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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 16th November 2025

Second Sunday before Advent / Safeguarding Sunday

Warm Welcome to All our Services

COLLECT	SUNDAY 16 th NOVEMBER	
Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord.	ST CHAD'S	
	9:30am	Morning Worship
	ST CECILIA'S	
	9:45am	Holy Communion
READINGS Psalm 91 1 John 3:16 - 24 James 2:14 - 26	ST GEORGE'S	
	11:00am	Morning Worship
	6:30pm	Evening Worship
	ST MARY'S, STONE	
	11:00am	Holy Communion

Safeguarding Sunday is an ecumenical initiative supported by the Church of England, and this year is being marked on **16th November**. Safeguarding follows basic principles of justice, care and compassion for those who might otherwise be exploited and is at the heart of the Christian message. The care and protection of children, young people and adults involved in Church activities is the responsibility of the whole Church. Everyone who participates in the life of the Church therefore has a role to play in promoting a Safer Church for all. **Safeguarding Sunday** also gives us an opportunity to thank all those working behind the scenes to make our churches welcoming, safe places for all who wish to attend worship or any other aspect of Church life.

Robert Poulsen - Parish Safeguarding Officer safeguarding@kidderminstereast.org.uk

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 24th Nov, 2:00pm - 4:00pm at **St Cecilia's**, Hoo Road. For more info email Carol or Alison on lifefterlosskep@gmail.com or call the parish office on 01562 822131

Confirmation Service

Sunday 23rd November, 6:30pm at The Cathedral



Please pray for the five candidates from our parish that are being confirmed at this service. They are from St Cecilia's and St George's (we'll not put their names in this newsletter, but will announce them in church). It's a great step that they make in their journey of faith. Would you be able to make the special trip to attend the service and support them? All are welcome.

Prayer support for Street Pastors

Could you be a Prayer Pastor to support those from the local churches who will be going out on the streets of our local towns as Street Pastors? There's a WhatsApp group that you could join for 'live updates' when the pastors are on the streets (during the daytime!) and some will gather on Zoom. If you are interested please contact Jane Pollard on pollardjane@yahoo.co.uk or 07949 968276

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 17 th November			Daily Readings for week beginning Monday 24 th November		
Date	Bible passage	Zoom	Date	Bible passage	Zoom
Mon 17 th	Isaiah 9:8 – 10:4	DH	Mon 24 th	Isaiah 14:3 – 20	DH
Tue 18 th	Isaiah 10:5 – 19	DH	Tue 25 th	Isaiah 17:1 – end	DH
Wed 19 th	Isaiah 10:20 – 32	DH	Wed 26 th	Isaiah 19:1 – end	DH
Thu 20 th	Isaiah 10:33 – 11:9	DH	Thu 27 th	Isaiah 21:1 - 12	DH
Fri 21 st	Isaiah 11:10 – 12:6	--	Fri 28 th	Isaiah 22:1 – 14	--
Sat 22 nd	Isaiah 13:1 - 13	DH	Sat 29 th	Isaiah 24:1 - end	DH



Monthly Parish Prayer Meeting: Please join us on **Wednesday 10th December** 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 **by 6:00pm the day before the meeting**, requesting a copy of the link & password.

Daily Prayer

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>

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

Isaiah 8. There is a problem with how the rich and powerful were living (*chapter 5*), how leaders were calling good evil and evil good (5:20), and into this context Isaiah is called and commissioned to take God's message (6:9). The king at the time is stubborn, but the Lord's message is that the birth of a child (7:14) will signal how things could change. It's a sign for the king then, but also for us, the sign of Immanuel, God with us, fulfilled in Jesus. The prophet's own child will be a sign (8:3) of a time of judgement, but where the Lord is firmly in control of the marauding nations. The Lord is the one to rescue his people, but also to judge them; the stone and the rock in 8:14 point us far forward to Jesus who is also the Judge and the Saviour.

Kidderminster East Parish Children's Club

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. **Upcoming dates:**



Friday 28th November (5:00 - 7:30pm) - *bookings by midday Friday 21st November*

Christmas Special: a 'pantivity' with 4Front Theatre

Saturday 6th December (1:00 - 4:30pm) - *book now to avoid disappointment*

4Front's events are full of fun, original songs, are extremely lively and deliver great messages for both children and adults. You can see a 60sec preview of '*Herald of Herod*' using the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cKX8xDd1198>

Two free ticket for adult guests are available with each family booking. Buffet lunch will be provided at 1:00pm for all those with bookings (please notify dietary requirements). Performance begins at 2:00pm and will last about an hour after which guests will leave so that children can participate in an organised workshop by 4Front. Please arrange to collect your children at 4:30pm. If you would like your child to take part in either of the above events please email Karen on ChurchClub@kidderminstereast.org.uk.

All meetings are at **St Chad's Church, Burcher Green, Kidderminster, DY10 3AY**

Midweek Services

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

The next **parish newsletter** will be published on **Friday 28th November**, and will cover **THREE Sundays: 30th November, 7th December and 14th December**. Please send items for inclusion, including all events leading up to Christmas to news@kidderminstereast.org.uk by **Wed 26th November** at the latest. Thank you.

Please Pray for:

- All those who will be confirmed at the Cathedral on 23rd November.
- Those who will find Christmas difficult this year because they have lost loved ones.



