



THE KIDDERMINSTER EAST PARISH NEWSLETTER

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

Sunday 28th April 2024
Fifth Sunday of Easter

A Warm Welcome to All our Services

COLLECT	SUNDAY 28th APRIL	
Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father.	ST CHAD'S	
	9:30am	Holy Communion
READINGS	ST CECILIA'S	
	9:45am	Morning Worship
Acts 8:26 - end 1 John 4:7 - end John 15:1 - 8	ST GEORGE'S	
	11:00am	Holy Communion
	ST MARY'S, STONE	
	11:00am	Morning Worship

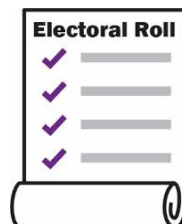
AGMs and APCM



It's the season of **Annual General Meetings** for each church, and then the **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** for the whole parish. It's a time for looking back with gratitude, and looking forward with expectation, for working out how to make your contribution into the mission and ministry of our churches. Please be praying about your involvement, about those who will be elected to various offices, and read all the paperwork before the meeting so you can come ready with questions and comments.

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. We are currently in the official revision period, before the roll is frozen ahead of this year's Annual Meeting of Parishioners, so **take action TODAY ... deadline tomorrow.**



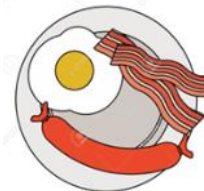
Bereavement Café - *Life after Loss*

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. We provide a listening ear over a cup of tea/coffee & cake in a warm & friendly atmosphere. Next meeting **Monday 29th April, 2:00pm - 4:00pm** at **St Cecilia's**, Hoo Road. For more info email Carol, Freda or Alison on lifeafterlosskep@gmail.com or call the parish office on 01562 822131.



Parish Breakfast

The next meeting of the **Men's Breakfast** will be on **Saturday 4th May** at **St Cecilia's** at 9:30am. Please come along to enjoy breakfast, fellowship and worship. So that we have some idea of numbers, if you are intending to come please *text* or *WhatsApp* Roger on 07711 732120. Newcomers welcome. No charge although any donations are gratefully received **Ron & Roger**



Ladies Get - Together on the same day: Our next meeting will be at **The Eazy Lounge Café** in Vicar Street at **10:00am on 4th May**.

No booking necessary; hope to see you there

Lyn & Cynthia

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 29th April		
Date	Bible passage	Zoom
Mon 29 th	Luke 4:38 – end	DH
Tue 30 th	Luke 5:1 – 11	DH
Wed 1 st	John 14:1 – 14 <i>Philip & James, Apostles</i>	DH
Thu 2 nd	Luke 5:27 – end	DH
Fri 3 rd	Luke 6:1 – 11	--
Sat 4 th	Luke 6:12 - 26	DH

Daily Readings for week beginning Monday 6th May		
Date	Bible passage	Zoom
Mon 6 th	Luke 6:27 – 38	--
Tue 7 th	Luke 6:39 – end	--
Wed 8 th	Luke 7:1 – 10	DH
Thu 9 th	Acts 1:1 – 11 <i>Ascension Day</i>	DH
Fri 10 th	Luke 7:11 – 17	--
Sat 11 th	Luke 7:18 - 35	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 15th 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 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 26th April

Luke 4. After the baptism of Jesus and then his temptation in the desert Luke presents today's passage almost as a manifesto at the beginning of his public ministry. Jesus has come to fulfil Scripture. He fulfils particular passages such as this one from Isaiah 61; he also fulfils the more general sweep of the story of the Bible that has been pointing to the Messiah Saviour, and now here he is. Today and tomorrow we hear of some different reactions to what Jesus says and does; which is closest to our own?



Bible Reading group

Our next meeting will be on
**Thursday 2nd May,
11:00am**

at the Rectory. We will resume our studies in *Mark*, initially looking at *chapter 4*. Refreshments served from 10:45am. Hilary Hildred.



Young at Heart

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

Now open for tea/coffee from 1:00pm

1st May David Seeney *The wreck of the Birkenhead, an early steamship*

8th May Drumming *with Rhythmicity*

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

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):

Friday 24th May, 5:00pm - 7:30pm

Friday 28th June, 5:00pm - 7:30pm

Friday 19th July, 5:00pm - 7:30pm

All meetings are at

St Chad's Church,

Burcher Green,

Kidderminster, DY10 3AY

Please check the [parish website](#) for dates in **August**.

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 28th May from 10:00am to 12:00noon.

Our theme for the morning is **Running the Race**. We will have lots of enjoyable crafts & games around the Olympics theme with *Run the Race with Jesus*. Drinks and cakes will be available, come along and have fun.

