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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 25<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
Conversion of St Paul

*Warm Welcome to All our Services*

COLLECT	SUNDAY 25 <sup>th</sup> JANUARY	
Almighty God, who caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul: grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion may follow him in bearing witness to your truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.	ST CHAD'S	
	9:30am	Holy Communion
	ST CECILIA'S	
	9:45am	Morning Worship
READINGS	ST GEORGE'S	
	11:00am	Holy Communion
	ST MARY'S, STONE	
Jeremiah 1:4 - 10 Acts 9:1 - 22 Matthew 19:27 - end	11:00am	Morning Worship

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

**St Chad's Church 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year**  
This year St Chads marks its seventieth birthday with a number of celebratory events. As part of that programme we welcome a visit by the Bishop of Dudley (see notice below). Other events are planned for the coming months.



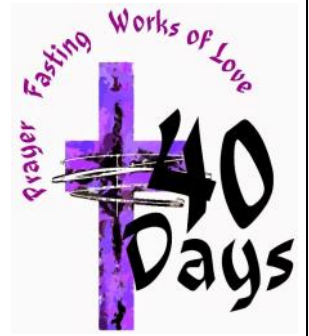
## Visit of Bishop Martin

Bishop Martin Gorick, the Bishop of Dudley, will be visiting St Chad's on **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February** for a joint service with St Mary's for [Racial Justice Sunday](#). The theme is: "Love your neighbour as yourself". This service will be at 10:30am (with no service at St Mary's that day). There will be the usual services at St Cecilia's and St George's, but you are of course welcome to be at St Chad's.

## 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.



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

### 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 26 <sup>th</sup> January			Daily Readings for week beginning Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February		
Date	Bible passage	Zoom	Date	Bible passage	Zoom
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 26:1 – 16	DH	Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Matthew 27:11 – 26	DH
Tue 27 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 26:17 – 35	DH	Tue 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Matthew 27:27 – 44	DH
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 26:36 – 46	DH	Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 27:45 – 56	DH
Thu 29 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 26:47 – 56	DH	Thu 5 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 27:57 – end	DH
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 26: 57 – end	--	Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 28:1 – 15	--
Sat 31 <sup>st</sup>	Matthew 27:1 - 10	DH	Sat 7 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 28:16 - end	DH

**Monthly Parish Prayer Meeting:** Please join us on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February** 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.

## Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd David Hildred for Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January

*Matthew 25*. Isn't it surprising that after all the times Jesus spoke about his death, and then during this week's chapters how he speaks of his return in glory, that the disciples were utterly shocked and devastated by the events of the crucifixion (coming up soon in our readings)? I'm not suggesting we would have been any different; we have the benefit of knowing the full story. So, in that sense we should be like the wise virgins (25:4) who were ready for the master's return, and we are like the servant (25:15) who has been entrusted with a large amount. What are we going to do with the Good News which has been given to us? – just keep it and hide it away for ourselves, or share it expecting it to bear dividends for the master?



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 521071  
or email  
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**.

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

**4<sup>th</sup> Feb** *Chaddesley Woods in Winter* Gordon Forrest

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

### St George's Pop up Café

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February**

and first Wed of each month

**12:00noon - 2:00pm**

at St George's Church

**Lunch menu:** Jacket potato with choice of filling  
followed by cake, fresh fruit, tea/coffee. Come  
along for a **warm lunch** and a **warm welcome**.

*No charge. Donations welcome.*



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

Our theme this year is "A Journey Through the Bible".

**Next meeting** is on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 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

[ChurchClub@kidderminstereast.org.uk](mailto:ChurchClub@kidderminstereast.org.uk) for info, enrolment and registration forms.

**Future dates: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March and Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April, both at 5:00pm.**



The next **parish newsletter** will be published on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February**, and will cover  
**Sundays 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> February**. Please send items for inclusion to  
[news@kidderminstereast.org.uk](mailto:news@kidderminstereast.org.uk) by **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February** at the latest. Thank you.



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# Presentation of Christ in the Temple

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

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026**

## COLLECT

Lord Jesus Christ,  
light of the nations and glory of  
Israel: make your home among us,  
and present us pure and holy to  
your heavenly Father,  
your God, and our God.

