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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 12th January 2025
Baptism of Christ

A Warm Welcome to All our Services

COLLECT	SUNDAY 12th 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
	ST GEORGE'S	
	11:00am	Holy Communion
READINGS	ST MARY'S, STONE	
Isaiah 43:1 - 7	11:00am	Morning Worship
Acts 8.14 - 17		
Luke 3.15 - 17, 21 - 22		

Lent & Holy Week 2025

It might seem a long time ahead, but now is the time to start thinking about how you would like to get involved in **Lent** this year. We will be using **Lent** to prepare for a special event we are holding on **Maundy Thursday (17th April)** when we shall have **A Christian Passover Meal**. On that equivalent evening Jesus celebrated the Passover with his disciples, but re-crafted it to become something done "in remembrance of him", something that we now celebrate as Holy Communion. We will be looking at the symbolism and ceremonies to understand in a deeper way what Jesus has done for us. The meal on 17th April can include children (we'll begin around 6:30pm and end around 8:30pm). Our studies and preparations during Lent (on Tuesday evenings) will be aimed more at the adults who will be able to share at home with their children as appropriate. We'll need to take bookings for the meal, so watch out for the sign-up sheets in the coming weeks.

David

Midweek Services

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

New Team Vicar - Revd Jacqueline Shalloe

Update: Please continue to pray for Jacqueline, especially as she prepares for her final Sunday in Wembley Park on 19th January, and then as she and John move here on Friday 24th January.

Licensing: 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 keep this date in your diary. *David*



Café Church at St Cecilia's Sunday 12th January at 9:45am

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

Café Chad: Recycling of Christmas Cards



Mattie would be glad to receive USED Christmas and other cards for upcycling at Café Chad. We prefer the whole card or the back to be partly removed leaving quite a margin so the front is undamaged. We also collect used cellophane card wrappers. Just put them in the box at the back of the church. Thanks to your kind donations we were able to give £200 to charities during last Autumn alone.

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 13 th January			Daily Readings for week beginning Monday 20 th January		
Date	Bible passage	Zoom	Date	Bible passage	Zoom
Mon 13 th	1 Corinthians 1:1 – 17	DH	Mon 20 th	1 Corinthians 6:1 – 11	DH
Tue 14 th	1 Corinthians 1:18 – end	DH	Tue 21 st	1 Corinthians 6:12 – end	DH
Wed 15 th	1 Corinthians 2:1 – end	DH	Wed 22 nd	1 Corinthians 7:1 – 24	DH
Thu 16 th	1 Corinthians 3:1 – end	DH	Thu 23 rd	1 Corinthians 7:25 – end	DH
Fri 17 th	1 Corinthians 4:1 – end	--	Fri 24 th	1 Corinthians 8:1 – end	--
Sat 18 th	1 Corinthians 5:1 - end	DH	Sat 25 th	Acts 9:1 – 22 <i>Conversion of Paul</i>	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 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 David Hildred for Friday 10th January

1 John 5. We might easily think that Paul is the only one who writes about Love because of his famous passage ("Love is patient, love is kind..."), but this set of readings brings to us John's incredibly practical understanding of Love: love in action. All that he writes arises from the desire that his readers will know that their faith in Jesus is concrete and that it results in eternal life as well as a practical love-based life here and now. His concern is that one disciple will help another to stay on track by prayer, by battling away on his behalf in the spiritual struggle that is our present experience. Can we manage to do that for each other?



Young at Heart

Our first session of 2025 had to be cancelled due to cold weather. I'm sure we will catch up on the Quiz another day. Upcoming meetings:

15th January	<i>Over by Christmas</i>	Quintin Watt
22nd January	<i>A visit from a Physiotherapist</i>	Richard Baker

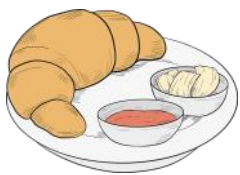
Open on **Wednesdays** at St Cecilia's Church, Hoo Road. Starting with tea/coffee from **1:00pm**. Meeting time **2:00pm - 4:00pm**. For more information or if you wish to join this group please contact the parish office 01562 822131.

Parish Breakfast

The next **Men's breakfast** has been arranged for **Saturday 25th January** at St Cecilia's Church, 164 Hoo Road, DY10 1LP at 9:30am. Please come along to enjoy breakfast, fellowship and worship. If you are intending to come please text or *WhatsApp* Roger on 07711 732120 or email the office on office@kidderminstereast.org.uk so that we have some idea of numbers attending. There is no charge although any donations will be gratefully received. We hope to see you then.



Roger and Ron



Ladies Get-together: We shall also be meeting on **Saturday 25th January** at 10:00am at **The Eazy Lounge** Vicar Street, DY10 1DE. No booking required, just turn up. Looking forward to seeing you there

Lyn and Cynthia

St George's Church and School

We are looking to strengthen the connections between the Church and the School, and there are two particular opportunities that might appeal to you to help with;

- Week beginning **13th January**: making **Christingles** with a class, ready for their Christingle service on **Thursday 16th January**.
- once a half-term** - joining with their Breakfast Club (7:45-8:45am), to eat with and interact with (board games, colouring, etc.) those children who need to arrive early at school.



