



**Encountering God
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Spirit-transforming lives**

THE KIDDERMINSTER EAST PARISH NEWSLETTER

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

**Sunday 9th March 2025
First Sunday of Lent**

A Warm Welcome to All our Services

COLLECT

Heavenly Father,
your Son battled with the powers of
darkness, and grew closer to you in
the desert: help us to use these
days to grow in wisdom and prayer
that we may witness to your saving
love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

READINGS

Deuteronomy 26: 1-11
Romans 10: 8b-13
Luke 4: 1-13

SUNDAY 9th MARCH

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

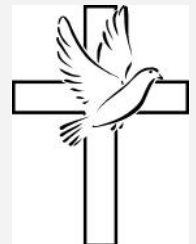
11:00am Baptism

Lent and Holy Week 2025

There is still just time to sign up for our Lent study sessions which begin on Tuesday 11th March at St Cecilia's, 7:00pm (refreshments) for 7:30pm start (close at 9:00pm). We will be using these sessions to help us prepare to celebrate the Christian Passover Meal on Maundy Thursday. You are welcome to come to the sessions even if you aren't able to come to the meal. If you have booked in for the meal we strongly recommend you to commit to coming to the preparation sessions so that we get the most out of this meal that we can.

Please Pray For...

Tim Williams who
will be licensed in
Ombersley on
9th March



Midweek Services

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

2025 Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday 19th April
White Wickets Park Franche

10.30am–12.15pm

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

If you can help please contact
Jayne Pollard who is organising this:

Tel 07949 968276 or

Email: pollardjayne@yahoo.co.uk

More details of event to follow

Knit & Natter

at St George's Church.

Every Wednesday

2 - 4pm.



Café Chad



Every Monday and Wednesday

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

Including:

Art and Bring Your Own Crafts or

Knitting Mon 10am - 12noon.

Art Group Mon & Wed 10am - 12noon

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

Parish Prayers Online via Zoom

Morning Prayer with daily readings at 8:00am: David (DH) or Jacqueline (JS) will be leading Morning Prayer via Zoom through the week. Please check the tables below for who is leading, so that you use the correct link to get into the meeting. The tables also give one of the daily readings. Please join us for a great way to start the day. All welcome.

Daily Readings for week beginning Monday 10th March

Date	Bible Passage & Notes	Zoom
Mon 10 th	John 5:1 – 18	JS
Tue 11 th	John 5:19 – 29	JS
Wed 12 th	John 5:30 – end	JS
Thu 13 th	John 6:1 – 15	JS
Fri 14 th	John 6:16 – 27	--
Sat 15 th	John 6:28 - 40	JS

Daily Readings for week beginning Monday 17th March

Date	Bible Passage & Notes	Zoom
Mon 17 th	John 6:41 - 51	DH
Tue 18 th	John 6:52 – 59	DH
Wed 19 th	Matthew 1:18 – end <i>Joseph of Nazareth</i>	DH
Thu 20 th	John 7:1 – 13	DH
Fri 21 st	John 7:14 – 24	--
Sat 22 nd	John 7:25 – 36	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 12th March** 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 David Hildred for Friday 7th March

John 4. This week we start to read a different chunk of John's gospel, from the start of the ministry of Jesus where people, including his own disciples, are beginning to discover who he is. In chapter 4 we read of the encounter between Jesus and the woman, which is so life-changing and life-enhancing for her. She then issues a very simple invitation to her fellow villagers, "Come and see a man who told me everything I ever did" which enables many others to discover Jesus for themselves. What would be the invitation that we could give about Jesus? What is it about him that is so life-changing and life-enhancing for us? Let's be encouraged that she doesn't yet have all the answers: she still asks, "Could this be the Christ?" She is willing to explore that possibility.

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



Parish Prayer Ministry and Prayerlink

Requests for prayer for specific people / situations can be emailed to: prayerlink@kidderminstereast.org.uk. Our praying friends across the whole parish will then be happy to pray for you.

