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# THE KIDDERMINSTER EAST PARISH NEWSLETTER

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

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2024  
Second Sunday after Trinity

*A Warm Welcome to All our Services*

COLLECT	SUNDAY 9 <sup>th</sup> JUNE	
Faithful Creator, whose mercy never fails: deepen our faithfulness to you and to your living Word, Jesus Christ our Lord.	ST CHAD'S	
	9:30am	Holy Communion
	ST CECILIA'S	
	9:45am	Café Church
READINGS	ST GEORGE'S	
	11:00am	Holy Communion
1 Samuel 8:4 - 11, 16 - 20	ST MARY'S, STONE	
2 Corinthians 4:13 - 5:1	11:00am	Morning Worship
Mark 3:20 - end		



## Café Church at St Cecilia's

Hoo Road, DY10 1LP

every 2<sup>nd</sup> 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



## Young at Heart

Wednesdays 2:00pm - 4:00pm

at St Cecilia's Church, Hoo Road

Now open for tea/coffee from 1:00pm

12<sup>th</sup> June Paul Berick *Singer*

19<sup>th</sup> June Digital Services *meet at  
the Library (2:00pm)*

For more information or if you wish to join  
this group please contact Jean Bailey via  
the parish office.



## Ploughman's Lunch

followed by



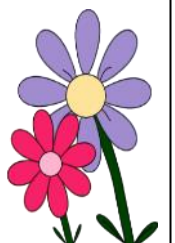
**Flower Arranging Demonstration**  
with Mike Towler

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 12:00noon

at St George's Church

**Tickets:** £10 from Jan (07801  
118214) or Chris (07919 178236)

Proceeds to Roof Access project  
and Toilet Twinning charity



## 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ordination of Women to the Priesthood

It's now 30 years since the first women were ordained as priests in the Church of England, including 22 that first year here in the Diocese of Worcester. In celebration there will be a special service in **Pershore Abbey** on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 7:00pm**. It will be led by the Revd Becky Elliott, Dean of Women's Ministry, and the Revd Canon Claire Lording, Vicar of the Pershore Benefice. The Rt Revd Dr John Inge, Bishop of Worcester, will preach and Archdeacon Nikki Groarke will lead the prayers. There will be interviews with one of the first women ordained in our diocese as well as one of the most recently ordained. The initial pioneering intake of 22 will be guests of honour. Afterwards there will be suitably celebratory drinks and cake. Anyone is welcome to attend. You can read more about the service on the [Worcester Diocesan website](#).

### Stone Corner Café



**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June**  
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.**

### Visitation

On **18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> June** St George's will play host to our new Archdeacon, Ven. Mark Badger, as he welcomes churchwardens from across the deanery for the **Visitation** process. Please pray for him in his new role and for all our Churchwardens.

## 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 10<sup>th</sup> June</b>		
Date	Bible passage	Zoom
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 13:1 – 9	DH
Tue 11 <sup>th</sup>	Acts 11:19 – end <i>Barnabas the Apostle</i>	DH
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 13:22 – end	DH
Thu 13 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 14:1 – 11	DH
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 14:12 – 24	--
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 14:25 - end	DH

Daily Readings for week beginning <b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June</b>		
Date	Bible passage	Zoom
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 15:1 – 10	--
Tue 18 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 15:11 – end	--
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 16:1 – 18	--
Thu 20 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 16:19 – end	--
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	Luke 17:1 – 10	--
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Luke 17:11 - 19	--

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 12<sup>th</sup> June** 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**.

## Faithful Friday Blog Post from Venerable Andy Piggott for Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June

*Luke 12.* Our readings this week have included a serious set of challenges for Jesus's followers. Amongst many things, he's spoken about the need to be ready for his return, about being careful in the way we exercise the responsibilities he gives us and he reminds us in the parable of the rich fool that our lives must not be defined by our material possessions. Whilst it's important for us to take all these challenges seriously, we can draw both comfort and encouragement from the Lord's deep love and care for all of us. He clothes the lilies and feeds the birds, and promises to supply all our needs. Thank you, Lord – and please help us each day to seek first your kingdom (*Luke 12: 31*).

### 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

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June,** 5:00pm - 7:30pm

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> 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**.

### 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 24<sup>th</sup> June, 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.



### 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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. **Tickets** are now **discounted** for parishioners to **£17 each** (Children £10). Group bookings available. Contact: **Richard Campbell** 07387 308718 [richardcampbellforward24@yahoo.com](mailto:richardcampbellforward24@yahoo.com) and say you are from Kidderminster East.





