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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 11<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
**Baptism of Christ**

*Warm Welcome to All our Services*

COLLECT	SUNDAY 11 <sup>th</sup> JANUARY		
Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.	ST CHAD'S		
	9:30am	Holy Communion	
	ST CECILIA'S		
	9:45am	Café Church	
READINGS		ST GEORGE'S	
Isaiah 42:1 - 9 Acts 10:34 - 43 Matthew 3:13 - end		11:00am	Holy Communion
		ST MARY'S, STONE	
		11:00am	Morning Worship

## Midweek Services in the Parish

Holy Communion is celebrated every Wednesday at **10:00am** at **St George's Church**, Radford Avenue, DY10 2ES. Please come along.



## Confirmation/Baptism group

If you'd like to work towards Baptism or Confirmation, or simply want to explore what the Christian faith is all about, please speak to David or Jacqueline as soon as possible since we are in the process of setting up the next group.

## Bishop Hugh's installation

This [Service of Welcome](#) for Bishop Hugh Nelson takes place in the Cathedral in Worcester on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January** at 2:00pm, and **all are welcome** to attend.

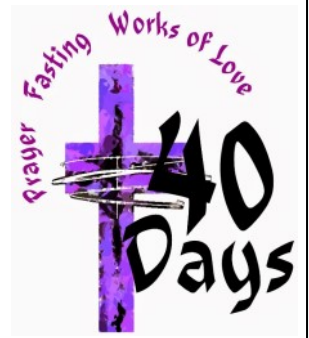
There may be a number of cars heading in that direction, so please ask for or offer lifts via the churchwardens at your church.



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## Lent 2026

Our Lent meetings this year begin on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February**, 7:00pm for 7:30pm start, in **St George's Church**. We will be taking a journey through the season with six particular people from the past who have written prayers that have stood the test of time; we will be praying with these great pray-ers. To help us with this journey there will be a booklet of prayers, and so we need to know how many to print: please **sign up** for a **free booklet** on the **list in your church**.



The Thursday evening meetings will offer us an opportunity to meet together as a parish and to be introduced to the context and inspiration of these pray-ers.



**Stone Corner Café**  
**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January**  
**at St Mary's Stone**



Call in any time between **2pm - 4pm**  
for a chat, a drink and a slice of cake.  
**Everyone welcome.**

The **parish year plan** is available online giving times and dates of all parish events and services. You can access the year plan using the link: [Year Plan 2026](#). If you have any events that you would like adding, please contact the parish office.

## Parish Prayers Online via Zoom

**Morning Prayer with Daily readings at 8:00am:** David will lead Morning Prayer via Zoom through the week. Please check the tables below. When you see David's initials in the Zoom column there will be **Morning Prayer** that day. The tables also give one of the daily readings. 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. Please join David and others for a great way to start the day.

Daily Readings for week beginning Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> January			Daily Readings for week beginning Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> January		
Date	Bible passage	Zoom	Date	Bible passage	Zoom
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 21:1 – 17	DH	Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 24:1 – 14	DH
Tue 14 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 21:18 – 32	DH	Tue 20 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 24:15 – 28	DH
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 21:33 – end	DH	Wed 21 <sup>st</sup>	Matthew 24:29 – end	DH
Thu 15 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 22:1 – 14	DH	Thu 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Matthew 25:1 – 13	DH
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 22:15 – 33	--	Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Matthew 25:14 – 30	--
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 22:34 – end	--	Sat 24 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 25:31 - end	DH

**Monthly Parish Prayer Meeting:** Please join us on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January** for 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. It's easy! Just request a link from the address below. All welcome.



To join **either** of the online Prayers please email [parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk](mailto:parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk) by **6:00pm the day before the meeting**, requesting a copy of the link & password.

The next **parish newsletter** will be published on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026**, and will cover **Sundays 25<sup>th</sup> January** and **1<sup>st</sup> February**. Please send Items for inclusion to [news@kidderminstereast.org.uk](mailto:news@kidderminstereast.org.uk) by **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January** at the latest. Thank you.

**Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd David Hildred for Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January**  
*Matthew 20.* We continue with reading through Matthew's gospel and perhaps we can increasingly note how completely topsy turvy life in the Kingdom is compared with life in the world. Those first disciples hadn't totally grasped what Jesus was teaching, and they allowed their mother to make an inappropriate request to Jesus about status seating. They missed the teaching about needing to be servants. They missed the point of the parable at the beginning of the chapter when all are rewarded with the same blessing from the Lord. Here's one for mathematicians about that parable: given that we are to receive infinite blessing from the Lord, would it make any difference if he awarded  $\frac{3}{4}$  of infinite blessing, or  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$  or even  $\frac{1}{12}$  of infinite blessing to us?



Come and join us at St Cecilia's for a **Friendship lunch**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 1pm.**  
 Ploughman's lunch and pudding.  
 £6.00

Why not invite a friend or come along and make new friends?

*Please let us know if you are coming either by phoning Margaret on 07503 52071 or email [margaret@hodgsonfamily.org](mailto:margaret@hodgsonfamily.org)*



### Young at Heart

Every **Wednesday** at St Cecilia's Church, Hoo Road

Starting with tea/coffee from **1:00pm.**

Meeting time **2:00pm - 4:00pm.**

**21<sup>st</sup> Jan** *Eleanor of Aquitaine* Howard Robinson

**28<sup>th</sup> Jan** *Singing group* Grace Notes

For more information please contact the organiser, Jean Bailey, via the parish office.

