



**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 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
Passion Sunday**

*A Warm Welcome to All our Services*

COLLECT	SUNDAY 17 <sup>th</sup> MARCH	
Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, 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>READINGS</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>	Evening Worship
Jeremiah 31:31 - 34	<b>ST MARY'S, STONE</b>	
Hebrews 5:5 - 10	<b>11:00am</b>	Holy Communion
John 12:20 - 33		

**Kidderminster East Youth** meets today, **17<sup>th</sup> March, 6:00 - 7:30pm** at St Cecilia's Church. Suitable for children and young adults in school years **5 - 13 (ages 9 - 18 yrs)**.

### **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*

**Midweek Services**

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



## Easter Hunt Trail - Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March

You are invited to Brinton Park for an **Easter Hunt Trail** on **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March** at 10:30am - 12:00noon. As well as the Hunt there will be other attractions such as face painting, crazy golf and circus skills. The event is aimed at children up to 11 years. There is no booking required and the event is FREE. Children must be accompanied by an adult. In case of bad weather the Hunt will move to Holy Innocents Church. This event is organised by Churches Together. For more information please go to <https://ctik.info/> or see our poster in your church.

## 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> March, 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 day. Please join us for a great way to start the day. All welcome.

Daily Readings for week beginning <b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March</b>			Daily Readings for week beginning <b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March</b>		
Date	Bible passage	Zoom	Date	Bible passage	Zoom
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	Hebrews 11:17 – 31	DH	Mon 25 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 22:1 – 23	DH
Tue 19 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 1:18 – end <i>Joseph of Nazareth</i>	DH	Tue 26 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 22:24 – 53	DH
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	Hebrews 12:3 – 13	DH	Wed 27 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 22:54 – end	DH
Thu 21 <sup>st</sup>	Hebrews 12:14 – end	DH	Thu 28 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 23:1 – 25	DH
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Hebrews 13:1 – 16	DH	Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	Isaiah 52:13 – end of 53 <i>Good Friday</i>	DH
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Hebrews 13:17 - end	--	Sat 30 <sup>th</sup>	John 19:38 - 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:** Please join us on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March**, covering **Sundays 31<sup>st</sup> March & 7<sup>th</sup> April**. Items for inclusion should be sent to [news@kidderminstereast.org.uk](mailto:news@kidderminstereast.org.uk) to reach the office by **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March**. Thank you.

## Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd Guy Hewlett for Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March

*Hebrews 10.* Christ said to God the Father, 'Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them'. Christ then said 'Here I am, I have come to do your will'. We are told that by that will we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. God is speaking about you when he says 'Their sins and lawless acts will I remember no more'. Can you say 'Here I am ...'.



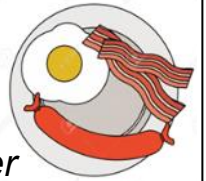
### Desert Island Lent

The season of Lent calls us to spend time in the desert or wilderness. But what would we take with us to sustain us and to help us use our time well? Come and find out what our **final guest** would take with him - and why. These sessions have proved to be very entertaining and enjoyable, possibly more of an oasis in Lent rather than a desert.

**Wed 20<sup>th</sup> March** Revd Shaun Armstrong St Michael's, Stourport, DY13 9DD  
Arrive from 7:00pm for 7:30pm. Everyone is very welcome.

### Parish Breakfast

The next **Men's breakfast** will be on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 **6<sup>th</sup> 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*

### 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](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. 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):

<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March,</b>	5:00pm - 7:30pm	All meetings are at <b>St Chad's Church,</b> <b>Burcher Green,</b> <b>Kidderminster, DY10 3AY</b>
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April,</b>	9:30am - 1:30pm	
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April,</b>	9:30am - 1:30pm	
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April,</b>	5:00pm - 7:30pm	

### Wyre Forest Chamber Choir presents: **Lead Kindly Light (a recital)**

at Holy Innocent's Church, Foley Park, DY11 6LA,

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**, 7:30pm (refreshments from 7:00pm).

Tickets on the door Adults £9.00, under 16/student £6.00 includes refreshments.



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# Palm Sunday

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

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

## COLLECT

True and humble king,  
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:  
grant us the faith to know you and  
love you, that we may be found  
beside you on the way of the  
cross, which is the path of glory.

