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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 7<sup>th</sup> July 2024  
**Sixth Sunday after Trinity**

*A Warm Welcome to All our Services*

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

**HARTLEBURY CASTLE, HARTLEBURY, DY11 7XZ**

**10:00am**

**UNITED DEANERY SERVICE of HOLY COMMUNION**

**ST CHAD'S, BURCHER GREEN, DY10 3AY**

**10:30am**

**UNITED PARISH SERVICE of WORSHIP FOR ALL**

*There are no other services in the parish today*

### COLLECT

Creator God,  
you made us all in your image:  
may we discern you in all that we see,  
and serve you in all that we do;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### READINGS

2 Samuel 5:1 - 5, 9 - 10

2 Corinthians 12:2 - 10

Mark 6:1 - 13

### **United Deanery Service of Holy Communion: Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July**

The United Deanery Service of Holy Communion will be at **Hartlebury Castle** held outdoors in the Carriage Circle with the Great Hall reserved in case of wet weather. **Please remember to bring your own chairs.** The main celebrant will be Archdeacon Mark Badger. Free parking and toilet facilities are available. Afterwards you can stay to picnic in the grounds or purchase refreshments/lunch at Hayley's Kitchen. The rest of the Castle opens 11:00am if you wish to stay and look around (entrance fee applies). For those who do not wish to go to Hartlebury Castle there is a service here in the parish. **St Chad's** are delighted to welcome you to their **Worship for All** service. Please note the start time of **10:30am**. This is the only service in the parish that day.

## 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 7<sup>th</sup> July, 5:30 - 6:30pm**

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)

### Parish Breakfast

19 men met for another breakfast on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, a good time was had by all with good fellowship, food, music and laughter.

The **next meeting** has been arranged for **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September** at **9:30am** at St Cecilia's. We look forward to seeing you. *Ron & Roger*



**Ladies Get - Together:** We shall also be meeting on **7<sup>th</sup> September** at **10.00am** at The **Eazy Lounge**.  
*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 <b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July</b>			Daily Readings for week beginning <b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July</b>		
Date	Bible passage	Zoom	Date	Bible passage	Zoom
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 20:41 – 21:4	DH	Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 22:24 – 30	DH
Tue 9 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 21:5 – 19	DH	Tue 16 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 22:31 – 38	DH
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 21:20 – 28	DH	Wed 17 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 22:39 – 46	DH
Thu 11 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 21:29 – end	DH	Thu 18 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 22:47 - 62	DH
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 22:1 – 13	--	Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 22:63 – end	--
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 22:14 - 23	DH	Sat 20 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 23:1 - 12	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 10<sup>th</sup> July** 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**.

### Midweek Services

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

## Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd David Hildred for Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July

*Luke 20.* We have entered the final week of the life of Jesus on earth, and Luke takes between 1/4 and 1/5 (depending on your Bible version) of his gospel to write about this period: he clearly sees it as crucial (pun intended!). There is more teaching from Jesus, in the form of a parable and in answer to questions, and in particular his answer about resurrection and marriage shows how earth-bound those religious leaders were. He cannot agree with them that there is nothing after death, but neither does he teach that eternity is just this life going on for ever. He invites us to lift our hearts and minds to a resurrection life that is far better than simply this life being endless. Will we?

### Parish Coach Trip

to **Barmouth** on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August**

leaving **St George's** at 8:30am  
returning back around 5.30pm.

**Cost £20.** To book please speak  
to Jan on 01562 630431.



### Young at Heart

**Wednesdays 2:00pm - 4:00pm**

at St Cecilia's Church, Hoo Road

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

**10<sup>th</sup> July** SUSA Ukulele Group

**17<sup>th</sup> July** Theme to be confirmed

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

### Stone Corner Café

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July**

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.**



### 'Meet and Eat'

Come and join us every

**Friday at 12.00 noon**

at **Morrison Café**

Green St, Kidderminster DY10 1AZ

### 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 19<sup>th</sup> July,** 5:00pm - 7:30pm

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August** 9:30am - 1:30pm

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August** 9:30am - 1:30pm



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

The next **parish newsletter** will be published on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July**, covering **Sundays 21<sup>st</sup>** and **28<sup>th</sup> July**. Items for inclusion should be sent to [news@kidderminstereast.org.uk](mailto:news@kidderminstereast.org.uk) to reach the parish office by **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July** at the latest. Thank you.

## Friends of the Holy Land

### Despair and Hope in the Holy Land



HB Cardinal Pizzaballa made a courageous visit to Gaza last month, the first international figure to visit Gaza since the war began.

He spent 4 days staying at the Holy Family Catholic Church and ministering to their needs; he also visited the Orthodox Church of St Porphyrios nearby and spoke at length with Archbishop Alexios.

Fr Gabriel Romanelli accompanied the Cardinal and was therefore able to finally return to his parish along with two Sisters of Charity to provide more relief.

