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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 4th August 2024
Tenth Sunday after Trinity

A Warm Welcome to All our Services

COLLECT		SUNDAY 4 th AUGUST	
Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.		ST CHAD'S	
		9:30am	Worship for All
		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 by extension
READINGS			
2 Samuel 11:26 - 12:13a			
Ephesians 4:1 - 16			
John 6:24 - 35			

Upcoming Baptism Services

Do you remember how Jesus said "Go and make disciples of all nations" (rather than only wait for people to come to us), and how he encouraged us to 'go the extra mile' (to show we will meet their needs rather than only expect them to fit in with ours)? Well, I hope you will find the joy of going the extra mile up to Kidderminster Baptist Church (Franche Road, DY11 5BE) in order to encourage those who are standing up to express their faith in Jesus at our baptism service there.



Sunday 18th August, 4:00pm. All are welcome to attend. *David*

STOP PRESS: the range of ages of those being baptised is now from 2 to over 80.

ABOUND Family Camp: 16th - 19th August 2024

Faith filled fun for the whole family: ABOUND family camp is back again at Lenchwood Christian Centre, Evesham, WR11 4UP. Games, Bible stories, music & worship, inflatables, gunge, crafts plus special guests to entertain you. Book today via www.4front-theatre.com. Day tickets are also available. Act quick; selling out fast!

Parish Awayday

On **Saturday 23rd 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.*

Coffee, Cake and Climb

We will be holding a Coffee, Cake and Climb morning at Cleobury Community Hub (DY14 8BN) on Bank Holiday **Monday 26th 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*



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 Monday 5th August			Daily Readings for week beginning Monday 12th August		
Date	Bible passage	Zoom	Date	Bible passage	Zoom
Mon 5 th	1 Samuel 24:1 – end	DH	Mon 12 th	2 Samuel 3:12 – end	DH
Tue 6 th	Luke 9:28 – 36 <i>Transfiguration of our Lord</i>	DH	Tue 13 th	2 Samuel 5:1 – 12	DH
Wed 7 th	1 Samuel 28:3 – end	DH	Wed 14 th	2 Samuel 6:1 – 19	DH
Thu 8 th	1 Samuel 31:1 – end	DH	Thu 15 th	Luke 1:46 – 55 <i>The Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	DH
Fri 9 th	2 Samuel 1:1 – end	DH	Fri 16 th	2 Samuel 7:18 – end	--
Sat 10 th	2 Samuel 2:1 - 11	--	Sat 17 th	2 Samuel 9:1 - end	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 14th August** 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**.

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 2nd August

1 Samuel 22. This week we begin to read through some of the history books of the Old Testament, and here we have the tangled web of relationships between David (king-in-waiting) and Saul (the first king of the nation, but who has been rejected by God, 13:14) and Jonathan (the son of Saul, whom you would expect to be the successor). The covenant of friendship between David and Jonathan has much to teach us about friendship between men, but also points us to the relationship between Saviour and sinner, as Jonathan yields his position of heir to David: Jonathan willingly steps down in order to acknowledge David as the rightful king. Let's read this expecting to see Jesus.

Parish Coach Trip

to **Barmouth** on **Thursday 29th August**

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

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



Italian Evening

You are invited to an **Italian Evening**
at **St George's, Sat 17th August, 7:00pm**

There will be a selection of Italian dishes
and desserts together with entertainment
from singer Paul Berick.

Cost £15.

Contact Jan 01562 630431 or
Chris 07919178236 to book.



St George's Pop up Café

Open **Wednesday 7th August**

12:00noon - 2:00pm

at St George's Church

New summer menu including
Ploughman's Lunch, fruit, cakes, tea/
coffee. **No charge. Donations welcome.**



Stone Corner Café

Wednesday 14th August
at **St Mary's Stone**

Call in any time between
2:00pm - 4:00pm

for a chat, a drink and a slice of cake.



Children's Club at St Chad's

The **Children's Club** is a fun and friendly club for school years 2 to 5.

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 :

Thursday 29th August 9:30am - 1:30pm

Friday 30th August 9:30am - 1:30pm **Friday 27th September** 5:00pm - 7:30pm



Bereavement Café: Please note that our next meeting of "**Life after Loss**" will be on **Monday 19th August** at the usual time of 2:00pm at St Cecilia's Church. This is due to the Bank Holiday on 26th August. Contact lifefterlosskep@gmail.com for more info.