## READINGS

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

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

### ST CHAD'S

**9:30am** Worship for all

### 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



## Family Activity Afternoons @StCecilia's

Fun for all the family @StCecilia's Church, 164 Hoo Road, DY10 1LP

**Next Meeting: Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February, 3:30pm - 5:00pm**

All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.



## "Along the way"

A "home group" that meets at **St Cecilia's** first Thursday of the month.  
Next meeting **5<sup>th</sup> February**, 10:00 for a  
10:30 start (expect to finish by 11:30).  
Looking into Beatitudes. All welcome.  
More info from Bernie: 07871 823759.

## Bible Reading Group

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February**, 11:00am at the Rectory.  
This month we will be reading *Ruth*  
*chapter 2*. Refreshments served from  
10:45am. This meeting is open to all  
but please let me know you are  
coming, either directly or via the parish  
office, thank you. *Hilary Hildred.*

## Churches Together Easter Hunt Trail

At St George's Park

**Holy Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April 10:30am**

(Wet weather venue **St George's Church**)

**Volunteers** needed from 8:00am - 1:30pm for  
a wide range of roles: to set up gazebos and  
clear away after, to be Trail Clue Stewards, to  
run stalls (e.g. balloon making, face painting,  
crazy golf, or anything else you can offer)  
plus refreshment tent, parking, reception, **etc.**  
We cannot function without you! If you would  
like to help with this event please contact  
[pollandjane@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:pollandjane@yahoo.co.uk) /  
07949 968276 or Bernie  
Halama 07871 823759.  
See posters for more info.



## Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd David Hildred for Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January

*Matthew 26.* Reading through this chapter this week we must surely be aware of the severity of what Jesus faced: he goes to pray in Gethsemane where he is sorrowful and troubled by all that he will face, checking if possible whether there was any other way. There is no other way to bring about our salvation, and all the way through this chapter Jesus clearly remains in control: he tells his disciples he is going to be crucified; he tells them the woman has prepared him for his burial; he tells Judas he knows he will betray him; he tells Peter he knows he will deny him, and at the point of his arrest the disciples desert him and flee. Jesus faces the authorities on his own, but still he is focused and in control. Jesus weaves his fulfilment of the plan for our salvation in amongst all the mixed and weak and diverted intentions around him: praise the Lord.

### 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. The deadline for applications is **Friday 6.2.2026, 5:00pm**. Interviews will be on **Thursday 26.2.2026**

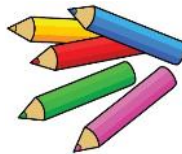


### Children's Half Term Activity Morning

At St George's Church,

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February**, 10.00am to 12 noon.

This event is for children up to age of 11 (Year 6), accompanied by a parent or carer. There will be lots of crafts and games exploring the theme of **Creation**. Refreshments will be available, come along and have fun. The cost is £1 per child – under 2's are free. Contact Carol Bishton for further info Tel 01562 827093



### St George's Church

### Valentine's Day Supper & Quiz

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February 7:00pm**

Tickets £15 available from Jan Ferguson (07801 118214) or Chris Griffiths (07919 178236)

Please bring your own drinks



### 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.

**Please Pray for:** Children's Club events and visit of Bishop Martin at St Chads.

**Stop Press:** Disruption on Podmore Lane, Shenstone, near to junction with Back Lane for **5 days** commencing **2<sup>nd</sup> February** for flood alleviation work. Also, work on Back Lane will be carried out on the **16<sup>th</sup> February** to replace a telegraph pole. Traffic will be diverted the work will take 1 day. *Stone parish council*

# 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

Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	2:00pm	Bereavement Café	St Cecilia's
	7:30pm	Standing Committee	St Cecilia's
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	<i>Sunday Services are detailed elsewhere in this publication</i>		
	3:30pm	Family Activities afternoon	St Cecilia's
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	12:00pm	Pop-up Café	St George's
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10:30am	Along the Way "home" group	St Cecilia's
	11:00am	Bible reading group	The Rectory
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9:45am	Café Church	St Cecilia's
	10:30am	Joint Service for Racial Justice Sunday with Bishop Martin	St Chad's
	11:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	11:00am	No Service Today	St Mary's Stone

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 8<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY

**Readings:** Genesis 1:1 - 2:3      Romans 8:18 - 25      Matthew 6:25 - end

## SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY

**Readings:** Exodus 24:12 - end      2 Peter 1:16 - end      Matthew 17:1 - 9

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