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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 20th April 2025
Easter Sunday

A Warm Welcome to All our Services

COLLECT

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of
death and hell: fill your Church
with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

READINGS

Acts 10:34 - 43
1 Corinthians:15:19 - 26
John 20:1 - 18

SUNDAY 20th APRIL

ST CHAD'S

9:30am Holy Communion

ST CECILIA'S

9:45am Holy Communion

ST GEORGE'S

11:00am Holy Communion

6:30pm Evening Worship

ST MARY'S, STONE

11:00am Holy Communion

Annual Meetings

AGM

During the next month we will be having our series of annual meetings: one for each of our churches (an **AGM**) and then one for the whole parish (the **APCM**). Please prepare for these meetings prayerfully – especially praying about who to nominate for the various posts that will be elected: churchwardens, PCC members, DCC members. An annual meeting is an opportunity to look back with thanks for what the Lord has done amongst us, and then look forward with anticipation for all that he is yet to bring to us. Please read the papers before the meetings and come along with your comments and questions.

David

Alleluia!



He is risen!

Younger Sunday School at St Chad's

Younger Sunday school is in great need of volunteer helpers. If God is calling you this is a great opportunity. How would you feel if Younger Sunday School had to close?

God bless. *Richard Baker*

Alleluia!

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Alleluia!

Parish Electoral Roll

This year the Parish Electoral Roll is being completely renewed. **No names on the current roll will be carried forward.** All who wish to, and qualify, may join the new roll by completing an application form, including your current GDPR preferences, prior to the annual church meetings (AGMs) coming up in May. Entry onto the roll enables you to vote at the AGMs. It signals that you belong to this part of God's family and ensures that you are prayed for regularly throughout the year. Forms are available in church, from the Electoral Roll Officer and the Parish Office. Please complete and return them by **Monday 28th April 2025.**

Hilary Hildred (Electoral Roll Officer)



Bible Reading Group

Our next meeting will be on **Thursday 1st May**, 11:00am at the Rectory. We will be reading *Mark*

Chapter 14. Refreshments served from 10:45am. Open to all but please let me know you are coming, either directly or via the parish office, thank you. *Hilary Hildred.*



Café Chad

Easter Monday (21st April)

Opening times:

9:15am - 11:30am



We are back to our usual time of 9:15am - 12:30am on Wednesday 23rd April and thereafter.

All Welcome!

Parish Prayers Online via Zoom

Morning Prayer with Daily readings at 8:00am: David (DH) or Jacqueline (JS) will lead 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. Join us for a great way to start the day. All welcome.

Daily Readings for week beginning Monday 21 st April			Daily Readings for week beginning Monday 28 th April		
Date	Bible passage	Zoom	Date	Bible passage	Zoom
Mon 21 st	Mark 16:1 – 8	--	Mon 28 th	Ephesians 6:10 – 20 <i>George, martyr, patron of England</i>	DH
Tue 22 nd	Luke 24: 1 – 12	--	Tue 29 th	Mark 13:5 – 13 <i>Mark the Evangelist</i>	DH
Wed 23 rd	Matthew 28:16 – end	JS	Wed 30 th	John 20:19 – end	DH
Thu 24 th	Luke 7:11 – 17	JS	Thu 1 st May	John 14:1 – 14 <i>Philip and James, Apostles</i>	DH
Fri 25 th	Luke 8:41 – end	--	Fri 2 nd	John 21:15 – 19	--
Sat 26 th	John 11:17 - 44	JS	Sat 3 rd	John 21:20 - end	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 14th May** 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 Guy Hewlett for Good Friday 18th April
Hebrews 10.1-10. Christ's sacrifice made once for all. Jesus died on that first Good Friday, bringing to an end the need for the sacrifices demanded by the Jewish law. Jesus came to do God's will, for you and for me. He said to his heavenly Father 'Here I am I have come to do your will'. Jesus's perfect sacrifice of himself, his complete submission to the Father's will, supersedes and replaces all previous sacrifices. Through his sacrifice we have been made holy. We have been made right with God, justified, and able to live in the freedom of God's love; free to become more like Christ on our journey through this life.

KEP 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.



Events are approximately once a month throughout the year. Bookings for the Easter Special event have now closed, however, dates of the next few events are:

Friday 23rd May (5.00 – 7.30pm) - *bookings by midday Friday 16th May.*

Friday 27th June (5.00 – 7.30pm) - *bookings by midday Friday 20th June.*

Friday 18th July (5.00 – 7.30pm) - *bookings by midday Friday 11th July.*

If you would like your child to take part please fill in an enrolment / consent form (if you haven't already done so this year) for each child. The form is available to [download here](#) from the [parish website](#). Alternatively, you can request a form from Karen by emailing her on ChurchClub@kidderminstereast.org.uk.

Places **must** be booked for each event as spaces are limited and we need to ensure that we have food and materials available for each child. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. *Please see the flyer in church for further dates.*

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



Young at Heart

Meets on **Wednesdays** at
 St Cecilia's Church, Hoo Road.

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

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

23rd Apr No meeting - Easter break

30th Apr Bev Slater *Zumba*

For more info please contact the parish office.

Julian of Norwich Retreat

"Oneing – Radical union is what we are made for"

A residential retreat led by

Rev Dr Nikki Moon

6th – 8th May 2025, at

Holland House, Cropthorne, WR10 3NB

Link to: [More info and booking](#)

The next **parish newsletter** will be published on **Friday 2nd May**, covering **Sundays 4th and 11th May**. Items for inclusion should be sent to news@kidderminstereast.org.uk by **Wednesday 30th April** at the latest. Thank you.



