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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 26<sup>th</sup> January 2025  
**Third Sunday of Epiphany**

*A Warm Welcome to All our Services*

<b>COLLECT</b>	<b>SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> JANUARY</b>	
God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord.	<b>ST CHAD'S</b>	
	<b>9:30am</b>	Holy Communion
	<b>ST CECILIA'S</b>	
	<b>9:45am</b>	Morning Worship
<b>READINGS</b>	<b>ST GEORGE'S</b>	
	<b>11:00am</b>	Holy Communion
	<b>ST MARY'S, STONE</b>	
	<b>11:00am</b>	Morning Worship
Nehemiah 8.1-3, 5-6, 8-10 1 Corinthians 12.12-31a Luke 4.14-21		

## New Team Vicar - Revd Jacqueline Shalloe

**Update:** Many thanks to those who helped prepare the house for Jacqueline and John before they moved in on Friday. They will be settling in over the next few weeks before Jacqueline's official **Licensing** by Bishop Martin at a service at St Chad's on **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2025, 4:00pm**. Please continue to pray for them both during this time and please respect this period of preparation for her new role as Team Vicar.



*David*

## Kidderminster East Finance Officer

Lyn Aston will soon retire as Finance Officer in the parish and so we are seeking to appoint a successor to her (part time, 10 hours per week, £13.47 per hour) with finance and payroll experience and good IT skills. Could this be you? Do you know anyone who might be interested? More information and application pack available from the Parish Office on [office@kidderminstereast.org.uk](mailto:office@kidderminstereast.org.uk) or 01562 822131. Also, on our website: <https://kidderminstereast.org.uk/job-opportunity-finance-officer-part-time/>

**Midweek Services**

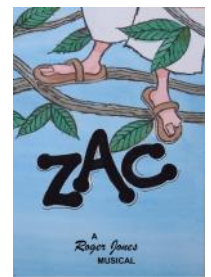
**Holy Communion** Every Wednesday at **10:00am** at  
**St George's Church**, Radford Avenue, DY10 2ES

## Lent & Holy Week 2025

As you now know we are planning a **Christian Passover Meal** on **Maundy Thursday (17<sup>th</sup> April)** and we will be using **Lent** to prepare for it. On the night before Jesus was crucified he 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. During **Lent** we will be looking at the symbolism and ceremonies of the Passover to understand in a deeper way what Jesus has done for us. The **Lent Study sessions** will be weekly on **Tuesdays**, starting on **11<sup>th</sup> March**, at St Cecilia's Church, Hoo Road, beginning with refreshments at 7:00pm (session starts 7:30pm). The **Meal** on 17<sup>th</sup> April can include children (we'll begin around 6:30pm and end around 8:30pm). You can now **book your place** for the Meal (£4 per person - children negotiable) using the **sign-up sheets** in each church. Places are limited and we will work on a first-come basis. You do not have to come to the Meal to attend the Lent groups. David

### 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 26<sup>th</sup> January**, 6:30pm at Trinity Methodist Church, 3 Churchfields, Kidderminster, DY10 2JL. All welcome. **Free entry.**



### 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 27 <sup>th</sup> January			Daily Readings for week beginning Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February		
Date	Bible passage	Zoom	Date	Bible passage	Zoom
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup>	1 Corinthians 9:15 – end	DH	Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup>	John 13:1 – 11	DH
Tue 28 <sup>th</sup>	1 Corinthians 10:1 – 13	DH	Tue 4 <sup>th</sup>	John 13:12 – 20	DH
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup>	1 Corinthians 10:14 – 11:1	DH	Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>	John 13:21 – 30	DH
Thu 30 <sup>th</sup>	1 Corinthians 11:2 – 16	DH	Thu 6 <sup>th</sup>	John 13:31 – end	DH
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup>	1 Corinthians 11:17 – end	--	Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	John 14:1 – 14	--
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	1 Corinthians 12:1 - 11	DH	Sat 8 <sup>th</sup>	John 14:15 – 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 24<sup>th</sup> January**  
*1 Corinthians 6&7*. Sex is everything. Well, that's what the Corinthians thought (and it's not much different today!) and Paul challenges them whether it's the immoral use of sex that was going on, or the right use of sex in marriage that wasn't happening, or whether to be married at all or remain married: he says, "Do you know what? There is something even more fulfilling than sex". In *chapter 8* this gets expressed as "I won't use my freedom in Christ to cause a younger Christian to stumble in their relationship with the Lord". Shall we try filling our minds with serving Jesus and watching out for others?



### Young at Heart

Open on **Wednesdays** at St Cecilia's Church, Hoo Road. Starting with tea/coffee from **1:00pm**. Meeting time **2:00pm - 4:00pm**. Upcoming meetings:

**29<sup>th</sup> January**      *Souza music*      Ukelele Band

**5<sup>th</sup> February**      *Fire Safety*      Jane Preece, H&W Fire & Rescue service

For more information or if you wish to join this group please contact the parish office 01562 822131 or email: [office@kidderminstereast.org.uk](mailto:office@kidderminstereast.org.uk)

### Children's Half-Term Activity Morning

At St George's Church, Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2025 – 10.00am to 12 noon

This event is for children up to age of 11 (School Year 6), accompanied by a parent or carer. There will be lots of Crafts and Games around the theme of **helping people**



based on the parable of **The Good Samaritan**.