The cost is **£1 per child** - under 2's are free.

If you require further information please contact Carol Bishton: Tel 01562 827093



Thy Kingdom Come - Deanery Services

Thy Kingdom Come is the international movement encouraging us to use the ten days between **Ascension Day** and **Pentecost Sunday** for a special focus on **Prayer**. Our deanery churches are being helped to pray together at the same time, but in different locations on **Saturday 11th May**. In this parish we will be meeting at **10:00am** at **St Mary's, Stone**, to pray; there will be refreshments afterwards. All are welcome to make use of this opportunity.



Thy Kingdom Come - 9th to 19th 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. Can you think of 5 people you would like to pray for? The theme this year is "*Light up the World in Prayer*". Visit the [Thy Kingdom Come website](#) to access prayer resources. You can download the [Prayer Journal](#) which guides you through readings and prayers day-by-day and includes QR codes that take you to daily videos from luminaries such as Archbishop Justin Welby and Archbishop Angaelos (Coptic Orthodox Archbishop of London). There is a [Novena](#) with reflections based on the book of Revelation written by Bishop Anthony Poggo, General Secretary of the Anglican Communion, including beautiful images from across different parts of the world. There is the [Cheeky Pandas](#) TV series and music videos for children with new videos from Bear Grylls, Mary Berry and others. Plus many other resources including the [daily video download page](#). Join the prayer!

Electronic distribution of Newsletter

Following a recommendation by the Church of England nationally we will be switching away from *MailChimp* as our email provider.

From **1st May 2024** we will be using *Brevo*. Because *Brevo* is based in the EU, it is more GDPR-compliant than *Mailchimp*. As a result, many churches are choosing to move their contact data from *Mailchimp* to *Brevo*. Most of you will not notice any difference as we have tried to make the transition as invisible as possible. If, following **1st May**, you are not receiving emails and wish to do so, simply scan this **QR code** using your phone or tablet and you will open up a simple registration form to add your name to the list.

If you have any problems, please email Parish Communications parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk and we will try to help.



Pentecost Sunday, 19th May



This day is sometimes referred to as the 'birthday of the church', and so what a great way to celebrate this by joining together as a parish for an evening service of "**Pentecost Praise**": **6:30pm** at **St Cecilia's** on Hoo Road. Come and celebrate the gift of the Spirit, who enables us to "hear the wonders of God in our own languages".



Encountering God
following Jesus
Spirit-transforming lives

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

Sunday 5th May 2024

COLLECT

Risen Christ,
by the lakeside you renewed your
call to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your
command and draw the nations to
the fire of your love,
to the glory of God the Father.

READINGS

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

SUNDAY 5th May

ST CHAD'S

9:30am Worship for All

ST CECILIA'S

9:45am Holy Communion - followed by AGM

ST GEORGE'S

11:00am Morning Worship

6:30pm Evening Worship

ST MARY'S, STONE

11:00am Holy Communion

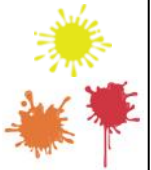
Family Activity Afternoons @StCecilia's

On the first Sunday of every month

Next Meeting: Sunday 5th May, 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 **5 - 13** (ages **9 - 18 yrs**)
All meetings are at **St Cecilia's Church**, Hoo Road, DY10 1LP

Next meeting is on Sunday 5th May, 5:30 - 6:30pm

Following meeting will be on Sunday 19th May, 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)



Midweek Services

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

An Invitation to An Evening With The Stars



Richard Campbell from Droitwich Salvation Army (cousin of a church member here) tells us of a concert in **Dudley Town Hall** on **Saturday 15th June** at **7:00pm**, which includes Vocal Soloist **Charlie Green** and the world famous **Cory Brass band**. Charlie has toured America with the Osmond brothers, and has toured Canada, the Philippines and across the UK. The Cory Band are based in Wales and are the premier brass band in the UK and Europe plus touring the world, winning many contests. Richard's invitation says: Please do join us in **An Evening With The Stars**. Tickets are £21 each (Children £10). Group bookings available.

Contact: **Richard Campbell** 07387 308718 richardcampbellforward24@yahoo.com

Diocesan News

Worcester Spirituality Gathering - Treasure in the Wilderness: Desert spirituality for uncertain times. Thursday 2nd 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 or 07747 607216 for [more details](#).

Revd David Morris, recently appointed Priest in Charge of the Four Rivers group in our own deanery (which includes Shrawley and the Witley's), will be riding the Dartmoor Classic Sportive on **23rd June**, to raise funds for Abberley Care Farm, a small alternative provision for children who struggle to cope in school by providing therapeutic animal assisted interventions. You can read more about David's efforts on the [diocesan webpage](#) and you can support David by visiting his [Justgiving page](#).