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Second Sunday of Easter

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

Sunday 27th April 2025

COLLECT

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no
entrance barred: open the doors
of our hearts, that we may seek
the good of others and walk the
joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father.

READINGS

Acts 5:27 - 32
Revelation 1:4 - 8
John 20:19 - end

SUNDAY 27th APRIL

ST CHAD'S

9:30am Holy Communion

ST CECILIA'S

9:45am Morning Worship

ST GEORGE'S

11:00am Holy Communion

ST MARY'S, STONE

11:00am Morning Worship

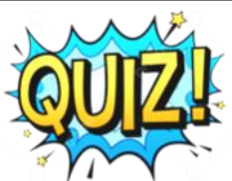
Midweek Services

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

Bereavement Café - *Life after Loss*



If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, the 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 28th April, 2:00pm - 4:00pm** at
St Cecilia's, Hoo Road. For more information email Carol, Freda or Alison
on lifefterlosskep@gmail.com or call the parish office on 01562 822131.



St George's Quiz

Tuesday 29th April

Start time 7:00pm

Teams of up to six
Fish and chip supper
Bring Your Own drinks



Cost £15. Contact Jan 01562 630431

The **parish year plan** is available online
giving times and dates of all parish events
and services. Regularly users may have
noticed that we have cleaned up the look
of the plan by removing a lot of the
colours. If you have any comments on the
format, or spot any errors, please contact
the parish office. You can access the year
plan using the link: [Year Plan 2025](#).

Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd Guy Hewlett for Friday 25th April

Luke 8.41 to the end. Jesus raises Jairus's 12 year old daughter from the dead and a woman who had been subject to bleeding for 12 years is healed. Jairus came to Jesus and fell at his feet pleading for his daughter to be healed; she died but then Jesus raised her from death! The woman with the bleed reached out in desperation from the crowd surrounding Jesus and touched his cloak and immediately her bleeding stopped. Like Jairus before her she fell at Jesus's feet. Jairus fell at Jesus's feet before his daughter was healed and the woman after she had been healed. Is there something in your life for which you want (or need) to fall at Jesus's feet?

Diocesan News

In this year's **Easter Message** Bishop Martin reflects on his pilgrimage to the Holy Land. He shares the experience of entering the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the site believed to be Jesus' tomb, and hearing the profound words in his mind: "He is not here. He is risen!" You can read and watch the Bishop's message at:

<https://cofe-worcester.org.uk/news/easter-message-2025.php>

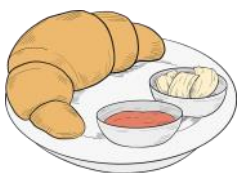
The latest **Diocesan Synod** meeting took place on 1st March. You can read a short, well presented summary of what went on by [using this link](#) to the diocesan website.

Hope, Holiness and Silence: A Spiritual Path for a Dangerous World. A morning of reflection and sharing with the diocesan **Spirituality Gathering** facilitated by Canon Wyn Beynon - **Thurs 1st May**, 10am to 12.30pm at our own **St George's Church**. You can find more details at: <https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/calendar/1418>

The full **Summer training and events** programme is now available to [download](#).

Parish Breakfast

The next **Men's Breakfast** has been arranged for **Saturday 10th May** at St Cecilia's at 9:30am for a time of fellowship and good food. If you are intending to come please text Roger on 07711 732120 or email the parish office so that we have some idea of numbers attending.



There is no charge but donations are welcomed *Roger and Ron*

Ladies Get-together: We shall also be meeting on **Saturday 10th May** at 10:00am at **The Eazy Lounge** in Kidderminster. *Lyn and Cynthia*

The Bible Society



An exciting new report, [The Quiet Revival](#), based on a survey commissioned by the **Bible Society** and conducted by YouGov, reveals that church attendance is in fact increasing, especially among young people. Adults aged 18 to 40s are going to church in much higher numbers than any other age group, except for over 65s. Regular church attendance for people aged 18 to 24 has quadrupled since 2018.

It's **Holy Week** and there's an animated Jesus film in cinemas. [The King of Kings](#) is based on a little-known story by Charles Dickens – and Bible Society is sponsoring the UK release. The all-star cast of is led by Kenneth Branagh, Oscar Isaac and Uma Thurman. Click on the above link for a trailer, more details and to book tickets.

DIARY

Regular Weekly Events (some events may close for Easter, please check)

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

Wed 23 rd Apr	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
Thurs 24 th Apr	9:30am	Children's Club Easter Special	St Chad's
Fri 25 th Apr	9:30am	Children's Club Easter Special	St Chad's
Sunday 27 th Apr	<i>Parish Church services are listed elsewhere in this publication</i>		
Mon 28 th Apr	<i>Deadline for return of Parish Electoral Roll forms</i>		
	2:00pm	Bereavement Café	St Cecilia's
	7:30pm	PCC Meeting	St Cecilia's
Tues 29 th Apr	7:00pm	Quiz with Fish & Chip supper	St George's
Wed 30 th Apr	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
Thurs 1 st May	10:00am	Diocesan Spirituality Event & lunch	St George's
	10:30am	St Cecilia's Bible group	St Cecilia's
	11:00am	Bible Reading Group	The Rectory
Sun 4 th May	9:30am	Worship for All	St Chad's
	9:45am	Holy Communion <i>followed by AGM</i>	St Cecilia's
	11:00am	Morning Worship	St George's
	11:00am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
	3:30pm	Family Activities afternoon	St Cecilia's
	6:30pm	Evening Worship	St George's

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

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

SUNDAY 4th MAY

READINGS: Acts 9:1 - 6 Revelation 5:11 - end John 21:1 - 19

SUNDAY 11th MAY

READINGS: Acts 9:36 - end Revelation 7:9 - end John 10:22 - 30

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