If you would like to be involved in either or both please make contact with David, Lisa or Bernie.

NURTURE, LEARN, SUCCEED

David



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Second Sunday of Epiphany


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

Sunday 19th January 2025

COLLECT	SUNDAY 19th JANUARY	
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.	ST CHAD'S	
	9:30am	Morning Worship
	ST CECILIA'S	
	9:45am	Holy Communion
	ST GEORGE'S	
	11:00am	Morning Worship
READINGS	6:30pm	Evening Worship
	ST MARY'S, STONE	
	11:00am	Holy Communion
Isaiah 62.1 - 5 1 Corinthians 12.1 - 11 John 2.1 - 11		


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 please contact the Youth Team via email at Keyouth@kidderminstereast.org.uk or through the parish office on 01562 822131.



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 27th January, 2:00pm - 4:00pm** at **St Cecilia's**, Hoo Road. Come and enjoy a cup of tea/coffee & cake in a warm & friendly atmosphere. For more information email Carol, Freda or Alison on lifelafterlosskep@gmail.com or call the parish office on 01562 822131.



The next **parish newsletter** will be published on **Friday 24th January**, covering **Sundays 26th January** and **2nd February 2025**. Items for inclusion should be sent to news@kidderminstereast.org.uk by **Wednesday 22nd January** at the latest. Thank you.

Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd David Hildred for Friday 17th January

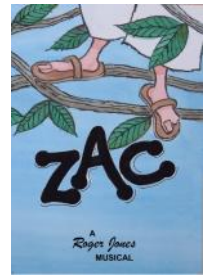
1 Corinthians 4. It is important to remember as we read through this letter that Paul begins it in chapter 1 with a declaration of how precious these young believers are to him, and how he thanks God for them. In subsequent chapters he has some strong words for them, chastises them for their attitudes and actions and lack of growth as disciples, but still he wants the best for them. In this chapter he employs sarcasm to make them sit up, "We are fools ... you are so wise ... We are weak, but you are so strong!" but he wants them back on track, back to living a life that shows they are "in Christ Jesus". Are there ways in which we can ensure those around us see we are "in Christ Jesus"?

Diocesan News

The Diocese puts together an excellent **training and events** programme that runs throughout the year, with many learning opportunities that will appeal to a cross section of churchgoers. Events may be in-person or online and nearly all of them are free to attend. The latest programme, for Spring 2025, can be found on the diocesan website: <https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/events-training/diocesan-events-training/>

New Life Together Choir

New Life Together Choir presents: "**Zac**" a brand new musical by Roger Jones inspired by the story of Zacchaeus, (*Luke 19:1-10*), on **Sunday 26th January**, 6:30pm at Trinity Methodist Church, 3 Churchfields, Kidderminster, DY10 2JL. All welcome. **Free entry**.



Friends of the Holy Land

We are most grateful for your support of our vital mission over the past year. Thank you! Through the terrible war your ongoing generosity, support and prayers has meant our Christian brothers and sisters have felt hope and been given dignity and practical aid through your care, so they do not feel forgotten. Having just marked a second Christmas in this conflict, worrying about the future and their loved ones, please continue with your prayers for a ceasefire and a pathway to a lasting peace. You can find the latest news, prayers of support and ways to donate on the [FHL website](#).



Requests for Prayer

- Please continue to pray for Revd Jacqueline Shalloe and her husband, John, as they prepare to move to Kidderminster this month.
- For those who continue to need our help either through sickness, bereavement, homelessness or lack of means. Christmas may be over but their need continues.
- For our own needs: Let us resolve this year, to find ways to draw closer to Jesus whether that is through greater involvement in the parish or through private prayer.

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	Wednesdays	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

Tues 14th Jan	7:00pm	St Cecilia's DCC	St Cecilia's
Wed 15th Jan	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
Sun 19th Jan	<i>Regular church services are listed elsewhere in this publication</i>		
Mon 20th Jan	7:30pm	Standing Committee	St Cecilia's
Wed 22nd Jan	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
Sun 26th 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 27th Jan	2:00pm	Bereavement Café	St Cecilia's
	7:30pm	St Chad's DCC	St Chad's
	7:30pm	St George's DCC	St George's

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

There is also a printed summary copy available to consult in each of our churches.

Please report any changes or updates to the parish office (contact details below).

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

SUNDAY 26th JANUARY

READINGS: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 1 Corinthians 12.12-31a Luke 4.14-21

SUNDAY 2nd FEBRUARY - Candlemas

READINGS: Malachi 3.1 - 5 Hebrews 2.14 - end Luke 2.22 - 40

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