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 on 01562 827093



### Bereavement Café - *Life after Loss*

We will have our last '*Life after Loss*' café of the year on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2:00pm - 4:00pm** at St Cecilia's, Hoo Road. If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, the bereavement café is here for you to meet informally with others in a similar situation. Come and enjoy a cup of tea/coffee & cake in a warm & friendly atmosphere. For more info email Carol, Freda or Alison on [lifelafterlosskep@gmail.com](mailto:lifelafterlosskep@gmail.com) or the parish office on 01562 822131.



### Bible Reading group

Our next meeting will be on  
**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February,**  
**11:00am** at the **Rectory**.

We will be reading *Mark Chapter 11*  
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.

### St George's Pop up Café

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February**

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

at St George's Church

**Lunch time Special:** 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.*





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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 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025**

## 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 2<sup>nd</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

## 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](mailto:Keyouth@kidderminstereast.org.uk) or through the parish office on 01562 822131.



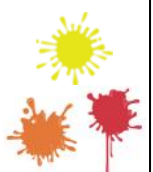
## Family Activity Afternoons @StCecilia's

On the first Sunday of every month

**Next Meeting: Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 3:30pm - 5:30pm**

Crafts, games, refreshments & more, for all the family  
@StCecilia's Church, 164 Hoo Road. Kidderminster, DY10 1LP

For more information contact the parish office on 01562 822131  
or email [office@kidderminstereast.org.uk](mailto:office@kidderminstereast.org.uk).



The next **parish newsletter** will be published on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February**, covering **Sundays 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**and 16<sup>th</sup> February**. Items for inclusion should be sent to [news@kidderminstereast.org.uk](mailto:news@kidderminstereast.org.uk) by  
**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February** at the latest. Thank you.

## Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd David Hildred for Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January

*1 Corinthians 11*. Perhaps we thought it very arrogant of Paul back in *4:16* to say "imitate me", but now we hear it's because he is imitating Christ. There is a lot going on in the Corinthian church which is characterised as "I won't be told what to do: I want to do what I want to do". Even when celebrating the Lord's Supper (what we would call Holy Communion) they manage to get it wrong. Once again Paul challenges them to behave in such a way (whether praying or meeting together) that they show Jesus is central, and, that they take thought for other believers. Any suggestions for how we can do better at this?

### Diocesan News

**Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship:** The next meeting of the DEF ([w-def.org](http://w-def.org)) is on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February at St Cecilia's, 7:00pm**. Dr Martin Davie will lead a reflection on "*God, sexuality and theological language*" with the title "*Does God have (a) sex?*" The meeting is open for all who would like to attend. Refreshments from 7:00pm.

**Racial Justice Sunday 2025** celebrates its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the theme of '*Coat of Many Colours*'. A [diocesan service](#) will be held on **9<sup>th</sup> February at St Anne's Church, Bewdley at 4:00pm** providing an opportunity to reflect on the importance of racial justice, to give thanks for human diversity, and to commit to end racism and acts of discrimination. The preacher will be Bishop Martin.

**Encounter Meditation:** An in-person evening retreat with music, art and silence. Take an hour out with contemplative practitioners, Mary Flitcroft and Helen Stanton. Sessions will start with a piece of live music or artwork followed by a time of reflection, silence, and meditation. **Venues: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month** at Holland House, Cropthorne, WR10 3NB or **2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month** at St Mary's Old Swinford, Rectory Rd, Stourbridge, DY8 2HA, both at 7:00-8.30pm. No booking required. All welcome.

### Café Chad

Every Monday and Wednesday

9:15am - 12:30pm

Includes:



**Knit & Natter/Crafts**

every Monday 10am - 12noon.

and separate **Art Group**

every Mon/Wed 10am - 12noon

Come to meet friends, new and old, for a chat, activities and quality refreshments.

### Friends of the Holy Land



Hope for the Holy Land

A Fundraising concert



**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February, 7:00pm**

St Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham

featuring classical folk and choral music by a range of musicians and singers as well as dance displays. Please come along for an enjoyable evening of entertainment. Tickets are £25 and available to buy on [Eventbrite](#).

### Requests for Prayer

- Please continue to pray for Revd Jacqueline Shalloe and her husband, John, as they settle into their new home and parish in Kidderminster.

*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
Knit & Natter/Craft	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

<b>Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	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
<b>Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
<b>Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb</b>	<i>Regular church services are listed elsewhere in this publication</i>		
<b>Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	3:30pm	Family Activity afternoon	St Cecilia's
	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	12:00pm	Pop-up Café	St George's
<b>Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	7:00pm	Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship	St Cecilia's
	10:30am	Home Group	St Cecilia's
	11:00am	Bible Reading Group	The Rectory
<b>Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	9:30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
	9:45am	Café Church	St Cecilia's
	11:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	11:00am	Morning Worship	St Mary's Stone
	4:00pm	Racial Justice Service	St Anne's, Bewdley

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 9<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY

**READINGS:** Isaiah 6.1 - 8      1 Corinthians 15.1 - 11      Luke 5.1 - 11

### SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY

**READINGS:** Jeremiah 17.5 - 10      1 Corinthians 15.12 - 20      Luke 6.17 - 26

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