Glenn & Anne Scott are also willing to take requests for prayer by phone on 01562 822690. They will then relay those requests on to the relevant Church / Parish Prayer Ministry / Prayerlink Teams.

Street Pastors

The local street pastors organisations are amalgamating into a Wyre Forest team covering Kidderminster, Stourport and Bewdley. They are looking for volunteer administrative staff to help run the group. Positions required include: Chair, Vice chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Co-ordinator, Prayer Co-ordinator, Safeguarding Officer. Please contact the parish office in the first instance for further information.



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Second Sunday of Lent

Times of Services at the Churches of
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Sunday 16th March 2025

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Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of
Christ's sufferings, and by following
in his Way come to share in his
glory; through Jesus Christ our
Lord.

READINGS

Genesis 15:1-12,17-18
Philippians 3:17—4:1
Luke 13: 31-end

SUNDAY 16th MARCH

ST CHAD'S

9:30am Morning Worship

ST CECILIA'S

9:45am Holy Communion

ST GEORGE'S

11:00am Baptism

6:30pm Evening Worship

ST MARY'S, STONE

11:00am Holy Communion

Parish Service March 23rd at St Chad's

The pattern of services is swapping for the two Sundays of 23rd and 30th March.

A service of Holy Communion will be held at St Chad's on 23rd March at 10.30am.

This will be Jacqueline's first opportunity to see how a United Service draws the four churches together in worship.

On Sunday 30th March we will hold services at the usual times to celebrate Mothering Sunday.



Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd David Hildred for Friday 14th March

John 6. Let's take up the encouragement of 5:40 and be those who both read the Scriptures and come to Jesus for life. We have two more miracles in this week's readings out of the seven that John chooses to record, which have the job of confirming that the words of Jesus are worth listening to, trusting in and acting upon. They are not merely jolly sayings from a wise teaching or clever orator, they are the very words of life from the ultimate life-giver. Tomorrow's reading begins with the question "What should we do to fulfil God's requirements?" and it ends with the startling answer that it's not about doing anything, but Jesus does tell us what our response should be to enable us to gain eternal life.



Café Chad Special Monday 24th March

9.15am—12.15 pm

Cake and Table Top Stalls, Tombola, Refreshments

Proceeds to Maggs—a Worcestershire charity supporting homeless and other vulnerable people through housing, day care and other projects

Lent Lunches at St George's



We shall be serving a simple soup, bread and cheese lunch at St George's on

Wednesdays throughout Lent 12 till 2.

No charge, but donations welcome.

Please note....

Pop up Cafe on April 2nd will operate as normal. Everyone is very welcome.



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**.

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



'Meet and Eat'

Come and join us every **Friday at 12.00 noon** at **Morrison Café**

Green St, Kidderminster
DY10 1AZ. Newcomers welcome.

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

DIARY

Regular Weekly Events

Café Chad	Mondays & Weds	9:15am - 12:15pm	St Chad's
BYO Craft/Knitting	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

Tue 11th Mar	7:30pm	Lent Course 1	St Cecilia's
Wed 12 th Mar	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	7.30pm	Parish Prayers	via Zoom
Sun 16th Mar	<i>Church services are listed elsewhere in this publication</i>		
Tues 18th Mar	7.30pm	Lent Course 2	St Cecilia's
Wed 19 th Mar	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
Sunday 23 rd Mar	10.30am	Parish Service of Holy Communion	St Chad'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 March**, covering **Sundays 23rd and 30th March** and items for inclusion should be sent to news@kidderminstereast.org.uk by **Tuesday 4th March** at the latest. Thank you.

SUNDAY 23rd MARCH

READINGS: Isaiah 55:1-9 1 Corinthians:10:1-13 Luke 13:1-9

SUNDAY 30th MARCH - Mothering Sunday

READINGS: Exodus 2:1-10 Colossians 3:12-17 John 19:25b-27

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