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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 9th February 2025
Fourth Sunday before Lent**

A Warm Welcome to All our Services

COLLECT	SUNDAY 9th FEBRUARY	
<p>Lord of the hosts of heaven, our salvation and our strength, without you we are lost: guard us from all that harms or hurts and raise us when we fall; through Jesus Christ our Lord.</p>	ST CHAD'S	
	9:30am	Holy Communion
	ST CECILIA'S	
	9:45am	Café Church
READINGS	ST GEORGE'S	
	11:00am	Holy Communion
	ST MARY'S, STONE	
Isaiah 6.1 - 8 1 Corinthians 15.1 - 11 Luke 5.1 - 11	11:00am	Morning Worship



Café Church at St Cecilia's Sunday 9th February at 9:45am

A mix of contemporary and traditional worship in a relaxed atmosphere.
Discussion, conversation and prayer **All welcome.**

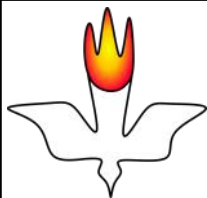
Kidderminster East Finance Officer

Deadline for applications is 5:00pm, Friday 14th February

Lyn Aston will soon retire as Finance Officer in the parish and so we are seeking to appoint a successor to her (part time, 10 hours per week, £13.47 per hour) with finance and payroll experience and good IT skills. Could this be you? Do you know anyone who might be interested? Information & application pack available from the Parish Office on office@kidderminstereast.org.uk or 01562 822131. Details on our website: <https://kidderminstereast.org.uk/job-opportunity-finance-officer-part-time/>.

Midweek Services

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



Licensing of Jacqueline Shalloe

Jacqueline will be licensed by Bishop Martin at a service at St Chad's on **Sunday 23rd February 2025, 4:00pm**. This will be the official start of her role as Team Vicar. Please continue to pray for Jacqueline and John during this period of preparation, between now and Jacqueline's Licensing. *David*

Stone Corner Café

Wednesday 12th February
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.

Café Chad



Every Monday and Wednesday

9:15am - 12:30pm at St Chad's Church

Including:

Knit & Natter/Crafts Mon 10am - 12noon.

Art Group Mon & Wed 10am - 12noon

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



World Day of Prayer - Friday 7th March

This year's theme is "*I made you wonderful*" and has been prepared by people from the Cook Islands. In Kidderminster we will celebrate together at the [Elim Church](#), 61 Hoo Road, DY10 1NB. The service is at **10:30am**. For more information on the theme please visit: <https://www.wwdp.org.uk/>

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 10 th February			Daily Readings for week beginning Monday 17 th February		
Date	Bible passage	Zoom	Date	Bible passage	Zoom
Mon 10 th	John 15:1 – 11	DH	Mon 17 th	John 17:1 – 5	DH
Tue 11 th	John 15:12 – 17	DH	Tue 18 th	John 17:6 – 19	DH
Wed 12 th	John 15:18 – end	DH	Wed 19 th	John 17:20 – end	DH
Thu 13 th	John 16:1 – 15	DH	Thu 20 th	John 18:1 – 11	DH
Fri 14 th	John 16:16 – 22	--	Fri 21 st	John 18:12 – 27	DH
Sat 15 th	John 16:23 - end	DH	Sat 22 nd	John 18:28 – 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 12th February** 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 Andy Piggott for Friday 7th February

This week we've been reading parts of the last recorded long conversation Jesus had with his closest friends. They've had a 'final' meal together and this evening must have been a very emotional one. (Of course, in fact the last time Jesus ate with the disciples was a barbeque beach breakfast, but this took place *after* his resurrection (see *John 21*)). Jesus knew that soon he would be arrested and led out to die (*13:1a*), and although from time to time the disciples had understood some of what he'd told them, the penny hadn't fully dropped. Until the very end, Jesus's own description of them proved to be absolutely true ... they were so *slow to understand*. John sets the tone for much of what follows at the start of *chapter 13. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love (13.1b)*. And as he washed the disciples' feet, tried to prepare them again for his departure, began to teach about the Holy Spirit and perhaps especially as he went willingly to the cross to die for our sins, he indeed showed the full extent of his love. Might this challenge us to consider how we too seek to show others something of the love of Jesus in our own lives?

KEP Parish Children's Club 2025

The **Children's Club** is a fun and friendly club for children aged 6 to 11 years (we can be slightly flexible on ages - please enquire). Children enjoy games, music, craft, stories, drama plus a meal & refreshments at every session, and all in a safe and friendly environment. All events are provided **free of charge**. Staff are fully safeguarding trained and have DBS clearance.

In order to attend, an enrolment / consent form must be completed for each child, which will cover the entire year. The form is available to [download here](#), and also from the [parish website](#). Alternatively, please email Karen on ChurchClub@kidderminstereast.org.uk to request a form.

In addition, a place for each child **MUST** be booked at least seven days before each event, sooner if possible, by emailing Karen at ChurchClub@kidderminstereast.org.uk. Places need to be secured, as spaces are limited, and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis so, no guarantee can be given even if your booking is received in time. This is because we need to ensure that we have food and materials available for each child. All meetings are at **St Chad's Church**, Burcher Green, DY10 3AY

Dates of the first few events for 2025 are:

Friday 28th February (5.30 – 7.00pm) bookings by midday Friday 21st February.

Friday 28th March (5.30 – 7.00pm) bookings by midday Friday 21st March.

Easter Special Thurs 24th/Fri 25th April (9.30am – 1.30pm) bookings by midday Thursday 17th April.

Please see the flyer in church for further dates.