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Christ the King

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

Sunday 23rd November 2025

COLLECT	SUNDAY 23rd NOVEMBER	
God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory.	ST CHAD'S	
	9:30am	Holy Communion
	ST CECILIA'S	
	9:45am	Morning Worship
READINGS	ST GEORGE'S	
	11:00am	Holy Communion
2 Corinthians 8:1 - 15 Mark 12:41 - 44	ST MARY'S, STONE	
	11:00am	Morning Worship

United Parish Service on Sunday 30th November

There will be a **Celebration of Wholeness & Healing** on the fifth Sunday of the month. It takes place at **St George's at 10:30am**, and will include the opportunity for various ministries offering ways to connect with the **Wholeness and Healing** that the Lord brings to us. This is also **Advent Sunday**, and so there is also an evening service at St George's, 6:30pm, with Advent Carols & Hymns.



Café Chad News

Great Children's Coat Giveaway: Monday 17th and Wednesday 19th November

We are looking to find new homes for children's coats (and gloves, scarves and hats) with those who need them most; usual opening hours of 9:15am - 12:15pm



Mattie wishes to thank all who have donated **used cards** to Café Chad. Our beautiful hand-recycled, blank inside, **Christmas and Occasional cards** are available price £1 or less at every café session, **Mon & Wed mornings**, and all St Chad's services. 100% of that price goes 50/50 to Kidderminster Hospital Paediatric Diabetes Unit and our current charity. We have given over £200 to the hospital this year. Thank you everyone.

Christmas Special, Wednesday 3rd December, 9:15am - 12:00noon, St Chad's Hall, with stalls including gifts, decorations, cakes and cards and, of course, hot drinks and a warm welcome! For more information contact Lyn on 07794 223476.

Supporting the International Rescue Committee, providing essential humanitarian aid to families who have lost everything.



Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd David Hildred for Friday 21st November

Isaiah 11. The Lord's people are to face the Lord's judgement (9:8) for turning away from his ways, for not remaining his holy people; his judgement will come through the hands of the king of Assyria (who also falls under the Lord's judgement, 10:5). But this is all about restoring God's people to himself, and so there will be a remnant who return (10:20). In 11:1 there is another mention of the Branch, the One who will come to the rescue, and it will result in songs of praise to the Lord. It's a prophecy for the people of that day, as well as it being a prophecy that is fulfilled in Jesus, and one that we will discover the fulness of when Jesus returns.

Churches Together in Kidderminster – could it resurrect after Covid?

If you are eager to see what the churches in Kidderminster could do better together than trying to do on their own then please book the evening of **Wednesday 26th November** in your diary, 7:00 for 7:30pm, in **St George's**. There's a **poster** to draw attention to how we wish to pray together and pass on some information about possible new initiatives between the churches. The church leaders in our town are keen to see how many people would like to make things happen with help from the other churches.



Christmas Day lunch

Churches Together in Kidderminster are organising a **Christmas Day Lunch** at Kidderminster Baptist Church.

The event is aimed at those who would otherwise be alone at Christmas. Watch out for further details including how to invite someone to attend.



TABLE TOP
SALE

at
**St George's
Church**

**Saturday 22nd November
10:00 'til 1:00pm**

Cost £10 per table. Refreshments available. To book a table contact Jan 01562 630431 or Chris. 07919 178236



Christmas Concert

at St George's Church, with
Hadley Orpheus Male Voice Choir
Saturday 6th December at 7:30pm.



Tickets £10:00 to include
mulled wine and mince pies
in the interval.

Tickets available from
Jan 07801 118214 or Chris 07919 178236



Carols Round The Crib at St George's Saturday 13th December

An informal telling of the Christmas Story aimed at children but all ages welcome.

Refreshments 3.30pm
for a 4:00pm start.

Lasting about 45 mins.



Young at Heart

Every **Wednesday**. Meetings at
St Cecilia's Church, 164 Hoo Rd.

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

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

19th Nov Making Christmas Cards

26th Nov Entertainment with *JDR Band*

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

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
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 upcoming events are listed below

Mon 17 th Nov	7:30pm	PCC meeting	St Chad's
Wed 19 th Nov	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
Sat 22 nd Nov	10:00am	Table top Sale	St George's
Sunday 23 rd Nov	<i>Regular Sunday services are detailed elsewhere in this newsletter</i>		
	6:30pm	Confirmation Service	Worcester Cathedral
Mon 24 th Nov	2:00pm	Bereavement Café	St Cecilia's
	7:30pm	St Chad's DCC	St Chad's
Tues 25 th Nov	7:00pm	St Cecilia's DCC	St Cecilia's
	7:30pm	St Mary's DCC	St Mary's, Stone
Wed 26 th Nov	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	7:30pm	Churches Together Evening	St George's
Fri 28 th Nov	5:30pm	Children's Club	St Chad's
Sun 30 th Nov	10:30am	United Service: Wholeness & Healing	St George's
	6:30pm	Advent Carols	St George's

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

The parish [Year Plan for 2026](#) is now available; please send updates to the office.

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

SUNDAY 30th NOVEMBER: Advent Sunday

Readings: Isaiah 2:1 - 5 Romans 13:11 - end Matthew 24:36 - 44

SUNDAY 7th DECEMBER

Readings: Isaiah 11:1 - 10 Romans 15:4 - 13 Matthew 3:1 - 12

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