[Read more about the visit...](#)

FHL CEO, Brendan Metcalfe, was in Jerusalem at the time of this visit and was able to gather first hand some of the news and conditions from the Cardinal's visit and around Israel and the West Bank which is helping to guide the work of FHL.

A special study, published by Fr Fadi Diab, Rector of St Andrew's Anglican Church, Ramallah and St Peter's Anglican Church in Bir Zeit and Chairman of FHL's local committee, provides an insight into the impact of the war on Palestinian Christians in the West Bank. While the world's media is focussed on Gaza, there is little reporting on the conditions for our brothers and sisters in the West Bank, which have been described as the worst in living memory. [Read the report...](#)

To find out ways you can help or to make a donation please visit the [FHL website](#).

### Holland House Retreat Centre

#### Jazz Evening

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July, 6pm – 9pm

[More info...](#)

#### Quiet garden days

flowers and plants theme

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July

The Dandelion: led by Frank Bentley

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August

led by Nicholas Owen

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September

The Grapevine: led by Nikki Moon

Arrivals from 10:00am with a led reflection on the theme, followed by quiet time in the Garden. Communion at midday with lunch served at 1:00pm. The day finishes with a shared reflection followed by tea & cake at 4:00pm.

Book [on the website](#) or email on [enquiries@hollandhouse.org](mailto:enquiries@hollandhouse.org)  
Or call 01386 860330.

### Lunchtime Learning

Lunchtime learning is an opportunity to gather over **Zoom** from 12.30 - 1.30pm to explore something new! Booking details for the Autumn programme will be posted on the [diocesan calendar](#).

#### Faith in Pottery

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September

Led by Mary Flitcroft,  
Bishop's Spirituality Adviser



Pottery seems to be the art that gets the most mentions in the Bible. In this session Mary Flitcroft will explore how faith and pottery go together.

Mary works as an artist in both clay and paint to create abstract, contemplative works, including a set of the Stations of the Cross called 'Stopping Places'. She also teaches ceramics. She is a spiritual director and retreat leader, drawn to the teachings of the mystics.



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# Seventh Sunday after Trinity

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

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

## COLLECT

Generous God, you give us gifts  
and make them grow: though our  
faith is small as mustard seed,  
make it grow to your glory and the  
flourishing of your kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## READINGS

2 Samuel 6:1 - 5, 12b - 19  
Ephesians 1:3 - 14  
Mark 6:14 - 29

## SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> JULY

### ST CHAD'S

**9:30am** Holy Communion

### ST CECILIA'S

**9:45am** Café Church

### ST GEORGE'S

**11:00am** Holy Communion

### ST MARY'S, STONE

**11:00am** Morning Worship



**Café Church**  
**at St Cecilia's**  
**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.*

## Save the Date

On **23<sup>rd</sup> November** we will be holding a  
**Parish Away Day** (at Home!). We looked  
into hiring a venue but for various reasons  
it wasn't practicable so it will be held in  
**St Cecilia's**. More details to follow.  
Please put the date in your diary so we  
can meet as 4 churches together.

## Friday morning coffee shop

at St George's, 10:00 -12:00noon  
including **Art Table**. All ages  
and abilities welcome, materials  
provided, minimum charge.  
No need to book, just turn up!



## Café Chad

**Every Monday and Wednesday**

9:15am - 12:30pm  
with

**Knit & Natter/Crafts**



**every Monday 10:00am - 12:00noon.**

**and Art Group**

**every Wednesday 10:00am - 12:00noon**

Come to meet friends, new and old,  
for a chat and quality refreshments.

## Parish Prayerlink

Our praying friends across the  
whole parish are happy to pray for  
you. Requests for prayer for specific  
people / situations can be emailed to  
[prayerlink@kidderminstereast.org.uk](mailto:prayerlink@kidderminstereast.org.uk)



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

*Luke 22.* Although we would like some sort of timetable as to what will happen when in relation to the return of Jesus, we don't get one, but we do get the command from Jesus to be 'on the watch', ready for his return. He helps his disciples realise that his death on the cross will not be the end of the story. He shows that he is in control of what is happening to him (an arrangement with the man with the water jar, just like the arrangement of the donkey on Palm Sunday – 19:31) and he re-assigns the symbols of the Passover meal so that they point to him and no longer to the escape from Egypt in the days of Moses. May we grow in confidence that 'our story' is safe in his hands.



### Emily Jordan Foundation Recycling collection point

For a long time, Shirley Hale has managed collections in support of the Emily Jordan Foundation and we are extremely grateful for her service. Karen Morton has now arranged for the Collection Box for recycling to be reinstated in the foyer at St Chad's Church, and she will transport donations to the Foundation's warehouse.

