



**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 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024  
Third Sunday of Easter**

*A Warm Welcome to All our Services*

<b>COLLECT</b>	<b>SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> APRIL</b>	
Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father.	<b>ST CHAD'S</b>	
	<b>9:30am</b>	Holy Communion
	<b>ST CECILIA'S</b>	
	<b>9:45am</b>	Café Church
<b>READINGS</b>	<b>ST GEORGE'S</b>	
Acts 3:12 - 19	<b>11:00am</b>	Holy Communion
1 John 3:1 - 7	<b>ST MARY'S, STONE</b>	
Luke 24: 36b - 48	<b>11:00am</b>	Morning Worship

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

**Baptism and Confirmation**



Now is the time to let me know you would like to join the group preparing for Baptism and Confirmation, or just Confirmation, as appropriate. Baptism is the way of responding to God's grace with a public declaration of faith in Jesus, and where an adult has been baptized as a child then Confirmation is the way of confirming what was done on their behalf all those years ago. For an adult Baptism and Confirmation is all one step, though it might be taken a few weeks or months apart. If it sounds a bit confusing, do ask; we'd love you to join in (even without a firm decision to complete) rather than miss the opportunity. Please be in touch with me by **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April.**      *David*

**Archdeacon Nikki Groarke**

**Welcome** today (14<sup>th</sup> April) to Archdeacon Nikki as she leads the service at **St Mary's**, and then next week (21<sup>st</sup>) preaches at **St George's** in the evening. We are grateful for the support whilst we wait to fill the Team Vicar post (please keep praying!)

## Electoral Roll

Joining the **Electoral Roll** of the church is one way to show that you belong to the fellowship of the church. As well as giving you the right to vote at the Annual Meetings it also means that you will be prayed for at Morning Prayer on a weekday at 8:00am - about every 10 weeks or so you might feel the buzz! Fill in a form if any of this applies to you - available in each of our churches. The official electoral roll revision period, before this year's Annual Meeting, begins on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April so now is a good moment to apply, although you can apply at any time during the year.

### Café Chad Special

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May** at St Chad's,  
9:15am - 12:30pm.



Special fundraising event for UNICEF and the Children of Sudan, including craft stalls, homemade cakes and much more.



### Bible Reading group

Our next meeting will be on  
**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May,**

**11:00am**

at the Rectory

More details next time. *Hilary Hildred.*

## 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 15<sup>th</sup> April</b>		
<i>Date</i>	<i>Bible passage</i>	<i>Zoom</i>
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 1:1 – 25	DH
Tue 16 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 1:26 – 38	DH
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 1:39 – 56	DH
Thu 18 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 1:57 – end	DH
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 2:1 – 20	--
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 2:21 - 40	DH

Daily Readings for week beginning <b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>		
<i>Date</i>	<i>Bible passage</i>	<i>Zoom</i>
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Luke 2:41 – end	DH
Tue 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Ephesians 6:10 – 20 <i>George, martyr, patron of England</i>	DH
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 3:15 – 22	DH
Thu 25 <sup>th</sup>	Acts 12:25 – 13:13 <i>Mark the Evangelist</i>	DH
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 4:14 – 30	--
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 4:31 - 37	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 15<sup>th</sup> May**

(**NOTE:** this is a correction to the [Year Plan](#)) 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 **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April**, covering **Sundays 28<sup>th</sup> April** and **5<sup>th</sup> May**. Items for inclusion should be sent to [news@kidderminstereast.org.uk](mailto:news@kidderminstereast.org.uk) to reach the office by **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April**. Thank you.

## Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd David Hildred for Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April

*Colossians 3*. It takes just a week to read through this short letter, but a lifetime to put it into practice! Today's passage invites us to get dressed in the work clothes of being a follower of Jesus – put on compassion, kindness, etc. Once we are equipped with all those Christ-like tools we then put on some amazing overalls: over all these put on love. Again, the love that is written about here is the love that Jesus showed us, that we are to pass on to others: a love that sacrifices self for the blessing of the other. Let's get dressed for Christ's work.

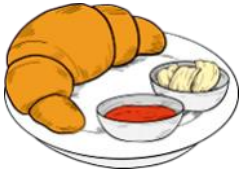
### Parish Breakfast

Twenty three men attended the breakfast last Saturday; a good time was had by all with good food and conversation which included a presentation from **Nightstop** that was very interesting and informative. It was decided that the next meeting will be on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May** at **St Cecilia's** at 9:30am.



*Ron & Roger*

**Ladies Get - Together on the same day:** The ladies met at St George's Craft Fair which was lovely. Lots of cakes were bought and taken home as well as a few gifts and crafts. Thank you to the cooks for the super bacon and sausage sandwiches. Our next meeting will be back at **The Eazy Lounge Café** in Vicar Street at **10:00am on 4<sup>th</sup> May**. *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 26<sup>th</sup> April,</b>	5:00pm - 7:30pm
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May,</b>	5:00pm - 7:30pm
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June,</b>	5:00pm - 7:30pm
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July,</b>	5:00pm - 7:30pm

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

### Thy Kingdom Come - 9<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024



Thy Kingdom Come is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus. The theme this year is "*Light up the World in Prayer*". You can visit the [Thy Kingdom Come website](#) to see what's going on. There is a *Novena* with reflections based on the book of Revelation written by Bishop Anthony Poggio, General Secretary of the Anglican Communion, including beautiful images from across different parts of the world. Join the prayer!



