



THE KIDDERMINSTER EAST PARISH NEWSLETTER

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

Sunday 12th May 2024
Ascension Sunday

A Warm Welcome to All our Services

COLLECT	SUNDAY 12 th MAY	
Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father.	ST CHAD'S	
	9:30am	Holy Communion
READINGS	ST CECILIA'S	
	9:45am	Café Church
Acts 1:15 - 17, 21 - end 1 John 5:9 - 13 John 17:6 - 19	ST GEORGE'S	
	11:00am	Holy Communion followed by AGM
	ST MARY'S, STONE	
	11:00am	Morning Worship followed by AGM

Annual Meeting of Parishioners and APCM

Monday 20th May, 7:00pm

at St George's Church, Radford Avenue



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.



Café Church at St Cecilia's

Hoo Road, DY10 1LP

every 2nd Sunday of the month

at 9:45am. A mix of contemporary

and traditional worship in a relaxed atmosphere.

Discussion, conversation and prayer. **All welcome.**

Midweek Services

Holy Communion

Every Wednesday

at 10:00am at

St George's Church,

Radford Avenue, DY10 2ES



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.

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



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 13th May		
Date	Bible passage	Zoom
Mon 13 th	Luke 7:36 – end	DH
Tue 14 th	Acts 1:15 – end <i>Matthias the Apostle</i>	DH
Wed 15 th	Luke 8:16 – 25	DH
Thu 16 th	Luke 8:26 – 39	DH
Fri 17 th	Luke 8:40 – end	--
Sat 18 th	Luke 9:1 - 17	DH

Daily Readings for week beginning Monday 20th May		
Date	Bible passage	Zoom
Mon 20 th	Luke 9:18 – 27	--
Tue 21 st	Luke 9:28 – 36	DH
Wed 22 nd	Luke 9:37 – 50	DH
Thu 23 rd	Luke 9:51 – end	DH
Fri 24 th	Luke 10:1 – 16	--
Sat 25 th	Luke 10:17 - 24	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** 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 10th May

Luke 7. There have been some healings in the gospel so far, but now it's as if Jesus goes up a gear, and he heals without being near the person, and he raises the dead. Could this really be the Messiah they were all waiting for? John the Baptist asks the question, and Jesus lists his credentials, not in order to boast of his abilities, but to inspire faith. What is it that attracted us to Jesus? What is it that keeps us following him? The 'people of that generation' wanted it the other way round; they wanted to play the tune and see if Jesus would follow. When do we tend towards doing that?

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**.

Thy Kingdom Come - 9th to 19th May 2024



Can you think of 5 people you would like to pray for, from Ascension to Pentecost, that they come to know Jesus better? 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 with links 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 Poggio, General Secretary of the Anglican Communion. For children there is the [Cheeky Pandas](#) TV series and music videos 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

If you wish to receive the parish newsletter, and other notices, by email and don't already do so, simply scan this **QR code** using your phone or tablet and it will take you to a simple registration form to add your name to the list. Any problems, please email Parish Communications parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk and we will try to help.





Encountering God
following Jesus
Spirit-transforming lives

Pentecost Sunday

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

Sunday 19th May 2024

COLLECT

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the
gift of faith, revive your Church
with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

READINGS

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

SUNDAY 19th May

ST CHAD'S

9:30am Morning Worship

ST CECILIA'S

9:45am Holy Communion

6:30pm Pentecost Praise

ST GEORGE'S

11:00am Morning Worship

ST MARY'S, STONE

11:00am Holy Communion



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".

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 19th May, 6:00 - 7:30pm

We will be joining in the **Pentecost Praise** service at 6:30pm (see above)

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

15th May

Elizabeth Cornish *Patchwork*

22nd May

Tea Out

Contact office

Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd David Hildred for Friday 17th May

Luke 8. The ministry of Jesus seems to go up another gear, as he teaches the crowds using parables. He then shows his authority over creation (the wind and waves), over the spiritual realm (the legion of demons), over sickness, death and practical needs (feeding 5,000+). That's all very interesting, but then in the middle of this his disciples are no longer left as spectators of what is happening, they become participants as they are sent out 'to preach the kingdom' and to bring healing & wholeness. Has there been a particular moment when you felt the shift from spectator to participant?

St George's Toddler Group

The Toddler Group is run by volunteers and meets in St George's Annexe most Tuesday mornings during school termtime. We provide a safe place for children to play, sing and do crafts particularly suited to youngsters up to 3 years old. The accompanying adults are encouraged to make friends and support one another in nurturing the children. The number attending is limited to 20 and we currently have spaces for newcomers. For more info please email stgeorgetoddlers@gmail.com

Diocesan News

Bishop's Retirement: The Rt Revd Dr John Inge, 113th Bishop of Worcester, has announced that he will be retiring on 9th October. There will be a **Service of Farewell** at the Cathedral on at 4:00 pm on **Sunday 29th September** to which everyone is warmly invited. Bishop Martin will become Acting Diocesan Bishop.

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](#).

The diocese organises many workshops, talks, bible studies and interesting events. Please take a look at the new **summer training and events** programme [here](#).

Christian Aid Week - 12th –18th May



This year's appeal is focussing on the organisation's work in **Burundi**. **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 community-led Village Savings and Loans Associations (VSLAs) meaning 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 24th May**, covering **Sundays 26th May** and **2nd June**. Items for inclusion should be sent to news@kidderminstereast.org.uk to reach the parish office by **Wednesday 22nd May** at the latest. Thank you.

Requests for Prayer

- Please continue to pray about the ongoing Team Vicar vacancy.
- For success of the Children's Half Term activity & the Children's Club.
- For the AGMs, MoP and APCM process, those who are responsible for their smooth running, and that decisions may be led by the Holy Spirit.

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 13th May	7:30pm	St Chad's AGM	St Chad's
Wed 15th May	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	7:30pm	Parish Prayer	Online via Zoom
Sunday 19th May	<i>Church services are listed elsewhere in this publication</i>		
	6:00pm	KE Youth	St Cecilia's
	6:30pm	Pentecost Praise	St Cecilia's
Mon 20th May	7:00pm	Meeting of Parishioners and APCM	St George's
Wed 22nd May	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
Friday 24th May	5:00pm	Children's Club	St Chad's
Sunday 26th May	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

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 26th MAY - Trinity

READINGS: Isaiah 6:1 - 8 Romans 8:12 - 17 John 3:1 - 17

SUNDAY 2nd JUNE

READINGS: 1 Samuel 3:1 - 10 2 Corinthians 4:5 - 12 Mark 2:23 - 3:6

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