Men's Breakfast

The next date for our meeting is Saturday 15th March at 9.30am at St Cecilia's Church as usual. We look forward to seeing you all for a time of fellowship and good food. Roger and Ron

Ladies, we shall be meeting at The Eazy Lounge Cafe from 10.00am. Hope to see you. Lyn and Cynthia



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Third Sunday before Lent

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

Sunday 16th February 2025

COLLECT

Eternal God, whose Son went among the crowds and brought healing with his touch: help us to show his love, in your Church as we gather together, and by our lives as they are transformed into the image of Christ our Lord.

READINGS

Jeremiah 17.5 - 10
1 Corinthians 15.12 - 20
Luke 6.17 - 26

SUNDAY 16th FEBRUARY

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

Kidderminster East Youth (KEY)

KEYouth is a parish wide young people's discipleship group. We meet fortnightly in St Cecilia's Church. We play games, eat food, go climbing or bowling, read the bible and pray together. We regularly meet with other church youth groups through our links with Wyre Forest Youth For Christ. Ages range from 9-18 (school years 5-13). If you, or a young person you know, would like to know more contact the Youth Team via email at Keyouth@kidderminstereast.org.uk or through the parish office



Lent & Holy Week 2025

You can now **book your place** for the **Christian Passover Meal** which will be held at **St Chad's** on **Maundy Thursday (17th April, 6:30 - 8:30 pm)** using the **sign-up sheets** in each church. Cost is £4 per person (children's price negotiable).

We will use **Lent** to focus on preparing for the **Meal** by looking at the symbolism and ceremonies of the Passover to understand in a deeper way how Jesus re-crafted it to become something done "in remembrance of him", something that we now celebrate as Holy Communion. The **Lent Study sessions** will be weekly on **Tuesdays**, starting on **11th March**, at **St Cecilia's**, beginning with refreshments at 7:00pm (session starts 7:30pm). You do not have to come to the Meal to attend the Lent groups. *David*

The sign-up lists are filling up: please take action now.

Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd Andy Piggott for Friday 14th February

John continues to record for us further aspects of the 'Farewell Discourses' – the title sometimes given to this final conversation Jesus had with his close friends. There is much here for us to ponder as he tells them more about WHO the Holy Spirit is (nb NOT what!) and the particular work he does in the world and in the lives of those of us who love and follow Jesus. Whilst we might occasionally think, 'wouldn't it have been great to have met Jesus in the flesh?' and whilst the disciples certainly were very clear that they didn't want Jesus to leave them, Jesus himself stresses that it will be better for them when the Spirit comes. I think it's reasonable to assume that he'd say the same to us!

The emphasis on the Spirit in chapters 15 and 16 might seem a little disconnected from Jesus's teaching about 'the Vine', one of the most familiar of the famous 'I am' sayings in John's gospel – but there is in fact a strong connection!

Jesus teaches about the relationship we have with him and his Father, our 'chosen-ness', the challenge of 'being pruned' and perhaps the even bigger challenge of our calling to be fruitful. *You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit – fruit that will last (15.16).*

May the Spirit work in and through us to make us fruitful in this coming week.

Diocesan News

Vacancy in See Update: During January the members of the Crown Nominations Commission who will appoint our new Bishop met together to continue to take forward the process. It is anticipated that candidates will be shortlisted in May with interviews happening on 12th & 13th June and an announcement in July. You can see who is on the CNC committee and find a specially written prayer for them using [this link](#).

Young at Heart



Open on **Wednesdays** at St Cecilia's Church, Hoo Road. Starting with tea/coffee from **1:00pm**. Meeting time **2:00pm - 4:00pm**. Upcoming meetings:

12th February *The Grace Notes* Morfudd Sinclair

19th February No meeting - Half term

For more information or if you wish to join this group please contact the parish office 01562 822131 or email: office@kidderminstereast.org.uk

Requests for Prayer

- Jacqueline and John have arrived safely and are in the process of unpacking and getting ready to start ministry at the end of the month. The Licensing Service is at St Chad's at 4:00pm on Sunday 23rd February, and will be led by Bishop Martin. Please continue to pray for them and for our parish as we prepare to become a new team together.

*Would you like to be included in the Parish Newsletter for prayer?
Please contact the Parish Office for more details.*

DIARY

Homegroups meet on 1st and 3rd weeks of the month, usually on a Tuesday

Regular 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	Mondays & Weds	10:00am - 12:00noon	St Chad's
Young at Heart	Wednesdays	1:00pm - 4:00pm	St Cecilia's
Knit & Natter	Wednesdays	2:00pm - 4:00pm	St George'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

Wed 12 th Feb	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	2:00pm	Stone Corner Café	St Mary's Stone
	7:30pm	Parish Prayer Meeting	Online via Zoom
Sun 16 th Feb	<i>Church services are listed elsewhere in this publication</i>		
Mon 17 th Feb	7:30pm	PCC meeting	St Chad's
Wed 19 th Feb	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
Sun 23 rd Feb	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
	4:00pm	Licensing of Revd Jacqueline Shalloe	St Chad's
Mon 24 th Feb	2:00pm	Bereavement Café	St Cecilia's

The full parish diary can be accessed through the online [Year Plan for 2025](#).

Please send updates to the parish office.

Online resources: See our [YouTube channel](#), [Facebook page](#) and [parish website](#).

The next parish newsletter will be published on **Friday 21st February**, covering **Sundays 23rd February** and **2nd March**. Items for inclusion should be sent to news@kidderminstereast.org.uk by **Tuesday 18th February** at the latest. Thank you.

SUNDAY 23rd FEBRUARY

READINGS: Genesis 2: 4b-9, 15-end; Revelation 4; Luke 8: 22-25

SUNDAY 2nd MARCH

READINGS: Exodus 34: 29-end; 2 Corinthians 3: 12-4: 2; Luke 9: 28-36

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