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# Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024**

## COLLECT

Risen Christ,  
faithful shepherd of your Father's  
sheep: teach us to hear your  
voice and to follow your  
command, that all your people  
may be gathered into one flock,  
to the glory of God the Father.

## READINGS

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

## SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> APRIL

### ST CHAD'S

**9:30am** Morning Worship

### 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

## Kidderminster East Youth (KEY)

For children and young adults in school years **5 - 13** (ages **9 - 18 yrs**)  
All meetings are at **St Cecilia's Church**, Hoo Road, DY10 1LP

**Next meeting is on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April, 6:00 - 7:30pm,**

We meet fortnightly on Sunday evenings. Please check our [webpage](#)  
for dates & times. For further information or if you would like to join KEY please  
contact : Grace Kerrigan (07807 647279) or Richard Baker (07843 136785)



## Young at Heart

**Wednesdays 2:00pm - 4:00pm**  
at St Cecilia's Church, Hoo Road

**Now open for tea/coffee from 1:00pm**

Our summer programme starts again on  
**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April.**

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

## St George's Pop up Café

Open **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May**  
and the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every  
month **12:00noon - 2:00pm**  
at St George's Church,



Now with **new summer menu** including  
Ploughman's Lunch, fruit, cakes, tea/  
coffee. **No charge. Donations welcome**

**Rooted** is the **Bible Society's** devotional journal, for in-depth conversations about  
Scripture and how we can apply it to our everyday lives. It is now available as a  
**podcast**. Learn more at [www.biblesociety.org.uk/resources/rooted/the-rooted-podcast/](http://www.biblesociety.org.uk/resources/rooted/the-rooted-podcast/)



## Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd David Hildred for Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April

*Luke 2.* During the next few weeks we read through Luke's gospel. He explains that he has looked into it all and wants to write an account to help his reader. Many of this week's readings are familiar from Christmas services, but let's ask the Holy Spirit to help us see more of what Luke was trying to get across to us. Can we see what he saw that convinced him of the certainty of the things that were being taught about Jesus, that he wanted his reader to be convinced of too? Let's not allow the familiar to hide the spectacular.

### Diocesan News

**Hagley Music Festival** - 12<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> April. In its 12<sup>th</sup> year, the festival offers an exciting programme of both free and ticketed concerts. <https://www.hagleymusicfestival.com/>

**Dudley Passion Play** - Fri 19<sup>th</sup> & Sat 20<sup>th</sup> April, 12:30pm - 2:00pm. A unique contemporary retelling of Jesus' last days, death and resurrection live on the streets of Dudley. Find out more from <https://saltminetrust.org.uk/thedudleypassionplay>

**Worcester Spirituality Gathering - Treasure in the Wilderness: Desert spirituality for uncertain times.** Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 10:00am - 12.30pm, (followed by lunch) at our own **St Cecilia's Church**, Hoo Road. A morning of learning, reflection and sharing facilitated by Canon Dr Andrew Mayes TSSF. Please contact Elaine Voice on [elaine.voice7@gmail.com](mailto:elaine.voice7@gmail.com) or 07747 607216 for [more details](#).

**Prayer Diaries** for April - July have now been distributed to churches. Please take one. You can download the diocese's new **summer training and events** programme [here](#).

### Friends of the Holy Land

Thank you for your generous response to our **Hope & Healing in the Holy Land** appeal. Every act of faith, every donation, no matter how humble, counts and supports our Christian brothers and sisters who are living in fear for their lives and despair for their future during this Eastertide.



**Highlights from the Hope & Healing Fund:** Listen to the joyful music of the [Zayyan Band](#). Hear encouraging stories of [new businesses](#) from the AFAQ project. Meet future medical staff like [George](#) and [Dana](#). Read about how we are [helping](#) the most vulnerable families to meet their basic needs. These stories of hope, joy and repair are our thanks for your help. Please watch and read knowing that your donations are getting to where they are needed most, in the Christian community. To find out ways you can help or to make a donation please visit the [FHL website](#).

### Requests for Prayer

- Please continue to pray about the ongoing Team Vicar vacancy as recruiting efforts continue, asking that the Holy Spirit will guide us in this process.
- For the ongoing conflicts in the Gaza Strip, Ukraine, Sudan and other parts of the world where families are displaced, frightened & bereaved.
- For John Meachen, long time member of the St Cecilia's community but now unable to attend due to frailty.

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

*Please contact the Parish Office for more details.*

# DIARY

**Homegroups** meet on the first and third weeks of the month, usually on a Tuesday.

## 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>	Weds in term time	2:00pm - 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>Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	7:30pm	St Mary's DCC	St Mary's, Stone
<b>Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Apr</b>	<i>Church services are listed elsewhere in this publication</i>		
	<i>Electoral Roll Revision period begins</i>		
	6:00pm	KE Youth	St Cecilia's
<b>Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Apr</b>	7:00pm	Parochial Church Council	St Mary's, Stone
<b>Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> Apr</b>	<i>St George's Day</i>		
<b>Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
<b>Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	5:00pm	Children's Club	St Chad's
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	9:30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
	9:45am	Morning Worship	St Cecilia's
	11:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	11:00am	Morning Worship	St Mary's Stone
<b>Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	<i>Electoral Roll revision period ends</i>		
	2:00pm	Bereavement Café	St Cecilia's

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 28<sup>th</sup> APRIL

**READINGS:** Acts 8:26 - end      1 John 4:7 - end      John 15:1 - 8

## SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> MAY

**READINGS:** Acts 10:44 - end      1 John 5:1 - 6      John 15:9 - 17

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