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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 18<sup>th</sup> August 2024  
Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

*A Warm Welcome to All our Services*

COLLECT	SUNDAY 18 <sup>th</sup> AUGUST	
God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord.	ST CHAD'S	
	9:30am	Morning Worship
<b>READINGS</b>  1 Kings 2:10 - 12; 3:3 - 14 Ephesians 5:15 - 20 John 6:51 - 58	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

## Baptism Service - TODAY

Today (18<sup>th</sup> August) we have the opportunity to celebrate with those who are being baptized from our parish at **Kidderminster Baptist Church, 4:00pm** (Franche Road, DY11 5BE). Here are people who are making significant steps in their journey of faith with this outward sign of their inward transformation. Their ages range from 2 years to over 80. Will you line the road (so to speak) and cheer them on? Everyone is welcome to come and rejoice. *David*



## 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. Next meeting **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2:00pm - 4:00pm** at **St Cecilia's**, Hoo Road. For more information email Carol, Freda or Alison on [lifefterlosskep@gmail.com](mailto:lifefterlosskep@gmail.com) or call the parish office on 01562 822131.



## Coffee, Cake and Climb

We will be holding a Coffee, Cake and Climb morning at Cleobury Community Hub (DY14 8BN) on Bank Holiday **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August** from 10:30am. All are welcome, bring the kids, grandkids or just come along for fellowship, coffee and cake. Climbing with shoes costs £4 for under 16s, £5 for adults up to age 85!! If you are thinking of coming, or for further information, please contact Roger (07711 732120) so we have an idea of numbers. Look forward to seeing you. *Roger and Lyn*



## Café Chad Special

### Coffee Morning and Table Top Sale Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 9:15am - 12:15pm



In aid of Kemp Hospice and Marie Curie, at St Chad's Church Hall, Burcher Green, DY10 3AY. All welcome to come and support both these vital charities. If you would like to book your own stall there are tables still available at £10 each. For more details please speak to Mattie Underhill or Sally Stephenson or call Mattie on 07913 329119.

## 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 morning. Please join us for a great way to start the day. All welcome.

Daily Readings for week beginning <b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August</b>			Daily Readings for week beginning <b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August</b>		
Date	Bible passage	Zoom	Date	Bible passage	Zoom
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	2 Samuel 11:1 – end	--	Mon 26 <sup>th</sup>	2 Samuel 18:1 – 18	--
Tue 20 <sup>th</sup>	2 Samuel 12:1 – 25	--	Tue 27 <sup>th</sup>	2 Samuel 18:19 – 19:8a	DH
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup>	2 Samuel 15:1 – 12	--	Wed 28 <sup>th</sup>	2 Samuel 19:8b – 23	DH
Thu 22 <sup>nd</sup>	2 Samuel 15:13 – end	--	Thu 29 <sup>th</sup>	2 Samuel 19:24 – end	DH
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup>	2 Samuel 16:1 – 14	--	Fri 30 <sup>th</sup>	2 Samuel 23:1 - 7	DH
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 22:24 – 30 <i>Bartholomew the Apostle</i>	--	Sat 31 <sup>st</sup>	2 Samuel 24:1 - end	--

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 11<sup>th</sup> September** 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 Guy Hewlett for Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August

*2 Samuel 7.18ff.* Looking around the world there are struggles for power everywhere. And so it was when, after king Saul's death, David is anointed king of Judah. War breaks out between the houses of David and Saul. It lasted a long time. There is murder and intrigue. Then David becomes king over Israel. These are turbulent times. David, from very humble beginnings, is given victory. Through the prophet Nathan, David is given God's promises – and David's response is a prayer of humility. We are all frail and imperfect people, but God calls us by name despite this. Can we humbly accept God's call and his gifts?

### 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.



### Bible Reading group

Next meeting **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September,**  
**11:00am** at the **Rectory.**

Refreshments served from 10:45am.  
Open to all but please let me know you are  
coming, either directly or via the parish  
office. *Hilary Hildred.*



### St Cecilia's Autumn Fayre

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September, 10:00am - 2:00pm - FREE entry**

With face & nail painting, magician and balloon modelling, local  
crafts and produce, hot food, homemade cakes and refreshments.

To book a stall please contact : [ceciliachurch@hotmail.com](mailto:ceciliachurch@hotmail.com) or call 07946 367152



### Darkness to Light: Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September, 10:00am - 3:00pm

**Trinity Methodist and Baxter URC** would like to invite you to a day of Christian  
fellowship, centred around the theme of **Peace**, at **Trinity Methodist  
Church**, Churchfields, Kidderminster. The day will be a mixture of craft,  
prayer, drama and Christian fellowship events, and costs £2.50 per person.  
Please book through [www.trybooking.com/uk/DPGN](http://www.trybooking.com/uk/DPGN) or scan the QR code.



### Children's Club Holiday Specials

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](http://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.



Our **HOLIDAY SPECIALS** are at the **end of August**.