The next **parish newsletter** will be published on **Friday 16th August**, covering **Sundays 18th and 25th August**. Items for inclusion should be sent to news@kidderminstereast.org.uk to reach the parish office by **Wednesday 14th August** at the latest. Thank you.



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Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 11th August 2024

COLLECT

God of glory,
the end of our searching, help us
to lay aside all that prevents us
from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

READINGS

2 Samuel 18:5 - 9, 15, 31 - 33
Ephesians 4:25 - 5:2
John 6:35, 41 - 51

SUNDAY 11th AUGUST

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

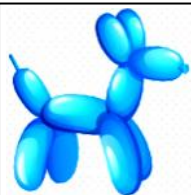
11:00am Morning Worship

St George's Flower Festival

To commemorate the 200th anniversary of the consecration of St George's church we are hosting a **Flower Festival** on **Thursday 12th to Saturday 14th 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 baptisms and confirmations, on **Sunday 15th September** at 10:00am with the Bishop of Dudley presiding. All are welcome.



St Cecilia's Autumn Fayre

Saturday 14th 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 or call 07946 367152



Electric Reclining Chair available

We have been told about a "**Repose C-air**" pressure care riser and recliner electric chair, which is **free to a good home**. Interested? Please contact David H.

Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd Guy Hewlett for Friday 9th August

2 Samuel Ch 1: '...how the mighty have fallen' is a phrase often used at the decline of a once great person. The phrase is from 2 Samuel chapter 1 (see vs 17 - 27) and is spoken by David at the death in battle of king Saul and David's great friend Jonathan. Grief is a horrible feeling and can be a terrible pain in our souls. David, soon to become king after Saul, mourned. He wrote a lament for Saul and Jonathan. Lament is a prayer in pain that leads to trust in God. Through lament we can grieve well and praise God through our sorrows. Is there a lament you need to pray that will help you heal?

Diocesan News

Bishop John's Farewell: Bishop John will be retiring as Bishop of Worcester at the end of September after a long and distinguished ministry. He will be greatly missed. There will be an opportunity for us all to gather in the Cathedral and give thanks to God and to Bishop John for all he has given at 4:00pm on **Sunday 29th 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). Please also pray for Bishop John and H-J at this time of change. *Bishop Martin*

There is a new [Autumn Training and Events](#) programme available to download. The diocese are keen to gather feedback about the training and learning opportunities they currently offer. If you would like to have your say please fill in the form at <https://forms.office.com/e/X0Rmsy6fS0>. It should only take a few minutes.

Prayer Diaries for July to November are now available in churches. Please take one. You can also access the diary [on the diocesan website](#).

Parish Breakfast

The **next meeting** has been arranged for **Saturday 7th 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 **7th September at 10.00am** at The **Eazy Lounge**.

Lyn & Cynthia



The Wvre Forest Hospice

Butterfly Release

Saturday 7th 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.



The parish office has a large **supply of paper** that has been printed on one side with "As one" logo and watermark. It is good quality A4 white paper and if you don't mind what is on the back of it could be used in home copying and printing. If you want a quantity, or would like to inspect it first, please get in touch with the parish office. Contact details on back page.

Free printer ink cartridges: I have had to replace my printer and I have a supply of spare ink cartridges for an Epson printer that uses 1291 (black) and 1292-4 (colours). *David H.*

Requests for Prayer

- With a new advert now out, please continue to pray about the on-going Team Vicar vacancy, asking that the Holy Spirit will guide us in this process.
- For the families and friends of all those affected by the stabbings that took place in Southport recently. May they be comforted in their distress.

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 - no meetings this month		
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

Wed 7 th Aug	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	12:00pm	Pop-up Café	St George's
Sunday 11 th Aug	<i>Church services are listed elsewhere in this publication</i>		
Wed 14 th Aug	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	2:00pm	Stone Corner Café	St Mary's Stone
	7:30pm	Parish Prayer Meeting	Online via Zoom
Sat 17 th Aug	7:00pm	Italian Evening	St George's
Sun 18 th Aug	9:30am	Morning Worship	St Chad's
	9:45am	Holy Communion	St Cecilia's
	11:00am	Morning Worship	St George's
	11:00am	Holy Communion	St Mary'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](#).

SUNDAY 18th AUGUST

READINGS: 1 Kings 2:10 - 12; 3:3 - 14 Ephesians 5:15 - 20 John 6:51 - 58

SUNDAY 25th AUGUST

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

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