Prayer Diaries for April - July are now available in churches. Please take one. Alternatively you can [download a copy](#).

You can download the diocese's new **summer training and events** programme [here](#).

Christian Aid Week



Every Christian Aid Week, people across Britain and Ireland raise funds, act and pray for their global neighbours in a celebration of hope for a fairer world.

This year's appeal runs from **May 12th -18th** and is focussing on the organisation's work in **Burundi**, one of the most densely populated and poorest countries in Africa. Heavily reliant on agriculture, it's also one of the least prepared to combat the effects of climate change, including droughts, floods and landslides. **Christian Aid** has been working in Burundi since 1995 when it first offered humanitarian assistance to people surviving the civil conflict. Now, alongside local partners, the organisation helps establish Village Savings and Loans Associations (VSLAs). These community-led groups mean people can save and borrow money, making small businesses possible, offering reliable and diverse incomes so families can eat regularly, get medicine when they need it, and build safer homes. Read more about this year's campaign on the [Diocesan website](#).

The next **parish newsletter** will be published on **Friday 10th May**, covering **Sundays 12th and 19th May**. Items for inclusion should be sent to news@kidderminstereast.org.uk to reach the parish office by **Wednesday 8th May** at the latest. Thank you.

Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd David Hildred for Friday 3rd May

Luke 6. During this week (including the passage we jumped over because of P&J's feast day) Luke has been describing how Jesus didn't fit in with the expectations of the religious leaders around him. His way of living the religious life and following the ways of God was not strict enough in their eyes; he appeared not to be doing it properly. Jesus tried to help them see things differently by talking about it's only the sick who need a doctor, or, not sewing a new patch on an old garment, but appeared not to get through to them. Are there times when we hold onto customs, traditions and religion rather than onto Jesus?

Ascension Day, Thursday 9th May

Avoid the crush, beat all the crowds, by coming and celebrating **Ascension Day** the day before! We will use our usual mid-week service of Holy Communion on



**Wednesday 8th May,
10:00am at St George's**

to draw our hearts and minds together around the theme of **Ascension Day**. There is maintenance work going on in the church that day, so our service will be held in the Annexe.

St George's Pop up Café

Open **Wednesday 1st May**
and the 1st 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**

Café Chad Special

Wednesday 1st 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.

Stone Corner Café

**Wednesday 8th May
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.

Caravan for Sale

2008 4-berth Swift Charisma for sale.
Very good condition. Lots of extras -motor mover, awnings etc. Offers IRO £5999.
If interested call 07812 332436.

Safeguarding Audit

The diocese will be subject to an in-depth scrutiny of its **Safeguarding policies and practices** in the summer, and as part of that **you are invited** to express your (anonymous) opinion of how Safeguarding is handled here.

This survey is open until **Wednesday 1st May**. Click on this link to go straight to the questionnaire: <https://ineqe.com/churchofengland/worcester/>

SUNDAY 12th MAY

READINGS: Acts 1:15 - 17, 21 - end 1 John 5:9 - 13 John 17:6 - 19

SUNDAY 19th MAY - Pentecost

READINGS: Acts 2:1 - 21 Romans 8:22 - 27 John 15:26 - 27, 16:4b-15

DIARY

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

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

Mon 29th Apr	<i>Electoral Roll revision period ends</i>		
	2:00pm	Bereavement Café	St Cecilia's
Wed 1st May	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	12:00pm	Pop-up Café	St George's
Thurs 2nd May	10:00am	Treasure in the Wilderness (Diocese)	St Cecilia's
	11:00am	Bible Reading Group	The Rectory
Sat 4th May	9:30am	Men's Breakfast	St Cecilia's
	10:00am	Ladies Get-together	The Eazy Lounge
Sunday 5th May	<i>Church services are listed elsewhere in this publication</i>		
	11:00am	St Cecilia's AGM	St Cecilia's
	3:30pm	Family Activity Afternoon	St Cecilia's
	5:30pm	KE Youth	St Cecilia's
Mon 6th May	<i>Revised Electoral Roll published</i>		
Wed 8th May	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	2:00pm	Stone Corner Café	St Mary's
Thurs 9th May	<i>Thy Kingdom Come 10 days of prayer begins</i>		
Sat 11th May	10:00am	Thy Kingdom Come Service	St Mary's, Stone
Sunday 12th May	<i>Christian Aid Week begins</i>		
	9:30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
	9:45am	Café Church	St Cecilia's
	11:00am	Holy Communion (followed by AGM)	St George's
	11:00am	Morning Worship (followed by AGM)	St Mary's Stone
Mon 13th May	7:30pm	St Chad's AGM	St Chad'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](#).

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