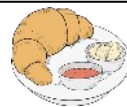
### Children's Club at St Chad's 2026

Our theme this year is "A Journey Through the Bible". Our first Club Session of 2026 will be held on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 5pm – 7.30 pm** with all the usual activities – food, games, craft as well as time to learn about our theme story. **Booking is essential** so if you know of a child aged 6-12 years who would like to join us, please contact the organisers [ChurchClub@kidderminstereast.org.uk](mailto:ChurchClub@kidderminstereast.org.uk)

### Men's Parish Breakfast

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 9:30am**  
 at St Cecilia's Church.

Full English breakfast for which there is no charge. Come along for fellowship, fun and good food. *Roger & Ron*



### Ladies Coffee Morning

**Ladies!** Our next **get-together** will be on **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January at The Eazy Lounge Café, Vicar Street at 10am.** No booking required. Look forward to seeing you there. *Lyn and Cynthia*



Praying on the move! Get one of these apps on your phone, from either **Apple Store** or **Google play**, and you can follow daily prayers wherever you are.

<https://lectio365.com/>

<https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps/daily-prayer>

Can't attend services on a Sunday? To see **Weekly Sunday Services** you can use:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-church-online/weekly-online-services>



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## Second Sunday of Epiphany

Times of Services at the Churches of  
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**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

### COLLECT

Eternal Lord,  
our beginning and our end:  
bring us with the whole creation  
to your glory, hidden through past  
ages and made known  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### READINGS

Isaiah 49:1 - 7  
1 Corinthians 1:1 - 9  
John 1:29 - 42

### SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

#### 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



### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January

This is a "swap day", when David & Jacqueline will swap leading services in their usual churches to be able to visit the 'other two' churches in the parish.



### Bereavement Café - *Life after Loss*



If you are grieving the loss of a loved one you are warmly invited to join us at the bereavement café '*Life after Loss*'. There will be refreshments and a warm welcome provided by volunteers with a listening ear.

**Next meeting: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2:00pm - 4:00pm at St Cecilia's, Hoo Road.** For more info email Carol or Alison on

[lifelafterlosskep@gmail.com](mailto:lifelafterlosskep@gmail.com) or call the parish office on 01562 822131



### St George's Coffee Shop

Every Friday

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

At St George's Church  
Radford Avenue



**\*\* Includes Craft Group \*\***  
**All welcome**

### 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 16<sup>th</sup> January

*Matthew 22*. Depending on how you count them (see what you make it!) there are at least 8 references back to the Old Testament in this week's chapters of Matthew. It seems that his message to his Jewish audience is "Now that we are in the last week of the life of Jesus I want you to be absolutely sure that you see this as the fulfilment of all that the Scriptures have been pointing towards". And of course we benefit from that same focus as we see the Old and New perfectly joined together in Jesus. Those who came to Jesus with questions were accused (22:29) of "not knowing the Scriptures or the power of God": it is our privilege to know both if we will submit to them.

### Diocesan News

**Back to the Office?** Rhythm and Resources for our Daily Prayer: An evening with the Worcester Spirituality Group of learning, reflection and sharing facilitated by Doug Chaplin. **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 7.30 - 9pm on Zoom.** More details at:

<https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/calendar/1638>

The full **Spring Training and Events programme** is now available at

<https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/events-training/>

**Prayer Diaries** for Dec - March and now available in church. Please take one.

### Operations Officer Vacancy

Mark Hall, in the Parish Office, is retiring at the beginning of April and so this creates a paid vacancy of a part-time role, 12 hours per week, covering various administrative tasks and producing the fortnightly newsletter. It involves responding to enquiries by phone or email to the Office. Would you, or anyone you know, be interested in considering this role? More details from, and expressions of interest to, David.



### Friends of the Holy Land

FHL would like to thank you for all your support this last year in prayer, awareness raising and financially. With your help, we have been able to continue our vital mission to secure and sustain Christian families in the Holy Land. So far we have raised over **£144,000** from our [Christmas appeal](#), money which will go directly to the Christian community to provide opportunity and hope. For many families, however, the need continues. FHL is continuing its work every day - providing food, medical care, trauma support, education, and practical assistance to those who long for peace and stability. To learn more about the work of the **Friends of the Holy Land** please visit their website at: <https://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/>



### Please Pray for:

- Bishop Hugh Nelson, who will be welcomed at the Cathedral on 17<sup>th</sup> January.
- The family and friends of Rev Andi Jones who died in December.

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

*Please contact the Parish Office for more details.*

## DIARY

Homegroups meet on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> weeks of the month, usually on a Tuesday.

### 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

Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	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 <sup>th</sup> Jan	2:00pm	Service of Welcome for Bishop Hugh	Worcester Cathedral
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<i>Sunday Services are detailed elsewhere in this publication</i>		
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Jan	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	5:00pm	Children's Club	St Chad's
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9:30am	Parish Men's Breakfast	St Cecilia's
	10:00am	Ladies' Get-together	Eazy Lounge Café
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan	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
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	2:00pm	Bereavement Café	St Cecilia's
	7:30pm	Standing Committee	St Cecilia's

The full parish diary is available online using the following link [Year Plan 2026](#).

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

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

**Readings:** Jeremiah 1:4 - 10      Acts 9:1 - 22      Matthew 19:27 - end

### SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY - Candlemas

**Readings:** Malachi 3:1 - 5      Hebrews 2:14 - end      Luke 2:22 - 40

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