See upcoming dates and times below:

<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August</b>	9:30am - 1:30pm
<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August</b>	9:30am - 1:30pm
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September</b>	5:00pm - 7:30pm

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



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# Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2024**

## COLLECT

Almighty God,  
you search us and know us:  
may we rely on you in strength  
and rest on you in weakness,  
now and in all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## READINGS

1 Kings 8:22 - 30, 41 - 43  
Ephesians 6:10 - 20  
John 6:56 - 69

## SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

### ST CHAD'S

**9:30am** Holy Communion

### ST CECILIA'S

**9:45am** Morning Worship

### ST GEORGE'S

**11:00am** Holy Communion

### ST MARY'S, STONE

**11:00am** Morning Worship

## St George's Flower Festival

To commemorate the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the consecration of St George's church we are hosting a **Flower Festival** on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September**. The church will be open 10:00am - 3:00pm and refreshments will be available. There will be a display of artifacts and pictures from 200 years of history of St George's church and chapel.

There will also be an art display from **Arts Etc** who use the church every Friday.

**Arts Etc** offers creative and cultural opportunities to those who might not otherwise be able to access them. There will be a special church service, including a baptism and confirmations, on **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September** at 10:00am with the Bishop of Dudley presiding. All are welcome.



## Parish Awayday

On **Saturday 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. We would very much appreciate some **suggestions** from all 4 congregations of what you might **like to sing** on the day, although we cannot guarantee to include everything. Please contact the **office** with your choice. If it helps, the day will be based on *Ephesians 5 & 6* with a theme 'Stand and Shine'. *Margaret H.*



## Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd Guy Hewlett for Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August

2 Samuel 16.1-14. In our lives one of the most confusing things can be when we are under personal attack – especially when the person attacking us is close to us. King David is under attack from his son Absalom – David has committed adultery and murder so he is hardly innocent, but the shock must have been acute. David longed for Absalom and yet his son conspired against him. How must Jesus have felt when the people turned against him, and Jesus is totally without sin. If we feel ourselves under attack by those we love, think on Jesus's words on the cross: "Father forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing".

### Diocesan News

**Bishop John's Farewell:** Bishop John will be retiring as Bishop of Worcester on 9<sup>th</sup> October. He will be greatly missed. There will be a service of Farewell at the Cathedral 4:00pm on **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September**. If you would like to contribute to a **leaving gift**, donations can be sent via bank transfer to **The Worcester Diocesan Board of Finance Ltd, Lloyds Bank, The Cross, Worcester; Sort Code: 30 99 90; Account No: 02974040** (please use the reference BISHOP COLLECTION). *Bishop Martin*

The latest **Diocesan Synod** took place at St Michael & All Angels Church, Stourbridge on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June. You can click here to [read a full report...](#) And if that doesn't satisfy your appetite for church governance documentation you can also [read a full account](#) of the **General Synod**, which took place in July, courtesy of house of laity representative Robin Lunn.

**Faith in Pottery** - a Lunchtime Learning event on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Sept, 12:30 - 1:30pm, led by Mary Flitcroft, Bishop's Spirituality Adviser. [More details and to book...](#)

### Parish Breakfast

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*



### Butterfly Release

The Wvre Forest Hospice

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September** at **Bodenham Arboretum**,

Bodenham Lane, Kidderminster, DY11 5TB from 10:30am

(Butterflies released from 12:00noon). Donate, dedicate and

release your own butterfly to remember loved ones and support the hospice. Register online at [kemphospice.org.uk/butterfly](http://kemphospice.org.uk/butterfly).



### Requests for Prayer

- With the closing date for applicants approaching, please continue to pray fervently that the right person will be moved by the Spirit to apply for the Team Vicar vacancy.
- In our troubled world, that people may be drawn to the peace offered by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

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

*Please contact the Parish Office for more details.*

## DIARY

Homegroups are now in the summer break period. Next meetings are in September.

### 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	are on their summer break - next meeting 11 <sup>th</sup> September		
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 19 <sup>th</sup> Aug	2:00pm	Bereavement Café	St Cecilia's
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Aug	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> Aug	<i>Church services are listed elsewhere in this publication</i>		
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> Aug	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup> Aug	8:30am	Coach Trip to Barmouth	St George's
	9:30am	Children's Club Holiday Special	St Chad's
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> Aug	9:30am	Children's Club Holiday Special	St Chad's
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	9:30am	Worship for All	St Chad's
	9:45am	Holy Communion	St Cecilia's
	11:00am	Morning Worship	St George's
	11:00am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
	3:30pm	Family Fun afternoon	St Cecilia's
	5:30pm	KE Youth	St Cecilia's
	6:30pm	Evening Worship	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](#).

The next parish newsletter will be published on **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August**, covering **Sundays 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> September**. Items for inclusion should be sent to [news@kidderminstereast.org.uk](mailto:news@kidderminstereast.org.uk) to reach the parish office by **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August** at the latest. Thank you.

### SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER

**READINGS:** Song of Solomon 2:8-13 James 1:17-end Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

### SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

**READINGS:** Proverbs 22:1-2, 8, 9, 22, 23 James 2:1-10, 14-17 Mark 7:24-end

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