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# Third Sunday after Trinity

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

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

## COLLECT

God our saviour,  
look on this wounded world  
in pity and in power;  
hold us fast to your promises of  
peace won for us by your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

## READINGS

1 Samuel 15:34 - 16:13  
2 Corinthians 5:6 - 10, 14 - 17  
Mark 4:26 - 34

## SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup> JUNE

### 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

## Parish Breakfast

The next meeting of the **Men's Breakfast** will be on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June** 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; donations 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 22<sup>nd</sup> June**.

No booking necessary; hope to see you there

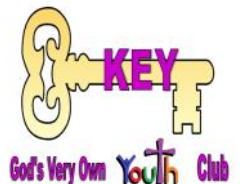
*Lyn & Cynthia*

## 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 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 6:00 - 7:30pm**

We usually 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)



The next **parish newsletter** will be published on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June**, covering **Sundays 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> June**. Items for inclusion should be sent to [news@kidderminstereast.org.uk](mailto:news@kidderminstereast.org.uk) to reach the parish office by **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June** at the latest. Thank you.

## Faithful Friday Blog Post from Venerable Andy Piggott for Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June

*Luke 14.* We've read a number of very familiar parables in our readings this week along with some miraculous healings. A crippled woman and a man with dropsy have been healed and we've read the stories about the fig tree, mustard seed, yeast and a huge banquet. I wonder what has stayed with you? I found the diversion into Acts on Tuesday particularly helpful when we read about Barnabas. His nickname we gather (see Acts 4:36) was 'Son of Encouragement' or more simply 'Encourager'. What a great name! We all need encouragement! Perhaps it would be helpful to think about how the Lord has encouraged us through this week's readings, and how in turn we might encourage others in the week that lies ahead?

### United Parish & Deanery Services

The Summer United Deanery Service will be at **Hartlebury Castle** on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July, 10:00am**. The Holy Communion service will be held outdoors (with the Great Hall reserved in case of wet weather) so remember to **bring your own chairs**. The main celebrant will be Bishop Michael, together with our two newest priests in the Deanery, Rev Jen Jones and Rev James Homer. Jen and James will be ordained at Worcester Cathedral on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June. **In our parish** the fifth Sunday in June is not a 'normal' fifth Sunday. Services on both **30<sup>th</sup> June** and **7<sup>th</sup> July** will follow a different pattern. We will have **four morning services** at our usual times on **30<sup>th</sup> June**, while on **7<sup>th</sup> July** there will be a **United Parish 'Worship for All' service** at **10:30am** at St Chad's for those who find it difficult to get to the Deanery service. Details next time.

### Diocesan News

The bishops of the Church of England have issued a call to put prayer and participation at the heart of the **General Election** campaign as the UK prepares to go to the polls. Archbishops Justin Welby and Stephen Cottrell urged people to set aside time to reflect and pray for our nation and our world. [Read more....](#)

**Average weekly attendance** at Church of England services across the country rose by almost 5% in 2023 - the third year of consecutive growth, while weekly attendance by children was up by almost 6%, according to preliminary annual Statistics. Total attendance is still below pre-Covid levels but analysis suggests that the gap has narrowed to just 6.7% below 2019 levels. [Read more....](#)

### Requests for Prayer

- With a new advert due to go out next month, please continue to pray about the on-going Team Vicar vacancy, asking that the Holy Spirit will guide us in this process.
- For our dedicated churchwardens as they prepare to meet the Archdeacon for the Visitation process, and for all that they do to serve the parish and the Lord.
- Let us give thanks for all those who have volunteered to fill rolls in our DCCs and PCCs following the AGM & APCM meetings last month. Please pray for them all.

*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

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 10 <sup>th</sup> June	7:00pm	Standing Committee	St Cecilia's
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> June	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	12:00pm	Ploughman's Lunch/Flower arranging	St George's
	2:00pm	Stone Corner Café	St Mary's Stone
	7:30pm	Parish Prayer Meeting	Online via Zoom
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> June	<i>Church services are listed elsewhere in this publication</i>		
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> June	10:00am	Deanery Visitation (until 7:00pm)	St George's
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> June	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	11:00am	Deanery Visitation (until 7:00pm)	St George's
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	9:30am	Men's Breakfast	St Cecilia's
	10:00am	Ladies Get-together	Eazy Lounge Café
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	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
	6:00pm	KE Youth	St Cecilia's
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> June	2:00pm	Bereavement Café	St Cecilia's
	7:30pm	St Chad's DCC	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](#).

## SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> JUNE

**READINGS:** 1 Samuel 17:32 - 49    2 Corinthians 6:1 - 13    Mark 4:35 - end

## SUNDAY 30<sup>th</sup> JUNE

**READINGS:** 2 Samuel 1:1, 17 - end    2 Corinthians 8:7 - end    Mark 5:21 - end

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