The **Emily Jordan Foundation** is a local charity that supports people with learning difficulties to lead fulfilled lives. More specifically, the "Go Green" project offers day opportunities to people with more complex needs providing high quality, meaningful activities. The trainees engage in all aspects for recycling from collections, sorting and crushing through to light assembly work.

The following items **only** are acceptable items for donations:

**Clean drinks cans** - NOT crushed.

**Clean food tins** - please remove labels, put lids inside and then please squash tins.

**Clean foil** and **Beer bottle tops**

Please set aside the above items from your recycling and take them to St Chad's so that we can support the work of this amazing charity and, in a small way, help care for God's creation. Many thanks. *Karen Morton*



### Café Chad

Café Chad is happy to receive used cards of any sort, including Christmas cards, for **upcycling**. They can also use and collect the cellophane packets that cards come in. Mattie Underhill is happy to collect them from **St George's** or **St Chad's**. They have been able to give some good amounts to local charities, including Friends of the Elderly, from the money raised selling them at Café Chad.

### Climate Action

As part of our **care for God's creation** have you considered asking your energy supplier if any of your power comes from green sources? You could also think about possible ways of reducing your personal energy consumption.

**Why let the grass grow around our churches?** In this blog post, the diocesan Climate Crisis Group explains the benefits of keeping a wildflower area of your churchyard. [Read the blog....](#)

## Diocesan News

**'Join the Conversation'** The Diocese has begun the process of looking for a new **Bishop of Worcester** and want to hear the views of as many people as possible. The **Vacancy in See Committee** is beginning to develop the diocesan '*Statement of Needs*', which sets out the key priorities. Where is God calling us? What experience, skills and qualities would you like in our new diocesan bishop? To ensure this is an accurate reflection of the diocese **they need your help!** Please complete the online survey **before 1<sup>st</sup> August** to have your say about what is needed from a new bishop and the future of the diocese. The survey should only take 10 minutes of your time and can be found at [www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/join-the-conversation](http://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/join-the-conversation). Thank you. It is also vital that this process of discernment is surrounded by prayer. You might like to pray:

*Heavenly Father, we thank you for those you call to faithfully lead and shepherd your church. As we seek to appoint a new bishop of Worcester, help us to be attentive to the Holy Spirit's guidance, give us heavenly wisdom, and bless our diocese that we might enter a new season of growth and fruitfulness as Kingdom People.*

*For your glory and in the name of Christ. Amen*

Founder of the **Oasis Trust** and social activist, the Revd Steve Chalke, will be coming to **Top Church in Dudley** on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** to launch his new book: *Manifesto for Hope: Ten Principles for Transforming the Lives of Children, Young People, and Their Families*. Steve will speak to those gathered about investing in new and better ways of approaching community development that really improve people's lives. He believes that we need a radical reset; one that empowers churches, local charities, grassroots movements and other faith groups, in a far more imaginative, less bureaucratic, more collaborative approach to community development. The event is open to all and is FREE but must be booked in advance. If you wish to attend please use the following link to book your place:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/manifesto-for-hope-tickets-929101657067>

Bishop John has announced the appointment of The Revd Shaun Armstrong as **Priest in Charge** of Churchill-in-Halfshire with Blakedown and Broome, to be also Associate Priest in the Benefice of Kidderminster Ismere with special responsibility for Cookley, Wolverley and Upper Arley. Shaun is currently serving as Assistant Curate in the Kidderminster Ismere Team. Shaun's Licensing will take place at 7pm on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July** at St James' Church, Churchill-in-Halfshire.

### Requests for Prayer

- With a new advert due to go out this month, please continue to pray about the on-going Team Vicar vacancy, asking that the Holy Spirit will guide us in this process.
- For Revd Shaun Armstrong as he takes up his place as Priest-in-Charge of one of our neighbouring parishes.
- For all confirmation candidates who are preparing to be confirmed, both in our parish and elsewhere in the deanery.

*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 8 <sup>th</sup> July	7:00pm	PCC meeting	St Chad's
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> July	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	2:00pm	Stone Corner Café	St Mary's
	7:30pm	Parish Prayer Meeting	Online via Zoom
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> July	<i>Church services are listed elsewhere in this publication</i>		
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> July	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> July	5:00pm	Children's Club	St Chad's
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> July	9:30am	Morning Worship	St Chad's
	9:45am	Holy Communion	St Cecilia's
	11:00am	Morning Worship	St George's
	11:00am	Baptism	St Mary's
	6:00pm	KE Youth	St Cecilia's
	6:30pm	Evening Prayer	St George'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 21<sup>st</sup> JULY

**READINGS:** 2 Samuel 7:1 - 14a Ephesians 2:11 - end Mark 6:30 - 34, 53 - end

### SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> JULY

**READINGS:** 2 Samuel 11:1 - 15 Ephesians 3:14 - end John 6:41 - 21

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