the destiny that is ours in Christ.

Family Activity Afternoons @StCecilia's

Next Meeting: Sunday 7th April, 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.



Kidderminster East Youth (KEY)

For children and young adults in school years 4 - 13 (ages 9 - 18 yrs). The first Sunday of every month KEY will follow immediately after the Family Activity Afternoon. Spring Term dates:



Sunday 7th April, 5:30pm - 6:30pm
Sunday 21st April, 6:00pm - 7:30pm

All meetings are at
St Cecilia's Church,
Hoo Road,
Kidderminster, DY10 1LP

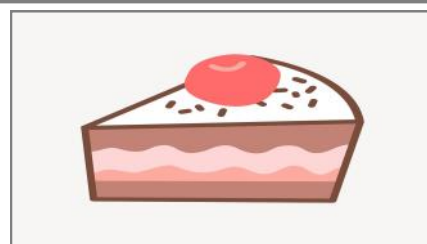
For further information or if you would like to join KEY please contact :

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

For Your Diary....

Café Chad Spring Special, Wednesday 1st May

Cakes, Baked Goods, Crafts, Gifts and more! As well as the usual café offering. Proceeds in aid of UNICEF Children's fund



Baptism and Confirmation

After Easter I intend to draw together a group of adults (and possibly including older teenagers) who would like to prepare for **Baptism and Confirmation**, or just **Confirmation**, as appropriate. For an adult, **Confirmation** is the step of confirming their faith into which they were baptized as an infant or child. For some this is because of a recent reawakening of that faith. Where an adult has not previously been baptized **Baptism and Confirmation** are essentially one and the same step. In the Church of England **Confirmation** is also the gateway to full involvement in the service of **Holy Communion**, and this may also be a reason for joining the group. If you would like to join the group, or you have questions about the place where you are in your journey of faith, or about people of other ages, please get in touch with me. We'll arrange meeting times according to who is in the group.

David