## READINGS

Mark 11:1 - 11

Psalm 118:1 - 2, 19 - end

## SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> MARCH

### 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

## Maundy Thursday Service

We will be at **St Mary's** at **7:30pm** for this service of **Holy Communion** during **Holy Week**. It's a service that reflects the **Last Supper** that Jesus had with his disciples before crucifixion the next day, and it reflects his servant ministry this year by including **foot washing** (there is no obligation to take part, only an opportunity). You are welcome to make this part of your journey from **Palm Sunday** to **Easter Sunday**, walking through that amazing week with Jesus.

## Watch and Pray Vigil

**Maundy Thursday (28<sup>th</sup> March) at St George's Church, 9:00pm to Midnight**

Jesus, anticipating his arrest and crucifixion, asked Peter, James & John to watch and pray in the Garden of Gethsemane after the Last Supper. Can we take up the challenge this Easter? Churches elsewhere have found it to be a spiritually uplifting experience. St George's will be open from 9:00pm for silent prayer – you can come and go and stay for as little or as long as you wish (two men from St George's will be present throughout). There will be the opportunity to light a candle in the Chancel at any point and for Prayer Ministry at 9:45 – 10:00pm; 10:45 – 11:00pm and 11:45 – 12:00am in the side chapel. At midnight, the vigil will end with the Lord's Prayer and the Grace.

**St George's Coffee Shop:** Open every Friday morning 10:00am - 12:00noon at St George's Church, Radford Avenue. **PLEASE NOTE:** we will be **CLOSED** on **Good Friday** but will reopen as normal on **5<sup>th</sup> April**. Thank you



## Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd Guy Hewlett for Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

*Hebrews 13.* Faith matters, 'Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see'. In the hymn 'Only by Grace can we enter' we sing 'not by human endeavour but by the blood of the lamb'. In *chapter 13.5-6* we read "...God has said; 'Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you'. So we say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me'. Trust Jesus, have faith, his grace is sufficient!

### Spring Tale Top Sale

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 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.



### Chrism Eucharist - the Cathedral

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March, 11.00 am



This annual service is especially relevant to all Clergy and Lay Ministers who will renew their ministerial vows. Bishop John will bless oils for use in ordination, initiation and healing over the coming year. The service is open to **everyone** and is an opportunity for all those in parish leadership to express our support for those who have a vocation to ministry whether Ordained or Lay.



### Young at Heart

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

20<sup>th</sup> March *Musical entertainment*  
with Paul Berwick, singer

27<sup>th</sup> March *Meal Out* Contact the  
organiser for more information

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

### Parish Coach Trip

to Bristol on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April  
leaving St George's at 9:00am  
returning back around 5.30pm.

Cost £20.

To book please speak to  
Jan on 01562 630431.



### Lent lunches at St George's

Every Wednesday running throughout  
Lent: a simple soup, bread  
and cheese lunch. Drop in  
12:00noon to 2:00pm.

No charge, but donations  
are welcome.



### Bible Reading group

There will be **no meeting**  
this month so that we can  
all concentrate on the Lent  
Groups. Due to other factors there will be  
no meeting in April either. Therefore the  
next meeting will be on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.**  
Thank you.  
Hilary Hildred.

### Good Friday Services

There will be two services in the parish. In the morning, **10:30am at St Cecilia's** we will be holding a short service of stillness and reflection **suitable for all ages**. Before that, from 10:00am do come and join us for coffee and hot cross buns.

In the afternoon at **2:00pm at St Chad's** there will be the "*Hour at the Cross*" service of hymns, readings and reflections.

# DIARY

Homegroups are suspended so that people may attend the weekly **Lent Group**.

## 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

Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	7:30pm	Lent Course	St Cecilia's
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	12:00pm	Lent Lunch	St George's
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	5:00pm	Children's Club	St Chad's
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<i>Church services are listed elsewhere in this publication</i>		
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar	2:00pm	Bereavement Café	St Cecilia's
	7:00pm	St Cecilia's DCC	St Cecilia's
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> Mar	7:30pm	Lent Course	St Cecilia's
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	12:00pm	Lent Lunch	St George's
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	7:30pm	Holy Communion	St Mary's Stone
	9:00pm	Watch & Pray Vigil	St George's
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10:30am	Service of Stillness & Reflection	St Cecilia's
	2:00pm	Hour at the Cross	St Chad's
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10:30am	Easter Hunt Trail (Churches Together)	Brinton Park
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar	9:30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
	9:45am	Holy Communion	St Cecilia's
	11:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	11:00am	Holy Communion	St Mary's Stone

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 31<sup>th</sup> MARCH - Easter Sunday

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

## SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> APRIL

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

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